

Mid-week E-News August 22, 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.



Great are your works, O Lord, pondered by all who delight in them. Psalm 111:2



Dear Friends,

If you were not with us on the lovely afternoon in Chillicothe for the presbytery meeting, here is what you missed: In Council Connections, we celebrated our community (ponds) and the different people and things we find in it. We talked about the ecosystem in which our churches work: the who, the how, and the why we do our ministry.

- We heard that Jenni Whitford is seeking a few small churches that can tell her how small churches work and

with whom she might investigate opportunities for Christian development for them. She is being supervised in this internship by Emily Corzine.

- We heard that the Synod of the Covenant has grant opportunities (www.synodofthecovenant.org) and that the Board of Pensions employer agreements must be updated between August 29 and October 4 (Call Luke Choi or 800-presplan for help). We also heard about webinars at Austin Seminary that might be of interest to all, not just pastors! We heard from the General Assembly Commissioners about their reflections from this year's assembly. More information will be coming out ahead of the time

when we will need to vote on the items referred to presbyteries (keep your eyes on the e-news for more details).

- We received the budget and a policy manual for first read. We heard about the Fall Youth Retreat (Nov 15-17), the Fall Older Adult Ministry Rally (Oct 19) and about helping at OSUKirk @ Jacob's Porch (bring a meal, stay for worship, donate to this ministry). We gave to the Peacemaking Offering.
- We heard about Allyship and how to be an ally from the Committee on Representation. We examined inquirer Kevin Lowry and moved him on to candidacy. We sent the Family Leave Policy back to the Commission on Ministry (COM) to get some clarifications on how these interplays with disability leaves from Board of Pensions. We passed the 2025 Minimum Compensation Guidelines with an amendment (new policy on the psvonline.org website). We recognized the retirements of Mark Gauen (Westerville First) and Neil MacQueen (validated ministry).
- We heard from the Executive Presbyter Search Committee. We elected Kathy Nice to serve as Executive Presbyter and elected Emily Corzine to serve as Presbyter for Congregational Life and Transitions (a step we missed in February). They were installed with a prayer by Vice Moderator Joel Esala. (see picture above).
- We heard that the nominating committee will be looking for some persons to fill vacancies within the commissions of the presbytery...if you are interested, contact Bob Gustafson!
- We heard that the Professional's Retreat will be held Nov 10-12 at the Hocking Hills State Park Lodge with Carol Howard leading us in a look at Wounded Pastors: Navigating Burnout, Finding Healing, and Discerning the Future of Your Ministry. Flyers will be arriving in pastors' inboxes soon! We offered prayers on the recent passing of family members for Joon Lee (for his mother), for Samuel Monte (for his father), and for Emily Corzine (for her brother).

I hope that you mark your calendars for our upcoming November meeting: November 19, 2024, 3:30-6:30 p.m. at Covenant Presbyterian Church, Upper Arlington. We can't wait to see you there!

In Christ's service,

The Rev. Kathy Nice, Transitional General Presbyter, Presbytery of Scioto Valley
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MISSED SYNOD REPORT: The Rev. Dr. Chip Hardwick's video report did not play in its entirety at the August Presbytery meeting, due to technical difficulties. It contains lots of great, useful information for you about help that the Synod can provide. Accordingly, we have uploaded this video the Presbytery's YouTube channel, and it can be found here: <https://youtu.be/VdIIN9ZqGbA>

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



Thank you to all who came to the Pre-Presbytery event at the Hopewell culture National Historic Park, Mound City Group. Twenty-four people of faith from around the Presbytery to learn about the historic park with earthworks and burial mounds from the Hopewell culture, indigenous peoples who flourished from about 200 BC to 500 AD.



We talked with a park ranger, offered a blessing for creation and the people on whose land we visited, and we explored the sacred ground.

This is Ohio's first world heritage designation. There are eight sites associated with the Hopewell Culture in Ross and Licking Counties. We encourage you to learn more about this culture and people. Take time to



visit <https://www.nps.gov/hocu/index.htm>. Have an idea for a pre-presbytery gathering? We want to hear from you. Contact Emily Corzine, emily@psvonline.org



Coats For Kids

The Presbytery's Cap City Helping Hands is kicking off their annual Coats for Kids coat drive for 2024. You can help by contributing in September and October any new or gently used jackets. We always take cash donations too!

Children in elementary schools can use warm jackets, and high school young men like fleece-lined hoodies. This week's shopper's tip: Costco has 3-in-1 Youth Eddie Bauer Jackets on sale until September 1st for \$19.99 each! If you purchase online and spend over \$100, you

get \$30 off. If you purchase online and spend over \$200, you get \$70 off. These make great jackets for the Coat Drive!



The **PW/PSV Summer Gathering** will meet at First Presbyterian Church in Jackson, Ohio, on **August 24, 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.** The theme is "**God's Call: Forgiven, Freed and Empowered.**" Keynote speaker is Dr. Marsha Smith who will share her struggles at keeping her faith dealing with chronic lupus and the

tragic accident of her mother. Two workshops will be offered: Registration cost is \$20. **Register by August 16** by contacting Betsy Sebastian, 219-208-5602. More information can be found in the PW Summer Newsletter click on link below.

