

Mid-week E-News February 13, 2025



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.



Words from Dr. Kate Bowler, professor, author, podcaster.

A blessing for the weary. Blessed are you who keep showing up, even when it's messy.

Blessed are you who stretch beyond your limits and find—somehow—that you have more to give.

Blessed are you who know that loving well doesn't mean loving perfectly.

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.
~1 Corinthians 13:7



Presbytery of Scioto Valley Stated Meeting.

February 18, 2025, 3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church, 4227 Broadway, Grove City.

[Check here for more information and documents.](#)

**Faith & Finance Event Saturday
February 22, 2025 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

[Register NOW for the Faith and Finance Event](#)

Here's the link to the Presbyterian News Service story, just published:

<https://pcusa.org/news-storytelling/news/regional-educational-forums-tackle-financial-challenges-changing-church>

The Commission on Justice, Outreach and Education (CJOE)

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

"Visions and Dreams" PIE (Partners in Education) Saturday, March 1, 2025, at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Columbus with registration at 9:00 am. The event lasts until 2:30 p.m. and the \$20 cost includes lunch from Freedom a la Carte. Our keynote speaker is Dr. Corey Schlosser-Hall, Presbyterian Mission Agency's Deputy Executive Director of Vision, Innovation and Rebuilding. Eight exciting workshops will be offered, four in the morning and four in the afternoon, including Matthew 25 issues, children and youth ministry, a youth adult panel, making your church more visible, ministry innovation, chair yoga, and downsizing your life. **Please put this on your calendar and spread the word!**

[Register for the PIE event.](#)

"Turning Over Tables: A Lenten Call for Disrupting Power"

For those who are looking for something different for Lent, I am going to be following Kathy Escobar's "Turning Over Tables: A Lenten Call for Disrupting Power" this year myself. Anyone who would like to also follow this study and wants a place to share insights and questions with fellow walkers are invited to join me! Here is the Zoom link for our shared space. We would gather on Thursdays at 1 p.m., **beginning March 6 and continuing through April 10** (we will not gather on Maundy Thursday, April 17). The same link will be used for each week's time together.

Topic: Matthew 25 Lent Group

Time: Mar 6, 2025 01:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Every week on Thu, 7 occurrence(s)

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Weekly: [https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/tZIqcOmpvzqGtEX5Zs_He3ApaTDRqQn_Vfx/ics?icsToken=DO6wQAkqA6KuMFacLQAALAAAACVOWLgEMAIglzaTWepfpsRikI37_r73gjPvMDMbmQAPd3CUr8fh35jNn5qqaKkjUtRcmVhJOi9CvMcrwTAWMDAwMQ&meetingMasterEventId=EPprU9CSwGnk2yWv90wyw](https://us06web.zoom.us/join/https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/tZIqcOmpvzqGtEX5Zs_He3ApaTDRqQn_Vfx/ics?icsToken=DO6wQAkqA6KuMFacLQAALAAAACVOWLgEMAIglzaTWepfpsRikI37_r73gjPvMDMbmQAPd3CUr8fh35jNn5qqaKkjUtRcmVhJOi9CvMcrwTAWMDAwMQ&meetingMasterEventId=EPprU9CSwGnk2yWv90wyw)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86770791005?pwd=GWDdtf17sO4gWCJed5dgGYFygh0eFE.1>

Meeting ID: 867 7079 1005
Passcode: 710038

In Christ's service,
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This might be helpful!

