

Mid-week E-News September 25, 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.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him,
so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Romans 15:13 NIV

Dear Friends,

Are you serving in ordained positions? Wait...not only Ministers of the Word & Sacrament are ordained. Recall that Ruling Elders and Deacons are also ordained and installed into their positions.

If you are serving in an ordained position, there are some requirements in the Book of Order that may not have hit your radar. Preparation for service includes completion of boundary training, which includes the topic of sexual misconduct, and child sexual abuse prevention training with recertification every thirty-six months.

Once you are ordained, you fall into this requirement...even if you are no longer an actively serving elder or if you are a retired clergy.

We are hosting an in-person boundary training for clergy types on October 6 (please let us know you plan to attend) from 9-12. We will be hosting in-person boundary training at various places in the presbytery for elders and deacons (this training will be more specific to your work and mission than the one for clergy).

It's time to start watching for the training times and get scheduled to attend one. Clerks of session will need to keep track of who is trained and who is not. This every three-year cycle is required by the denomination, so this is not something we should take lightly.

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



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(mobile)

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.



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>

Lectures, Workshops, Ways to Support, explore....



**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.



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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.

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!](#)

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!](#)

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.](#)

Our **Cap City Helping Hands ministry** is again collecting new and gently used coats and jackets for children and youth ages 5-17. A big Thank You to the Presbytery's PW for helping to get the word out as well distributing Coat Collection boxes to make collecting the coats a bit easier for our congregations.

How can you help? Congregations, you can set aside some funds in your 2026 budget for this Presbytery ministry. We are not funded by the Presbytery, but each year we receive gifts from \$100 to \$1,000 from congregations and with these funds we purchase coats at discount stores. **Anyone**, you can bring your coat donations to the Coat Collection box outside of the Presbytery office. Bring your coats anytime during the month of October. Thank you!

Logan First Presbyterian Church - Fill the Freezer

At the recent Hocking County Fair, Logan First Presbyterian Church participated in the annual Fill the Freezer campaign that invites buyers in attendance at the fair's livestock sale to donate their hog purchases to cover meat processing costs to fill the freezers of Hocking County's food pantries. Congregation member Christina Bond attended the county fair livestock option to purchase two market hogs to benefit the church's twice a month food pantry. Pictured are Christina and 4-H members Kayalie and Titan.



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=kIIPZAqW2UQ>.



SPECIAL OFFERINGS

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.

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

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



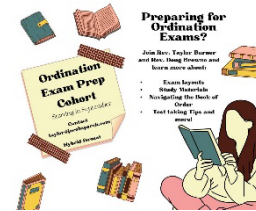
**The Church At The Crossroads
Turning Toward What's Next
Partners in Education (PIE) Event.**
**Saturday, January 31, 2026. Covenant
Presbyterian Church, Columbus.**

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.



[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.

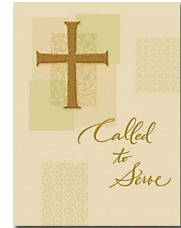
Training for **elders on presbytery committees and commissions**, and **elders in churches** will be provided later in various areas of the presbytery beginning this Fall. Watch for more details.
Presenter: Rev. Dr. Jennifer Eastman-Hinkle.

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 [**dagmar@psvonline.org**](mailto:dagmar@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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