

Mid-week E-News September 18, 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.

"Remember not the former things or consider the things of old. I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

Isaiah 43:18-19



Pastor Peter Okyere, Light to the Nations. A ministry supported by 1001 New Worshipping Community (NWC) and the Presbyter of Scioto Valley, dedicated to serving all eighty-four churches within the Presbytery.

View the A Light to the Nations Video.

<https://vimeo.com/1102419155?fl=pl&fe=vl>

Worthy Thoughts: Every time we come together, in our families, in our churches, across our presbytery, we're invited to put on the clothes of Christ. We put on compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. We practice forgiveness and love, even when it's hard. It isn't always easy. But if we can practice these things with each other, we can carry them out into the world. Then we participate in the world of God's new creation. And maybe the world begins to change.



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

Lectures, Workshops, Taizé Vesper Service, explore....

Register Now! Thursday, September 25, 2025, 9:00 am - 2:30 p.m. Leading A Creative and Experiential Church Workshop

Join us for a one-day workshop designed to inspire and equip you to lead your church with greater creativity, deeper storytelling, and more participatory worship experiences. Drawing on insights from the world of Disney Imagineering and the power of a narrative leadership, this workshop will help you reimagine what church can be—and give you tools to start making it happen.

[Read more and register.](#)

September 23, 7 p.m., and September 24, 10 a.m. Both lectures are open to all. No registration is required. **Methodist Theological School in Ohio (MTSO's) Williams Institute welcomes Dr. Gregory Cuéllar for two lectures.** Dr. Gregory Cuéllar is professor of Bible at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, and will be providing insight into the book of Lamentations. Both lectures are in the Alford Centrum on the campus of MTSO, 3081 Columbus Pike in Delaware, Ohio.

[Read more about this Event.](#)

Friday, September 19, 2025. Taizé Vesper Service. Come and join Indianola Presbyterian Church **every 3rd Friday at 6 p.m.**, located at 1970 Waldeck Avenue, Columbus, OH 43201.



MATTHEW 25

Saturday is the deadline to

submit information for our

Fall Matthew 25 Newsletter for the Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV). Please share information on

what recent things your churches have been doing/studying/preparing to do for Matthew 25, which includes eradicating systemic poverty,

dismantling structural racism, and building congregational vitality (along with the intersectional priorities of climate change, gender justice and heteropatriarchy, and militarism). **Please send your brief report by September 20** to dagmar@psvonline.org.

The Synod of the Covenant 2025 Matthew 25 Grants and Higher Educations Scholarship Applications are Now Open. Click on the button below. The deadline for grant applications is **September 30th!**

[Learn more and apply!](#)

WHO AM I? PSV Fall Youth Retreat.
November 14-16, 2025. New
Location: Kirkmont Center, Zanesfield,
OH. <https://psvonline.org/youth-events/>



[Click here to download the Poster.](#)

PCUSA recently hosted a webinar "**Holy Shift! Young Parents are Rethinking Everything and So Should We**" by Dr. Josh Packard, a sociologist and research director at [TryTank Research Institute](#), an initiative of [Virginia Theological Seminary](#). He took the large crowd through key findings from the [Young Adult Parents Research Project](#), "What Happens to Faith When 'Nones' Have Kids." This is great information for ALL of our churches! You can watch it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=klIPZAqW2UQ>.



Peace and Global Witness Offering September 7 - October 5, 2025

A gift to the Peace and Global Witness

Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this offering to connect with the global witness of Christ's peace. Mid councils retain an

additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used to support peacemaking, reconciliation, and global witness.

[Review the Peace and Global Witness Online Resources.](#)



**Thursday, October 2, 2025, 7:00 PM,
West Berlin Presbyterian Church, 2911
Berlin Station Rd, Delaware, OH 43015.**

Dell, Susan and Richard Hyssong travel full-time as the award-winning Hyssongs. Their energetic ministry combines family vocal harmony, humor and brass instruments

(trumpet and trombone) to delight audiences with their Christ-centered message, shared through the powerful medium of music. The family's classical music background, along with their harmony and specific chord structures, lend them a unique sound that has made quite an impact on audiences. You can hear them regularly on Southern Gospel radio stations and Sirius XM EnLighten. Free-will donations will be accepted.



Older
Wiser
Lifelong
Scholars

We invite you to our 2025 OWLS programs!

We begin our season with music! The Columbus International Children's Choir will sing on Thursday, September 25, 2025, at 7:30 p.m. ALSO!!! Sign up for our annual OWLS course

offerings held each October. Samples of topics offered this October are: 'Art of Telling Stories' (Movies), 'Lift Every Voice in Song' - Great choral music of the world and YOU TOO CAN SING!, 'How Trains Transformed the World'. For more information, go to: owls.coursestorm.com All courses and the concert will be held in-person at Ohio Living's Heritage Pointe, 645 Neil Ave. Columbus, OH. For questions call 614- 579-2557.

OCTOBER 9, 9:30 am to Noon - Catalytic Events 101: Holding Outreach Events that Cast Vision. Call to register, 614-847-0565 or

Email dagmar@psvonline.org

In this practical and inspiring workshop, you'll discover how one-time, high-impact events can do more than draw a crowd—they can help your community catch a compelling vision for what your church is becoming.

