

Mid-week E-News October 10, 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.



God, the truth is that your ways are easy to know and love in the abstract but hard to sort out and pursue in their details. We need your help. Gift us with others committed to struggling together to discern and know your will. Guide us by your Spirit as we do so. Amen.



[Presbyterian Disaster Relief
Information](#)

Worship and Prayer service for victims of Helene and Milton

Saturday, October 12th 1:00pm ET. Hosted by The Synod of the South Atlantic

A link to the invitation on Synod of the Covenant website is: [Prayer Service for Victims of Helene and Milton \(synodofthecovenant.org\)](#)



Dear Friends,
Here comes another hurricane! One of the advantages of living in Ohio is that we rarely must worry about hurricanes (just other things, like drought). I have family living in central Florida, as I am sure many of you have friends and

family in locations where hurricanes are a threat. I worry for my family, and they are so used to this that they don't seem to be concerned. Of course, our inland North Carolina and Tennessee families didn't think they needed to worry about hurricanes either. Let us be in prayer for all who are in the path of storms, and let's be in prayer for those who are suffering crop loss as well.

I wanted to share with you some updates about the Montreat Conference Center. Many of us know about and have been to Montreat. Here is a letter from their

president. <https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Montreat-Status-Update---10-03-2024.html?soid=1127071427492&aid=q9p8NmgiW4>

Reminder that I challenged all our churches last week to create clean up buckets for PCUSA's distribution through Church World Service. If you and your congregation put together clean up buckets, bring them to the presbytery meeting in November, and we will get them delivered to be ready for the next event that calls for them. So far, I heard of one congregation that is attempting to do between 15-30 buckets! **WOW!** We will announce at the presbytery meeting which church(es) brought in the most!!!

Do not forget to let your community know that you are taking on the task of preparing clean up buckets! This is a clever way to involve non-attenders in working with the congregation, getting to know one another, and perhaps gaining a new member down the road!

In Christ's service,

The Rev. Kathy Nice

Executive Presbyter, Presbytery of Scioto Valley

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Outville Presbyterian Church Gathers Supplies for Hurricane Helene Victims in Ashville, NC.

Thursday, October 3, Wayne Rader, a member of the church volunteered to take a large trailer of supplies to the Ashville, NC area to help those impacted by Hurricane Helene.

Using social media, email, announcements Sunday during church and sharing among the community, the congregants gathered a huge supply of water, pet food and supplies, canned foods, baby supplies, cleaning items, gloves, blankets, etc. The list goes on. Cash

was also donated generously. Many people from the immediate and greater community have joined us in this operation. The trailer was loaded on Tuesday with donations still arriving. The truck and trailer will be on its way as you read this. Elder and Mission Committee Chairperson Rory Utt coordinated the project.

God's presence was clear in this "pop- up project."

**How to Stop Breaking the Bible and Damaging People
October 24, 2024, at the Presbytery office, in the Parlor of
Overbook Presbyterian Church, 9 a.m. Gather, 10-noon Program.**

How is it that we have allowed the Living Word to become a site of hateful contention and death-dealing proclamations? Some Christians wonder if we should keep reading our sacred scriptures while others use these words to wound children of God.

Rev. Katie Kinnison uses her experiences of decades of teaching & preaching the Bible, graduate work in how reading transforms us, relationships with communities who courageously face their trauma, and her own walk with the Living God to open up what it can mean for us to study the scriptures. This "honey in the honeycomb" can indeed help us come all the way alive in God and bless the world. We need to learn to read again. We need to read in community and to let love be our aim as we live out what we come to understand from our engagement with the Spirit alive in our scriptures.

To register contact the presbytery office at dagmar@psvonline.org or call 614-847-0565 (registration not required).

October 24, 2024, 12noon-1:00 p.m. Lunch and Learn: Good Futures Accelerator. The Presbytery of the Western Reserve is hosting an online Zoom webinar with Corey Schlosser-Hall and DeEtte Decker from the PCUSA Office of Innovation to introduce the Good Futures Accelerator. At this event you will learn about the Good Futures Accelerator, a dynamic and proven course designed to help congregations creatively use their church buildings and property to align money and mission.

Please Register. Click here: [Good Futures Accelerator – Presbytery of the Western Reserve \(preswesres.org\)](https://www.preswesres.org)



General Assembly Amendments Information Session, Thursday, October 24th 7:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting. Join the General Assembly Commissioners and Presbytery Staff for a review of the Amendments that the Presbytery of Scioto Valley will be voting on at our November meeting. This time will be an overview of the amendments, pros and cons, and other insights our

commissioners had from experiences at General Assembly this summer in Salt Lake City.

Please see the amendments and rationale

HERE: https://www.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/oga/pdf/2024_0920_ga226_proposed_boa_amendments_ecumenical_agreement.pdf

The ZOOM Link is provided here:

Topic: PSV General Assembly Amendment Conversations

Time: Oct 24, 2024 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84371807812?pwd=0mWX2bwuP8bYHIyIa4Vc5badQicgcq.1>

Meeting ID: 843 7180 7812. Passcode: 226721

“Let Go and Let God ... Making Space for What Is Important.” Older Adult Fall Rally. October

19, 2024. Are you thinking of downsizing or helping a friend or loved one downsize? Or are you trying to go through your things and determine what to keep and what to get rid of? Even children have a tough time parting with toys. No matter your age, if you are trying to declutter, this rally is for you. **Come join us on Saturday, October 19, 2024, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** at First Presbyterian Church, 211 Garfield Ave., London, OH 43140. The fee of \$15 covers breakfast and lunch.



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[Older Adult Fall Rally-Register NOW!](#)

Fall Youth Retreat November 15-17, 2024, 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.

Presbytery of Scioto Valley Stated Meeting - a Hybrid Meeting, November 19, 2024, 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., Covenant Presbyterian Church, Columbus, OH.

Pre-Presbytery Meeting Celebrating Matthew 25

Everyone is invited to join us for a **Pre-presbytery event on Tuesday, November 19, from 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.**, at Covenant Presbyterian Church (2070 Ridgecliff Road in Columbus) as we celebrate our twenty Matthew 25 churches! We will share the vision, the joys, the challenges, and future possibilities for churches that have already made the commitment to build congregational vitality, eradicate systemic poverty, and/or dismantle structural racism. Those interested in finding out more about Matthew 25 are welcome, too! **RSVPs** to the presbytery office are requested but not required.

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

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.

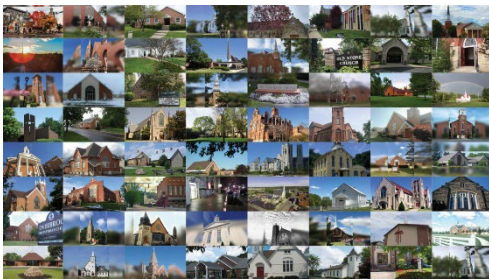
[Click here to view the Presbytery Structure](#)

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.

[Read about the Core Values](#)

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

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



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.

Ordination Celebration Anniversaries' in October.

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.

[October Ordination Anniversaries](#)



October 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.

South West pastors and congregations.

Amanda Presbyterian church, Pastor Christina Piper
Bloomingburg, First Presbyterian church, Worship Leader
Chillicothe, First Presbyterian church, Pastor Jason Link
Circleville Presbyterian church, pastor Nancy Dederer
Frankfort Presbyterian church, pastor Todd Thomas

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, Matthew25 programs, and more from our presbytery

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