

**Why  
should  
Christians  
care about**

**THE OLD  
TESTAMENT?**

**Does it  
still  
matter?**

**Meet the instructor-**

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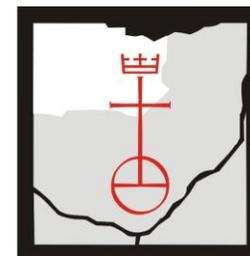
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*The NWOA Lay School is open to everyone who wishes to grow and be enriched, whether in their personal life, or for further opportunities to serve God. Individuals may take a single class, or pursue lay ministry graduation.*

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*Exploring the  
Old Testament I  
Fall 2019*



**Sept. 3, 17, Oct. 1, 15, 29  
Nov. 5, 19, Dec. 3  
(6:45pm-9:15pm)**

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Northwest Ohio  
Association Office  
416 Wentz Street  
Tiffin Ohio 44883**

## WELL-

The Old Testament is **the Bible Jesus knew**, studied and taught from.

It contains all of the **prophecies** about God's promised Messiah, who we know as Jesus.

It contains **God's original covenant-** "I will be your God and you will be my people."

And, it answers the important **"Why?" questions-** "Why did Jesus come?" "Why did Jesus have to die?" and "Why is Jesus' death and resurrection so important?"

So you see, it is **just as important** for us to study and understand the Old Testament as it is the New Testament.

In fact, the Old Testament is **foundational** to our faith as Christians.



Unfortunately, most of what we know of the Old Testament comes from Sunday School stories, and the *ancient context, unfamiliar culture* and *strange practices*, can make the Old Testament a real challenge.

## UNTIL NOW-

The Old Testament class, will **explore and discuss** the authors, origins, contexts and purposes of the Old Testament, with the intention of making it more accessible, more understandable and more usable.

In the United Church of Christ, we believe that **God is still speaking.**

What a shame it would be if God is trying to speak to us through the Old Testament, but we can't hear God's voice because we don't understand **ALL** of God's Word.

Join us, and discover **what God has to say to you** through the Old Testament scriptures.