

GATHERING OF THE CHURCHES OF BEAVER- BUTLER PRESBYTERY

Tuesday, November 14, 2023
Beginning at 6:00 PM

In-Person at:

New Salem Presbyterian Church
348 Salem Church Road, Midland, PA
Jeffrey Marquis, Commissioned Pastor
5:30 pm Registration

Or Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81035317134>

Meeting ID: 810 3531 7134

One tap mobile

+13017158592,,81035317134# US (Washington DC)

Dial by your location

• +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81035317134>

Please connect to the meeting between

5:30 and 5:45 PM

Registration for the meeting is required for In-Person and Zoom via Email
(office@beaverbutler.org) or Telephone (724-452-7515)

*All new business and requests for items to be removed from the Consent Agenda, must be to
the Stated Clerk's Desk 15 minutes prior to the start of the meeting.*

If Childcare is Needed Please Contact the New Salem Church Directly: 724-495-6880.



Directions to New Salem

Address to enter in GPS: 348 Salem Church Rd., Midland, PA 15059 - phone 724.495.6880

From Zelienople, SR 168 S to Rochester, follow 168 thru Midland, up hill and follow 168 to firehall and turn onto Salem Church Rd.

New Salem Church's Evolution

The settlement of this section of the country north of the Ohio River began after 1795. This was made possible by the victories of General Anthony Wayne over the Indians. The first settlers were

Christian people. The first preaching of the gospel to them was by Reverends John McMillin and Thomas Marquis.

They were appointed by the Presbytery of Ohio at Chartier's Church, near Canonsburg at a meeting in 1796. They were to supply "on the Northwest of the River Ohio" on the second and third Sabbaths of October 1796. The next October, the Presbytery of Ohio met at the same place and 'supplications' were made for supplies by Mt. Pleasant and New Salem Churches, and Reverend Patterson was appointed to supply one Sabbath at each place. In April 1799, a call was presented to Reverend Thomas E. Hughes to serve both churches.

The first service was held in a tent not far from the Caughey burying ground, which today is located on Windover Drive. Logs were cut later on, and a rough log church was built not far from where the present building stands. In the year 1882, the rough log church was torn down and replaced by a church built of hewed logs. In the year 1850, the present building was erected, and it was remodeled in 1893. The grounds where the church now stands were given by George Foulks; later Andrew Glass gave a portion of the grove, including the church spring.

The name Salem is of Old Testament origin, but it is probable that it was given to this church because a number of its first members came from the Salem church in Westmoreland County, and, wishing to name this new church for the one to which they formerly belonged, they called "New Salem." The earliest membership record is of the year 1804, when there were 41 members.

In 1862, the church charter was recorded at the Beaver County Court House, Beaver, Pennsylvania.

In 1902, the parsonage was built. This consisted of eight rooms, stable, outbuildings and a water supply. The original subscription (price) to build was \$945.00. In 1903, the church was roofed and a new fence was built around the church. In 1908, gasoline lamps were bought for the church. In 1914, a telephone was placed in the parsonage.

In 1916, a furnace was installed in the church. Previously, there were two large potbellied stoves used for heat, and it is recorded that the preacher often wore his overcoat when preaching.

In 1920, the By-Laws were amended to permit women to be eligible as trustees, and in 1937, electricity was placed in the church. In 1957, the church was turned in the direction to face SR168, and a basement was built which the church was set upon. Another remodeling of the church took place in 1960s.

In 1993, the first woman minister was installed, the Reverend Raselyn K. Johnson, and in 2001, New Salem welcomed Pastor Jeff Marquis as their pastor. Pastor Jeff is a descendent of the first Pastor of New Salem as you read earlier in this history brief.

In 2007 another remodeling took place and the old pews were replaced and the wood from those pews were planed and stained and are on the walls in the sanctuary now.

The congregation today strives to keep our history while progressing with the world today while keeping the teachings Bible Based.

New Salem is not a Historical Landmark registered with Beaver County. Over 225 years of sharing God's word and we pray He directs our church to continue to shine brightly.

