

## Mid-week E-News March 27, 2025



### **“Tell Me Something Good!”**

I love a good story. The congregations of Galloway Presbyterian Church and Westminster Presbyterian Church (Lincoln Village) worshipped together on March 23rd. These two churches have connected for fellowship gatherings and shared worship services over the last eight months and each in their own way are being the hands and feet of Christ on the west side of Columbus. Pictured are Thom Shuman (Galloway), Emily Krause Corzine (Presbyter of Congregational Life and Transitions), and Jon Carlisle (Westminster)! We celebrate them and their continued shared ministry opportunities.



Do you have a good news story that you want others to know? Share them with me so we can spread the word. I love a good story!

**Organ Recital at First Presbyterian Church, Delaware.** Sunday, March 30th at 3:00 p.m., 73 W. Winter Street, Delaware, Ohio 43015. Come see Organist Joseph Musser perform live on FPC's Blanchard Pipe Organ featuring a wide variety of compositions from various historical periods. This recital is free and open to the public. A free will offering will be offered benefiting First Presbyterian Church's kitchen and laundry outreach programs that provide free services for our Delaware City community. We are wheelchair accessible at our back door entrance with elevator accessibility to the Sanctuary.



Join for a powerful evening of **sacred music exploring the mystery and majesty of the Trinity at 7:00 p.m., Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, First Presbyterian Church, Lancaster (222 N Broad Street)**. The Omnis Choir and Dayspring Vocal Ensemble presents Commissioning Ensemble Premiere. **Trinity: Our God of Hope and Help** (composed by Marianne Forman).

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**Position: Hymn/Song Leader.** Outville Presbyterian Church (OPC), 6463 Outville Road, Pataskala, OH has a position for a hymn/song leader for Sunday worship. OPC is a small congregation in the Columbus suburbs with an appreciation for music. The hymn leader will provide a strong voice to help the congregation in hymn singing. Stipend is \$100 per Sunday plus mileage at the IRS rate. Position may be shared by two choral students. For information or to express interest contact The Rev. Mary Gene Boteler, [mgboteler@gmail.com](mailto:mgboteler@gmail.com), 740-704-0983.

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**Help With This Year's Coat Drive and Holiday Store.** If your church wants to help with the Presbytery's annual Coat Drive and Holiday Store, come on down! We usually meet about eight times throughout the year, planning our two big end-of-year events. Then in November we sort all the coats we have collected and then distribute the coats to Columbus City Schools, and in December we stock and set up the West High Holiday Store. All interested people and congregations are always invited to join us in our work at any time. Our next meeting is tomorrow, Thursday, March 27, 6:00 p.m. at the Presbytery office conference room. Questions? Call Patti Nussle at 614-209-5600.

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**Fill out the interest form by Tuesday, April 1st, if you plan on going.**

**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!  
<https://psvonline.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/13/2025/02/Triennium-2025-PSV-Version.pdf>

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### **Managing Self: Take Your Own Pulse First**

With an undercurrent of anxiety in our world today, how do we respond thoughtfully and faithfully while maintaining connections with those around us? How do we cultivate curiosity and flexibility in our responses to others and manage ourselves in the process?



**Join us for May 19, 2025. *Managing Self: Take Your Own Pulse First***, a daylong seminar using a Bowen Family Systems lens to engage our thinking and responses to our anxiety in our families, our communities, and in the culture. It is an invitation to observe the possibilities for strength, resilience, and capacity building in our context, during times of unprecedented change and challenge. How can we manage our response to the input of information and stress in our culture? How can we be more curious, flexible, and creative in our responses with others? It's a Hybrid workshop. Join in person or join online for a day of learning and engagement. The Presbytery is sponsoring a group to attend at the group rate for to 5 people. **Contact Emily Corzine by April 4** if you want to be part of the group. You can also register on your own! **Early bird registration ends March 31, 2025** <https://www.healthycongregations.com/2025-annual-event>  
Rev. Emily Corzine, Presbyter for Congregational Life & Transition 614-847-0565 (office) or 380-206-4822 (cell)

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

Kathy Escobar's "Turning Over Tables: A Lenten Call for Disrupting Power". We will gather on Thursdays at 1 p.m., **March 6 through April 10**. The same link will be used for each week's time together. **Every week on Thursday**, 6 occurrence(s)

