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*Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God,
who made heaven and earth, the sea,
and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever.* - Psalm 146:5-6 (NRSV)

Dear Friends,

I am going to ask you to do a check-up for your congregation over the next several weeks. This check-up is important at this time after the pandemic, as many congregations had not had a serious check-up even before the pandemic. Just as you get regular check-ups to keep track of your own health, let's take a look at the health of your "mission outpost" congregation.



Kathy Nice

First check-up question: is your congregation doing mission? Is that mission hands-on or money/goods given in support of another mission? Is the investment in that mission AT LEAST one-tenth of all the donations given to your congregation in the course of a year?

In the great co-mission (Matt 28:19), Jesus did not call us to sit in the pews once a week and donate to someone else doing the work. Jesus called us to GO into the mission field. That mission field is right here...in Scioto Valley. We don't have to pack up our belongings and go to someplace exotic to serve. But we do need to get our hands involved as well as our wallets. How is your congregation doing in this?

Each of our congregations is placed in a different location for the ability to serve different populations, but it does not mean we serve alone. Is your

congregation working with another congregation (Presbyterian or not) in service? Have you considered inviting others to join you in doing your mission?

Sometimes when the budget gets tight, we close in on ourselves. We save up our donations to cover our basic expenses and toss mission out the window. Unfortunately, that also takes with it our passion for being involved in Kingdom work. We forget why we serve God; we forget how much God loves all people, and we cannot see outside of our own survival. God gives in abundance, not in limited amounts. There is a lesson there we need to learn about continuing to walk by faith and trusting God to provide.

I'm headed to Old Stone in Delaware this coming Sunday.
Hopefully, I will see you soon!

In Christ's service,
The Rev. Kathy Nice, Transitional General Presbyter
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Request for Prayer.

Many of you reading this know Dagmar Romage, the voice of the presbytery phone! Dagmar is our voice of history and the face many recognize when they sign in for presbytery meetings or other events. She is the backbone of our connectedness and has been since 2004. She is also in need of our prayers and possibly some help.

Dagmar's husband of 39 years, Bob, has had a recurrence and spreading of his cancer. This time the doctors have told him that he may or may not live through this summer. He is currently at home in care of hospice. His ability to freely move and do is impacted as one of the sites of the cancer is in his back. Bob has come to terms with knowing his time here is coming to its close and has a relationship with Jesus. In the meantime, their grandson has been diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma, requiring in-patient chemotherapy of five days at a time every few weeks.

In caring for Dagmar and Bob, we can keep their family in prayer. Bob is also concerned that some things he would have normally done around the house he will not be able to do. These are one-time projects. If you or a team from your church might be interested in offering some help (physically or monetarily), we certainly will help Bob to know that we truly do come alongside each other when the chips are down. He wants to take care of Dagmar even as he wrestles with not being able to do the work himself.

If you are interested in helping in any way, we are working through Dagmar's home church, Westerville Central College PC, who will receive monetary gifts

through any noted "PSV Benevolences" and will coordinate possible workers/teams who might be able to offer physical help. You can reach out to Bob Patterson at treasurer@psvonline.org for more information. Thank you for your prayers!

In Christ's service,
Kathy Nice



Want to support the Campus Ministry at OSU this year? *Sign your church (or small group) up to bring a Sunday Night Meal to our ecumenical campus ministry Jacob's Porch! You can sign up for one or more of the listed Sundays here: [JACOB'S PORCH DINNER SIGN UP](#)*

Details:

- We will need enough food to feed approximately 20 people not including members in your groups.
- We ask that vegetarian options be provided (the whole meal can also be vegetarian if that is easier for your preparation process.)
- There are nut allergies present in our community currently but no other allergies noted at the moment. I will make sure to notify you if that changes.
- We have utensils (serving & eating), plates, bowls, cups, etc. No need to bring any of these items.
- Drinks are optional, we have water and sometimes crystal light/lemonade, but if there is a desire to bring a specific drink, we welcome it!

If you have any questions, or would like to get a jumpstart on signing up for Spring semester as well, shoot a message to sammib929@gmail.com
Pastoral Associate, Jacob's Porch

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 12,817 (updated March 20, 2023). 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.



