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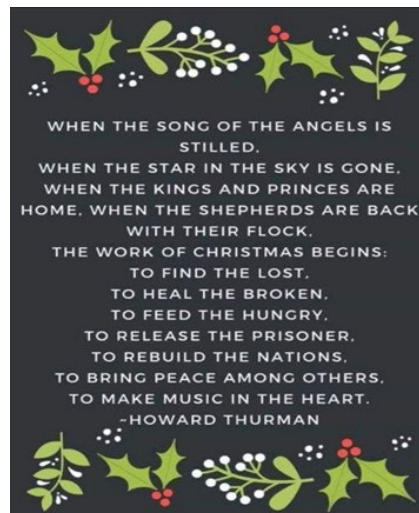
PRESBYTERY OF SCIOTO VALLEY PURPOSE STATEMENT

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 in believing".

Romans 15:12-13

"The Work of Christmas" by Howard Thurman



May the Christ child enter our hearts this Christman and empower the God's work in the world to continue.

Many Christmas blessings from the Leadership and Staff of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley.



Thank you for your generous support of the Christmas Joy Offering.

Our gifts prepare the way and smooth the path for current and retired church workers and their families in their time of critical need; and prepare the way for our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. WE are there with the leaders of our church -past, present, and future. When we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!

<https://pcusa.org/special-offerings/christmas-joy-offering#all-resources>

Breakfast on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Monday, January 19, 2026, Circleville Presbyterian Church

Circleville Presbyterian Church is pleased to invite the presbytery to a Breakfast on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Monday, January 19, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at the church (134 E. Mound St.). Rev. Ruth-Aimee Belonni-Rosano, Associate for Racial Justice of the Synod of the Covenant will be our speaker.

It's free and open to everyone! We'd love to have our presbytery well - represented as we welcome Ruth-Aimee. See attached flyer!

[Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast Event.](#)



This week's Highlight for:

"The Church At The Crossroads: Turning Toward What's Next",

our Partners in Education (PIE) Event on Saturday, January 31, 2026, at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Columbus: Looking for workshops that support your personal spiritual growth (or that of your congregation?) Check out "Rest is Resistance" and "Food for the Journey: Spiritual Disciplines for Lent". Both of those - plus six other workshops - will be offered that day. Share this

with church members and friends who are passionate about - or want to learn more about - these topics. Cost for the event is \$20, which

includes lunch. See the brochure for more information - share the news with your congregation!

[Click here to check out the workshops and REGISTER!](#)

February 1, 2026, deadline for new Neighborhood Mission Grant project proposals

The Presbytery Commission for Justice, Outreach and Education (CJOE) will once again be funding Neighborhood Mission Grants in 2026. New project proposals will be considered three times a year: February, June, and October. **Applications must be received by the first day of those months to be considered.** Proposed mission projects should deepen our Christian faith and be compatible with the mission of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) which includes being a Matthew 25 mid-council promoting the dismantling of structural racism, eradicating systemic poverty, and building congregational vitality. **The complete grant application is posted on the PSV website:** <https://psvonline.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/13/2018/03/2025-PSV-Neighborhood-Mission-Grant-Application-4.9.2025.pdf>

Employment Opportunities

First Presbyterian Church of Granville is seeking a part-time **COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR** to oversee all church communications—internal and external, print and digital. For job description, details, and application information, visit <https://www.granpres.org/employment>.

Pianist and/or organist needed for Columbus Westminster Presbyterian Church for Sunday morning worship with occasional vocal solo or duet, and special services. Contact Rev. Jon Carlisle for details at 740-502-3301 or highpocketsjtc@yahoo.com.

Our campaign launch video can be viewed here: <https://youtu.be/MNz78devTg>

Investing in the Future of the Church: An OSUKirk Capital Campaign OSUKirk, our shared, ecumenical, Presbyterian campus ministry at The Ohio State University (OSU) has launched a statewide capital campaign to raise \$3 million to permanently fund our full-time campus minister. Congregations can support OSUKirk through mission giving, by bringing a meal to Jacob's Porch, or by hosting a conversation with OSUKirk's board or campus minister. Learn more at our website below or contact Trip Porch, Taylor Barner, or Kathi Bubb. www.osukirk.org



The Commission for Presbytery Operations, Jim Hines.

WINTER PREPAREDNESS TIPS FROM CHURCH MUTUAL

Help keep your people and property safe

With widespread cold and freezing temperatures affecting many states across the nation, now is the time to take proactive steps to help your organization reduce risk and prevent costly damage.

[Tips from Church Mutual.](#)

Plan now for Healthy Boundaries Training for Elders in 2026.

Reverend, Dr. Jennifer Eastman Hinkle would like to **set up the mandatory Healthy Boundaries Training for Elders in the New Year.** If your congregation is willing host an event (typically 4 hours or less-no meals to provide, just some light refreshments, space, and access to technology) please contact her at [**jeastmanhinkle@hotmail.com**](mailto:jeastmanhinkle@hotmail.com) or call 614-204-4498 (cell). I promise it is actually a fun gathering where we engage with elders from other congregations, brush up on skills we already have, and learn more about how to promote well-being in body, mind, and spirit thanks to setting good boundaries with everyone in our lives. The last two sessions were fabulous with wonderful conversation, great questions, and even some laughter! Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings work best. We would like all Elders in the Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) to receive this training before May 2026.

Share your story/news? Congregations, Commissions and ministry teams are encouraged to submit items of interest to dagmar@psvonline.org

Commission on Justice, Outreach and Education



A new Church Officer Training Resource for you and your

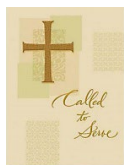
church! The Presbytery of Scioto

Valley has assembled a collection of resources that can be used for Elder and Deacon Training, including multi-week classes, (both video and written studies), plus one-off training videos, articles, podcasts, and devotionals. These can be used in groups or for individual study. Need help deciding which to use or how to use them? [Contact the presbytery office](#) for assistance.

<https://psvonline.org/church-officers-training-resources/>

We are seeking **submissions for our Winter Matthew 25 Newsletter for the Presbytery of Scioto Valley**. 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 to the presbytery office by December 28** to dagmar@psvonline.org

Commission on Ministry (COM)



December 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.

Rev. Keith Jones – 12-1-2007

Rev. Amy Miracle – 12-1-1991

Rev. Dr Edward K Lewis Sr.- 12-5-2021

Rev. Philip L. Bougher – 12-8-1974

Rev. Dallas M. Dryburgh – 12-8-1991

Rev. Laurence E. Miller Jr. – 12-17-1967

Rev. Larry L. Wickliff – 12-28-1969

Rev. Carol R. Weiss – 12-29-1967

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.



- Columbus, Highland PC - Pastor Keith Jones
- Columbus, Hoge Memorial PC - CRE Tom Billman
- Columbus, Westminster PC - Pastor Jon Carlisle
- Dublin PC - Pastor Nikki Hogarth
- Galloway PC - Pastor Thom Shuman
- Grove City, First PC - Pastor Wendy McCormick
- Hilliard PC - Pastor Kati Kinnison
- London, First PC - Pastors Desiree Youngblood and Mark Johnson
- Plain City PC - Worship Leader
- Worthington PC - Pastors Matt Reeves, Tom and Betsy Rice.

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.

www.psvonline.org

[Click here for the Meeting/Event Calendar.](#)

[Click here to contact your Presbytery Staff and Officers.](#)

[Click here to view the Presbytery Structure](#)

[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.](#)



The Synod of the Covenant
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

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[Presbyterian Disaster Relief Information](#)

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