

## Mid-week E-News August 17, 2023



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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)

### **20th Anniversary Celebration Columbus Ramseyer Presbyterian Church August 20, 2023**

The celebration would climax on August 20th, 2023, with a Thanksgiving Service from 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with the Reverend Dr. Justice A. Ofosuhene. Ramseyer Presbyterian church is located at 3228 Westerville Road, Columbus, Ohio.

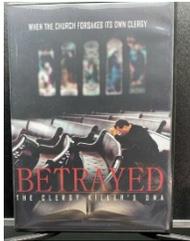


### **Attention Clerk of Session. Get ready for Session Records Review.**

We have set three opportunities to review the session records. These are: **Sunday, August 20, 2:00-4:00 p.m.** First Presbyterian Church, 210 W 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Marysville, OH 43040. **Sunday, October 22, 2:00-4:00 p.m.** First Presbyterian Church, 13 Mead Drive, Chillicothe, OH 45601. **Saturday, October 28, 11:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m.** Glen Echo Presbyterian Church, 220 Cliffside Drive, Columbus, OH 43202.

**Boulevard Presbyterian Church is sponsoring a Johnson's Real Ice Cream** truck at the church (located at 1235 Northwest Boulevard) on August 20 from 11:00a.m. till 12:30 p.m. The church is inviting the community to come by for free ice cream and to meet our new head minister, Tiffany Komasa. Here is the Facebook event link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/881944022925571?accontext>

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## Movie Screening and Discussion for Pastors When the church forsakes its own clergy. (Zoom registration link)

August 22, 2:00 PM ([bit.ly/PSVAug22](https://bit.ly/PSVAug22)) or  
September 21, 2:00 PM ([bit.ly/PSVSept21](https://bit.ly/PSVSept21))

The anxiety in today's church culture has created an environment which fosters the growth of Clergy Killer dynamics. Together, let's learn to identify how this happens and then let's support one another as we reduce the anxiety in our setting.

Dear Friends,

**Do you have groups of friends that do the same activities that you enjoy?** I do... I had a good group of golf ladies, and we would make sure we took at least one day a year to go play 18 holes of golf, followed by spa appointments at the spa that was located within the clubhouse. What fun we would have! Those days made up for lots of rough weeks!



**Do you have groups of church representatives that work together?** I know something I'm looking forward to is the Rise Against Hunger event that the Licking County churches are doing together at the end of September. I'll be there to support and participate! I spent some time getting to know more about the Cap City Helping Hands, where several of our Columbus churches work together to provide coats to students through the school nurses. I know that other churches are helping with Overbrook church's hygiene connection, where items are donated to help supply communities in need with deodorant, soaps, and other items that are not covered by SNAP benefits.

**Maybe mission isn't your thing. Maybe Bible study is.** Do you participate in a Bible study in your church? Have you invited other churches to come and join you? Maybe music is your thing. Have you held a hymn-sing and invited other churches to participate (not just to attend, but to participate in leading)?

**There are a whole lot of wonderful opportunities in our churches.** Even our smallest churches have great ministries happening. One of the blessings of being in a connectional system is that we can work together, play together, worship together, and see the small offerings we bring grow and do amazing things for God's kingdom! I get so excited about this! Will you share some of

your ideas and activities that are working well? I would like to acknowledge them.

**How can we continue to grow?** We can keep our shared activities in prayer. Even if you can't GO and DO, you can be part of the prayer warrior team!

In Christ's service, The Rev. Kathy Nice, Transitional General Presbyter  
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Presbyterian Disaster Assistance  
and the Presbytery of the Pacific  
respond to deadly fires on Maui  
**The Red Cross has asked PDA to**

**be on standby with a team of spiritual care providers**

by Mike Ferguson | Presbyterian News Service

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/presbyterian-disaster-assistance-and-the-presbytery-of-the-pacific-respond-to-deadly-fires-on-maui/>  
<https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/hawaii-wildfires/>

## Regarding Ruling Elders: A Monthly Series for Serving Faithfully - Use Me, God

valerie izumi - August 15, 2023

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As Presbyterians we understand that the ministry of prayer is an essential aspect of our baptismal calling. In a recent edition of **Regarding Ruling Elders**, we were reminded that ruling elders — who are charged with the nurture of the congregation — can and should lead the prayers of intercession and supplication (Book of Order, W-3.0308).

Laurene Chan, a ruling elder at the **Presbyterian Church in Chinatown**, in San Francisco, believes that being prayerful while preparing a liturgy and practicing its delivery builds confidence and trust in it. She finds that centering herself and praying, **"OK, God; use me,"** helps her trust that God will use her to do amazing things.

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## **Granville First Presbyterian is looking for a part-time**

**Children's Music Director.** We are restarting the Children Music program and have 15-20 elementary age kids on a regular basis.

