

Mid-week E-News June 23, 2022

The Presbytery OF SCIOTO VALLEY

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



"Now faith is assurance of things hoped for, a conviction of things no seen." - Hebrews 11:1



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

Prayers for the Presbytery of Scioto Valley Commissioners to the 225th General Assembly (2022) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

PSV Teaching Elder Commissioners:

The Reverend Ron Johnson, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Portsmouth

The Reverend Dr. Mark Parsons, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Gallipolis

PSV Ruling Elder Commissioners:

Elder Sara Ebinger, First Presbyterian Church, Gallipolis

Elder Ella Bryan, Indianola Presbyterian Church, Columbus

PSV Young Adult Advisory Delegate:

Isabella Eileen Crego, Circleville Presbyterian Church



The Presbytery of Scioto Valley invites you to the service of ordination and installation of Douglas G. Grace, June 26, at 4:00 p.m., at the Prince of Peace Presbyterian of Pickerington, 895 Old Diley Road, Pickerington, OH 43147.

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...

The PSV Operations HR team is beginning the important work of discerning what the presbytery will need in the coming transitional time in 2023 following Jeannie Harsh's retirement from her Presbytery staff position the end of 2022. Watch for continuing reports and plans from your Presbytery's HR team...

[READ MORE](#)

2022 Presbytery Meeting Calendar

The Presbytery Conference Room is now available for hybrid meetings, especially with leaders who have some tech knowledge. Contact Dagmar in the Presbytery Office to schedule your meeting on Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

JUNE

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, 6:00 p.m. Cap City Helping Hands (formerly WUM)

28, 1:00 p.m. Commission for Nurture and Outreach (CNO) Hybrid/Zoom Mtg.

JULY

4, Independence Day - Presbytery Office Closed

11, 12:30 p.m. Commission for Church Professionals (CCP) Hybrid Meeting.

11, 3:00 p.m. Commission for Congregational Life (CCL) Zoom Meeting.

11, 3:00 p.m. Commission for Presbytery Operations (CPO) Hybrid Meeting.

12, 10:00 a.m. Older Adult Ministry Task Team Zoom Meeting

14, 10:00 a.m. Certified Ruling Elder Task Team Meeting

19, 4:00 p.m. Coordinating Team (CT) Hybrid/Zoom Meeting

21, 3:00 p.m. Fireside Chat - Rusty Bucket, Clintonville.

25, 6:30 p.m. Cap City Helping Hands (formerly WUM)

26, 1:00 p.m. Commission for Nurture and Outreach (CNO) Meeting.

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.

Jeannie Harsh, Executive Presbyter, jeannie@psvonline.org, Cell: 614-562-1775.

Bill Gause, Stated Clerk, statedclerk@psvonline.org

Bob Patterson, Treasurer, treasurer@psvonline.org

Dagmar Romage, Administrative Assistant, dagmar@psvonline.org

John Wyckoff, Financial Assistant, accounting@psvonline.org

Website: www.psvonline.org - Presbytery Office: 614-847-0565.

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



MATTHEW 25

UPDATE...

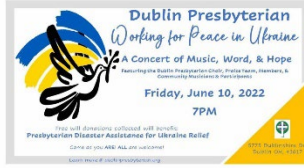
By Kathi Bubb, Chairperson, Nurture and Outreach

The numbers are in - and our presbytery smashed our plans of getting 2022 hours by accumulating over 3000 hours of Matthew 25 service to our communities! Helping refugees, collecting and serving food, working in community gardens, driving people to doctor appointments, assembling chemo comfort bags, baking cookies for a senior center, collecting hygiene items for schools and the juvenile detention center, distributing clothing and diapers, building a home with Habitat for Humanity, sponsoring Toddler Time for the community, knitting caps and scarves for those in need, purchasing toys for the Christmas Toy Store - and that's just in the time from Easter to Pentecost from 11 churches, plus Presbyterian Women and Cap City Helping Hands!! Imagine the power of all of the churches in our presbytery when we combine to be the hands and feet of Christ! **Our new challenge** - don't rest on your laurels! Consider new and creative ways that we can live out Matthew 25 of the rest of 2022 and into the future.



PRESBYTERY PRAYER LINE

Each Tuesday morning a small group from across the Presbytery gathers via phone at 10:00 A.M. for a short devotional and shared prayer. Rev. Don Pendell leads the devotional. The group recently switched to a free conference phone system making it easier for you to join in. Please put it in your calendar and join us by calling 240-591-0333 and then when prompted enter 783190# on any Tuesday at 10:00 A.M. We have a time of a brief devotion, sharing prayer concerns, praying together, and closing with the Lord's Prayer and benediction. (It varies in time from 15-30 minutes depending on the prayer concerns).



Dublin Presbyterian Church Ukraine

Fundraiser was a great success. The turnout included a lot of folks from beyond the Dublin congregation. The program, performances, and contributions brought in \$7,034 for Ukraine. Thanks to CRE Peggy Holcomb and music director Shane Trace for their excellent work with this program.

Employment Opportunity

London First Presbyterian Church, we are looking for an Administrator for our child care center. The job description can be found at <https://www.londonfirstpres.org/about-4> . Send resume to londonfirstpres@gmail.com .

Coming Events...

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?



Advanced Boundaries Training have been updated to be September 13-14, 1:30 to 4:00 pm both days, by Zoom. Folks can learn more/register here: [Leadership Development Workshops - Synod of the Covenant](#).

Join Synod LeaderWise Practicum on Adaptive Leadership for Church Leaders, Beginning August 4

This workshop introduces church leaders to adaptive leadership and asks them to work on a challenge in their system. We will gather the first Thursday of the month from **August through November (9:00 to 3:00)**, and participants will put the concepts into practice in between large group gatherings. Excellent for

church Sessions or presbytery teams to join together, it will also be helpful for individuals looking for learning, feedback, accountability, and support.

Click here to learn more or

register: <https://synodofthecovenant.org/leadership-development-workshops/#adaptive-leadership-workshops-and-practicum>.



Covenant Gathering July 10-15, 2022

Play. Pray. Rest.

at Geneva Center, IN or Online

A Week of Intergenerational Formation

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

International Peacemaker News...

A report from The Reverend Mary Gene Boteler... This September our presbytery will host Fursan Ayed Zumot, the International Peacemaker from Palestine. 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.

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-yhpi8rGNTzinbgWsZQOu6eF5DVMoOW>

October 15 10:00 a.m. Zoom - Incarceration in the US - Register here: 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.

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
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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.

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.

Lois Farrand Sensenbrenner (1932-2022) - Celebration of Life Service
Lois was the beloved wife of the Reverend Edward Sensenbrenner. A Celebration of Life and Witness to the Resurrection will be held on Saturday, June 25, 2022, at 2:30 p.m. at the Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church, 2930 W. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43204. Memorials may be given to the Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church.

FYI: IRS Mileage Rate to Increase July 1

The IRS has announced that the mileage rate will increase to \$.625.

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.

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](#)

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>

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](#)



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