

Mid-week E-News November 14, 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 has shown us what is good and what is required: to do justice, to show constant love, and to walk humbly with our God. (Micah 6:8)

As we marvel at the beauty of the changing seasons, we give praise to your creative power. May we open our hearts to that same creative and transformative power within us.



The Presbytery of Scioto Valley Two-Hundred and Seventy-Second Stated Meeting, Tuesday, November 19, 2024, 3:30 p.m.- 6:00 p.m., Covenant Presbyterian Church, Columbus, OH and via Zoom Conference. Moderator the Reverend Joel Esala.

Budget and Per Capita Q&A Tonight, Thursday, November 14th.

Presbytery Council is sponsoring a Zoom call Thursday, November 14, at 7:00PM to discuss the proposed 2025 PSV budget and answer any questions you may have about the budget and/or the proposed increase in per capita. Treasurer Bob Patterson and Stated Clerk Bill Gause will present to answer your questions and discuss any concerns you may have. The budget will be considered at Tuesday's meeting of the presbytery.

William Gause is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: PSV 2025 Budget & Per Capita Q&A

Time: Nov 14, 2024, 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87051609284?pwd=JY2a3KJk8sSyitVfy0oG3ijGlabk9y.1>

Meeting ID: 870 5160 9284

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[Presbytery Meeting Agenda](#)

Pre-presbytery event on Tuesday, November 19, from 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. 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.

Clean Up Bucket Challenge (through November 19th).



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 commitments for seventy-one buckets from our churches. **THANK YOU! KEEP THEM COMING!** We are challenging PSV churches to support this effort and bring the buckets to the November 19th 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 is 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



Celebrate *A Light to the Nation's* 2024 Finale on November 24, 2024.

"A Light to the Nations" invites everyone to join its noon worship service on Sunday, November 24, to commemorate their final service of 2024. The service will feature a special choir from Tanzania. Since March, the group has been gathering on the fourth Sunday of the month in the Worthington Presbyterian

Church chapel (773 High St, Worthington). The service, led by Commissioned Ruling Elder Peter Okyere, extends a special invitation to immigrants and refugees in our Presbytery.

For more details, please reach out to Peter at pokyere@wpcnow.org. He's also ready to assist in welcoming refugees or immigrants at your church.

"Montreat College Conference is back once again, and Jacob's Porch at Ohio State and the Presbytery (PSV) are going! If you are a college student or a young adult you are invited to join us for this beautiful and refreshing conference

in the mountains of North Carolina. The conference includes keynote speakers, conversation groups, hiking, and worship along with hundreds of other college students from across the country. The cost to attend is \$150, which covers housing, food, and travel. Scholarships are available. **Contact Taylor Barner at 412-613-0835 or taylor@jacobsporch.com for more information and/or to register before December 1st."**

Join Jacob's Porch
and other PSV students for

Contact Taylor Barner at
taylor@jacobsporch.com
to register!
**Deadline to register is
December 1, 2024**

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College Conference @ Montreat
January 2-5, 2025

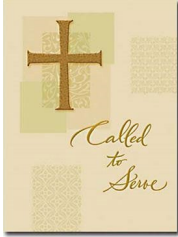
**Presbytery of Scioto Valley
Professionals Retreat Hocking
Hills**

Over thirty people from around the Presbytery joined together in worship, fellowship, and learning this past weekend. It was a lovely, brisk Ohio fall weather to share in God's creation and with each other. Rev. Carol Howard, Presbyterian pastor and author, joined us and facilitated conversation about what in our ministries and in our lives can strengthen us through challenging times. What friendships can we foster to support one another and celebrate God's goodness in us. Individual afternoon time was spent hiking, sleeping, reading, spiritual direction, or however the Holy Spirit moved. We missed other colleagues who were not there and hope that you will make it next time we gather.

Rev. Emily Krause Corzine (she/her)
Presbyter for Congregational Life and Transitions



1,378 Coats. This is how many coats your Presbytery was able to provide to seventy-five schools in the Columbus City School district this week! Your Presbytery's Coats for Kids team thanks each person and congregation who donated coats/funds to this year's coat drive. And thank you to The Harmony Project for donating 310 coats, and to Dublin PC for the forty-seven coats that are on the way to us! The need continues; we have some schools that asked for more coats and other schools often call us with special requests. You can drop off coats at the Presbytery office all year, and Dagmar will let the Coats for Kids mission team know. As teacher Amy Mann from Weinland Park Elementary said: "This was wonderful! The ease of pickup was fantastic, and these are some great quality coats! Thank you so much to your team and the church and organizations that participated in this project!"



November 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.

Southwest pastors and congregations.

Portsmouth, First Presbyterian Church - Pastor Ron Johnson

Portsmouth, Second Presbyterian Church - Pastor Allison Bauer

Sedalia, Midway Presbyterian Church - Worship Leader

Washington Court House Presbyterian Church - Pastor Steve Brand

Waverly, First Presbyterian Church, Pastor Jane Johnson

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](#)

Future Workshops and more!

Download Christmas Joy Offering Resources Early!

[Christmas Joy Resources](#)

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

2025 - Coming Events - Mark your calendar now!

January 11, 2025. Presbytery of Scioto Valley Church Officers Training. Registration is now open for the Presbytery **Church Officer Training** on Saturday, January 11, 2025. We will have check-in starting 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.

[Church Officers Training - Sign Up Here.](#)

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.](#)

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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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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