

Mid-week E-News June 13, 2024



PRESBYTERY OF SCIOTO VALLEY PURPOSE STATEMENT

As a body of Christ, the Presbytery of Scioto Valley is a trusted and responsive spiritual community building connection and creating vitality across all and within each of our diverse congregations.



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Dear Friends,

The 226th General Assembly is drawing near! This General Assembly will begin with committee meetings online from June 25-27. If you want to watch committee meetings, you can find more information at <https://ga-pcusa.org>. You will also find some information sessions and town hall meetings in the time leading up to the Assembly on this website.



Our elected commissioners include the Reverend Todd Tracy (Second Pres, Newark), the Reverend Emily Corzine (Presbyter for Congregational Life and Transitions), Elder Susan Dietz (First Pres, Logan), Elder/Moderator Steve Watters (First Pres, London), and Young Adult Advisory Delegate Milo Browne. We also look forward to seeing Mark Hare, one of our Mission Co-workers, who will be attending.

The plenary (group) meetings begin in Salt Lake City, Utah, on June 30. Those who gather will worship in local congregations throughout the Presbytery of Utah. Full opening worship will be from 2:30 p.m. – 3:00 pm (Mountain Time) and livestreamed on the above website, so you can join in also!

The plenary sessions will be held starting at 3:00 p.m. (Mountain Time) on Sunday, June 30, and will end Thursday, July 4. I hope that you will keep our commissioners in your prayers, that you will take time to join online to watch

some of our church at work, and that you will come to the August presbytery meeting to hear about their experiences.

I will be away the next two weeks attending classes at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. If you need to reach me, please do so via email so that I can respond as I can at breaks or in the evenings. Then I will leave to join the commissioners in Salt Lake City to be in support of their work there.

In Christ's service,

The Rev. Kathy Nice, Transitional General Presbyter, Presbytery of Scioto Valley

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My position is funded by the generous donations of members and churches who fund our per capita budget. Together we can do more!

I will never solicit money or gift cards by email or text. Please let me know if you receive a spam email or text request of this nature.

Friday, June 14, 6-9 p.m., Public Screening. Bad Faith: Christian Nationalism's Unholy War on Democracy. What is the proper role of the church with the state? How do we as a church deal with the rise of Christian Nationalism? The Presbytery invites you and your friends to a public screening of the documentary **Bad Faith: Christian Nationalism's Unholy War on Democracy**, and conversation on Friday, June 14, at the Overbrook Presbyterian Church, 4131 N. High Street, Columbus, from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. You are welcome to bring a snack to share. We encourage you to share this invitation with your churches. **RSVP** and questions can be addressed to Kathi Bubb kathibubb@gmail.com (RSVPs are not necessary to attend).



June 15, 2024, Gathering Downtown Columbus. The Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) Congregations at Columbus' Pride Parade. At Columbus' Stonewall Pride Parade last year, we had more than 100 Presbyterians from 7 PSV congregations marching together in a show of God's love for people who are LGBTQ+!

We plan to march again this year (Gathering Downtown Columbus on June 15, Step-off starts at 10:30 a.m.) We will march again under the same banner and would love to have more churches and people join us. If you are a part of an affirming church that would like to join us for the first time, let us know! We will include you on the website we direct people to and print a banner for your group to carry.

If you are a part of a church that is not marching but would still like to join us, we would love to have you join! Cannot march but want to show your Presbyterian pride? Consider buying the t-shirt PSV Marchers will wear: kindcotton.com/pcusa. We hope to see you there. Please reach out to trip@indianolapres.org to ask any questions or **RSVP** for the parade.

**Attention: Board of Pensions (BOP) Informational Sessions
Clerk of Session, Pastors, Personnel Chairs, Finance**

&Treasurers. Our Board of Pensions representative is making available time to meet (via Zoom) with churches who want more information about the 2025 dues structure.

Register in advance to get your Zoom link:

**Interactive Informational Session 1 on New BOP Dues Packages
(Scioto Valley)**

When: **Jun 24, 2024 10:00 AM** Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUud--urzIuHdI9_sWoaTygwaJgEfQchTFB

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

**Interactive Informational Session 2 on New BOP Dues Packages
(Scioto Valley)**

When: **Jun 25, 2024 06:00 PM** Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcpdeyprTojGdNhRIpjzippdaECKkOKQWaN>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

This will be helpful for pastors, personnel chairs, finance and treasurers. If these times do not work for you, and you want additional help, please reach out to me or to Rev. Todd Tracy (ttracy@spcnewark.org) so we can provide that help in a timely manner.

