

The Presbytery OF SCIOTO VALLEY

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

God's Word Works. "God said"...And it was so. God's Word is always fruitful. God doesn't just try. God does. When God speaks, things happen – both within us and around us. Listen. Genesis 1.9



Have you registered yet for a listening session? This is your opportunity to make your voice heard as we consider the future of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley. Registration is open to anyone who is interested, whether or not you took part in the Landscape Assessment survey of the past few weeks. **We need more folks to participate. [Please register now!](#)**

These listening sessions will be conducted by Zoom, so you won't need to travel to take part. They are organized by role, so we ask you to sign up for the session that best aligns with your role in the church/Presbytery. If your schedule cannot accommodate that time slot, please sign up for another session.

Active Clergy, November 8, 10-noon

Retired Clergy, November 8, 1-3pm

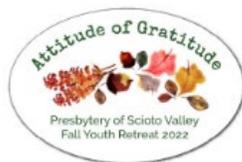
Session Members & Ruling Elders, November 9, 6:30-8:30 pm

Presbytery Leadership, November 10, 6:30-8:30 pm

Deacons & Congregation Members, November 14, 6:30-8:30 pm

[Please click here to register.](#)

We thank you for lending your voice to this important work.



Deadlines approaching for our Fall Youth Retreat! "Attitude of Gratitude" at Camp Akita

Saturday, November 12 - Sunday and November 13

We look forward to seeing our youth on Saturday, November 12-13 at Camp Akita for our Fall

Youth Retreat "**Attitude of Gratitude**" and will spend time together in both large and small groups, singing, playing, praying, reflecting on scripture, and growing together in Christ. **An \$80 deposit is due by October 17. Between October 17 and October 30, registrations are \$100.**

For more details contact CNO Chair Kathi Bubb at kathibubb@gmail.com

1. **Group Hold Form (one form per church)**
 2. **Youth & Adult Chaperone Individual Registration Form**
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THIS Saturday Zoom meeting on Matthew 25 Zoom and Prison Ministry

"I was in prison and you visited me..." That familiar line from Matthew 25 challenges us as we seek to find ways to serve those who have been found guilty of breaking the law. Join the Commission for Nurture and Outreach as we present a two-part series on Incarceration and ways that we can respond as people of faith.

- **On Saturday, October 15, at 10:00 a.m., on Zoom**, we will explore "Matthew 25 and Prison Ministry", exploring the realities of racism and poverty in our current prison system. We will also hear from Juan Martinez, Director of Development and Communications with Kindway, who himself spent time in prison. Register for this Zoom conversation at **https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEvdEURz0rGtx18pkhwU0JI-nq_7PoUUZW**

- **On Saturday, November 5, 10:00 a.m., on Zoom**, we will have a Panel Discussion on Prison Ministry in Scioto Valley Presbytery, where churches will share the various ministries in which they are engaged with people who are still in prison and those who have recently been released. - Register here: **<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZclduyhpjgjE9cMXTeulAK12TG1cq3BA073>**



Presbyterian Women (PW) of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) Fall Gathering, October 22, 9:30 a.m.- 2:30 p.m., Mifflin Presbyterian Church, 123 Granville Street, Gahanna.

Pursuing God's Dream - of a Future with Hope

Guest speaker: Jonathan Ross of Huckleberry House who will talk about the needs of young people who have aged out of foster care and others who find themselves homeless and how they are helping them find hope.

Worship Leader: Rev. Emily Corzine (Vice Moderator of PSV).

See Fall Newsletter for information on how to register by Oct.

15: **<https://tinyurl.com/v9vwmuny>**

New and Upcoming Titles from Flyaway Books

Flyaway Books, the children's book imprint of Presbyterian Publishing Corporation, has three new picture books this fall! Read below to learn more about our Fall 2022 releases and get additional information about our upcoming Spring 2023 picture books!

[Read More.](#)

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. [Event Flyer and Registration.](#)



Coats for Kids - It is Getting Colder...