**Click on the Link:** <https://psvonline.org/event/lent-study-group-turning-over-tables-a-lenten-call-for-disrupting-power-zoom/2025-03-06/>

Rev. Kathy Nice, [knice@psvonline.org](mailto:knice@psvonline.org), 614-507-2626 (mobile)

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## Special Presbyterian Women (PW)

**Gathering on April 3 by Zoom.** Join us on April 3, 2025, for a special evening to hear from a mission team (that included members from Covenant PC and Broad Street PC) on their recent trip to Costa Rica and their visit with

Mission Co-Worker Mark Hare, his wife Jenny Bent, and Karla Koll. The program begins at 7 p.m. Men as well as women are invited to this program. Register by emailing Martha Pool ([mjpool53@gmail.com](mailto:mjpool53@gmail.com)) by April 1st. A Zoom invitation will be sent out on April 2nd.

[Read the 2025 PW Spring Newsletter](#)



## [3 Steps to Be Ready for One Great Hour of Sharing](#)

### Mediation Skills Training Institute training (MSTI) from Lombard Mennonite Peace Center.

Dear Friends, I want to encourage you to consider taking the class linked below. This is the Mediation Skills Training Institute training (MSTI) from Lombard Mennonite Peace Center. We have a team of those trained in this area that provides our churches with a way to help soothe conflict. When a church has an internal conflict, we can send a pair of trained mediators to help with the situation before it gets out of control.

We do need more people who want to be trained and serve. We meet on the first Thursday of each month, either in person at the presbytery office or via Zoom, at 2 pm. We debrief from situations we have been assisting with so we can get better at what we do, and we role play to practice our skills and keep them current. As the world gets a little more contentious, we want to continue to be able to provide this conflict solution. **Will you be a part of this valuable service at the presbytery level? Ask me for more details!**

In Christ's service, Rev. Kathy Nice, Executive Presbyter

### [Cultivating the Gift of Preaching Initiative \(CGPI\)!](#)

Dear Siblings in Christ in the Presbytery of Scioto Valley! Thank you for giving me some space to share with you about the Synod of the Covenant's Cultivating the Gift of Preaching Initiative (CGPI)! CGPI is a new ministry in the Synod (launched in 2024) focused on training lay preachers. It is funded by a \$1.25m Lilly Compelling Preaching Grant. The goal of CGPI is to strengthen the witness of the Church to the good news of Jesus Christ, by identifying, training, and providing ongoing support to emerging preachers. Grace and peace to you all, Matt Bruce, CGPI Program Director

[Read more - Cultivating the Gift of Preaching Initiative.](#)

- **Presbyterian Advocacy Hour. Join us for a new monthly series - fourth Wednesday each month** hosted by the Presbyterian Church (USA). - Jun 25, 2025 12:00 PM, Jul 23, 2025 12:00 PM, Aug 27, 2025 12:00 PM, Sep 24, 2025 12:00 PM, Oct 22, 2025 12:00 PM, Nov 26, 2025 12:00 PM (Eastern Time (US & Canada))

[Register here for the full series of monthly Advocacy Hours](#)

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. 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.

**Invitation to the Vital Congregations Initiative.** For more information, email [vitalcongregations@pcusa.org](mailto:vitalcongregations@pcusa.org). Also available in Spanish. The denomination is recruiting congregations for the Vital Congregations Initiative 2.0, designed for church leaders. This program offers growth and connection through group and individual coaching sessions. It supports leaders in creating clear visions and strategies for their congregations. The initiative provides tailored support, experienced leaders, and monthly meetings to address unique church challenges. Accessible to all with minimal financial obligations, we invite you to join us.

Is your church interested in finding out more about becoming a **Matthew 25 congregation**? Contact the presbytery office - we can connect you with our Matthew 25 Ambassadors. Here is the Winter Matthew 25 newsletter. Look for the Spring edition



in April. If you have a Matthew 25 story to share, please send it to the presbytery office to [dagmar@psvonline.org](mailto:dagmar@psvonline.org)

### [Matthew 25 Winter Issue](#)

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



**Gain More Confidence When Recycling. April 16, 1:00pm-2:30pm (EST) with Amy Densborn**

**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

**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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