[Visit the Presbyterian Women Page](#)



The Synod of the Covenant wants to give money to your students, churches, and presbyteries! **Scholarships and grants opportunities**, whose applications are due on 9/1/24 and 9/30/24, respectively. Higher Education Scholarships for Christian Leaders. Learn more and apply here by 9/1/24: [2024-25 Scholarship App Instructions | Synod Of The Covenant \(synodofthecovenant.org\)](#)
Matthew 25 Grants. Available to PC(USA) Churches and institutions (including presbyteries) within the Synod of the Covenant for ministries which work toward congregational vitality or against structural racism or systemic poverty. In the past awards have ranged from \$2,000 to \$5,000. Learn more and apply here by 9/30/24: [Matthew 25 Grant Learn More | Synod Of The Covenant \(synodofthecovenant.org\)](#)

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**", at the Presbyterian Church of Wyoming in Cincinnati Presbytery. Register and learn more at [Inspire: The moment is now: Building a Vibrant Future with Immigrant and Established churches \(constantcontactpages.com\)](https://constantcontactpages.com). The conference is FREE but there is a charge for lodging.

"Tools for Tough Talks" - September 26, 2024. Disagreements about politics, theology, and other challenging topics are all around us - in our families, our churches, our communities, and our nation. How can we have these difficult conversations in ways that model our Christian faith? The Presbytery office invites you to join us in the Columbus Overbrook Church Great Room for a presentation and conversation on tools you can use to be better equipped to have loving, productive talks, led by Kathi Bubb, a Certified Christian Educator from our presbytery. To register or for more information contact the presbytery office at dagmar@psvonline.org or 614-847-0565 (registration not required).

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 at 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



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"OWLS" programs (The October School) from Ohio Living (former Westminster- Thurber).
On September 12, Thursday afternoon, from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. OWLS will present a KICKOFF concert . Dave Powers and Kelly Krum Delaveris will perform the great American music of Gershwin and Porter at Ohio Living's

Heritage Pointe. Powers is a 2-time Emmy Award winning composer and performer and an Associate Faculty member in Jazz Piano at OSU (plus more) while Delaveris, singing professionally since 1978, is a frequent guest of the Columbus Jazz Orchestra. She was voted best vocalist in Columbus by the 2006 Columbus Dispatch Readers Poll. Fee for the concert is \$15.00. For questions and details call 614-579-2557 or go to www.owls.coursestorm.com

Programs of Interest to Seniors - Memory Cafés at the Hilliard Branch

[Fall Program Schedule](#)

Let Go & Let God: Making Space for what is important. Letting Go! Older Adult Fall Rally, **Saturday, October 19, 2024**, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 211 Garfield Avenue, London, OH 43140. More information coming soon.



Fall Youth Retreat November 15-17, 2024. Camp Akita, 29746 Logan Hornsmill Road, Logan, Ohio.

FACT Sheet with lots of information for you: [PSV Youth Retreat FAQ 2024](#).

Group

Hold: <https://forms.gle/6tZ8sB2jFSG5bbPTA>

Youth Retreat

Registration: <https://forms.gle/85LuvrnZK8ijUvij7>

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

[Pilgrimage Brochure](#)

Pilgrimage to Israel and Palestine November 6-19 2024.

[Schedule](#)

For questions, or if you 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.



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[SDOP Grant Application](#)

"Self-Development of People (SDOP) enters into partnerships with community groups of low-income people that want to change their lives and communities. We receive and review grant applications year round. Apply now!"



Peace & Global Witness - September 8 - October 6, 2024.

The Peace & Global Witness Offering encourages the church to cast off

anxiety, fear, discord and division. So we can embrace God's mission of reconciliation to those around us and around the world. **Free Worship Liturgy, Social Media Images and More for World Communion Sunday.** Click here for: [Peace & Global Witness Resources](#).

Reynoldsburg Unity Presbyterian Church (6969 E. Livingston Ave.) is looking for a nursery care provider to provide care to children ages 0-2 in the nursery for Sunday School and during the worship service. References required. If interested, please email resume including references to Unity Presbyterian Church at secretary@parkviewpresbyterian.org

[Position Description - Nursery Care Provider](#)

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.](#)



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.

Prayer Concern for the Rev. Don Pendell who was in the hospital and today he has moved back home and is now in hospice care. Don has been a friend and mentor to so many, well loved and he has felt well supported by the Presbytery. Please note visitors are discouraged, but cards would be much appreciated, 275 McCoy Avenue, Worthington, OH 43085.



August 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.

Grove City First Presbyterian Church, Pastor Robert Tolar.

Hilliard Presbyterian Church, Pastor Katie Kinnison.

London First Presbyterian Church, Pastor Desiree Youngblood, CRE's Mark Johnson and Steve Watters.

Plain City Presbyterian Church, Pastor Alice Phillips.

Worthington Presbyterian Church, Pastors Tim McQuade, Tom and Betsy Rice, and CRE Peter Okyere.

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

November 19, 2024, 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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