Pay range starts at \$5000, increased with experience. Interested parties may submit resume and or questions to Philip Everingham, Director of Music: [peveringham@granpres.org](mailto:peveringham@granpres.org)



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## **Worthington Presbyterian Church Welcomes Guest Preacher, Reverend CeCe Armstrong**

Pastor CeCe is a pastor at St. James Presbyterian Church in Charleston, SC, and an energetic, national leader with the PC(USA). Unable to attend in person? Watch the livestream or recording on the church's YouTube channel

([bit.ly/wpcservices](https://bit.ly/wpcservices)).

## **Worthington Presbyterian Church (WPC) Seeks Director of Music Ministry**

WPC is seeking a full-time Director of Music Ministry (DMM) who will guide the music program, using music to support and enhance the congregation's worship experience. The DMM will guide individuals of all ages in meaningful musical endeavors, fostering an enhanced grasp of faith and its connection to music. View a job description [here](#).

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**Attention Educators – Youth Directors – Pastors – Faith Formation Directors. Let's go on a field trip!** Our trip to Broad Street Presbyterian Church was so successful last Spring, we are doing it again on September 14, this time at Covenant Presbyterian Church. **We will meet at 10 a.m., Thursday, September 14,** at 2070 Ridgecliff Road, Columbus. We will look at their Prayer Ground space, poke in the closets and check out classrooms. It's a great way to see how others do Faith Formation/CE at other churches.

**RSVP** to Erin Wise at [erinwise@covenantpcusa.org](mailto:erinwise@covenantpcusa.org) by September 12. We will order box lunches (\$15) or you can bring a brown bag lunch.

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As you are setting up your budgets for 2024, consider supporting **Old First Presbyterian Church (Columbus)** Four Seasons City Farm! For local delivery, they provide floral bouquets in a subscription service over 5- or 10-week periods. Large, special-order bouquets are also available. To learn more, email [libby@libbydietrix.com](mailto:libby@libbydietrix.com), call 614-218-5613, or visit [www.fourseasonscityfarm.org](http://www.fourseasonscityfarm.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 12,817 (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.



## **Book of Order 2023-2025** **The Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Part II.**

The Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) consists of two parts: Part I is *The Book of Confessions*, and Part II is *The Book of Order*.



This book is Part II of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). This volume contains the Foundations of Presbyterian Polity, the Form of Government, the Directory for Worship, and the Rules of Discipline. The Book of Order is available as a free download or to purchase in book form. **Download the Book of Order** or contact the presbytery office to purchase your hard copy, available to you for \$8.00 each.

**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.

**This workshop is for Pastors, CRE's, worship leaders, and those who are responsible for planning or overseeing worship in our churches. September 26, 2023, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.,** at

Worthington Presbyterian Church in Hazleton Hall, enter double doors on the north side of the building.(lunch included, \$5 per person requested)

***Preaching to Those Walking Away. N. Graham Standish***

will present an in-person workshop for those wrestling with leading churches during this time of Nones and Dones and the Spiritual but Not Religious, Graham will use material from his newest book, "*Preaching to Those Walking Away*", to guide us to find ways to speak to others in this new era.

[Please register here by September 20](#)

**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.*



Columbus, Covenant Presbyterian Church, Pastor Joel Esala  
Hilliard, Presbyterian Church, Pastor Katherine Kinnison  
Sunbury, Condit Presbyterian Church, Pastor Wayne Morrison  
Delaware, First Presbyterian Church, Pastor Emily Corzine  
Delaware Liberty Presbyterian Church, Pastor Christopher Atwood



**Join our Presbytery-wide Prayer Group** that meets by phone each Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. 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 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.

## Global Mission News from Message from Mark Hare and the PCUSA NEWS

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### 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. [Read all about Amira Barham.](#)

If your congregation would like to host her for an event, please contact the Rev. Mary Gene Boteler, [mgboteler@gmail.com](mailto: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, 2023.

[AMIRA's Schedule](#)

**Share your story/news?** Congregations, Commissions and ministry teams are encouraged to submit items of interest to [dagmar@psvonline.org](mailto:dagmar@psvonline.org)

## Mark Your Calendar for Future Events....

[Upcoming Synod Programs and Ministry.](#)

[SOC@SynodoftheCovenant.org](mailto:SOC@SynodoftheCovenant.org)

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. Many details



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



## **[Youth Winter Retreat at Camp Akita](#)**

**Saturday, November 18 @ 9 a.m. through  
Sunday, November 19 @ 1 p.m.**

Camp Akita 29746 Logan-Hornsmill Rd, Logan, OH.

Watch for Registration Late Summer.

For more information please contact the Reverend Steve Brand

- [SBrand@pts.edu](mailto:SBrand@pts.edu).

## **Commission and Ministry Team Meetings**

[Click here for Website Calendar.](#)

### **August**

22, 1:00 p.m. Commission for Nurture and Outreach Zoom Meeting.

29, 6:30 p.m. Cap City Helping Hands, Covenant Presbyterian Church.

31, 3-5 p.m. Church Professionals Fireside Chat, Rusty Bucket, Clintonville.

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### **2023 Presbytery of Scioto Valley Meeting Dates**

September 19, 2023, Columbus, Covenant Presbyterian Church.

November 28, 2023, Washington Court House, First Presbyterian Church.

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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.

[Special Offerings Season in 2023.](#)

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