

Mid-week E-News August 4, 2022

The Presbytery OF SCIOTO VALLEY

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



Our Prayer for the day... Loving God, we are the seeds of your vision for the church. Give us courage to be honest and open. Help us hear one another with love and compassion. Give us wisdom to know when to be silent and when to speak out. Help us to see your love and work in our midst.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA) RESPONDS TO DESTRUCTIVE FLOODING IN MULTIPLE AREAS...

Presbyteries in Kentucky, Virginia and Missouri in need of support...

LOUISVILLE — The devastating flooding in eastern Kentucky that took the lives of at least 37 people is part of a series of flooding events that Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is offering support and prayers for. Members of PDA's National Response Team will travel to eastern Kentucky this weekend and have also responded to last month's flooding in western Virginia, said the Rev. Jim Kirk, PDA's Associate for National Disaster Response. Read more:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/pda-responds-to-destructive-flooding-in-multiple-areas/?>

The Presbytery of Scioto Valley welcomes the Reverend Dr. Christopher Atwood as the senior pastor of the Delaware Liberty Presbyterian Church. Pastor Chris is originally from the Pacific Northwest. He holds degrees from Whitworth University, Princeton Theological Seminary, and Wheaton College and has served churches in Miami, FL and San Clemente, CA. He and his wife, Jenn, have two kids, Grace (6) and Theodore (4). The Atwood family is happy for the opportunity to be a part of the Liberty family of faith.





Per Capita Giving is an important financial commitment in the PC(USA). With this financial support, the presbytery, synod and general assembly can make a difference in the world. Per Capita and Mission giving are the ways all Presbyterians share the costs of the whole church, support administrative and mission ministries, and give meaning to the interdependent nature of being Presbyterian.

We all thank you for your support!



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 August.

- The Reverend Catherine M. Bogue HR - **8/2/1998**
- The Reverend Joan Bolinger- **8/8/2009**
- The Reverend Gordon E. Johnson HR - **8/10/1958**
- The Reverend Leland Platt - **8/11/2002**
- The Reverend Karen J. Chakoian - **8/19/1984**
- The Reverend Arthur A. Reed HR - **8/20/1989**
- The Reverend Dr Nancy Jo Dederer - **8/25/1991**



Bethany Presbyterian Church

206 N. Garfield Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43203
Saturday, August 6th, 2022, 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

**The Bronzeville Push for Peace
hosted by Pastor Edward Lewis.**

<https://www.bethanycolumbus.com/bronzeville>

Circleville 200th Anniversary- September 10, 2022

Saturday, September 10th

6:30pm Community Hymn Sing-Along

Sunday, September 11th

11:00am Worship Service

12:30pm Catered Buffet Banquet \$15/person, call or email the church to RSVP

Tuesday, September 13th

11:00am Ringing of the steeple bell 200 times to commemorate the 200th Anniversary



ALL ARE WELCOME!

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>.

This week's update from the PSV Discernment and Design Administrative Commission by Reverend Mary Jane Hitt, Co-Chair...

As directed by the Presbytery, the Discernment and Design Administrative Commission has taken a big step, hiring a consultant to work with the Commission. After interviewing two highly recommended firms, we hired "Holy Cow! Consultants", a local firm from Westerville that works with churches and presbyteries across the United States. The first step in the process involves a "Landscape" assessment of the presbytery. This assessment, scheduled to begin after Labor Day, is designed to determine areas of health as well as those that need attention. Details regarding this step will be forthcoming. As always, please continue to keep us in your prayers. Our next meeting is scheduled for August 29, 2022.

