

## Mid-week E-News April 10, 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.



**March 5-April 20, 2025. Ending hunger, repairing after disasters, and promoting the self-development of all people.**

### 3 Steps to Be Ready for One Great Hour of Sharing

Dear Friends,

In this, our last week before our Holy Week begins, I hope that you have found some place to identify God at work in your midst. When you think of that location, tuck it in your heart, and then share that with others.

The stress of so many things in our world can distract us from what should be our focus: worship of and communication with the God who created us. It is so easy to get caught up in those distractions. It is not just us...if you read about many of the people in the Bible (especially the prophets), they spent hours lamenting what was happening in the world around them.

Maybe during Holy Week we can doodle some pictures, color some artwork, or sing some songs that bring us back to our main focus – God – and lighten our mood in the midst of the time when we recognize just how much we are beloved children of the King of kings. May you be blessed in the time leading up to Easter!

In Christ's service,  
The Rev. Kathy Nice  
Executive Presbyter, Presbytery of Scioto Valley



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## **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Faith-Leader Resilience Opportunities. 2025 Faith Leader Support Discussions**

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PSA) is continuing to offer virtual, conversational meetings that are tailored to the participants' situation in a 60 or 90-minute option. A number of Mid Council leaders have expressed the desire for an opportunity to have faith leaders. The Zoom sessions will provide opportunities for conversation, sharing, reflection, and tools for self-care and resilience in times of deep distress and uncertainty. The 90-minute program can include small-group breakout conversations.

**Pastors who are interested in a PDA facilitated conversation, email Rev. Kathy Nice [knice@psvonline.org](mailto:knice@psvonline.org)**

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## **The Commission for Justice, Outreach, and Education (CJOE)**

of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley offers a program to assist congregations that seek to be missional churches within the Presbyterian Church (USA). The **Neighborhood Mission Grant program** honors the way your congregation reaches out in the name of Jesus Christ to create more equitable and just communities. Transformative justice is relational; it is restoring people's relationships with God, with each other in community, and with the broader structures of society.

[Click here for the Grant Application](#)

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**Ways to Put your Faith into Action.** Many of you have asked about faithful ways to be engaged in advocacy in our communities. I am sharing some opportunities so you can research and get involved in ways that are meaningful for you and your communities of faith. Please contact Rev. Emily Corzine if you want more information, [emily@psvonline.org](mailto:emily@psvonline.org). (watch this space for more details about faithful advocacy in our communities)

**PCUSA Advocacy Hour: 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of Month 12noon by ZOOM**

**TOPICS/THEMES:** April 23 Hunger & Agriculture, May 28 - Education, June 25 - Israel/ Palestine, July 23 - Organizing.

[Visit our Website for more details.](#)

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**We Need YOU to Help Build Hope. Walls Build, Friday, April 25, 2025 - 3 p.m.** Second Presbyterian Church, 42 East Church Street, Newark. Matthew 25 Steering Committee Questions, call Betsy Cobb 740-334-2174. Email: [betsy764@windstream.net](mailto:betsy764@windstream.net)

**We Need YOU to Help Build Hope**

**Presbyterian Women (PW) Spring Gathering at Hanover Presbyterian Church, May 3, 2025.**

Join Presbyterian Women for a day filled with worship, talks by mission activists from Bremen-Bethel, Circleville and Hanover Churches, election of new leaders, and a special program in the afternoon – a "**Chalk Talk**" by Elva Hurst, a Mennonite, artist and speaker from Lititz, PA. Please bring an offering of Diapers (for children) for the Hanover Clothing Attic. Registration is \$20 (which includes lunch). Send check by April 25, made out to PW/PSV to Betsy Sebastian, 3259 Avalon Road, Columbus, OH 43221.



**PW Spring Newsletter**



**Chicken Noodle Dinner - Mark your calendar!! West Berlin Presbyterian Church, 2911 Berlin Station Road d., Delaware, OH 43015.** Our annual Chicken Noodle Dinner is Friday, April 25, 2025, 4:30-6:30 PM. Please come and join us for food and fellowship. We hope to see you there!!! No charge - Donations

accepted.

**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.



## 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. **Contact Emily Corzine by April 4** if you want to be part of the group. 614-847-0565 (office) or 380-206-4822 (cell) To register visit: <https://psvonline.org/event/managing-self-take-your-own-pulse-first/>

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## It's Springtime in Montreat! [celestec@montreat.org](mailto:celestec@montreat.org) Experience Montreat

There are many ways to experience Montreat. Whether you're coming for a **conference**, planning a **group retreat**, hosting a **meeting**, taking a **getaway on your own**, **hiking** through the protected wilderness, or playing in one of our **recreation** spaces, you are welcome here!

Explore this site, see what we can offer you , and if you have any questions don't hesitate to **contact us**.

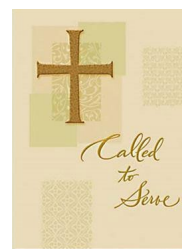
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## Commission on Ministry News

### April Ordination Celebration Anniversaries.

Throughout each month we lift up in prayer our congregations and their pastors. During the year we hope to pray for every one of our congregations and their pastoral leaders.

Mrs. Peggy Holcomb 4-3-2016. Dr. Robert J. Gustafson 4-5-2016. Rev. Mary E. Shields 4-7-1991. Rev. Taylor Barner 4-9-2017. Rev. John E. Birkner 4-9-1989. Rev. Roger C. Au 4-10-2011. Rev. Ronald N. Johnson 4-19-1999. Rev. Mary Gause 4-27-2003.



**We lift in prayer the Metro Southeast congregations and pastors. McArthur Presbyterian Church**, Worship Leader. **Middleport, First Presbyterian Church**, Worship Leader. **Nelsonville, First Presbyterian Church**, Pastor Kevin Lowry Oak Hill, **Bethel Presbyterian Church** and **Horeb Presbyterian Church**, Pastor Linda Plummer.

**Next Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Training Workshop is May 12-13, 2025.** *This free LeaderWise offering satisfies G-3.0106 Requirement for Pastors and Session.*

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**Learn More and Register**

### **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. 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 p.m. We debrief from situations, role play to practice our skill to keep them current. I invite you to **be a part of this valuable service at the presbytery level?** **Ask me for more details!** Rev. Kathy Nice, Executive Presbyter

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### **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.**

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### **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.

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**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**

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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)



**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!**

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**The Presbytery of Scioto Valley includes 83 churches with a membership of 11,795 (updated March 31, 2025).** 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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**[Click here for Presbytery Calendar.](#)**



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