

Mid-week E-News June 16, 2022

The Presbytery OF SCIOTO VALLEY

"Inspire, Strengthen, And Challenge Congregations For Christ's Mission." 2-18, 2020

Gracious and Loving God, We Thank You for Families...

For the guidance, support and discipline we receive through them,
for the patience, acceptance and love they call upon us to give.

We give thanks for the variety of families...For those small or extensive, for those blended or adoptive, for those headed by single parents or partners. We pray for families in crisis: May we minister to them with compassion and may your Spirit become a source of strength.

We pray for families apart: Fill their members with a love that can reach over great distances and can transcend the hurts of a broken family structure.

We pray for families growing in number or about to be formed through marriage: Bless those newly added with a home, bless those who marry with a commitment to make intention reality.

We pray for families that are happy and prosperous of spirit: Grant them continuing success and remind them that the joy they find in family life is a wealth to be shared.

We pray for durable families: Hold them up as models of hope and of sustaining love. And, we pray for the faith family, giving thanks for the heritage it has provided, thanks for the promise it bears. Nurture us with it as we strive to be in all ways your faithful children. Amen!

*(From: **Thanks Be to God: Prayers and Parables for Public Worship** by Glen Rainsley)*

2022 Presbytery Meeting Calendar

The Presbytery Conference Room is now available for hybrid meetings. Contact Dagmar in the Presbytery Office to schedule your meeting on Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

JUNE

- 16, Certified Ruling Elder Ministry Team Hybrid/Zoom **Meeting Cancelled!!**
- 16, 3-5 p.m. **Fireside Chat for Pastors**, Rusty Bucket, **(If Power is on!)**
- 20, Noon Presbytery Staff Pizza and Salad lunch meeting.
- 21, 4:00 p.m. Coordinating Team (CT) Hybrid/Zoom Meeting.
- 22, Noon, Hanging Rock Lunch in Jackson (Arch and Eddies' Restaurant)
- 26, 4 p.m., **Service of Ordination and Installation of Douglas G. Grace**, Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church of Pickerington (895 Old Diley Road)
- 27, 6:30 p.m. Cap City Helping Hands (formerly WUM)
- 28, 1:00 p.m. Commission for Nurture and Outreach (CNO) Hybrid/Zoom Mtg.

2022 Presbytery Meetings: Tuesday, September 20; Sunday, November 20.
Meetings begin at 3:30 p.m.

Your Presbytery staff persons are available in the Presbytery Office, or, by email or phone. Presbytery Office Hours, Monday-Thursday, 9 am - 4 pm.

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Presbytery of Scioto Valley YouTube channel www.youtube.com/sciotovalleypresbytery.

Commission for Presbytery Operations (CPO) Purpose: To provide organizational support to the daily operation of the Presbytery, to hold the Presbytery accountable to its members, and to comply with all state-mandated not-for-profit organizational requirements.

Current News from the Presbytery Operations HR Team...

The Search for Transitional Presbytery Leadership Begins...

From our Presbytery Commission for Operations Human Resources Team...

As our Presbytery Executive Jeannie Harsh moves toward her plans to retire from 22 years of Presbytery ministry the end of 2022, the PSV Operations HR team is beginning the important work of discerning what the presbytery will need in the coming transitional time in 2023. Watch for continuing reports and plans from your Presbytery's HR team...

[READ MORE](#)



Presbyterian Planning Calendars

This 19-month calendar contains many planning aids for pastors and other church leaders. Includes lectionary for Sundays and special days, liturgical days, liturgical colors, resource information for PC(USA) programmatic emphases, updated synod, presbytery and Presbyterian Mission Agency staff directories, color foldout synod/presbytery and world maps. Cost: \$10 per calendar.

To place your order Email dagmar@psvonline.org The calendars should arrive mid-August and arrangements for pick up or delivery can be made at that time.

Presbytery of Scioto Valley Discernment and Design Administrative Commission that was reconstituted by Presbytery at its May 15, 2022, has

begun its work. Following a training session led by Stated Clerk Reverend Bill Gause, the commission held its first meeting on June 6. They are getting to know one another with appreciation for the various experiences and abilities each will bring to this important undertaking. As required by the motion that established this commission, the first task is to identify a consultant to help in the Commission's work. Recognizing the challenges that the summer season presents, they hope to accomplish this in a timely fashion. The Commission members will do their best to keep the presbytery informed as the work progresses. Please keep all members of this important Commission in your thoughts and prayers.

International Peacemaker News...

A report from The Reverend Mary Gene Boteler... This fall our presbytery will host Fursan Ayed Zumot, the International Peacemaker from Palestine. He will be here in September. He is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL), our partner denomination in the region. Fursan Ayed Zumot serves as pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Jerusalem. He will describe the ELCJHL's efforts to support Christians spiritually and economically and to advocate for a just and lasting peace for all people in Israel and Palestine. More information will be shared soon.