Regarding Ruling Elders: A Monthly Series for Serving Faithfully - *valerie izumi - June 15, 2023*

Have you noticed there is now one single ordination and installation service for deacons, ruling elders, and ministers of the Word and Sacrament? The Rev. Dr. David Gambrell, associate for worship in the denomination's Office of Theology and Worship, explains:

One Theology of Ministry



Presbyterian Planning Calendar 2023-24. Place Your Order Now.

Shipping date is late July, Cost: \$10 each,
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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.

Commission for Church Professionals News, Updates and Upcoming Events. Purpose: 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.

Share your story/news? Congregations, Commissions and ministry teams are encouraged to submit items of interest to dagmar@psvonline.org

Mark Your Calendar for Future Events....

**SMALL CHURCH
ZOOM CONVERSATION**
Wednesday, July 12, 2023,
7 p.m. by Zoom.
Register for zoom link
at bit.ly/PSVSmall

SAVE THE DATE !
**Presbytery of Scioto Valley
Picnic at the Farm.**
**Saturday, July 22, 2023 @
Nelsonville.**
More details to follow!

Upcoming Synod Programs and Ministry.



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**SAVE
THE DATE!**



Presbyterian Women (PW)
in the Synod of the Covenant Gathering
August 4–5, 2023 ,
First Presbyterian Church, Findlay, Ohio.



With the theme **Walking in New Shoes**, **Presbyterian Older Adult Ministries Network Conference (POAMN's)**

2023 conference hopes to inspire you to serve God, your church, and your community in different ways. Join us September 14 and 15, 2023, at Grosse Ile Presbyterian Church outside of Detroit.

- Explore new paths with local and international service organizations.
- Enjoy worship time for your soul.
- Join in conversations with other older adults and leaders of older adult ministries.

Many details about the conference including registration are available now on our [website](#). **See the agenda and speaker list!**

2023 International Peacemaker – September 15-21, 2023.

Once again, Scioto Valley Presbytery is welcoming an International Peacemaker, Amira Barham. You may read about Amira below. Her itinerary will fill up quickly; if your congregation would like to host her for an event, please contact the Rev. Mary Gene Boteler, mgboteler@gmail.com or call/text 740-704-0983. Amira will be engaged with the Israel/Palestine Mission Network on September 18 and will attend the presbytery meeting on September 19. [Read all about Amira Barham.](#)

"Come and See! Go and Tell! Pilgrimage to Israel/Palestine.

November 30-December 12, 2023. The Presbytery of Scioto Valley and the Presbytery of Miami Valley are co-sponsoring a study pilgrimage to Israel/Palestine with an optional extension to Jordan in November 2023. Registration will be limited to 20. See the brochure and registration form. Here is the link:

<https://psvonline.org/event/pilgrimage-to-israel-palestine-come-and-see-go-and-tell>

For additional information, contact Rev. Boteler at mgboteler@gmail.com.



Join our Presbytery-wide Prayer Group that meets by phone each Tuesday at 10:00 AM. The group prays for our Presbytery, its churches, and other concerns raised by the group. Simply call 240-591-0333 and when prompted enter code 783190#. The group is led by Rev. Don Pendell.

Commission and Ministry Team Meetings

[Click here for the Website Calendar](#)

July

- 3, 12:30 p.m. Commission for Church Professionals Zoom Meeting.
- 3, 3:00 p.m. Commission for Congregational Life Zoom Meeting.
- 4, Independence Day - presbytery office closed.
- 10, 3:00 p.m. Commission for Presbytery Operations Hybrid Meeting.
- 11, 10:00 a.m. Older Adult Ministry Team Zoom Meeting.
- 12, 7:00 p.m. **Small Church** Zoom Conversation by Zoom.
- 13, 1:00 p.m. Nominating Committee Zoom Meeting.
- 18, 4:00 p.m. Coordinating Team Zoom Meeting.
- 22, Presbytery Picnic at the Farm @ Nelsonville. Details TBA.
- 25, 1:00 p.m. Commission for Nurture and Outreach Zoom Meeting.

2023 Presbytery of Scioto Valley Meeting Dates

September 19, 2023, Columbus, Covenant Presbyterian Church
November 28 (TBA)

Scioto Valley Presbytery staff is working in the office, and available by email or phone. The Presbytery Office Hours, Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Website: www.psvonline.org - Presbytery Office: 614-847-0565.

[Click here to contact your Presbytery Staff and Officers.](#)

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.

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.

Special Offerings Season in 2023.

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If it matters for others, it matters to God.

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