DIRECTIONS TO THE CHURCH from the Presbytery Office in Zelienople - take Rt 68 to Beaver, turn right on Buffalo St, then left to Tuscarawas Rd to Lisbon Rd. Turn right on Lisbon Rd to Salem Church Rd. Go 3.8 miles the church will be on the left and parking is available where somebody will be directing cars.

From Pittsburgh International Airport 1. Go West on I-376 (formerly 60 N) Toward BEAVER/CHIPPEWA 2. Take the PA-51 exit, EXIT 31, toward CHIPPEWA (go 0.3 mi) 3. 4. Take Chippewa exit and turn right onto SR51. Continue and turn left onto Darlington Rd in Chippewa and turn left onto Blackhawk Rd (towards golf course), continue to SR168 and turn left. SR168 will turn into Salem Church Rd. Church will be on the left and parking is available where somebody will be directing cars.

From North (New Castle Area) 1. Go EAST on I-376 (formerly 60 S) 2. Merge onto PA-60-TOLL S toward TOLL ROAD/PITTSBURGH (go 16.4 mi) 3. Take the PA-51 exit, EXIT 31, toward CHIPPEWA (go 0.3 mi) 4. Take Chippewa exit and turn right onto SR51. Continue and turn left onto Darlington Rd in Chippewa and turn left onto Blackhawk Rd (towards golf course), continue to SR168 and turn left. SR168 will turn into Salem Church Rd. Church will be on the left and parking is available where somebody will be directing cars.

A GATHERING OF THE CHURCHES OF BEAVER-BUTLER PRESBYTERY

November 14, 2023

Registration 5:30 pm

HYBRID Meeting Begins at 6:00 pm

(In-Person)

New Salem Presbyterian Church

348 Salem Church Road

Midland, PA 15059

CRE Jeff Marquis, Pastor

(VIA Zoom: See Email for Link)

GATHERING

PRELUDE

PRESBYTERY GREETING

WELCOME FROM HOST CHURCH:

Elder Sherbe Zorich

WELCOME OF NEW ELDERS AND CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 100

Leader: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

People: Worship the LORD with gladness;

Leader: Come before Him with joyful songs.

People: Know that the LORD is God.

Leader: It is he who made us, and we are his;

People: We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving

People: And his courts with praise;

Leader: Give thanks to him and praise his name.

People: For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;

ALL: His faithfulness continues through all generations.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Refiner’s Fire”

THE WORD READ

Luke 12:1-7

THE WORD SPOKEN

“The Message to the Disciples”

CP Jeffrey Marquis

HYMN

“The Servant Song”

THE GOOD NEWS FROM THE PEWS

STATED CLERK REPORT

Rev. Randall Clow

EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER REPORT

Rev. Dr. Tom Harmon

COORDINATING TEAM

Elder Andrew Why

A. *Consent Agenda:*

The Coordinating Team recommends that the Presbytery:

1. To form the Roll
2. Seat Corresponding Members and grant them voice
3. Approval of the Docket
4. Receive CT Minutes of September 6, 2023 & October 4, 2023 **Pg. 6-11**
5. Receive Stated Clerk Report, September - October **Pg. 12-16**
6. Receive Treasurer's P&L and Balance Sheet for September **Pg. 17-18**
7. Approve Presbytery Meeting Minutes, September 26, 2023 **Pg. 19-26**

From Ministry & Vocation Committee

8. Approve dissolution of the call between Rev. Robert Edmundson and the Concord, Hooker and North Washington Churches effective October 31st.
9. Concur with the dissolution of the call between Rev. Dr. Jon Nelson and the Park, Zelenople and Plains, Cranberry Churches effective November 21st.
10. Motion to receive Rev. Mark Davis, HR as a member of the Presbytery by transfer from Kiskiminetas Presbytery. **Pg. 27**
11. Grant Elder Kathleen Davis and Elder James Paff permission to serve communion when leading worship across churches of the Presbytery.

