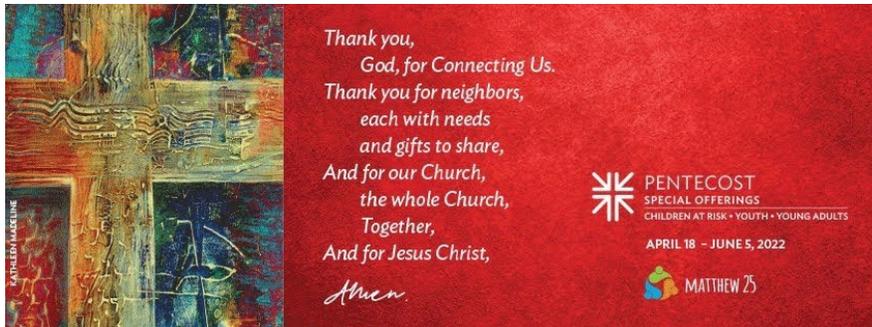


Mid-week E-News June 2, 2022

The Presbytery OF SCIOTO VALLEY

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

PENTECOST SUNDAY - JUNE 5, 2022



Pentecost Offerings April 19-June 5, 2022. *I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, ...to give you a future with Hope. -Jerimiah 29.1*

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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!](#)



Each month the pastors in the southern part (Hanging Rock area) of our Presbytery are invited to gather for lunch, conversation and support. The May gathering was held at the **First Presbyterian Church in Ironton** on May 25. Pastor Carson and wife Christine Hunt, hosted this gathering with home-made pizzas, warm fellowship and an inspiring sing-a-long with pastor and family colleagues and the Ironton Church organist. All pastors in the southern churches are especially invited to these gatherings. Watch for the email with the plans for the 4th Wednesday of June lunch gathering.

June Prayer List for Scioto Valley Congregations

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 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.

The Search for Transitional Presbytery Leadership Begins...

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

It is safe to say we were all surprised by Jeannie Harsh's recent announcement regarding her plans to retire from 22 years of Presbytery ministry the end of 2022. We think most of us would agree that while we are saddened by our loss of such a dedicated, longtime employee, we're happy for Jeannie as she starts a new phase in her life. Many of you may be wondering what is next and how we plan to replace Jeannie...

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Current News

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

Thoughts and Wisdom from our Friend and Colleague, Lisa Allgood, Executive Presbyter, Cincinnati Presbytery.

Friends, this is a note I'd hoped was over! COVID cases are climbing again across the country – the sub-variants of Omicron are rising again. Like Omicron, they are highly infectious but generally cause slight symptoms in those who are fully vaccinated.

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Presbyterian Planning Calendar

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.

UPDATES

Fall Curriculum video now online

Educators in our presbytery had a great conversation last week about new ways we might think about planning for fall programming, as well as sharing ideas for specific curriculum and resources.

You can watch the video here on our presbytery YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LzrSPpVBSg&t=37s>

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.

And so much more....Please share your Matthew 25 Project. Called to be Easter People - A Matthew 25 Challenge UPDATE.

We are in the final week of our "We are Easter People Challenge"! **Condit Presbyterian Church has participated in volunteering sewing for elderly and infants, food pantry, and food distribution.** What is your church doing to serve "the least of these: those who hunger, those who thirst, those who are sick, those who are strangers, those who are imprisoned, those who are naked"? The goal of the "We Are Easter People Challenge" is for Scioto Valley congregations to jointly log 2022 hours of Matthew 25-related mission service during the seven week-period between Easter and Pentecost. Please send in the hours that your church has worked on Matthew 25 projects to the presbytery office at dagmar@psvonline.org. Please include your church name, the project, how many total hours, a contact person, and an email.

CAMPUS MINISTRIES AT OSU...

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

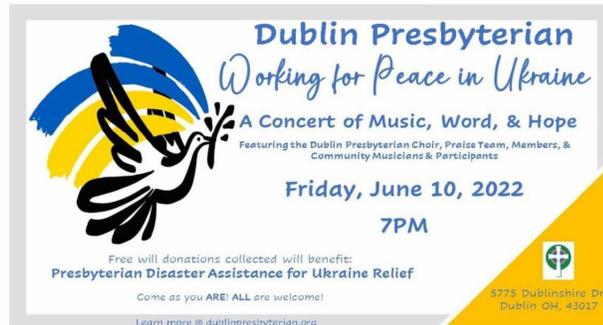
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Future Events...

June 10, 2022 at 7 p.m.

Dublin Presbyterian Church

will host a concert to raise funds for Ukraine. The money collected will benefit the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for Ukraine Relief. It will be held at 7 p.m., and will feature DPC and Columbus community musicians and readings. There will be a combined large choir, solos, duets, small ensembles, and inspirational scripture and readings to round out the evening. All are invited to come and join us!



All Scioto Valley Presbytery friends, pastors, colleagues, and other interested parties are invited to attend this FREE workshop.

"Preaching as Sacred Conversation" Rev. Dr. Craig Barnes, **President of Princeton Theological Seminary. Saturday, June 25, 10 a.m. – Noon**, at 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? All these words come together in the crucible of the pastor's soul, so how does that soul stay healthy? This workshop is made possible by WPC as a part of the Sabbatical Program for Rev. Dr. Julia Wharff Piermont.



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

14, 10:00 a.m. Older Adult Ministry Task Team Zoom Meeting.
16, Certified Ruling Elder Ministry Team by Zoom Meeting.
16, 3-5 p.m. Fireside Chat for Church Professionals, Rusty Bucket, Clintonville
20, Noon Presbytery Staff lunch meeting.
21, 4:00 p.m. Coordinating Team (CT) Hybrid/Zoom Meeting.
27, 6:30 p.m. Cap City Helping Hands (formerly WUM)
28, 1:00 p.m. Commission for Nurture and Outreach (CNO) Hybrid/Zoom Meeting.

2022 Presbytery Meetings:

Tuesday, September 20; Sunday, November 20.

All meetings begin at 3:30 p.m.

Your Presbytery staff 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.



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

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Synod of the Covenant is in need of an **Organizer of Synod Communities of**

Color? It is a half-time position for a term of approximately a year.

Interviews will start around the first of July. Here's the

information: <https://synodofthecovenant.org/2022/05/10/the-synod-is-hiring-an-organizer-of-synod-communities-of-color/>

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.

From your Presbytery's Coordinating Team, Convener, Jim Wilson

2022 Presbytery Meeting Dates : Tuesday, September 20; Sunday,

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.

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.

Coming Event:

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. Grants may range up to \$2000. SDOP grants are designed grant to informal community group of seven or more for groups whose members are financially underserved and function as self-governing units seeking to improve their own well-being and empowerment.

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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