

Mid-week E-News September 1, 2022

The Presbytery OF SCIOTO VALLEY

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

**Where is hope to be found? In five life-altering words:
"I am with you always."**

Paul David Tripp - New Morning Mercies



International Peacemaker to Visit the Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) in September.

The Planning Team is continuing to set up and offer opportunities for our Presbytery members and friends to meet with the Rev. Fursan Ayed Zumot, the International Peacemaker from Palestine, who will be visiting in our presbytery in September. Fursan is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and

the Holy Land (ELCJHL), our partner denomination in the region, and serves as pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Jerusalem. He will be speaking on the church's efforts to support Christians spiritually and economically and to advocate for a just and lasting peace for all people in Israel and Palestine at the following places - all are welcome to attend:

- **Sunday, September 18** at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 2070 Ridgecliff Road, Columbus, Ohio for the adult education program at 9 a.m. and the worship service at 10 a.m.

- **Monday, September 19** at First Presbyterian Church, 211 Schmitt Drive, Waverly, Ohio, for a free luncheon and program at Noon.

Please RSVP secretary.1stpc.waverly@gmail.com or call the church office at 740-947-2905.

- **Tuesday, September 20** at First Presbyterian Church, 4227 Broadway, Grove City from 2:15 - 3:00 p.m. for a pre-presbytery event. No registration needed. <https://psvonline.org/events/the-rev-fursan-zumot-palestine/>



SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Peace & Global Witness Offering September 4 - October 2, 2022

A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this Offering to connect with the global witness of Christ's peace. Mid councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.

Peace is doing, not waiting. Peace begins with each of us.

To learn more about the Peace and Global Witness Offering visit:

<https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/peace-global-witness/>



PSV Discernment and Design Team Update...

Rev. Mary Jane Hitt and Elder Larry Mead, Co-Chairs

September is here, and so the Landscape Assessment Survey will soon be in your hands. Look for it the week of September 12. The survey will be distributed to all church professionals, Presbytery commission members, Presbytery staff, and clerks of session. Then pastors are asked to share the survey with their congregants. Your Discernment and Design team is excited about this opportunity to learn what folks across the Presbytery are thinking about our work together. Thanks for your participation, and, as always, keep us in your prayers.



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 September.

The Reverend Dr A. Bruce Henderson HR – 9-1-1959

The Reverend Thomas H. McGloshen PH.D. HR – 9-1-1963

The Reverend Greg Callison – 9-8-1985

The Reverend J. Ross Slaughter – 9-8-1985

The Reverend Lawrence R. Hoffmann HR – 9-15-1985

The Reverend Jean Seitz HR – 9-15-1985

The Reverend Virginia Teitt- 9-16-2003

The Reverend Beverly A. Schmidt HR – 9-22-1985

The Reverend Patricia A. Stout HR – 9-22-1991

The Reverend Alice L. Phillips – 9-25-1994

The Reverend J. Robert Gray HR – 9-26-1971

The Reverend Robert E. Martin – 9-27-1987
The Reverend Lyndon E. Whybrew HR – 9-27-1964
The Reverend John W. Quist – 9-28-1969

Circleville Presbyterian Church Celebrates 200th Anniversary

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!

Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV)

FALL MISSION WORK TRIPS CANCELLED FOR 2022...

For the safety and health of our Presbytery members and leaders, the Commission for Nurture and Outreach (CNO) has regretfully decided to cancel this year's fall mission work trips in West Virginia. However, CNO leaders are looking into offering Mission Work Days throughout our presbytery in 2023. We feel that this could connect churches with various social programs in our region, while connecting members in different congregations to one another. Contact Kathi Bubb, chair of CNO, kathibubb@gmail.com if you have ideas for mission work days, and you'd be interested in helping to plan these events.

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, Matthew 25 programs, and more from our presbytery.

2022 September Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) Meeting Calendar

- 5, Labor Day - Presbytery office closed.
- 6, 10 a.m. Older Adult Ministry Task Team Zoom Meeting.
- 6, 4 p.m. Coordinating Team (CT) Zoom Meeting.
- 6, 7 p.m. Discernment and Design Administrative Commission by Zoom.
- 12, 3 p.m. Commission for Presbytery Operations (CPO) Hybrid Meeting.
- 15, 1:30 p.m. Certified Ruling Elder (CRE) Task Team Hybrid Meeting.
- 15, 3-5 p.m. Pastors' Fireside Chat - Rusty Bucket, Clintonville.

20, 3 p.m. Presbytery Meeting, Hybrid, First Presbyterian Church, Grove City.
26, 6:30 p.m. Cap City Helping Hands (formerly WUM).
27, 1 p.m. Commission for Nurture and Outreach (CNO) Hybrid Meeting.
28, Noon. Hanging Rock Area Lunch Gathering in Jackson.