FUN AND GAMES with Rev. Forrest Claassen, Executive of the Synod of the Trinity

MISSION AND COMPASSION MINISTRY UNIT

Rev. Dr. Judy Angleberger

- A. Rev. Josh Heikkila, Mission Co-Worker to the people of West Africa **Pg. 28**
- B. Pastor Jeff Marquis, sharing the mission of New Salem church.

MINISTRY AND VOCATION COMMITTEE

Rev. Bob Goossen

- A. Farewell to Rev. Dr. Jon Nelson
- B. Recognition of Rev. Robert Edmundson's Retirement

FELLOWSHIP BREAK

MINISTRY AND VOCATION COMMITTEE (continued)

Rev. Bob Goossen

- C. Examination of a candidate for Presbytery membership and as transitional pastor at the Concord, Hooker and North Washington churches. **Day of Meeting**
- D. 2nd Reading of MVC motion (1st Reading Sept. 26, 2023): **Pg. 29-30**

The Ministry and Vocation Committee asks Beaver-Butler Presbytery to provide commissioning ability to 1) approve ordained pastors for membership in Beaver-Butler Presbytery; 2) provide for the installation of a pastor in connection with a congregation or validated ministry; 3) approve Terms of Call; and 4) ask for the creation of an installing Administrative Commission on behalf of the Presbytery.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Rev. Connie Dunn

- A. Nominations for Election **Pg. 31-32**
- B. General Assembly Commissioners **Pg. 33-35**

**SYNOD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT
OLD BUSINESS**

CRE Chuck Cline

NEW BUSINESS
OFFERING RECEIVED
RESOLUTION OF THANKS TO OUR HOST CHURCH

The Beaver-Butler Presbytery Mission Budget

INSTALLATION OF MODERATOR AND VICE MODERATOR

ADJOURNMENT, PRAYER & CLOSING SONG (On screen)

“God Be With You”

For Information--MVC approved the following: (or CT)

1. Granted Rev. Bonnie Taylor status of Honorably Retired effective January 1, 2023
2. Granted Rev. Robert Edmundson status of Honorably Retired effective October 31, 2023.
3. A **Covenant Pastor** (formerly Stated Supply) is a specific type of Pastoral Relationship, as outlined by G-2.0504b. In contrast to Temporary and Transitional Pastors, a Covenant Pastoral Relationship implies that there is no on-going or immediately anticipated search for new pastoral leadership and that the Covenant Pastor is, for the foreseeable future, the Pastor of a congregation.
4. Received the AC minutes of rev. Dr. Rebecca Kahnt's installation at North Sewickley, Ellwood City.
5. Appointed Rev. Monica Hamilton as moderator at Concord, Hooker & North Washington churches for November & December.
6. Appointed Peter deVries as moderator for Plains church, Cranberry Twp.
7. Appointed Andy Shaffer as moderator for Park church, Zelienople.
8. Approved Rev. Dr. Robert Frazier for the Pulpit Supply list
9. Granted permission for Elder (CRE) Brian Graff to preside at the Lord's Table at Covenant church on November 26th.
10. Granted Rev. Doug Gebhard permission to “labor outside the bounds” as he serves at the Open Door Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh Presbytery, beginning December 1st.
11. Approved Rev. Gary Brown (United Methodist chaplain) as regular preaching supply for The Galilean and First, Darlington churches.
12. Received the report of the United Presbyterian Church of Ambridge and Zion Lutheran congregations unanimous vote to become a joint witness, now to be known as “One in Christ”.

BEAVER-BUTLER PRESBYTERY

2024 Presbytery Meetings

The Office Will Close Early On These Dates

Saturday, January 27	10:00 a.m.	(Lunch) Host Needed
Tuesday, March 19	6:00 p.m.	Calvin, Zelienople
Tuesday, May 28	6:00 p.m.	Host Needed
Tuesday, July 30	6:00 p.m.	Clinton, Saxonburg
Tuesday, September 24	4:00 p.m.	(Dinner) Host Needed
Tuesday, November 19	6:00 p.m.	New Sewickley, Rochester

**COORDINATING TEAM
BEAVER-BUTLER PRESBYTERY
September 6, 2023**

The Coordinating Team (CT) held a hybrid (both in person and via Zoom) stated meeting at the Presbytery Center on Wednesday, September 6, 2023.