Join other congregations in the Presbytery by contributing new or gently used coats to the Presbytery's Cap City Helping Hands annual coat drive. Cap City works hand-in-hand with the Columbus City Schools' nurses, social workers, and counselors to supply these school staff with 10-20 emergency-use coats at each school in Columbus. The purpose is to empower these front-line staff to use their judgment and give a coat to a kid who needs one.

You can bring your coats to the Presbytery office. Or you can bring your coats to our drop off sites. On **Saturday, October 29, 2022**, Cap City will be at **Covenant P.C. and Overbrook P.C. from 9am – 12noon**, to collect coats from the community and from congregations. Or you can donate money! Each \$20 can be turned into a new coat, or about three used coats from local thrift stores! Just send a check to the Presbytery and made out to the Presbytery and note in the memo that it is for Cap City Coats. Questions? Text or call Patti Nussle at 614-209-5600. Thank you!

"Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it. — Song of Solomon 8:7



**PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)

urges your support this hurricane season. In the wake of catastrophic impacts from Hurricane Ian, recovery is ongoing in places hit by Hurricane Fiona, including Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic and Cuba. Storms are becoming more frequent and more severe, and this early in the hurricane season we

must prepare for these broad and anticipated catastrophes that have not yet formed. Give today to enable our response, from emergency needs through the long-term recovery phase. The needs for the response will be great. God's people are called on to stand in the "GAP" — Give. Act. Pray. **Read more.**

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.

2022 Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) Meeting Calendar October

- 18, 4 p.m. Coordinating Team Zoom Meeting.
- 20, 10 a.m. Certified Ruling Elder (CRE) Ministry Team Zoom Meeting.
- 22, PW Fall Gathering at Mifflin Presbyterian Church, Gahanna.
- 24, 6:30 p.m. Cap City Helping Hands (formerly WUM).
- 25, 1 p.m. Commission for Nurture and Outreach (CNO) Hybrid Meeting.

Presbytery Meeting, Sunday, November 20, 2022, 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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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.

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.

Would you like to learn more about Israel and Palestine?

Last spring, this presbytery, through the Commission on Nurture and Outreach, supported the Rev. Mary Gene Boteler and the Rev. Dr. Rick Nutt's journey to Israel and Palestine. The primary focus of the trip was to listen to

the voices of local Christians, meet with Palestinians working for peace and justice, and consider how the church in this country can support the Palestinian struggle for dignity and freedom. Mary Gene and Rick are eager to visit churches in the area, either preaching or providing programs, for those who would like to learn more about Israeli/Palestinian issues and our own denomination's response. For information or to schedule contact: mgboteler@gmail.com, rnutt@muskingum.edu



It's not too late to apply for a Neighborhood Mission Grant from the The Commission for Nurture and Outreach (CNO) of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley for 2022! This grant is to assist congregations that seek to be missional churches within the Presbyterian Church (USA). It 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 below.

[Click here for the Neighborhood Mission Grant Application](#)

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.

Employment Opportunity. First Presbyterian Church of Marysville is searching to employ a pianist and/or organist  for their 10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Services. This is a paid position. A basic knowledge and skill in playing selected hymns and special music is essential. Should you, or anyone you know be interested, please contact Robert Sements via messenger or call 937-645-0701 for more detailed information.

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.



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:

Amanda Presbyterian Church, Pastor Chris Piper
Amesville New England Parish
Athens Alexander Presbyterian Church
Iberia Presbyterian Church
Athens First Presbyterian Church, Pastor Robert Martin
Lithopolis Bloom Presbyterian Church, Katherine Hill
Ironton Presbyterian Church, Pastor Carson Hunt
Logan First Presbyterian Church, Pastor Diane Baldwin
Jackson First Presbyterian Church, Pastor John Birkner
Bloomingburg Presbyterian Church

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.



News and Updates from the Synod of the Covenant
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, 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>.

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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