

Mid-week E-News October 3, 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.

Hurricane Helene and Clean Up Efforts

Our hearts are with all those impacted by Hurricane Helene, the Category 4 Hurricane that hit Florida's big bend region on September 26th. The impact has been felt across many states. We mourn the loss of life and we stand with those who are now cleaning up their homes, businesses, churches and lives. Clean up efforts will be ongoing in the area. For more information on how you and your congregations can assist please follow Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), <https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/hurricane-helene/> Designated Gifts can be directed to PDA using DR000169: <https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/DR000169/>

Clean Up Buckets are needed: <https://pda.pcusa.org/page/kits/>

A prayer from PDA Director, Rev. Edwin Gonzalez-Castillo
<https://pda.pcusa.org/pda/resource/helene-prayer/>

Helene Prayer



Greetings,

It has been heartbreaking to see all the damage done because of Hurricane Helene. Areas of western North Carolina never expected to be impacted by a hurricane – that is normally reserved for the coastlines, right? Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) has rushed in to provide assistance in the areas of several presbyteries that suffered damage; they would be here if we had issues also.

Many people know about Presbyterians because of PDA and the work done in times of challenge. How can we support PDA?

1. Donate to PDA, designate gifts to

DR000169. <https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/DR000169/>

2. Become a part of PDA activities: National Response Team and National Volunteer Team both have needs for help. Churches are also needed to send teams into areas to do recovery work (although it is not yet time for recovery work in the Helene areas). Find out more about action work

here <https://pda.pcusa.org/page/nrt/>

3. PDA in conjunction with Church World Service (CWS) has asked for cleanup buckets. They recently distributed a lot of cleanup buckets, which left them with only 1,000 in stock. A cleanup bucket has very specific items that need to be included, and a link is provided next. The average value of the goods put into the bucket is \$75 plus the fee of \$3 per bucket to allow for processing the bucket and getting it to its final destination. If our churches would each put a few buckets together, bring them to the presbytery meeting in November, and we will arrange to get the buckets to CWS warehouse. Perhaps this could be a challenge to see which churches donate the most! We can announce at the meeting the names of the top donators! Sound good to you? <https://pda.pcusa.org/page/kits/#bucket>

In Christ's service,

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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!

My normal schedule is Sunday through Thursday.

Coats For Kids Coat Drive – Shopper's Tip

This week's shopper's tip: Costco has a Lands End Youth Parka for \$21.99. If you order online and spend \$40 or more (that is two coats!), then you get \$10 off. These make great jackets for the 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! Children in elementary and middle schools need all sizes of youth jackets, and high school young men like to wear thick fleece-lined hoodies.

Bring your donations to the Coat Box in front of the Presbytery office, located in Overbrook Presbyterian church, or call Patti Nussle at 614-209-5600 for a pick-up.

"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.



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.



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[SDOP Grant Application](#)

*"Self-Development of People (SDOP) enter 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! **Dateline: October 15.**"*

About the 2024 Season of Peace September 8th – October 6th. Welcome to the 2024 Season of Peace. This year's reflections highlight the lives of Presbyterians who have worked to advance peace and justice. **Path of Peace Daily Reflections.**



[Learn more about the Season of Peace.](#)



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.](#)

"Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation." LOUISVILLE — On Sunday, [Presbyterians for Earth Care](#) rolled out the first of nine monthly online sessions exploring "[Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation,](#)" the 2024-25 Presbyterian Women/Horizons Bible Study. The leaders for the study, written by the Rev. Dr. Patricia K. Tull, Professor Emerita of Old Testament at [Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary,](#) are the Rev. M. Courtenay Willcox and the Rev. Lucy Youngblood

[Read more...Let Justice Roll Down](#)

October 24, 2024, 12noon-1:00pm 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 \(preswesres.org\)](#)



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“OWLS” this Autumn - Another Chance to Learn and Have Fun!

OWLS (Older Wiser Lifelong Scholars) has announced its 2024 Fall season, AND IT IS A REAL WINNER! Eight 1-and-2-day courses will be presented on the campus of Ohio Living Westminster-Thurber, in the Heritage

Pointe Community Room, 655 Neil Avenue. Through OWLS classes you can learn, be entertained, and exchange ideas with experts on a wide variety of topics. To learn more about the courses, the nominal fees, schedules, and the outstanding presenters, go to owls.coursestorm.com For further questions, call 614.579.2557. Join us, and become an older, wiser, lifelong scholar!

Presbytery 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.

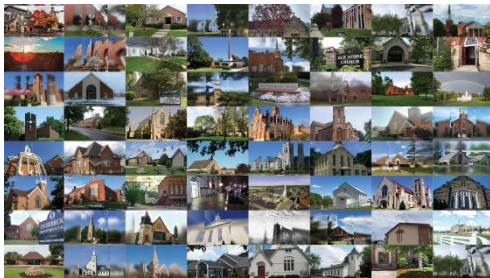
[Click here to view the Presbytery Structure](#)

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

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



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