2022 August Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) Meeting Calendar

8, 3 p.m. Commission for Presbytery Operations (CPO) Zoom Meeting.
9, 10 a.m. Older Adult Ministry Task Team Zoom Meeting.
9, 4 p.m. Coordinating Team (CT) Zoom Meeting.
18, 1:30 p.m. Certified Ruling Elder Task Team Hybrid Meeting.
18, 3 p.m. Fireside Chat - Rusty Bucket, Clintonville.
22, 6:30 p.m. Cap City Helping Hands (formerly WUM).
24, Noon. Hanging Rock Area Lunch Gathering, Athens Company Store.
27, PSV PW Summer Gathering, First Presbyterian Church, Portsmouth, Ohio.
29, 12:30 p.m. Commission for Church Professionals (CCP) Zoom Meeting.
29, 3 p.m. Commission for Congregational Life (CCL) Zoom Meeting.
29, 7 p.m. Discernment and Design Administrative Commission by Zoom.
30, 1 p.m. Commission for Nurture and Outreach (CNO) Hybrid 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.

Available: 100 Presbyterian Hymnals (1990 edition). Contact Alice at Newark Hanover Presbyterian Church, 740-763-2619.

COMING EVENTS...

Faith Formation in a Post(ish) Pandemic World

How are you feeling?

Are you feeling overwhelmed as you consider the reopening of your Sunday school, youth group and/or mid-week programming for the fall?

We hear from many church leaders that they are.

This is absolutely to be expected given all that our churches have weathered over the past two and a half years as we have strived to provide all the programming and care we can during this pandemic.

When: Thursday, Aug.25th at 7pm. Register in advance for this meeting:

[READ MORE to register for this event...](#)



Summer Gathering will be held August 27

PW/Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) Summer Gathering will be held August 27 at First Presbyterian Church in Portsmouth. Theme: Pursuing God's Dream. Guest speaker will be the Rev. Laura M. Cheifetz from Nashville who will introduce this year's Horizon Bible Study: *Celebrating Sabbath*. Cost is \$15. Send reservation by August 20 to Nancy Shuster, 3660 Colonial Drive, Hilliard, OH 43026.



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

International Peacemaker News...

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. **He will be sharing at several places around the presbytery, including:**

Sunday, September 18 - Covenant Presbyterian Church. Preaching and leading adult class.

Monday, September 19 - Luncheon at First Presbyterian Church in Waverly.

Tuesday, September 20 - Sharing at the Presbytery meeting.

Wednesday, September 21 - Evening visit with New Albany Rose Run Presbyterian Church. **Watch for more details.**

UPDATED INFORMATION: Presbytery Youth Ministry - As you plan for your fall youth ministry (for youth in grades 6-12), be sure that these presbytery events are on your calendar:

Sunday, September 18, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. (ish)

Regional Gatherings at Washington Court House First Presbyterian Church, Columbus Covenant Presbyterian Church, and Granville First Presbyterian Church.

Saturday, November 12 - Sunday, November 13, Fall retreat at Camp Akita (\$80 deposit by October 17). More details soon, or contact CNO Chair Kathi Bubb at [**kathibubb@gmail.com**](mailto: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/tZ0ocyhpj8rGNTzinbgWsZQOu6eF5DVMoOW>

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

here: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEvdieurz0rGtx18pkhwU0JI-ng_7PoUUZW

November 5 10:00 am oom - "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/tZclduyhpqjE9cMXTeulAK12TG1cq3BAO73>

SIGN UP NOW! 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 (adults eighteen & over only). 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 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 a Transitional Presbytery Executive Leadership Begins

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

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

[READ MORE](#)

Presbytery of Scioto Valley Treasurer's Report, July 2022

Bob Patterson, PSV Treasurer, and Jim Hines, CPO Chairperson

As of the end of June in the halfway point of the year, the Presbytery has received 43% of the budgeted income. Per capita income is just above 50% of the budgeted income. Income from the commissions and basic mission is lower. The Presbytery has incurred 35% of the budgeted expenses. Commission and Coordinating Team (CT) expenses are particularly low. This year the presbytery is currently running a surplus of \$28,931 against a budgeted deficit for the year of \$67,374.

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.