[Read more and sign up!](#)

Church Custodian, 10 hours per week. Dublin Presbyterian Church is seeking to hire a motivated person, work hours have some flexibility. Contact Karen Zent: kmzent@icloud.com

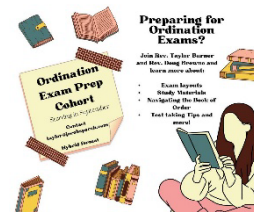
Commissions and Committee News

Commission on Justice, Outreach and Education



**The Church At The Crossroads
Turning Toward What's Next
Partners in Education (PIE) Event.**
**Saturday, January 31, 2026. Covenant
Presbyterian Church, Columbus.**

Commission on Preparation for Ministry
Are you preparing to take the Ordination Exams soon? Are you wondering how to study or where to start? Let your Ordination Exam Prep Cohort help you out! Join your fellow candidates and Rev. Taylor Barner and Rev. Doug Browne as we help you navigate the exams on how to best set yourself up for success. **Starting in September we will host a few gatherings, available both in person and online, to help candidates gain knowledge about exam layouts, study resources, navigating the Book of Order, and general test-taking strategies.** If you or someone you know would benefit from this cohort, please contact taylor@jacobsparch.com to register. All are welcome, not just Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) candidates.



Church World Service: PSV Clean Up Bucket Challenge 2025

The Commission on Justice, Outreach and Education is challenging PSV churches to complete Disaster Clean Up Buckets again this year for the CWS Festival of Sharing. **Completed Buckets should be delivered to First Community Church-Dublin Campus, 3777 Dublin Road 43221 Friday September 26, 3-5 p.m. Saturday, September 27, 9-11 a.m.** UPDATED packing list: <https://cwskits.org/assemble-kits/emergency-cleanup-buckets/> Estimate: \$75/bucket. Click here for more information and sign up for the challenge. <https://forms.gle/ntVvWZ8Lz3jcyV96>

[Presbyterian Disaster Relief Information](#)

Commission on Ministry Updates

IN PERSON BOUNDARY TRAINING for Teaching Elders, CREs, CCEs, Inquirers, and Candidates. Please **SAVE THE DATE: Monday, October 6, 2025.** Presenter: Michelle Snyder.

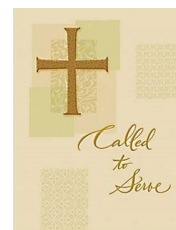
Training for **elders on presbytery committees and commissions**, and **elders in churches** will be provided later in various areas of the presbytery beginning this Fall. Watch for more details. Presenter: Rev. Dr. Jennifer Eastman-Hinkle.

November 2-4, 2025. PSV Annual Church Professionals Retreat. Theme: "*Sparkling Creativity: Bringing Our God-Given Creativity into Worship.*" Leadership: The Rev. Anna Strickland, Creative Partner for A Sanctified Art. Hocking Hills State Park Lodge & Conference Center, 20020 OH-664 Logan, OH 43138.

[Register Now for the PSV Church Professionals Retreat.](#)

September Ordination Anniversaries.

One of the ministries of the Presbytery Commission on Ministry (COM) is to support the minister members in our Presbytery by celebrating their ordination anniversaries. This month we recognize and lift in prayer the following ministers



who are celebrating the anniversaries of their ordinations to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament.

Ordination Teaching Elder

9/1/1959	Reverend Dr. A. Bruce Henderson
9/1/1963	Reverend Dr. Thomas H. McGloshen PH.D.
9/8/1985	Reverend Greg Callision
9/8/1985	Reverend J.Ross Slaughter
9/15/1985	Reverend Lawrence R. Hoffmann
9/15/1985	Reverend Jean Seitz
9/16/2003	Reverend Virginia Teitt
9/17/2019	Commissioned Pastor Thomas A. Billman
9/22/2002	Reverend Lisa Rene Eye
9/22/1985	Reverend Beverly A. Schmidt
9/22/1991	Reverend Patricia A. Stout
9/26/1971	Reverend J. Robert Gray
9/27/1987	Reverend Robert E. Martin
9/27/1981	Reverend Barbara Lou Morrison
9/27/1964	Reverend Lyndon E. Whybrew
9/28/1969	Reverend John W. Quist



Throughout each month we ask that you keep in prayer our Presbytery of Scioto Valley congregations and their pastors. During the year we hope to pray for every one of our congregations and their pastoral leadership.

- Granville, First Presbyterian Church - Pastor Wallace Bubar.
- Johnstown Presbyterian Church - Pastor Kevin Heckathorn.
- New Albany, Rose Run Presbyterian Church - Pastor Bob Armstrong.
- Newark, First Presbyterian Church - Pastor Reinita Thacker.
- Newark, Second PC - Pastors Todd Tracy and Lanie Sipes.
- Newark Woodside Presbyterian Church - Worship Leader.
- Pataskala, First Presbyterian Church - Pastor Kim Wadlington.
- Pataskala, Outville Presbyterian Church - Pastor Mary Gene Boteler.
- Utica Presbyterian Church - Pastor Terry Holbaugh.

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

**The Presbytery of Scioto Valley
includes 83 churches with a
membership of 11,795** (3-31,

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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[Read about the Core Values](#)

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 the Presbytery Calendar.](#)



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