Subject: Immigration Rights Webinar

For those interested in hearing what three immigration attorneys said, here is the link to our AZ Statewide Rapid Response Immigration Training for Faith Leaders Recording: https://youtu.be/Op9BC36n_y0

Key Points / Takeways:

- ICE are NOT police and have different (and lesser) rights than police in terms of search and seizure, etc.
- Use the right to remain silent...ALWAYS...and ask for an attorney...ALWAYS (ICE is not your friend).
- ICE does not have the right to enter "private" spaces but can enter "public" spaces. Offices and classrooms = private. Parking lots and breezeways = public. Sanctuary = private if the doors are closed but public if the doors are open, so it is important to train your ushers.
- Key distinction = the difference between an ADMINISTRATIVE warrant (an internal, ICE document not signed by a judge) vs. a JUDICIAL warrant (signed by a judge). Churches and individuals can tell ICE they do not have permission to enter the premises if they only have an administrative warrant, but ICE has the right to enter if they have a judicial warrant. It's okay to call local law enforcement to check the warrant status and ask ICE officers to wait while the warrant status is being checked.

These were my takeaways but watching the webinar yourselves is advisable. You have permission to share this link.

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Per Capita Update from Elder Bob Patterson, Presbytery Treasurer. The Presbytery approved an increase in Per Capita for 2025 to

\$44.00 per member. The Per Capita is made up of: Presbytery of Scioto Valley \$29.76, Synod of the Covenant \$3.40, and General Assembly \$10.84. Each church's total Per Capita is calculated on the number of members on the church roll as of December 31, 2023, as reported through the annual Statistical Report.

[Per Capita and Mission Giving information.](#)

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

Outville Presbyterian Church has two sets of adult size choir robes to giveaway. One is a **set of twelve grey robes** one plus two youth size. The second **set is sixteen red adult size robes**. Please email Alice Karen Hite at [**akhite@roadrunner.com**](mailto:akhite@roadrunner.com) or text/call 740-507-0545.

Presbyterian Church (USA) Youth Triennium, Louisville, KY. Coming July 28 - 31, 2025, the Presbyterian Church (USA) Youth Triennium will welcome thousands of its high school age youth and their adult youth workers to Louisville, KY for four days of worship, recreation, bible study, outreach, and faith formation all around the theme "As If We Were Dreaming".



[MORE TRIENNIUM INFORMATION](#)



MATTHEW 25

Our Winter Issue of the **Matthew 25 Newsletter** for the presbytery is here! Celebrate with us the projects and programs from five churches who are living out the calling of Matthew 25 churches to build congregational vitality, dismantle structural racism, and eradicate systemic poverty. Does your church have a story? Share it with the presbytery office at [**dagmar@psvonline.org**](mailto:dagmar@psvonline.org)

[Matthew 25 Winter Issue](#)



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Sign up now for **February 19 1:00pm - 2:30pm (EST) with Evangelia Philippidis.**

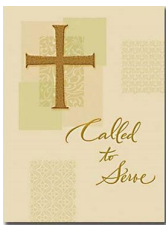
OWLS are known for being wise. I am sure you have heard or used that kind of expression to describe a person. At **Ohio Living Westminster-Thurber** - we embrace lifelong learning. It is at the center of who we are. And learning is a hoot! The **OWLS school** is offering the **2025 Wisdom Wednesday series**. I want to encourage you to join a class or two. These classes are done virtually.

[Owl School - Wisdom Wednesday Series, register NOW!](#)

Commission on Ministry

Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Training, provided by LeaderWise. This is our Boundaries Training offering for 2025 and complies with G-3.0106. **Here is the registration link for you to share with your presbyteries: [Synod of the Covenant – LeaderWise](#).**

The dates are as follows: March 1 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. May 12 & 13 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. May 19 & 20 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. September 17&18 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. October 9&10 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.



February 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.

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Metro South East pastors and congregations.

Amesville-New England Parrish, Worship Leader.

Athens, Alexander Presbyterian Church, Worship Leader.

Athens, First Presbyterian Church, Pastor Robert Martin.

Bremen-Bethel Presbyterian Church, Pastor Larry Hoffmann.

Gallipolis, First Presbyterian Church, Pastor Ann Moody.

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 working in the office and we are available by email or phone at 614-847-0565. Office hours are Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

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[Read about the Core Values](#)

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.](#)



The Synod of the Covenant
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

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