August 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:

Gahanna Mifflin Presbyterian Church, Pastor David Bubb.

Utica Presbyterian Church, Pastor Terry Holobaugh.

Gallipolis First Presbyterian Church, Rev. Dr. Mark Parsons II.

West Rushville Rushcreek Presbyterian Church, Worship Leader.

Hilliard Presbyterian Church, Rev. Katie Kinnison.

Washington Court House First Presbyterian Church, Rev. Steven Brand.

Galloway Presbyterian Church, Rev. Thom Shuman.

Washington Court House McNair Presbyterian Church, Worship Leader.



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. Please put it in your calendar and join us by calling 240-591-0333 and then when prompted enter

783190#. We have a time of a brief devotion, sharing prayer concerns, praying together, and closing with the Lord's Prayer and benediction.

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.

Annual Church Professionals' Retreat for PSV Pastors and Church Educators... 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.

Calling All Caring Kids! Seeds of Caring empowers kids to create a kinder, more connected community with their hearts, hands and minds - and we'd love to partner with you! Here are two ways to spread caring this year...

1. One Time Service Projects
2. The Kindness Corp

For more information and Year at a glance group-friendly anywhere service projects read more ----->

Calling All Caring Kids!



Are you still looking for **curriculum for children, youth, adults or intergenerational gatherings for this fall?** Do you need help in ordering items? Here's an informative video from the PCUSA that talk about several resources

available, . https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NHg33QwEx1M&list=PLP_kF3ijY-e_7qFs0ugh75G5bocDGrB4V

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->



Matthew 25 UPDATES

We celebrate the 1,000th congregation to join the Matthew 25 Initiative of the PC(USA) to build congregational vitality, dismantle structural racism, and eradicate systemic poverty. Churches from our presbytery include Columbus Broad Street Presbyterian Church; Sunbury Condit Presbyterian Church; Athens First Presbyterian Church; Delaware First Presbyterian Church; Granville First Presbyterian Church; Grove City First Presbyterian Church; London First Presbyterian Church; Waverly First Presbyterian Church; Columbus Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church; Columbus Indianola Presbyterian Church; Columbus Overbrook Presbyterian Church; Plain City Presbyterian Church; Newark Second Presbyterian Church; Delaware West Berlin Presbyterian Church. More information can be found here: **<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/>** You can also contact the presbytery office to find a Matthew 25 Ambassador who can come to your church to answer questions.

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/>**

Employment Opportunities

Dublin Presbyterian Church is interviewing for a **part-time Office Manager**. For more details visit **<https://www.dublinpresbyterian.org/>** or contact Karen Zent at **Kmzent@aol.com**.

Columbus Overbrook Presbyterian Church is searching for a Director of Children's Ministry, part-time. For more information please contact John Kratz, Overbrook Personnel Committee, **jkratzcol@gmail.com** or 614-395-9437.

[Position Description - READ MORE](#)

Director of Faith Formation, First Presbyterian Church Granville, Ohio . The First Presbyterian Church of Granville, OH is seeking a Director of Congregational Faith Formation. This full-time position is designed to deepen faith and strengthen connections for the congregation, including children and their families. Applicants may send a cover letter and resume in care of Doris Porter First Presbyterian Church, 110 W.

Boulevard Presbyterian Church located in Grandview Heights has an open position for a part-time office manager. The job description can be found at: <https://blvdchurch.org/about/careers/>. For questions, please contact Mac Swinford at Office@blvdchurch.org

Broadway, Granville, Ohio 43023; office@granpres.org. A full job description may be found on www.granpres.org.

Hanover Presbyterian Church is in search for a part-time administrative assistant. Brief Job Description: 16-20 hours a week, 4 days a week, \$15 an hour. The administrative assistant is responsible for coordinating all church office activity. If interested please email your resume to Jim Lawrence at lawrencj@roadrunner.com



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 \$2, 000.

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