

Mid-week E-News July 25, 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.



"Praise the Lord! How good it is to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting." Psalm 147:1

Dear Friends,

The world of politics has been so crazy this week, I decided to tell you a story about my visit to the Franklin County Fair last week. I enjoy going through the animal barns at the Fair to see how well the 4H kids have decorated or set up their animal exhibits. I do enjoy "speaking" to the animals as I go by...calling them "sweetie" or "handsome" or whatever comes to mind. As I walked through the bunnies (some marked "will bite!" and others so cute and furry) and ducks and chickens, I came to a very beautiful white goose.

The goose was standing in the pen, toward the back, honking loudly. I am not sure if the goose was upset and honking out of fear or if the goose was excited that people had stopped by to visit. Obviously, we moved along as the honking was constant and loud.

I wonder if we also have issues with honkers in our churches. We may not know if the honker is upset or happy, claiming territory or issuing a greeting. But instead of listening and asking the right questions, we walk away – maybe even quickly – to get away from the honker.

Something we have read about in this month's book study (How We Ended Racism) is about taking time to realize we are intraconnected (not interconnected) – we all have a role to play together like the systems of the body, yet we are all different. We can't all be hearts, nor can we all be lungs. However, without either a heart or lungs, we are not doing well, are we? During this tough political season, maybe we need to stop and ask questions about why honking is happening – find out if it is fear or anger, hurt or happiness – and realize that without the other, we are less than. Let us

recognize that we are not in a world of only two choices...we have lots of room on the sliding scale. And sometimes we may misinterpret the honk...and then miss out on fruitful relationships and conversations.

Let us be supportive one of another, just as we are called to be good neighbors by providing mercy.

In Christ's service, The Rev. Kathy Nice, Transitional General Presbyter, Presbytery of Scioto Valley, generalpresbyter@psvonline.org
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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 spam email or text request of this nature.

Presbytery Hybrid Meeting, August 20, 2024, 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. First Presbyterian Church, Chillicothe, OH

[Visit our website to view the May draft minutes.](#)

Pre-Presbytery Gathering, Tuesday, August 20, 2024, 1:30-2:45 p.m. Hopewell Cultural Center, Mound City Group, 16062 State Route 104, Chillicothe, Ohio 45601. <https://search.app/8MYK8oy4EeUxqVFc6>

Gather at 1:30 p.m., view the center, a talk by the National Park ranger, time to explore the grounds on your own before Presbytery meeting at First Presbyterian Church, Chillicothe. Let Emily Corzine know that you are coming: Emily@psvonline.org

The Grace Upon Grace Project - Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church, Pickerington will be having a garage/yard sale **July 26 & 27, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.** If the Ohio weather does not cooperate (to hot or rainy) we will move indoors to the fellowship room. Grace Haus is located on the church property, 895 Old Diley Rd, between Rule 3 and Pizza Cottage.

Volunteers are needed 7 a.m.-9 a.m. Friday 7/26 set up, 9 a.m.-12 and 12-3 p.m. both days cleanup 3 p.m.-4 p.m. both days. We are also excepting donations of metal hangers (dry cleaners or kohl's type)

Sunday, August 4, we will have our Grand Opening with an Open House at the Grace Haus from 12noon-2 p.m.. All invited!

Linda Johnson, profvol11@yahoo.com, Grace Upon Grace Project-Pickerington Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church Online
Giving <https://tithe.ly/give?c=1381762>

Visitors from the South Pacific and South Korea have openings in their schedules by Darla Carter | Presbyterian News Service

Frances Namoumou

LOUISVILLE — The **Presbyterian Peacemaking Program** is finalizing the itineraries of its 2024 **International Peacemakers** and needs your help to fill the schedules of peacemakers from the South Pacific and South Korea.

[Visit the PCUSA Website](#)



MATTHEW 25

Matthew 25 Congregations!

Please check your inboxes for a link to the CJOE Matthew 25 survey distributed earlier in June. We really need your input for planning and evaluation. If you can't find the email or the link,

contact Tina Johnson, tinarjohnson@gmail.com, to have the link resent.
Thanks!



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.

[Click here for Presbytery Website Calendar.](#)

Summer Worship - Jacob's Porch and OSUKirk invite you to join us. While many of our students are home on summer break, our community continues to gather on **Sunday evenings at 6:06pm in our space (45 E 13th Ave Columbus, OH 43201)**. During these Summer months we love to have visitors and welcome anyone who is interested in checking out the Porch, especially prospective students and supporters! **If you are interested in attending a Sunday when Taylor is preaching, join us July 28th. We hope to see you there!**
In Christ,

Taylor Barner", Campus Minister, Jacob's Porch. www.jacobsporch.com

45 E 13th Ave, Columbus, OH 43201, Cell: 412-613-0835.

"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 31 (Wednesdays) at 10 a.m. We will meet by Zoom .*How We Ended Racism* by Justin Michael Williams and Shelly Tygielski. If you want to be sure to receive the zoom link, let us know to include you on the direct email.

