Michael Seewer, continued

I wish to thank everyone for their trust in me during this past eventful year. I shall endeavor to do my utmost to serve with a humble spirit and both conscientiously and appropriately as your trust extends my call to the coming year. With grateful thanks, may the peace and grace of Christ be felt by all now and forever.

Ruling Elder Janet Miller, Vice Moderator
(Bath Presbyterian Church, Dayton)

I have attended Bath Presbyterian Church since 2001 with my husband, JO… I have been and am now a Ruling Elder at Bath, chairing the Mission Committee. While my advanced degrees have been technical, now that I am retired from working in technical fields, I am developing my compassionate, caregiving side.

I am working to be a Commissioned Ruling Elder which included taking classes at Dubuque Theological Seminary such as Pastoral Caregiving. I completed the Older Adult Ministries Certificate Program with Columbia Theological Seminary and will be taking Clinical Pastoral Education this summer and in the fall. While I cannot disregard the possibility God has a church for me as a lay pastor, I look forward to emphasizing work with PMV's older adults, both congregants and retired pastors.

► Read their full statements at: *https://miamipresbytery.org*

Summer Camp at Kirkmont Center



Registration is open for 2023 Summer Camp at Kirkmont Center, Zanesfield.

Eleven camping experiences for all ages are available from June through August. Camps include Quilt Camps I and II, Beginners Camp, PYC Camp, PYC Jr. Camp, Sports Camp, Adventure Camp, Arts and Crafts Camp, Camp Rejoice, You and Me Camp, and Adult Camp.

► Learn more and register at *https://kirkmontcenter.org/summer-camps*

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News & Information Spring 2023

Meet our new Moderator and Vice Moderator





At its May 9, 2023 meeting, Presbytery of the Miami Valley elected Ruling Elder Michael Seewer as Moderator and Ruling Elder Janet Miller as Vice Moderator for 2023-24.

Ruling Elder Michael Seewer, Moderator
(First Presbyterian Church, Fairborn)

Having served as Vice Moderator of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley for the 2022-2023 year, it has been my distinct honor to deal with the many fine, devoted, and supportive people of this presbytery.

I am pleased to accept the role of Moderator for the coming term. This follows the able care and gracious leadership of the Reverend Sarah Sparks-Franklin…

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Tom Milligan has been elected Board President of the Reformed University, Colombia



Congratulations to Sidney First's own **Tom Milligan**, who has had a long association with PMV's **Colombian Partnership Network**, on being elected Board President of the **Reformed University** (Corporación Universitaria Reformada) in Barranquilla, Colombia.

The Reformed University is a private Protestant institution of higher learning formed by the Presbyterian Church of Colombia and its three presbyteries: Urabá, Central, and the North Coast. The Presbytery of the Miami Valley has a Global Mission Partnership through its Columbian Partnership Network with the Presbytery of the North Coast that spans nearly 30 years.

► Read More at *https://conta.cc/3p1Iel1*

A sweet little something from Gidget Collins, Pastor of Seven Mile Presbyterian Church



How about something fun for your day? Trenton is a town about seven minutes from Seven Mile. **Charles Richter** was born just outside Trenton! Yes, Richter of the Richter Scale. The founder of 4-H was also from Trenton. Actress Doris Day spent summers in Trenton.

Trenton folks and Seven Mile folks like to make Earthquake Cookies. That moniker comes from the little "cracks" that develop on the cookies, like the earth after a major tremblor.

► Read more & get an amazing recipe at *tinyurl.com/earthquakecookies*

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Get to know your Presbyterian Historical Society

PRESBYTERIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY
The National Archives of the PC(USA)

Organized in 1852, the Presbyterian Historical Society (PHS) is the oldest denominational archives in the United States and serves as the national archives for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and its predecessor denominations. The collections include archival records, published materials, and artifacts documenting the history of the Presbyterian and Reformed tradition in America.

What types of records does PHS collect?

The Presbyterian Historical Society is home to over 40,000 cubic feet of records and 250,000 published titles that reflect Presbyterian, Reformed, and ecumenical history. The collections are expansive and include paper records that document the work of the denomination, along with photographs, sound and video recordings.

PHS is located in Philadelphia, but has an extensive online collection available for viewing and download.

► Explore PHS at *www.history.pcusa.org/*

Austin College announces full-tuition scholarships for Presbyterian students



Austin College, Sherman, TX, has announced the largest single gift in the college's history, a $20 million bequest, which will fully fund the Westminster Scholarship Program for Presbyterian students to attend the College with full tuition paid, beginning in the 2024-2025 academic year. The fund will additionally cover room and board for children of PC(USA) clergy and staff.

Austin College was founded in 1849 as a Presbyterian institution, and is the oldest college in Texas operating under its original charter. The gift comes on the eve of the College's 175th year.

► Learn more about the scholarships at *www.austincollege.edu*