

## Mid-week E-News October 31, 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.



How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!

Psalm 133:1 NIV

Let us be united in your peace—one in the Body, one in the Spirit, and one in the hope of calling, all through the gift of your endless grace.

Amen. Based on the Liturgy of St. Mark (2<sup>nd</sup> century)

### Unity in Diversity

Greetings in Christ's name. With the shortened daylight hours in fall and the journey through these days leading up to and after a presidential election, I have been thinking about the ways that we as Christians show up for our neighbors and in the world. What is common in our core of our Christian faith that we can ground ourselves with that may sustain us? Is it kindness? Is it our kindness? Is it our fight for justice? Belief in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ? God's unwavering love and grace for all creation? The understanding that we are not in control (as much as we think we are)? Perhaps all the above (and then some)? We may all think of different ways that our faith sustains us when we are anxious, worried, scared, or empowered, bold, confident. I have been thinking of one of the Presbytery's Core Values: *Unity in Diversity*. This core value celebrates the diverse gifts and experiences of those across our Presbytery. From Christian Educators to ruling elders, deacons to choir members, pastors, and property managers, we all bring unique perspectives of living together in the spirit of Christ. One that recognizes our neighbor, cherishes diversity, acknowledges differences in opinion and our faith journey.

When we open ourselves to the spirit's work, we can see how dividing walls can and need to fall and unity in our diversity is celebrated. For there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free: nor is there male or female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus (Galatians 3:28).

During these times in our world, may our best selves come forth through our unity in diversity.

Grace and peace,  
Emily

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**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.

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Daylight saving time will end for the year at 2 a.m. local time on Sunday, Nov. 3, when we "fall back" and gain an extra hour of sleep.



**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=ZpTDC1s8aHq8WWhWjhnaKqq4MWT79e.1>

Meeting ID: 852 7837 5759. Passcode: 754334

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## Cap City Helping Hands Coat Drive

Coats are coming into the Presbytery from so many donors...from Gahanna Mifflin Presbyterian Church, Columbus Broad Street Presbyterian Church, Upper Arlington Covenant Presbyterian Church, and Delaware Liberty, and The Harmony Project...we are seeing hundreds of children's coats donated by kind-hearted people like you! Thank you!

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.

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 Columbus Overbrook Presbyterian church, or call Patti Nussle at 614-209-5600 for a pick-up.

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## Clean Up Bucket Challenge (through November 19<sup>th</sup>).



The Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) is collecting Clean Up Buckets (see link) for the clean-up efforts in the Southeastern United States. We have five complete buckets in our offices from First Presbyterian Church, Westerville. THANK YOU! We are challenging PSV churches to support this effort and bring the buckets to the November 19<sup>th</sup> Presbytery meeting at Covenant Presbyterian Church, Upper Arlington. So far Church World Service has distributed close to 6,000 buckets after recent hurricanes. We will help refill their supply. We know more churches who are gathering supplies and building buckets! That's amazing! Contact Rev. Emily Corzine for more information and let her know how many buckets you have. Please consider giving to Church World Service or Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for their ongoing work.

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

A prayer from PDA Director, Rev. Edwin Gonzalez-Castillo

**Helene Prayer**

**Share your story/news?** Congregations, Commissions and ministry teams are encouraged to submit items of interest to [dagmar@psvonline.org](mailto:dagmar@psvonline.org)

[PSV Calendar](#)

**Concerts/Job Postings/Donation/Hurricane Bucket Assembly**

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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.**

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**Download Christmas Joy Offering Resources Early!**

[Christmas Joy Resources](#)

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### **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](mailto: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](mailto:chip@synodofthecovenant.org).

For more information, visit [Seeking Full-Time Associate Executive for Racial Justice \(synodofthecovenant.org\)](#) for the Associate Executive position and [Available Position: Treasurer \(Volunteer Staff\) \(synodofthecovenant.org\)](#) for the Treasurer position.

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

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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.](#)

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## **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 are excited about this year's **PIE (Partners in Education)** Event 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 will be the dynamic **Dr. Corey Schlosser-Hall, the Presbyterian Mission Agency's Deputy Executive Director of Vision, Innovation and Rebuilding.** We will also have eight workshops, including "Making Your Church More Visible", "Real Talk from Young Adults", "Anti-Hunger Advocacy", and "Prayer Practices for Lent". The cost for the event is \$20 which includes lunch. More information is 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.](#)

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**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](http://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.

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