

Mid-week E-News October 24, 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.



May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. ~ Romans 15:13.



November 3, 2024, 4 p.m. Installation of Jonathan Seitz

Jonathan Seitz invites you to attend his installation as Associate Pastor at Liberty Church in Delaware. The Rev. Joel Esala is moderating and Rev. Ruth Clendenin from Christ Presbyterian Church in Toledo, Ohio will preach. Jonathan is new to our presbytery and comes here after fifteen years of mission service in Taiwan with the denomination. If you are able to attend and would like to be added to his commission, please let him know at [**jonathan@libertybarnchurch.com**](mailto:jonathan@libertybarnchurch.com).

Dear Friends,

DOES YOUR CHURCH HAVE A SLATE ROOF? This is important. Drive by the church if you need to find out. Many of the church insurance companies have found it too expensive to pay for repairs or replacement of slate roofs. Because of that, the insurance companies are dropping insurance coverage for churches that have slate roofs. Your session may already have been contacted by your insurance company about this. I have heard this from multiple congregations. We are working on trying to find a company that will consider offering insurance to churches that still have slate roofs but are finding it a challenge as well.

PLEASE LET ME KNOW if you have a slate roof so we can add that to the list of churches who may have difficulty in keeping adequate insurance coverage. We

want to find solutions to offer but need your help in knowing who is in this predicament.

In Christ's service,
The Rev. Kathy Nice
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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

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=0mWX2bwuP8bYHIyIa4Vc5badQicqcg.1>

Meeting ID: 843 7180 7812. Passcode: 226721

Today, 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://preswesres.org)**

Understanding the nation's moral divide

University of North Carolina scholar offers a talk and answers questions during a Synod of the Covenant and Science for the Church webinar. The Psychology of Polarization" is **set for 10 a.m. through 11:30 a.m. Eastern Time on Thursday, October 24.**



Show Support for the People of Springfield, Ohio by Participating in the Prayer March for Peace and Unity. **Saturday, October 26, 2024.** A Prayer March for Peace and Unity is being planned by Springfield, Ohio's Interdenominational Ministerial

Fellowship, the NAACP, and Amos Project this Saturday, October 26, 2024.

Marchers will assemble at Greater Grace Temple (380 West Leffel Lane) at 9:30 AM and the march will begin at 10:30 AM. The march will end at the National Road Commons Park in downtown Springfield at around 1:30 PM. Limited shuttle service will be available to help get people back to their vehicles after the march.

I am planning on joining the marchers on Saturday, and I encourage members of Ohio Council of Churches-related denominations to participate as well. Look for the Ohio Council of Churches sign.

With Hope,

The Rev. Dr. Jack Sullivan, Jr., Executive Director

The Ohio Council of Churches, 125 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215

Office: 614.372.8010. Website: www.ohcouncilchs.org

Register NOW for the 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.



Cap City Helping Hands Coat Drive

The Presbytery's Cap City Helping Hands Coat Drive is in full gear this month of October. You can help by contributing any new or gently used jackets. We always take cash donations too! Our goal is to provide 10-20 jackets to each elementary, middle, and high school in the Columbus City Schools. Bring your donations to the Coat Box outside the Presbytery office, located in Overbrook Presbyterian Church, or call Patti Nussle at 614-209-5600 for a pick-up.



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

[PSV Calendar](#)

Concerts/Job Postings/Donation/Hurricane Bucket Assembly

Sunday, October 27th at 4:13, Circleville Presbyterian Church is hosting a Halloween Organ Concert. Organists from our church and community will be presenting a concert of "spooky" music. Folks are invited to wear a (family-friendly) costume and join us for an afternoon of music. A Trunk-or-Treat will be held before the concert from 3:13-3:53 at the Trinity Lutheran Church Parking Lot, directly across the street from our church on Mound Street. We invite attendees to bring a canned good for the Community Cupboards, and a freewill offering for Hurricane Relief will be received.

[Hunted Happenings Poster](#)

We are inviting the community and anyone from PSV churches to join us! Boulevard Presbyterian Church has allocated \$1,500 to purchase supplies for 30 Hurricane Clean-Up Buckets! We are also accepting donations of items and money for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), **and will hold a Bucket Assembly Event on Saturday, November 2 at 9 a.m.**

Advent is just around the corner! Do you wish that you had some new ideas for celebrating Advent through worship, education, nurture, and service, at church and in your family? Wish no more!! Instead, join us on Wednesday,

November 6, at 7:00 pm on Zoom as we share some creative, easy, and affordable Advent ideas, led by educator Jenni Whitford and friends.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85278375759?pwd=ZpTDC1s8aHg8WhbWjhnaKqg4MWT79e.1>

Meeting ID: 852 7837 5759. Passcode: 754334

Download Christmas Joy Offering Resources Early!

Christmas Joy Resources

Employment Opportunities

First Presbyterian Church of Westerville is seeking a part-time Director of Youth and Family Ministry. For more information, please contact Chris Henson or Nancy Dumford at jobs@fpcw.us.

The Synod of the Covenant is seeking a full-time Associate Executive for Racial Justice and a ten hour/week volunteer treasurer. If you have interest or a recommendation, please contact Chip Hardwick, Synod Executive, at chip@synodofthecovenant.org.

For more information, visit [Seeking Full-Time Associate Executive for Racial Justice \(synodofthecovenant.org\)](https://synodofthecovenant.org/seeking-full-time-associate-executive-for-racial-justice) for the Associate Executive position and [Available Position: Treasurer \(Volunteer Staff\) \(synodofthecovenant.org\)](https://synodofthecovenant.org/available-position-treasurer-volunteer-staff) for the Treasurer position.

Gahanna Mifflin Presbyterian Church has a **Nazareth Bible School Kit** to donate. Contact jayneelgin@yahoo.com or call (614) 715-6029.



Presbytery of Scioto Valley Stated Meeting - a Hybrid Meeting, November 19, 2024, 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., at 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.

[Presbytery Website Calendar view for future events.](#)

2025 - Coming Events - Mark your calendar now!

January 11, 2025. Church Officers Training.

Pull out your calendars and add the Presbytery Church Officer Training on Saturday, January 11, 2025. Registration starts at 9:00 a.m., and the event will finish by 11:30 a.m. **Classes for elders and deacons** will be held at two locations - Gahanna Mifflin Presbyterian Church and Chillicothe First Presbyterian Church. More details are coming soon, but **save the date!**

March 1, 2025 - **PIE (Partners in Education) Event!**

We have some exciting changes for this year's **PIE (Partners in Education)** Event! The officer training piece is being offered on January 11 at two locations, so we have more room for workshops - eight of them, to be exact - on Saturday, March 1, 2025 at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Columbus, starting with registration at 9:00 a.m. and ending by 2:30 p.m. Our keynote speaker is the dynamic **Dr. Corey Schlosser-Hall, the Presbyterian Mission Agency's Deputy Executive Director of Vision, Innovation and Rebuilding**, Cost for the event is \$20 which includes lunch. More information coming soon, but please put this on your calendar and spread the word!

February 22, 2025, Faith and Finance, February 22, 2025

[Learn more about the Faith and Finance Event.](#)

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.



The Presbytery staff is in the office and available by email or phone at 614-847-0565, office hours Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. www.psvonline.org

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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.

[Click here for Presbytery Calendar.](#)



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