

Mid-week E-News June 20, 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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Summer Solstice Greetings on this hot June day! I hope you and those in your settings can stay cool and safe.

As I travel around the Presbytery to meet pastors, leaders, and congregations, I am reminded of the big tent that The Presbyterian Church (USA) is. As Presbyterians, we have differing ideas about many things, and we are willing to be in spaces to hear others. It is a great strength of the PC(USA)! I cherish and champion the openness and space to create such an environment where we can do that in the Presbytery of Scioto Valley. The more we can hold the space for others' ideas and opinions, the richer our conversation will be and the deeper our own understanding and that of others. When we close the door to conversations and hearing one another, we deprive ourselves of learning what matters to our siblings in Christ.

This is important as we go into the General Assembly that begins June 30th in Salt Lake City. Our commissioners are preparing, reading, attending meetings, navigating the technologies that will make a Hybrid model for committee meetings function and most importantly, praying. As one of your commissioners to the General Assembly, I have been intentional in my prayer life to leave space for what I will encounter, learn, and deliberate about.

Whether a GA commissioner or pastor, leader, or congregation member, isn't our work to be faithful? And to be open to the leading of the Spirit in all we do for the transformation of the world?

I wonder if in this season, we can tap into our curiosity. Be in wonder around innovative ideas, ideas from people with whom we think differently? Do we have it in us to be curious and leave space? A book recommendation that came to me is from Monica Guzman, entitled, *"I Never Thought of it That Way: How to Have Fearlessly Curious Conversations in Dangerously Divided Times."* It is worth a read, or a good listen while you travel to and from your summer activities. She suggests how we can use our natural sense of wonder to work to understand and even learn from people in your life whose whole worldview is different from or even opposed to yours. Stay curious. Be in Wonder.

Continue to pray for our commissioners, and Kathy Nice and Bill Gause, as we travel to Salt Lake City June 30-July 4. Watch for updates or follow the General Assembly proceedings at <https://ga-pcusa.org/>

Grace and Peace,
Emily, Presbyterian for Congregational Life and Transitions
Emily@psvonline.org 614-847-0565 (o) or 380-206-4822 (c)

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, arrival time is mid-August.



An Opportunity to get involved. The new Commission for Justice, Outreach, and Education (CJOE) is organizing both a **Youth Task Force and a Faith Formation/Christian Education Task Force** to discuss how the presbytery can better serve churches in these areas. Each Task Force would meet (online) a few times a year - only if you would LIKE to be more involved will you have any other responsibilities. If you are interested, please contact Kathi Bubb at kathibubb@gmail.com

Coming Event, Opportunities and Updates

Attention: Clerk of Session, Pastors, Personnel Chairs, Finance & Treasurers.

Board of Pensions (BOP) Informational Sessions

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/joining/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/joining/register/tZcpdeyprTojGdNhRIpizippdaECKkOKQWaN>

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,

The Rev. Kathy Nice

Transitional General Presbyter, Presbytery of Scioto Valley

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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.



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/>

OSUKirk and Jacob's Porch Update.

"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

[Jacobs' Porch Annual Report](#)



"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



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 visit to 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](#)

Church Position Openings

First Presbyterian Church in Logan is seeking a part-time musician/musicians to direct its music program. The candidate would oversee all church music as well as play the organ or piano during our single Sunday morning worship service. First Church is also open to hiring more than one person: a pianist/organist and another person or persons to plan the music and direct the choristers and ringers. Salary commensurate with experience. We are a friendly, traditional, and fun-loving congregation located in the heart of the Hocking Hills tourist area. We treasure our music ministry and look forward to discussing the possibilities of moving forward with enthusiasm. Contact Jimmy W. Meyer, Personnel Committee, jimmywmeyer@gmail.com or call 740-746-3030.

Columbus Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church is looking for an organist and choir director. For more information contact Commissioned Pastor Tom Billman at tomabillman1953@gmail.com or (614) 531-5323 (mobile).

First Presbyterian in 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.



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.](#)

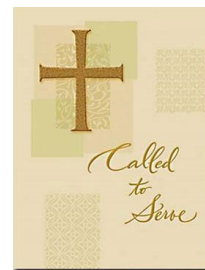
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Tuesday Morning Prayer group has decided to put a bookmark in our meetings for the summer and hopefully plans to reactivate after Labor Day.

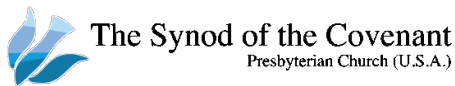
Ordination Celebration Anniversaries'.

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.

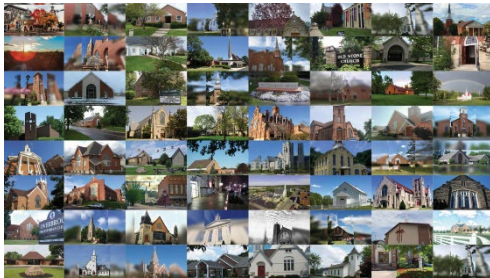


[June Ordination Celebrations](#)

Training Events for Clergy



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.

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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

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