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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)

**"Greetings from Jacob's Porch campus
ministry at the Ohio State University and
from the Rev. Taylor Barner!"**

Taylor joins the Presbytery of Scioto Valley as the new Presbyterian campus minister with Jacob's Porch, an ecumenical student ministry in partnership with the Lutheran, Methodist, and Mennonite denominations. Taylor is a graduate of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, having previously served as Associate Pastor at First Presbyterian Church of Burlington, North Carolina, and Campus Minister for UKirk-Wesley Student Fellowship at Elon University. Taylor is thrilled to move into full time campus ministry at OSU and looks forward to building new connections with our students and congregations. Please feel free to call, text, or email Taylor using his contact information below."



In Christ,
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The Hygiene Connection@Overbrook Church (OPC) is holding a drive thru donation drive this coming **Saturday, August 26, from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**

Our stocks of deodorant, toothpaste, and shampoo are low. Please help us provide these items to our helping agencies: CRC - The

Clintonville-Beechwood Community Resources Center, NEMAP and Neighborhood Services. Access the church driveway from Crowell Road.

OPC HYGIENE CONNECTION



Dear Friends,

Schools are in session again (or soon will be). Move-in days at the colleges have parents with weary backs and aching legs from going up and down steps. And the heat of summer is settling in. The seasons are confidently proclaiming that God is faithful to walk with us through the seasons, through the changes in our lives.

It is now time to take stock. The harvest is coming! How many canning jars will be needed? Do we have seals and lids? Do we have enough freezer bags or bushel baskets for our bounty? I remember fondly (if stickily!) peach canning time at my grandma's house. We kids peeled the skins off after the peaches had been blanched. The juices would run, the peaches were hot to the touch, our fingers would become "like prunes" from all the hot liquid. But we all worked together in grandma's kitchen, each person contributing toward the job of canning bushels of peaches for the upcoming winter. And oh, great it would be to have "fresh" peach pie all winter long!

It is time for our churches to take stock too. The harvest is coming! With students returning to school, many families are ready to return to the habit of church attendance, even around football games and wrestling matches. Faces we haven't seen because they have been camping or visiting elsewhere are coming back. There will be those who wonder if they have even been missed. When was the last time you looked at your church membership rolls or directory? Who haven't you seen in a while? Would you be willing to make a call to let the people know they have been missed?

It is also time to do the seasonal preparations. We will soon be digging out the Christmas trimmings, which were packed away briskly in January. On our way to those boxes, you may notice other boxes in the way or even behind the wreaths. What is in the box? Is it something that is still important to the church? It is historically significant (and no, sorry, bulletins for the last one hundred years are not historically significant - only those from specific events like anniversaries)? Is it related to the church finances of the last seven years (giving envelopes from longer ago are not relevant)? Is it the original building blueprints (those are important to keep!)?

Time keeps on moving, whether we are ready or not. God is doing a new thing, whether we are ready or not. Change means a loss, giving up things that made us comfortable. Change also might introduce something about which we can be especially passionate. Are you ready to harvest?

In Christ's service,
The Rev. Kathy Nice, Transitional General Presbyter, Presbytery of Scioto Valley. 614-847-0565 (office) or 614-507-2626 (mobile)

My position is funded by the generous donations of members and churches who fund our per capita budget. Together we can do more!



Your Discernment & Design team has been meeting throughout the summer and is now finalizing its recommendations regarding the staffing plan, commission structure and budget for the Presbytery of Scioto Valley. We have listened to you in our effort to discern where God is leading, and we look forward to sharing our design

recommendations when Presbytery meets on September 19, 2023, at Columbus Covenant Presbyterian Church. We continue to ask your prayers as we do the work you have set before us.

INTERESTED IN LEARNING SOMETHING NEW? "OWLS" ANNOUNCES ITS 2023 SEASON OF COURSES . OWLS (Older, Wiser, Lifelong Scholars)

is accepting enrollment for its 28th season of diverse and unique 2-day and 1-day courses for seniors who want to learn new things and make new friends. Supported by Ohio Living Westminster-Thurber, these 8 courses will take place during the month of October in the new Heritage Pointe building at 655 Neil Ave. Tuition for a 2-Day course is \$30.00 per course, and for a 1-day is \$15.00. Optional lunch (\$16.00) and snacks are also offered.

This year's courses, taught by regional and national experts in their fields, involve sessions on **Artificial Intelligence (AI), Climate Change, Poetry, Appalachian Folk traditions, Cybersecurity, "What Makes a Hero", and Names, Image, and Likeness in Sports**. The season will kick off with a concert on September 27 of Appalachian folk music, by the Paul Brown Appalachian Folk Group.



The courses are engaging and fun, so consider taking one or more courses this October and becoming an OWLS! For more information, on the courses, dates, faculty, and registration forms go to: www.owls.coursestorm.com or call (614) 579-2557.

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.



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/>

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](#).

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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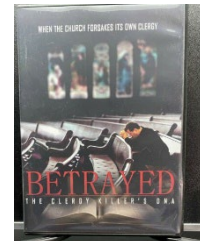
Commission for Church Professionals News, Updates and Upcoming Events. Purpose: To foster the faith and vitality of those who are called to professional ministry pastors, associate pastors, designated pastors, interim pastors, honorably retired teaching elders, stated supply, temporary supply, teaching elders in specialized ministry, inquirers, candidates, commissioned ruling elders, certified Christian educators, and ministers at large.

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

September 21, 2:00 PM (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.



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.

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 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

Mark Your Calendar for Future Events....

[Upcoming Synod Programs and Ministry.](#)

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.

Commission and Ministry Team Meetings

[Click here for Website Calendar.](#)

August

22, 1:00 p.m. Commission for Nurture and Outreach Zoom Meeting.
27, 2-5 p.m., Discernment and Design Team Administrative Commission.
29, 6:30 p.m. Cap City Helping Hands, Covenant Presbyterian Church.
31, 12noon Hanging Rock Lunch, Chillicothe
31, 3-5 p.m. Church Professionals Fireside Chat, Rusty Bucket, Clintonville.

September

4, 12:30 p.m. Commission for Church Professionals Zoom Meeting.
4, 3:00 p.m. Commission for Congregational Life Zoom Meeting.
11, 3:00 p.m. Commission for Presbytery Operations Hybrid Meeting.
10, 1:00 p.m. Nominating Committee Zoom Meeting.
12, 10:00 a.m. Older Adult Ministry Team Meeting.
12, 4:00 p.m. Coordinating Team Zoom Meeting.
19, 3:00 p.m. Presbytery Meeting, Columbus, Covenant Presbyterian Church.
26, 1:00 p.m. Commission for Nurture and Outreach Zoom Meeting.
28, 3:00 p.m. Church Professionals Fireside Chat, Rusty Bucket, Clintonville.

2023 Presbytery of Scioto Valley Meeting Dates

September 19, 2023, Columbus, Covenant Presbyterian Church.
November 28, 2023, Washington Court House, First Presbyterian Church.

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.](#)

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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