Present: Andrew Why (Coordinating Team Chair), Carolyn Paulsen (Presbytery Moderator), Jamie Fowler (Presbytery Vice Moderator), Doug Dorsey, Allen Kitchen, Beth Wierman, John Laudenslager, Cindy Miller

Ex-Officio: Tom Harmon via Zoom (Executive Presbyter), Randall Clow (Stated Clerk), Lauren Cesnales (Presbytery Treasurer)

Excused: Lee Dreyer, Jim Kirk, Bill Mumaw

Guest: Bob Goossen (MVC Chair)

The Stated Clerk attested to the presence of a quorum and the meeting was called to order by the CT Chair, Andrew Why at 6:30pm. Andrew opened the meeting with prayer and a devotion from Philippians 4:13.

Consent Agenda Approvals and Receipt of Reports:

1. Approve Coordinating Team Meeting Minutes of July 5, 2023
2. Receive the Minutes of Beaver-Butler Presbytery of July 25, 2023
3. Receive the Stated Clerk's Report
4. Receive the Executive Presbyter's Report
5. Receive the Treasurer's Report (P&L and Balance Sheet)
6. Approve Schedule of 2024 Presbytery Meetings
7. Approve the Sacrament of Communion during the September Presbytery meeting.
8. Approve mileage reimbursement from the peacemaking fund to Joyce Hamilton to transport Amira Barham from Ohio to Beaver-Butler Presbytery.
9. Approve Presbytery Meeting Docket Requests

Motion: To approve the Consent Agenda as presented – PASSED

Stated Clerk's Report:

Randall Clow

Stated Clerk Randall Clow referred CT to his written report.

Randall shared sample templates for an anti-racism policy and harassment policy. These policy templates would satisfy the newly mandated requirements for councils and can be adapted by a session for their particular circumstances. A policy regarding Paid Family Leave was also reviewed by the Coordinating Team.

Executive Presbyter's Report:

Tom Harmon

Executive Presbyter Tom Harmon referred the Team to his written report.

Tom has been collaborating with Mark Finch to discern what may be the next steps for living into our new mission statement. Tom will present an update in October.

CT Chair Andrew Why communicated to the July 25th meeting of Presbytery that the requirements put forward by the SpARC were met. Lenore Williams, a ruling elder member of the SpARC, was present. The remaining members of the SpARC, Lenore Williams and Rev. Lee Clark, may want to meet with the CT one last time for prayer. Tom will ask Lenore if they would like to meet with CT in October or if they would prefer to simply communicate that the requirements of the SpARC have been satisfied to the Synod of the Trinity.

Ministry and Vocation Committee

Tom presented the *Plan of Agreement For A Union Congregation* between the United Presbyterian Church of Ambridge and the Zion's First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Ambridge. The proposed bylaws for the union church were also reviewed. CT expressed excitement over the future of these churches.

Motion: to recommend the Beaver-Butler Presbytery approve the agreement. -PASSED

CT learned that MVC will be recommending a 3% cost of living increase to the Presbytery minimum terms of call.

CT learned that MVC is requesting the Presbytery approve a new process to receive new, previously ordained, minister members into the Presbytery. Their request is as follows:

The Ministry and Vocation Committee asks Beaver- Butler Presbytery to provide commissioning ability to 1) approve ordained pastors for membership in Beaver-Butler Presbytery; 2) provide for the installation of a pastor in connection with a congregation or validated ministry; 3) approve Terms of Call; and 4) ask for the creation of an installing Administrative Commission on behalf of the Presbytery."

A floor examination would still be required for candidates seeking ordination. And all persons examined by MVC would be welcomed and recognized at a presbytery meeting.