2022 Presbytery Meeting

Sunday, November 20. Meeting begins 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.



News and Updates from the Synod of the Covenant

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](#).

Would a \$5,000 grant strengthen your church in its ministries to build congregational vitality and/or to dismantle structural racism and/or eradicate systemic poverty? If so, apply by September 30 for the Matthew 25 Grants from the Synod of the Covenant. [Click here for more information](#)

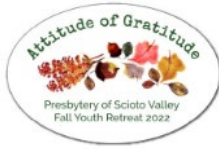
Join Synod LeaderWise Practicum on Adaptive Leadership for Church Leaders. This workshop introduces church leaders to adaptive leadership and asks them to work on a challenge in their system. **We will gather the first Thursday, September 1, October 6, and November 3 (9:00 to 3:00)**, and participants 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>.

Presbytery Youth Ministry Events on September 18

There is no charge for this event, and it is not too late to sign up for one of our two regional youth gatherings on Sunday, September 18, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., for youth in grades 6 - 12, at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Columbus and First Presbyterian Church in Granville. The main purpose of the two events is for the youth in different churches to get to know one another again, so there will be lots of games, some snacks, and a short

worship time. We need to know ASAP approximately how many people you will be bringing and which church you plan to attend. It is expected that each church will send at least one adult per six youth.

Contact Kathi Bubb kathibubb@gmail.com with your information.



Mark your calendars for our Fall Youth Retreat. "Attitude of Gratitude"

Saturday, November 12 -Sunday and November 13
at Camp Akita (\$80 deposit due by October 17).
For more details contact CNO Chair Kathi Bubb
at kathibubb@gmail.com

[Click here for Camp Akita informational flyer.](#)

Mark your Calendar for upcoming Matthew 25 Zoom Seminars

October 15, 10:00 a.m. Zoom - Incarceration in the US - Register here: https://us02web.zoom.us/join/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/join/register/tZclduyhpjgjE9cMXTeulAK12TG1cq3BAO73>

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 Leader Has Begun..
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](#)

Safety Solutions for Your Ministry Workshop

The Insurance Board is presenting a loss control workshop at First Congregational Church in downtown Columbus on September 9th.

It started with inviting a rep from the Federal Government's Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) [Homepage | CISA](#)

They will also discuss financial controls, abuse prevention and some Human Resource information. All churches are invited but at some point, it might get filled-up.

[Click here to learn more and register.](#)

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 87 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.



West Berlin Presbyterian Church hosts a Gospel Music Concert with the award-winning Hyssongs

Wednesday, September 14, 2022, 7:00 PM

West Berlin Presbyterian Church, 2911 Berlin Station Road, Delaware, OH 43015. Free will offering will be accepted. Dell, Susan, and Richard Hyssong travel full-

time as the award-winning Hyssongs (<https://thehyssongs.com/>).

Their energetic ministry combines family vocal harmony, humor, and brass instruments to delight audiences with their Christ-centered message, share through the powerful medium of music.



September 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:

Granville First Presbyterian Church, Pastor Karen Chakoian.

Waverly First Presbyterian Church, Pastor Jane Johnson.

Wellston First Presbyterian Church, Pastor John Pelletier.

Westerville Central College Presbyterian Church,
Pastors Malcolm Davis, David Redding, and Jim Zippay.
Grove City First Presbyterian Church, Pastor Robert Tolar Jr.
Westerville First Presbyterian Church, Pastor Mark Gauen.
Harrisonville Presbyterian Church, Pastor David Faulkner.
Wilkesville Presbyterian Church, Pastor John Pelletier.



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.

Theme: You are Loved, Empowered and Deployed with the Reverend Saleem Ghubril. 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.

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](#)

Employment Opportunities in our Congregations.

Grandview Heights Boulevard Presbyterian Church is seeking 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

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

Reynoldsburg Unity Presbyterian Church is in need of an **organist/accompanist**, to accompany all regularly scheduled and special services. This is a part-time position, approximately 6 hours per week, and will require an interview and demonstration of keyboard skills. Annual Salary: \$6,240. Send Resume and/or cover letter to Worship

Chair Linsie.rose89@gmail.com, or secretary@parkviewpresbyterian.org



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.

[LETTER AND GRANT APPLICATION](#)

IF YOU HAVE A CAUSE THAT'S CLOSE TO YOUR HEART, YOU CAN FIND A WAY TO HELP IN THE GIVING CATALOG.

If it matters to you, it matters for others. If it matters for others, it matters to God. Your passion transforms to action through a variety of meaningful and impactful gifts. Love gardening? Are you an advocate for supporting women's empowerment? Would you like to be a part of healing and hope through art and education? Look no further — it's all right here.

<https://presbyteriangifts.pcusa.org/>



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