The Commission for Nurture and Outreach (CNO) 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 your neighbors and community. The project should involve members of your congregation in "hands-on" ministry that builds a relationship between the congregation and the community. Grants are up to \$2,000. Applications can be submitted throughout the year. Find more information here: <https://media.myworshiptimes31.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/81/2018/03/31131614/Neighborhood-Mission-Grant-App.-March-2021.pdf>

The presbytery is updating the list of **Youth Leaders and Christian Education directors/coordinators** in our churches. Please send your information to dagmar@psvonline.org.

CAMPUS MINISTRIES AT OSU...

Some exciting news was shared at the recent presbytery meeting about our presbytery's dreams for campus ministry at OSU. For more details contact CNO Chair Kathi Bubb kathibubb@gmail.com

[READ MORE](#)

Coming Events...



225th General Assembly (2022) - June 18 - July 9, 2022

Hybrid - Committee sessions in Louisville, KY, Plenary sessions online. Pray for all of the delegates to General Assembly, the staff, volunteers and everyone involved in this important work in and for our PC(USA)!

WHAT IS IT AND WHAT DOES IT DO?

The General Assembly consists of commissioners elected by presbyteries. Half of the commissioners will be ruling elders, half will be teaching elders. Few will ever have been commissioners to the General Assembly before, but most will have served in one of the other governing bodies of our church: the session, which provides care and oversight of a local congregation; the presbytery, which provides care and oversight of a group of congregations; or the synod which provides care and oversight of several presbyteries. Read more: <https://oga.pcusa.org/section/ga/ga/>

[GENERAL ASSEMBLY DOCKET](#)

All are invited to attend this FREE workshop...

"Preaching as Sacred Conversation"

**by Rev. Dr. Craig Barnes, President of Princeton Theological Seminary.
Saturday, June 25, 10 a.m.–Noon**

Worthington Presbyterian Church, 773 High Street, Worthington.
(Please RSVP by Tuesday, June 21 to eperkins@wpcnow.org)

Part 1: The Preacher, The Congregation, and the Text.

Part 2: The Preacher's Soul.

Focus: How can preaching be less of a weekly demand for a treatise and more of a holy conversation that the pastor conducts all week long with parishioners and God?



Covenant Gathering July 10-15, 2022

Play. Pray. Rest.

at Geneva Center, IN or Online

A Week of Intergenerational Formation

<https://www.covenantgathering.com/>

Regional Gatherings...The Presbytery Youth Task Force is looking into offering three fall regional gatherings for youth in grades 6 - 12 on **Sunday, September 18** from 2:00 - 4:00 pm (ish), to be held at **Washington Courthouse First, Columbus Covenant, and Granville First**. This would be in addition to the fall retreat at Camp Akita November 12-13, 2022. Would the youth of your church be interested in attending one of these gatherings? If so, or if you have some questions, contact CNO Chair Kathi Bubb at kathibubb@gmail.com

Mark your Calendar for upcoming Matthew 25 Zoom Seminars

September 17 10:00 am - Zoom seminar on "**Matthew 25 at the Polls**" - Register here: [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0oc-yhpj8rGNTzinbgWsZQOu6eF5DVMoOW](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0oc-yhpj8rGNTzinbgWsZQOu6eF5DVMoOW)

October 15 10:00 a.m. Zoom - Incarceration in the US - Register here: [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEvdeieurz0rGtx18pkhwU0JI-ng_7PoUUZW](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEvdeieurz0rGtx18pkhwU0JI-ng_7PoUUZW)

November 5 10:00 am zoom - "I was in prison and you visited me" Panel Discussion on Prison Ministry in Scioto Valley Presbytery - Register here: [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZclduyhpgjE9cMXTeulAK12TG1cq3BAO73](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZclduyhpgjE9cMXTeulAK12TG1cq3BAO73)

Presbytery of Scioto Valley 2022 Mission Work Weeks

October 17-21 in Hampden, WV, and October 24-28 in Colcord, WV.

These mission work weeks, sponsored by our PSV Commission for Nurture and Outreach, will be hands-on basic construction work in poverty relief areas in Appalachia. The sites are two projects of the West Virginia Ministry Advocacy and Work Camps, Inc. (WVMAW). Cost for each person will be \$350 for adults eighteen & over. We hope to have 12-15 participants per team. We will travel by cars, trucks, or church vans, and will stay in group housing with shower facilities and equipped kitchens. If you are interested in joining one of these work teams, contact the Presbytery Office to receive an application form.

For questions, email: Jeannie@psvonline.org.

