

Mid-week E-News February 20, 2025



God of us all, we pray for peace in the world. We pray for peace in our families and communities and between countries. Help us to imagine and work for a world of peace. When the task ahead of us seems impossible or too much for us to handle, help us remember that we need each other; we need everyone to navigate these times.

Encourage us when we feel we're trying to accomplish the impossible. Show us where efforts make a difference. Give us clarity, strength, and courage to work for good. Make us your peacemakers. Amen.

Dear Friends,

If you missed the Presbytery gathering yesterday, you missed attending a SHORT meeting! We were done by 5:40 pm! Here is what happened:

1. Worship was great, fabulous music, great sermon by Joel Esala – which included singing, an intro to what First Presbyterian church Grove City is doing in one of their missions (radical hospitality and community bringing together persons from multiple homelands, sharing faith and food).
2. Three churches will be receiving refund checks from the Presbytery Investment and Loan Program (PILP); Ramseyer was recognized for paying off their mortgage, which was held by PILP.
3. The Policy for the Sale, Leasing, or Encumbering of Church Property was approved as amended. Two other policies were brought for first reading (Anti-Harassment Policy and Gender Identity Inclusion Policy for Youth Events). Watch for discussion opportunities and send in your comments to the appropriate Committee/Commission for incorporation into the policies prior to the second readings in May.
4. We accepted the revised vote tally for one of the G.A. amendments (see pictures in the packet with explanation).
5. We elected some friends to serve on Nominating and one to serve on the Commission on Justice, Outreach and Education (CJOE).



6. We acknowledged Native Lands and our place in use of land that was not ours when it was taken. This acknowledgement will be a part of each Presbytery gathering. The Committee on Representation (COR) is open to hearing what types of next steps we can take as a presbytery.
7. Delaware Liberty church Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC) was given approval to consider their stated supply pastor in the running for installed associate pastor.
8. Lots of events are coming up and you should check it out!
 - Partners in Education (PIE) – March 1.
 - Triennium (for Youth) – initial interest due April 1.
 - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) Work Team – summer 2025.
 - Neighborhood Mission Grant review dates will be April 1, July 1, and November 1 (new grants receive consideration before repeat grants).
 - Presbyterian Advocacy Hour will be held on the fourth Wednesday of the month at noon via Zoom – the first one will be Feb 26.
 - Local Advocacy Day at the state house at the end of March led by Hunger Network.
 - Matthew 25 newsletter is new and highlights activities of Matthew 25 churches. Did you get a copy? Do you want to join in?

We had over seventy people gather in person with another forty plus online. Then thirty-two gathered at Grove City Brewing Co. for fellowship after the meeting. We hope to be at Circleville Presbyterian church on May 20, 2025. **Watch for more details!**

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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". Fill out the interest form by Tuesday, April 1st, if you plan on going! (see more information).



MORE TRIENNIUM INFORMATION

**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/tZIqcOmvpzogGtEX5Zs_He3ApaTDRqQn_Vfx/ics?icsToken=DO6wQAkqA6KuMFacLQAALAAACVOWLqEMAIglzaTWepfpsRikI37_r73gjPvMDMbmQAPd3CUr8fh35jNn5qqaKkjUtRcmVhJOi9CvMcrwTAWMDAwMQ&meetingMasterEventId=EPprU9CSwGnk2yWv90wyw

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 867 7079 1005

Passcode: 710038

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3 Steps to Be Ready for One Great Hour of Sharing

Presbyterian Advocacy Hour. Join us for a new monthly series - fourth Wednesday each month - hosted by the Presbyterian Church (USA). As Christians, we are called to act in the face of suffering, injustice, and strife – to be repairers of the breach. The fuel behind such action is a mixture of faith, hope, discernment, spiritual nourishment, and community. Presbyterian Advocacy Hour will bring together committed people of faith each month to fuel up with information on the most pressing issues. Church members, lay leaders, pastors, mid-council staff, all Presbyterians and friends are welcome! Get nourishment for your spirit, essential connections and resources, relationship building, and direction for how to stay in righteous movement while being your best self. Link to register for Presbyterian Advocacy Hour: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/HWli32cHQv-c1Eb1NNdmVQ#/registration>. Short link is pcusa.info/advocacyhourregistration



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

Matthew 25 Winter Issue

Coats, Coats, Coats!

In these cold and snowy days, please know that over 1,300 children in the Columbus City Schools have a warm coat because of YOU!

Thank you for the donations of coats, and cash, to the Presbytery's *Coats for Kids program*. We collect coats all year long, so thank you to the individuals and churches who continue to add coats to the Coat Box at the Presbytery office. Questions? Call Patti Nussle at 614-209-5600.

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 / Takeaways:

- 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. In Christ's service,
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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

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 or text/call 740-507-0545.



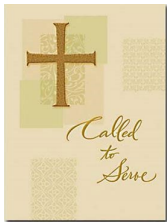
March 19, 1:00pm-2:30pm (EST) with Nikki Lawley. What's All the Buzz About Cannabis? **OWLS** are known for being wise. I am sure you have heard or used that kind of expression to describe a person. At **Ohio Living Westminster-Thurber** - we embrace lifelong learning. It is at the center of who we are. 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.

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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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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