

## Mid-week E-News February 6, 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.



**Love is not tolerance, it's transformation. It looks into the pit of darkness and declares, "I will not rest until the light shines through." This love endures.** ~Danielle Coke Balfour, author, artist, activist

The movement of the Spirit of God in the hearts of men and women often calls them to act against the spirit of their times or causes them to anticipate a spirit which is yet in the making. In a moment of dedication they are given wisdom and courage to dare a deed that challenges and to kindle a hope that inspires.

~Howard Thurman, "Footprints of a Dream: the Story of the Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples"

*You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And the second is like it. 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets." Matthew 22:36-40*

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



### **Presbytery of Scioto Valley Stated Meeting.**

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

First Presbyterian Church, 4227 Broadway, Grove City.

[More information coming soon.](#)

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**February 9, 2025, Birthday Celebration, Worship and Luncheon.**  
**Second Presbyterian Church, Portsmouth, Ohio. Celebrating 150**  
**Years 1875-2025. Appreciate. Celebrate. Anticipate.**

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

[Register Here 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>

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**Friday, February 28, 2025. Would you like a preview of the Good Futures Accelerator?** The event is at the Presbytery office, in Overbrook PC Fellowship Hall. The Good Futures Accelerator is a gamified (read FUN), dynamic, and proven course that allows congregations to align money and mission by exploring how to creatively use their buildings and property to further align their mission and build financial resilience. The process aids in discerning how to steward God's land and properties for community benefit, develop social enterprises as part of your Gospel mission, and diversify economic models for a new era.

[READ MORE and register!](#)

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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. More information will be coming soon.

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

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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".



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**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.](#)

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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](#)



Older  
Wiser  
Lifelong  
Scholars

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

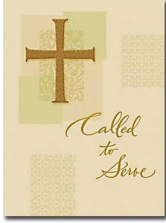
center of who we are. And learning is a hoot! The **OWLS school** is offering the **2025 Wisdom Wednesday series**. I want to encourage you to join a class or two. These classes are done virtually.

[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.

**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.

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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 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](#)**

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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.

[Click here for Presbytery Calendar.](#)



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