

## Mid-week E-News September 7, 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)



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 Dr 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 Barbara Morrison – 9-27-1981  
The Reverend Lyndon E. Whybrew HR – 9-27-1964  
The Reverend John W. Quist – 9-28-1969

## PRESBYTERY MEETING

The next Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley will be on September 19, 2023, beginning at 3:30 pm.

### [Presbytery Meeting Update.](#)



#### **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](#)

**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.



**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.

Dear Friends,  
Have you been trained in CPR/AED? (That's Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation/Automated External Defibrillation) If you have, you already know that even with CPR 55% of cardiac arrest victims do not survive. When an AED is added to the treatment, the percentage that do not survive drops to 34%. So even with lifesaving attempts, some cardiac events are not survivable. Did that just make your day?



How many of you rode in a horse and buggy for your main mode of transportation? How many traveled in cars that needed hand-cranks to start? How many high beam buttons are on the floorboard? Things have changed in transportation. I saw that school buses are now coming in electric versions, reducing that diesel smell as the buses drive away or idle in neat rows awaiting students.

I mention this because it is similar to church life. If a church is stuck in "doing things the way we've always done them," people idle wasting precious energy. When we get stuck in idle, we forget WHY we do things because we are on autopilot. When we forget the WHY, we lose our passion, our connection to our Savior and Creator. Our hearts begin to build up with gunk, which threatens a heart attack.

People can change the condition of their physical hearts with better food choices and exercise. People can change the condition of the congregation with a re-energized connection to the "VINE" and excitement to serve the kingdom.

However, if the congregation has been "sedentary" with a "bad diet" for too long, even with lifesaving attempts, it may not survive. It could be that God is doing a new thing and that congregation will be replaced with the new thing God is doing.... It could be that many of our congregations need a wake-up call for that all important connection to the VINE. Holy discontent is that feeling that something needs to change to get back on track with God. Are you feeling content or discontent?

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

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

is accepting enrollment for its 28<sup>th</sup> 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. For more information, on the courses, dates, faculty, and registration forms go to: [www.owls.coursestorm.com](http://www.owls.coursestorm.com) or call (614) 579-2557.



## 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).

## Walking in New Shoes **Presbyterian Older Adult Ministries Network Conference (POAMN's) 2023**



The 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!**

### **Shoppers Needed! Cap City Helping Hands' (CCHH)**

The annual Coat Drive for Columbus City School children is underway. Here is one way you or your congregation can participate:

If you are a Costco member, Costco has a sale in which members can purchase a Youth 3-in-1 Jacket for \$14.99. Lined with thick flannel, this is the best jacket at this price that CCHH has seen. The sale runs through September, and has a limit of 10 coats per member.



So donate 1, 2 or 10 of these Costco Youth Jackets to the Presbytery today! We take coats of all sizes, but larger boy's sizes are always asked for by the schools. CCHH has a box set up outside the Presbytery office for your donations, or we can come and pick them up. Thank you in advance! Questions? Call or text Connie Jump of Overbrook P.C. at 614-832-4355.

***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.

### **Worthington Presbyterian Church. Job Posting for Part-time Interim Coordinator of Children's Ministry at Worthington Presbyterian Church.**

Please note we estimate the position to average 24-hours/week, knowing the time will fluctuate week-to-week given church programming. We will gladly consider someone who is currently working PT and is interested in filling out their time. To view the job description click below.

[Interim Coordinator of Children's Ministry](#)

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

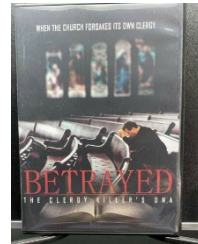
To foster the faith and vitality of those who are called to professional ministry pastors, associate pastors, designated pastors, interim pastors, honorably retired teaching elders, stated supply, temporary supply, teaching elders in specialized ministry, inquirers, candidates, commissioned ruling elders, 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](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.



**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.

[Register here by September 20](#)



**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.

Jacob's Porch, Campus Ministry, Pastor Taylor Barner  
Delaware, Old Stone Presbyterian Church, Pastor Patricia Stout  
Delaware, West Berlin Presbyterian Church, Pastor Robert Gustafson  
Iberia Presbyterian Church, Pastor Deb Bergman  
Marion, Lee Street Presbyterian Church, Pastor Scott Schnapp  
Marysville, First Presbyterian Church, Pastor Diane Flynn



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



Dear Community: The Presbyterian USA Self-Development of People (SDOP) Scioto Valley grant program deadline submittal is **October 15, 2023**.

[Go to Forms: SDOP Brochure and Grant Application.](#)



### **Join our Presbytery-wide Prayer Group**

"Do you believe in prayer? Come on down..." Jesus (Matthew 26:40). **We meet 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.

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

[Upcoming Synod Programs and Ministry.](#)

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



### **Rev. Dr. Karla Ann Koll Serving in San Jose, Costa Rica, Latin American Biblical University Presbyterian Church (USA) Mission Co-worker**

Dear companions in mission,

This year is flying by. Here in Costa Rica, we are well into the rainy season, with as yet little effects from the climate changes that are bringing heat waves to many places further north. At the Latin American Biblical University (UBL), we have just finished our second academic term of the year. In addition to the mission class I taught, many administrative tasks

are keeping me more than busy as we update our course syllabi and work to expand our outreach. My latest newsletter will be available soon with a taste of what my students and I explored in the course on mission.

**This year I will be coming to the United States for the months of November and December.** I know these are not the best months for visiting churches, but I am hoping that I will be able to see many folks in person after so many years and share about the work we are doing at the UBL in theological education and climate justice. Please let me know if you would like me to visit. I hope to put my itinerary together soon. Blessings, Karla

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## Commission and Ministry Team Meetings

[Click here for Website Calendar.](#)

### September

11, 1:00 p.m. Commission for Congregational Life Zoom Meeting.  
11, 3:00 p.m. Commission for Presbytery Operations Hybrid 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.

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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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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](http://www.psvonline.org) - Presbytery Office: 614-847-0565.

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

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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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