CT agreed that the two reading process should be used so that the Presbytery can fully discern MVC's proposal and for complete transparency. The motion may be presented at the September Presbytery meeting where questions for clarification can be asked [only]. The motion would be presented for perfection and/or consideration at the November meeting of Presbytery.

Several members of CT agreed to meet with Bob after the CT meeting to provide feedback, questions, and comments.

Personnel Committee

CT learned that Personnel recommends a 3% cost of living increase for Presbytery staff.

Motion: to approve a 3% cost of living increase for Presbytery staff. PASSED

CT reviewed the new draft position descriptions.

Motion: to approve the position descriptions with the following amendments: change the expected hourly requirements to 4 to 6 hours per week on the position description of the stated clerk and the assistant stated clerk to 1 ½ hours per week. - PASSED

CT learned that Personnel recommends that the 2024 Terms of Call for our Executive Presbyter reflect a 3% increase and paid family leave (as required in the new Book of Order).

Motion: to approve a 3% cost of living increase for the Executive Presbyter as well as paid family leave. -PASSED

Treasurer's Report and Finance Committee:

Lauren Cesnales

Treasurer Cesnales referred the Team to her written report.

CT learned that the Finance Committee recommends continuing the Per Capita Matching Grant as follows:

Beaver-Butler Presbytery will match (at the Church Session's request) 50 cents per dollar, up to the church's assessed and remitted Synod and/or GA Per Capita to be paid from BBP reserves (Deadline December 1, 2023)

Motion: to continue the Per Capita Matching Grant. - PASSED

CT learned that the Finance Committee is recommending the 2024 per capita be set at \$32.00, which reflects a \$.41 increase over 2023.

Motion: to set the 2024 Beaver-Butler per capita at \$32.00. - PASSED

CT received the draft 2024 Budget (where the deficit will be covered out of our reserves).

Motion: to recommend the Presbytery approve the 2024 Budget, understanding that the deficit will be covered by our reserve funds. – PASSED

Presbytery Meeting Docket Requests

Mission & Compassion is requesting:

10 Minutes to report to the Presbytery

20-30 Minutes for International Peacemaker Amira Barham

10 minutes to share greetings with the Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of Ghana

Administration Committee is requesting 5 minutes. to honor minister and church Anniversaries

Encouraging Churches to Flourish is requesting 2 minutes to promote the Wee Kirk Grant

GA Commissioner Task Force is requesting 2 minutes to promote the work of the taskforce in seeking applications for the next GA.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Motion to adjourn – PASSED

Next meeting October 4, 2023, 6:30 PM

Adjournment with Prayer 8:18 PM.

In Service to Christ,

Rev. Randall K. Clow
Stated Clerk

Schedule of Attachments

2024 Schedule of Presbytery Meetings
Position Descriptions (7)
2024 Executive Presbyter's Terms of Call
2024 Draft Budget

COORDINATING TEAM
BEAVER-BUTLER PRESBYTERY
October 4, 2023

The Coordinating Team (CT) held a stated meeting at the Presbytery Center on Wednesday, October 4, 2023.

Present: Andrew Why (Coordinating Team Chair), Carolyn Paulsen (Presbytery Moderator), Jamie Fowler (Presbytery Vice Moderator), Doug Dorsey, Lee Dreyer, Jim Kirk, Allen Kitchen, Beth Wierman, John Laudenslager

Ex-Officio: Tom Harmon (Executive Presbyter), Randall Clow (Stated Clerk), Lauren Cesnales (Presbytery Treasurer)

Excused: Cindy Miller, Bill Mumaw

The Stated Clerk attested to the presence of a quorum and the meeting was called to order by the CT Chair, Andrew Why at 6:36pm. Andrew Why opened the meeting with prayer and a devotion.

Consent Agenda Approvals and Receipt of Reports:

1. Approve Coordinating Team Meeting Minutes of September 6, 2023
2. Receive Committee Reports and Docket Requests
3. Receive the Stated Clerk's Report
4. Receive the Executive Presbyter's Report
5. Receive the Treasurer's Report (P&L and Balance Sheet)

Motion: To approve the Consent Agenda as presented – PASSED

Stated Clerk's Report:

Randall Clow

Stated Clerk Randall Clow referred CT to his written report.

