

Mid-week E-News February 27, 2025



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SCIOTO VALLEY

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Saturday, March 1, 2025 - PIE (Partners in Education) Event. "Visions and Dreams" PIE (Partners in Education) Saturday, March 1, 2025.

If you were not able to sign up for PIE (Partners in Education) on Saturday, you can still join us!

Check out the links for the livestream: Opening and Keynote 9:15

a.m. <https://youtube.com/live/HaGVrSWBWwI?feature=share>

Workshop 1 at 10:30 a.m. - Two Loops of Life and Leadership: Ministry Innovation...Especially

Here! : <https://youtube.com/live/IFOUKMEPnyA?feature=share>

Workshop 2 at 12:45 p.m. - Real Talk: The Church for Millennials and Gen

Z https://youtube.com/live/k5-eG_kDZo0?feature=share

Closing Worship 2:10

pm https://youtube.com/live/05pqtWz_AaM?feature=share

This event is sponsored by the [Commission on Justice, Outreach and Education](#).

Dear Friends,

The first Advocacy Luncheon online seminar was held today (Wednesday, February 26). Recordings of the monthly webinars will be available when released by the Office of Public Witness.

If you want to connect, register to receive the Zoom link.

The liaisons from the Commission on Ministry will be reaching out to pastors and clerks of session to see when we can have regional fun days in your area! We do not know what each

liaison will want to schedule, but we do know that there have been some interesting ideas shared! Watch for information about connecting!

Have you ever considered learning to preach? The Synod of the Covenant is currently accepting our nominations for the second class in the Cultivating the Gift of Preaching Cohort. If you might be interested, reach out to me for more information!

If you want to join the Turning Over Tables reading group, I will see you Thursday at 1:00 p.m.!

In Christ's service,

The Rev. Kathy Nice, Executive Presbyter, The Presbytery of Scioto Valley



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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 - Thursday.

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](#)

"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. **Every week on Thursday, 7** occurrence(s)

Topic: Matthew 25 Lent Group

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

<https://psvonline.org/event/lent-study-group-turning-over-tables-a-lenten-call-for-disrupting-power-zoom/2025>

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 **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**
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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. Does your church have a story? Share it with the presbytery office at dagmar@psvonline.org

Matthew 25 Winter Issue

Coats, Coats, Coats!

The Presbytery's ministry can use your new or gently used youth coats, fleece-lined hoodies, and jackets. As seasons change from Winter to Spring, be on the look-out for new/gently used youth coats on sale at department stores, thrift shops, and your own closet! Bring them to the Coat Box at the Presbytery. A shout-out to Liberty Presbyterian for holding a coat drive this week to help us collect coats! Questions? Call Patti Nussle at 614-209-5600 or Connie Jump at 614-832-4355.

West High School Says Thank-You to the Presbytery!

Each year, the Presbytery sets up a Holiday Store at West High School in Columbus, so that students can use their hard-earned "bucks" for good

behavior to buy gifts for friends and family. On February 22, West High held a remarkably elegant luncheon in their library to say "Thank You" to their major community partners including the Presbytery's own Cap City Helping Hands ministry for stocking the Holiday Store. Thank you to Jim Benney of Westminster Presbyterian Church for representing us so well at this event.

Peter Okyere (Commissioned Pastor) has put together for us a video about immigration issues. Please contact Peter so he can share the video with you at pokyere@wpcnow.org

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.

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



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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

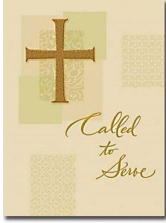
center of who we are. And learning is a hoot! The **OWLS school** is offering the **2025 Wisdom Wednesday series**. I want to encourage you to join a class or two. These classes are done virtually.

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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Read the letters from Mark Hare and Jenny Bent, mission co-workers serving in Costa Rica. [Mark Hare and Jenny Bent](#)

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