In Christ's service,

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Indianola Presbyterian (IPC) Chancel Choir Invited to Perform at Ohio Choral Directors Association.

On June 25, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. in the Gloria Dei Worship Center on the campus of Trinity Lutheran Seminary (next to Capital University), the IPC Chancel Choir will present a concert as part of the 2024 Ohio Choral Directors Association Summer Conference. The

choir was one of six choirs from across the state to be invited to sing at this conference. The performance is free and open to the public.



"Do you have a student headed to The Ohio State University next year? If so, OSUKirk at Jacob's Porch wants to connect with them! Please share the QR code/link below with any incoming OSU students to help us reach out before the Fall semester begins. We look forward to connecting with you soon!"

Link to Intake: bit.ly/3x42uHr



"It is hard to believe that our first year with Jacob's Porch has passed! I am still amazed at what God is doing at The Ohio State University through OSUKirk and Jacob's Porch. Furthermore, I am thrilled to see the overwhelming support of campus ministry here in Scioto Valley and to list the multitude of PCUSA congregations that have contributed to our success! If you would like to catch a glimpse of this past year, please check out our annual review posted here for updates from the staff and what has been happening in and around our space. We are beyond grateful for your prayers and support!

In Christ, Taylor Barner" (see annual report on the next page).

Jacobs' Porch Annual Report

Matthew 25 Congregations - Look out for survey, coming soon.

With the recent restructuring of presbytery operations, the Presbytery Matthew 25 work team now falls under the umbrella of the Commission on Justice, Outreach, and Education (CJOE).

Our purpose is to provide and encourage educational, connectional, outreach, and social justice opportunities that nurture growth in discipleship, fellowship, and faith throughout the Presbytery.

With that goal in mind, we are seeking input from existing Matthew 25 churches in the Presbytery to help us focus our efforts in support of those churches' work. Within the next week all 18 Matthew 25 congregations will receive a link to an online survey via email. Please direct the email to the appropriate person and complete the google document before the end of June.

July book club: July 10, 17, 24, 31 (Wednesdays) at 10 a.m. *How We Ended Racism* by Justin Michael Williams and Shelly Tygielski.

Both will meet by Zoom. If you want to be sure to receive the zoom link, let us know to include you on the direct email. Otherwise, watch here on the e-news for more information.

PCUSA Mission Coworker plans to visit the Presbytery.

On Tuesday, July 9, 2024, 10 a.m. to noon, the Presbytery of Scioto Valley Commission for Justice, Outreach and Education (CJOE) will be hosting PCUSA Mission Coworker Elmarie Parker, Regional Liaison to Middle East Partners. This event will be at the presbytery office, please **RSVP** to emily@psvonline.org

[Information about Elmarie Parker](#)

Out of this World Music Camp, August 5, 2024

Newark Second Presbyterian Church



Pilgrimage Rescheduled- November 6-19 2024. If you are interested, have questions, or would like an application, please contact Rev. Mary Gene Boteler mgboteler@gmail.com or Dr. Rick Nutt rnutt@muskingum.edu. Please include this information in your church bulletin or newsletter.

[Pilgrimage Brochure](#)

[Schedule](#)

Position Opening at First Presbyterian Marysville is looking for a Communication Specialist. Prepare weekly church newsletter graphics, slides. Send out mass emails to the congregation. Update website. Must be familiar with Mailchimp, Signup Genius, MS publisher. Comfortable with social media platforms, licensing requirements. Although most work is done from home, the candidate should to live in the Marysville area. Contact clerk@fpcmarysville.com

The Outville Presbyterian Church has plentiful supply of handmade decorations for a Vacation Bible School (VBS) theme related to the ocean and would like to donate to another church. The Christian education committee created a three Day VBS for the theme: **The Love of God is Greater than the Ocean.** Contact Alice Karen Hite akhite@roadrunner.com.

2024-2025 Presbyterian Planning Calendar It is time again to place your order for 2024-2025 Presbyterian planning calendar. The cost is \$10 each.

This 19-month calendar contains many planning aids for pastors and other church leaders. Includes lectionary for Sundays and special days, liturgical days, liturgical colors, resource information for PC(USA) programmatic emphases, updated synod, presbytery and Presbyterian Mission Agency staff directories, color foldout synod/presbytery and world maps.



To order call 614-847-0565 or email dagmar@psvonline.org You will be notified of your order so you can arrange for pick.

Photocopier for Sale.