The Stated Clerk also reported that a CT email vote was conducted on September 19, 2023. The motion was stated as follows: "to place the approval of the Columbia Gas easement which will be located on Park (Beaver) Presbyterian Church's property on the consent agenda at the September Presbytery meeting." Approved.

Executive Presbyter's Report:

Tom Harmon

Executive Presbyter Tom Harmon referred the Team to his written report.

Tom continues to collaborate with Mark Finch to discern what may be the next steps for living into our new mission statement. A series of short and long term objectives has been developed for CT's further discernment. The next step is for a taskforce to work through each objective in coordination with applicable Presbytery committees to bring further refinement.

The members of the taskforce are as follows: Tom Harmon, Andrew Why, Jamie Fowler, and John Laudenslager.

CT learned that the Presbytery Meeting Agenda Planning Team will also begin considering potential themes for 2024. The Team will present any ideas to the CT for approval.

CT learned that the Synod of the Trinity has created a Presbytery Innovation Grant. The grant is intended to encourage presbyteries “to address our common liminal season, to do ministry in new ways, to rebuild presbyteries for a new time—and to spark possibilities among you who are stuck.” There will be more information about this grant soon.

CT discussed the advantages and disadvantages of using remote meeting technology (Zoom) for hybrid Presbytery meetings. CT agreed that streaming the Presbytery meetings is helpful for promoting transparency and welcoming a wider audience. Voting and discussing motions, however, adds a layer of complexity for all in attendance.

Motion: Beginning in January 2024, Presbytery meetings will be live streamed for online viewing, but all voting members and elder commissioners shall be in person for voting and/or discussion. - PASSED

Treasurer’s Report:

Lauren Cesnales

Treasurer Cesnales referred the Team to her written report.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Presbytery Meeting Docket Requests:

1. Forrest Classen / CT – Games as Relationship Building (20 minutes)
2. Ministry and Vocation
 - a. Second Reading of Examination Process – For Action
 - b. Recognize Retirement of The Rev. Bob Edmundson
3. Mission and Compassion
 - a. Request for report to Presbytery (10 minutes)
 - b. Welcome Guest: The Rev. Josh Heikkila (20 minutes)
4. Nominations Committee
 - a. Elections and Moderator/Vice-Moderator Installation

Motion: Consent Agenda

Motion to adjourn – PASSED

Next meeting November 1, 2023, 6:30 PM

Adjournment with Prayer 8:03 PM.

In Service to Christ,

Rev. Randall K. Clow

Stated Clerk

Coordinating Team Meeting Minutes
October 4, 2023

STATED CLERK'S REPORT
BEAVER-BUTLER PRESBYTERY
FOR THE MONTHS OF SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2023

September 5, 2023

Notified OGA that the Reverend Larry Maley concluded his service at North Brance (effective 8-31-23)

September 6, 2023

Attended CT meeting.

Notified the OGA of the transfer of the Reverend Ronald Schermerhorn to Charlotte Presbytery

September 14, 2023

Attended Presbytery meeting planning meeting.

September 17, 2023

Attended installation service for the Reverend Lauren Bosserman.

September 18, 2023

Notified OGA of the upcoming retirement of the Reverend Robert Edmundson (effective 10-31-23).

Notified OGA of the Reverend Dr. Mary Kitchen's service to White Oak Springs and Faith, Butler.

September 26, 2023

Attended meeting of the churches of Beaver-Butler Presbytery.

October 2, 2023

Attended MVC meeting.

October 3, 2023

Received the minutes of the Administrative Commission to Install the Reverend Dr. Rebecca Khant as Pastor of North Sewickley Presbyterian Church. Filed.

October 4, 2023

Attended CT meeting.

October 13, 2023

Received important dates and deadlines for the 226th General Assembly. Filed / Reported

October 18, 2023

Attend (Zoom) Synod of the Trinity leaders meeting.