Coordinating Team, Purpose: To organize the life of the Presbytery, and to hold the Presbytery accountable to its mission and vision by coordinating all presbytery strategic and long-range planning activities, presbytery meeting agendas, staffing, and budget creation.

Coordinating Team Chair Jim Wilson Shares the Following...

Weapons at Church: The Unthinkable in God's House—A message from General Counsel Mike Kirk as our prayers and lamentations continue...

We like to think of our churches as places of safety and refuge. A place to commune with God and join in fellowship with our church community. There are many resources available for churches, including the following:

- **[Guide for Developing High-Quality Emergency Operations Plans for Houses of Worship \(FEMA\)](#)**
- **[Safety for Faith Based Events at Houses of Worship \(Department of Homeland Security\)](#)**
- **[Active Shooter Resources \(FBI\)](#)**
- **[Five Options for Survival \(Brotherhood Mutual\)](#)**
- **[Active Shooter \(The Insurance Board\)](#)**
- **[Developing an emergency plan for violence on church property \(Creating Safe Ministries, PCUSA\)](#)**

Congregations and mid councils should consider organizing a committee to discuss and make recommendations for safety policies and procedures.

From your Presbytery's Coordinating Team, Convener, Jim Wilson
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November 20. All meetings are scheduled at 3:30 p.m. Read more:
<https://psvonline.org/publication/2022-presbytery-meeting-dates-conversation/>

Commission for Congregational Life (CCL). Purpose: To promote and nurture healthy, faith-filled relationships within and among congregations and the presbytery through facilitation, communication, and coordination.



The Presbytery of Scioto Valley includes 86 churches with a membership of 12,996 (updated March 9, 2022). 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.

June Prayer List for Scioto Valley Congregations and Pastors

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

This month we are lifting up in prayer the following congregations and leaders:

- Pickerington Prince of Peace, Douglas Grace, Worship Leader
- Plain City Presbyterian Church, Pastor Alice Phillips
- Columbus Westminster Presbyterian Church, Pastor Doug Browne
- Delaware Concord Presbyterian Church, Pastor Ginny Teitt
- Portsmouth First Presbyterian Church, Pastor Ron Johnson
- Delaware First Presbyterian Church, Pastor Deb Patterson
- Portsmouth Second Presbyterian Church, Pastor Allison Bauer
- Delaware Liberty Presbyterian Church, Pastor Kemper Huber

Delaware Liberty Presbyterian Church, Pastor Julie Johnson

Commission for Church Professionals (CCP) Events. Purpose: CCP works to foster the faith and vitality of those who are called to professional ministry—pastors, associate pastors, designated pastors, interim pastors, honorably retired teaching elders, stated supply, temporary supply, teaching elders in specialized ministry, inquirers, candidates, commissioned ruling elders, certified Christian educators, and ministers at-large.



One of the ministries of the Presbytery Commission for Church Professionals (CCP) is to support the minister members in our Presbytery by celebrating their ordination anniversaries. This month we recognize and lift up in prayer the following ministers who are celebrating the anniversaries of their ordinations to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament in the month of June.

[List of Celebrants!](#)

Annual Church Professionals' Retreat

This year's retreat designed for pastors and church educators will be held on November 13-15, 2022, at the Deer Creek State Park Lodge.

Visit <https://psvonline.org/events/annual-church-professional-retreat/>

Commission for Nurture and Outreach (CNO) News, Updates and Upcoming Events. Purpose:

To provide and nurture educational, connectional, and outreach opportunities, which promote growth in discipleship, encourage congregational mission partnerships, and support special areas of ministry, such as peacemaking, youth and campus ministry.

Matthew 25 Opportunities...

This PC(USA) Initiative encourages congregations to focus on building congregational vitality, dismantling structural racism, and eradicating systemic poverty. For more opportunities check out the complete list here:

<https://psvonline.org/publication/matthew-25-is-alive-and-well-in-our-presbytery/>

New confirmation curriculum for Matthew 25 churches.

Confirmation for the Matthew 25 Congregation: Commissioned to Change the World. <https://pres-outlook.org/2022/02/matthew-25-congregation-confirmation/>



**WHAT IS THE SELF-DEVELOPMENT of PEOPLE
COMMUNITY GRANT?**

The Self-Development of People (SDOP) program of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) provides small "start-up" grants to informal community groups of seven or more members. SDOP grants are designed for groups whose members are financially underserved and function as self-governing units seeking to improve their own economic well-being and empowerment. Grants may range up to \$2000.

[LETTER AND GRANT APPLICATION](#)

On the Road to the 225th General Assembly, June 18 - July 9, 2022

As the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) approaches another historic General Assembly, church leaders are making sure that all voices are heard across the denomination. The theme for this GA is "From Lament to Hope".

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