A gently used Ricoh MP C2003 copier available for sale (\$900). Standard floor model; B&W and color; uses 8.5x11 and 8.5x14 plain paper and card stock. Perfect for bulletins, programs, posters, postcards, etc. Email the Rev. Phyllis Heffner (pughugger46@gmail.com).



Presbytery of Scioto Valley New Structure.

[Click here for Details about the New Structure](#)

Scioto Valley Presbytery staff are working in the office and available by email or phone with office hours Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. www.psvonline.org - 614-847-0565.

[Click here to read more about the Core Values](#)

[Click here for the Meeting/Event Calendar.](#)

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Message from the Commission for Presbyter Operations (CPO) - Human Resources Team. The search for a permanent Executive Presbyter will kick off the first week of June. Rev. Kathy Nice will be a candidate, but she insists that we conduct a full search to be sure she is

the best candidate for the position. As with past searches, the position will be posted on the Church Leadership Connection (CLC), a part of the General Assembly. We will solicit applications and will be reviewing resumes during the months of June, July, and August with a goal of presenting a candidate for Presbytery approval at the August Presbytery meeting.

The search committee consists of:

- RE Bill Acklin, Chair of the Search Committee
- RE Sharon Franklin, Co-Chair of Human Resources
- TE Robert Tolar, Co-Chair of Human Resources
- RE: Connie Money Penny, representing the Presbytery Council
- RE Yvonne Gustafson, representing the Presbytery Council
- TE Mar Jane Hitt, member of Human Resource Team and CPO
- RE Jim Hines, Chair of CPO and member of the HR Team

If you have any questions regarding the search or search process, please reach out to Bill Acklin at wacklin@windstream.net or me at jhines1116@gmail.com.

Jim Hines, *Commission for Presbytery Operations, 614-620-4975 (mobile)*

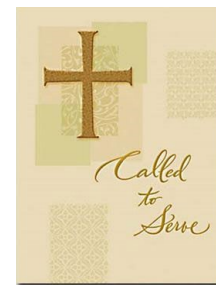


Come on down..." Jesus (Matthew 26:40). We meet by phone each **Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.** The group prays for our Presbytery, its churches, and other concerns raised by the group. Simply call **240-591-0333**, and when **prompted enter code 783190#**.

The prayer group is led by the Reverend Don Pendell.

Ordination Celebration Anniversaries'

One of the ministries of the Presbytery Committee on Ministry (COM) is to support the minister members in our Presbytery by celebrating their ordination anniversaries. This month we recognize and lift in prayer the following ministers who are celebrating the anniversaries of their ordinations to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament in the month of June.



[June Ordination Celebrations](#)

Training Events for Clergy



The Synod of the Covenant
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

SOC@SynodoftheCovenant.org



The Presbytery of Scioto Valley includes 83 churches with a membership of 12,175 (updated March 6, 2024).

Surrounding the metropolitan center of Columbus, Ohio, the Presbytery extends northward to Marion, east to Newark, west to London and southward to the Ohio River. The southern portion of the presbytery is distinguished by an Appalachian culture, where there are many

small towns and much rugged open country. Scioto Valley Presbytery is represented in 21 Counties: Athens, Delaware, Fairfield, Fayette, Franklin, Gallia, Hocking, Jackson, Knox, Lawrence, Licking, Madison, Marion, Meigs, Morrow, Pickaway, Pike, Ross, Scioto, Union, and Vinton.

June Prayer List for Scioto Valley Presbytery congregations and pastors. Throughout each month we lift up in prayer some of our congregations and their pastors. During the year we hope to pray for every one of our congregations and their pastoral leaders.

Newark: First Presbyterian Church, Pastor Dallas Dryburgh. Hanover Presbyterian Church, Pastor Heather Thum-Gerber. Second Presbyterian Church, Pastors Todd Tracy and Lanie Sipes. Woodside Presbyterian Church, Pastor Wayne Morrison.



Share your story/news? Congregations, Commissions and ministry teams are encouraged to submit items of interest to dagmar@psvonline.org

[Click here for Website Calendar.](#)

2024 Presbytery Hybrid Meetings, 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

August 20, First Presbyterian Church, Chillicothe, OH
November 19, Covenant Presbyterian Church, Columbus, OH

YouTube Channel. A reminder that our presbytery has a YouTube channel. (<https://www.youtube.com/c/SciotoValleyPresbytery>) with videos on officer training, global mission, curriculum selection, Presbyterian Women gatherings, Matthew 25 programs, and more from our presbytery



On the Road to G.A. General Assembly (2024) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in Salt Lake City, Utah. Follow the latest G.A. news. <https://ga-pcusa.org/>

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