October 19, 2023

Prepare PJC Reserve Member Roster (in accordance with the Book of Order annual responsibilities).

October 23, 2023

Attend Presbytery Meeting Agenda Planning Team meeting.

In Service to Christ,

Rev. Randall K. Clow

Stated Clerk

Attached

PJC Reserve Roster

Session Records Review Report

2023 MINUTE REVIEW (2022 Minutes)		SESSION MINUTES BOOK			CHURCH REGISTRY		
Location	Church	AC	AE	NA/NS	AC	AE	NA/NS
ALIQUIPPA	New Bethlehem	X			X		
	Ohio	X			X		
	Raccoon	X			X		
	Service			NS			NS
AMBRIDGE	Ambridge United	X			X		
BADEN	Concord		X		X		
BEAVER	Park	X			X		
BEAVER FALLS	First			NS			NS
	Steffin Hill			NS			NS
BUTLER	Covenant United	X			X		
	Faith	X			X		
	Hill United	X			X		
	Mt. Chestnut			NS			NS
	Saint Andrews			NS			NS
	Trinity	X			X		
CALLERY	Crestview Community	X			X		
CHERRY VALLEY	East Unity			NS			NS
CHICORA	North Butler	X			X		
CLINTONVILLE	Union	X			X		
CONNOQUENESSING	White Oak Springs	X			X		
CRANBERRY	CCUPC	X			X		
	Plains			NS			NS
DARLINGTON	First United			NS			NS
	Mt. Pleasant			NS			NS
EAST BUTLER	East Butler			NS			NS
EAU CLAIRE	Eau Claire	X			Missing		NS
ELLWOOD CITY	North Sewickley	X			X		
EVANS CITY	Westminster United	X			X		
FRANKFORT SPRINGS	Frankfort		X		X		
HARMONY	Camp Run	X			X		
HOOKER	Concord	X			X		
MARS	Mars United	X			X		
	Old Union	X			X		
MIDLAND	First	X			X		
	New Salem	X			X		
MONACA	First			NS			NS
	North Branch	X			X		

2023 MINUTE REVIEW (2022 Minutes)		SESSION MINUTES BOOK			CHURCH REGISTRY		
Location	Church	AC	AE	NA/NS	AC	AE	NA/NS
NEW BRIGHTON	First		X			X	
	Westminster			Rec. Not Reviewed			
NEW GALILEE	The Galilean	X				X	
NORTH WASHINGTON	North Washington	X			X		
PARKER	First	X			X		
PROSPECT	Mt. Nebo		X		X		
	The Presbyterian	X			X		
ROCHESTER	First	X			X		
	New Sewickley	X			X		
SARVER	Buffalo	X			X		
	Westminster	X			X		
SAXONBURG	Clinton	X			X		
	Jefferson Center	X			X		
	Saxonburg Memorial	X			X		
SHIPPINGPORT	Bethlehem United			NS			NS
SLIPPERY ROCK	Center			NS			NS
	Highland	X			X		
	Friendship	X			X		
VALENCIA	Glade Run	X			X		
	Valencia	X			X		
VANPORT	Vanport			NS			NS
WEST SUNBURY	West Sunbury			NS			NS
ZELIENOPLE	Calvin			NS			NS
	Park			NS			NS
KEY: AC: Approved With Accommodation	AE: Approved with Exceptions	NA: Not Applicable		NS: Not Submitted	44 Submitted 17 did not		

PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION RESERVE ROSTER
BEAVER-BUTLER PRESBYTERY

Year: 2023

“The designated stated clerk shall keep a current roster of those members of the permanent judicial commission whose terms have expired within the past six years. The names shall be arranged alphabetically within classes beginning with the most recent class....The stated clerk shall report the roster annually to the council.” D-5.0206

Name	Class
Gary Weston	2022
John Stokes	2022
Merry Meloy	2022
Carolyn Paulsen	2020
John Silbert	2020
Sally Pavlina	2020
Mary Kitchen	2018
Tom Clyde	2018
Bill Jamieson	2016
John Rackley	2016