Out of this World Music Camp, August 5, 2024. Newark Second Presbyterian Church Music Camp will take place on August 5-9 from 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM each day and will be open to 4-year-old kids through graduated 8th graders. Have a question? Email the Rev. Lanie Sipes lsipes@spcnewark.org





August 22-24, 2024. The conference is called **Inspire: The Moment Is Now**". Its tagline is "**Building a Vibrant Future with Immigrant and Established Churches.**" This conference is both for immigrant community leaders AND for our established churches who would like to support and learn from these newer Americans and their worshipping communities. It will be August 22-24, 2024, at the Presbyterian Church of Wyoming in Cincinnati Presbytery (not the state of Wyoming lol). Interested folks can register and learn more at [Inspire: The moment is now: Building a Vibrant Future with Immigrant and Established churches \(constantcontactpages.com\)](https://constantcontactpages.com). They might also contact Gad Mpoyo from the 1001 New Worshipping Communities staff in Louisville (gad.mpoyo@pcusa.org) and/or Lindsay Armstrong, Executive Director/CEO of the New Church Development Commission of Atlanta Presbytery (larmstrong@atlpcusa.org)
The conference is FREE but there is a charge for lodging.

Thursday, August 29, 2024. Workshop on Becoming an LGBTQ+ Affirming Church— Many churches would like to be bolder in their witness to the LGBTQ+ community but worry about fracturing their church. How do we lead our churches toward greater inclusion while bringing along as many as possible? Come to this workshop on leading inclusive change with unity. The Rev. Joel Esala, pastor of Covenant Presbyterian church, shares his journey with us.
Thursday, August 29, 2024. Presbytery office in the Great Room of Overbrook Presbyterian Church, 4131 N High Street, Columbus. 9:00 a.m. fellowship, 10:00 a.m. program begins.
Noon – program ends (then have lunch with new friends)

Please register by calling the presbytery office 614-847-0565 or email dagmar@psvonline.org

PRESBYTERY of SCIOTO VALLEY
Serving Central and Southern Ohio

YOUTH RETREAT
GRADES 6 - 12

2024

IN

Camp Akita
29746 LOGAN HORNS MILL RD, LOGAN, OH 43138
NOV 15 @7PM TO NOV 17 @12:30PM

SCAN THE QR CODE OR FOLLOW THE LINK FOR REGISTRATION & MORE INFO!

\$100 PER PARTICIPANT (FRI. & SAT.-RECOMMENDED) OR \$80 PER PARTICIPANT (SAT. ONLY)
REGISTRATION BEGINS ON AUG 20 & RUNS THROUGH OCT 31. (OR UNTIL FULL!)

REGISTER HERE: [HTTPS://PSVONLINE.ORG/EVENT/YOUTH-RETREAT-FALL-RETREAT/](https://psvonline.org/event/youth-retreat-fall-retreat/)

QUESTIONS? CONTACT REV. LANIE SIPES E-MAIL: LSIPES@PCNEWARK.ORG PHONE: (740) 349-8691

BE JOYFUL IN HOPE, PATIENT IN AFFLICTION, FAITHFUL IN PRAYER. - ROMANS 12:12
CONNECTING WITH: GOD | SELF | OTHERS | OUTDOORS

Youth Retreat Fact Sheet

Online payment through ZELLE. payments can be made to: accounting@psvonline.org or , if you prefer to pay by check, make your check payable to the Presbytery of Scioto Valley, and mail to: The Presbytery of Scioto Valley, 4131 N. High Street, Suite B, Columbus, OH 43214.

Pilgrimage Brochure

Pilgrimage to Israel and Palestine November 6-19 2024.

For questions, or if would like an application, please contact the Rev. Mary Gene Boteler mgboteler@gmail.com or the Dr. Rick Nutt rnutt@muskingum.edu. Please include this information in your church bulletin or newsletter.

Schedule

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



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.

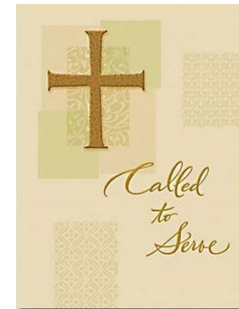
[Click here to read more about the Core Values](#)

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

[Click here to contact your Presbytery Staff and Officers.](#)

Ordination Celebration Anniversaries'

One of the ministries of the Presbytery Commission 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 July.



[July 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.



July 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. Columbus Highlands Presbyterian Church, Pastor Keith Jones
Columbus Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church, Pastor Tom Billman
Columbus Westminster Presbyterian Church, Pastor Jon Carlisle
Dublin Presbyterian Church, Pastor Nikki Hogarth
Galloway Presbyterian Church, Pastor Thom Shuman

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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