Beaver-Butler Presbytery
Profit & Loss by Class
January through September 2023

	<u>Administrative</u>	<u>Mission</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
51102 · Per Capita Apportionment	134,189.84	0.00	134,189.84
52105 · Rev.Mission Causes-Budget	0.00	65,531.59	65,531.59
52110 · Rev. Mission Causes-Other	0.00	349.00	349.00
53112 · Tinker Trust - PNC Bank	236.72	0.00	236.72
53113 · ESB Checking Interest	984.01	0.00	984.01
53114 · Northwest Interest	2.92	0.00	2.92
53816 · Presby. Invest and Loan Income	1,870.36	0.00	1,870.36
56110 · Rent Complete Travel	4,500.00	0.00	4,500.00
56115 · Rent - Tenants	10,350.00	0.00	10,350.00
57104 · Small Church Leadership Grant	2,416.92	0.00	2,416.92
57105 · Miscellaneous Income	10,171.95	332.00	10,503.95
57106 · Bulk Order Receipts	2,828.25	0.00	2,828.25
Total Income	<u>167,550.97</u>	<u>66,212.59</u>	<u>233,763.56</u>
Expense			
71105 · Per Capita Expense GA	19,639.35	0.00	19,639.35
71110 · Per Capita Expense Synod	3,746.70	0.00	3,746.70
72105 · Mission Causes Exp- Synod/GA	0.00	40,185.31	40,185.31
72110 · Mission Causes Exp- Other	0.00	700.00	700.00
73000 · Salary/Wage/Benefits	89,522.14	0.00	89,522.14
74000 · Units/Officers	4,334.66	2,062.77	6,397.43
75100 · Cost of Space	11,401.01	0.00	11,401.01
75200 · Communications	4,246.92	0.00	4,246.92
75300 · Furniture and Equipment	13,171.92	0.00	13,171.92
75400 · Office Expense	3,236.52	0.00	3,236.52
75500 · Training and Professional	2,825.00	0.00	2,825.00
75600 · Travel Expense	6,820.11	0.00	6,820.11
75700 · Conferences/Meetings	150.00	0.00	150.00
75900 · Miscellaneous Expense	368.90	0.00	368.90
75907 · Bulk Order Expenditures	2,826.45	0.00	2,826.45
Total Expense	<u>162,289.68</u>	<u>42,948.08</u>	<u>205,237.76</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>5,261.29</u>	<u>23,264.51</u>	<u>28,525.80</u>
Net Income	<u><u>5,261.29</u></u>	<u><u>23,264.51</u></u>	<u><u>28,525.80</u></u>

Beaver-Butler Presbytery Balance Sheet

As of September 30, 2023

Sep 30, 23

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

10000 · Cash

10107 · WesBanco 607,265.04

10108 · Northwest Savings Bank 78,009.89

10109 · Northwest Savings Market Fund 100,072.86

10115 · Petty Cash 153.40

Total 10000 · Cash 785,501.19

10300 · Investments

10511 · Presbyterian Investment & Loan 308,334.99

10513 · Charles Schwab & Co. 76,831.17

10520 · Ecumenical Cooperative 1,500.00

Total 10300 · Investments 386,666.16

Total Checking/Savings 1,172,167.35

Total Current Assets 1,172,167.35

TOTAL ASSETS 1,172,167.35

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Long Term Liabilities

28001 · Deferred Mortgage Income 30,000.00

Total Long Term Liabilities 30,000.00

Total Liabilities 30,000.00

Equity

29000 · Restricted Funds

29100 · Temporarily Restricted

29105 · Peacemaking Fund 3,852.57

29125 · New Church Development Fund

29126 · Closed Churches Fund (Fund A) 446,822.15

29127 · Departed Churches Fund (Fund B) 685,374.58

Total 29125 · New Church Development Fund 1,132,196.73

29140 · Support of Candidates Fund 876.70

29145 · Leadership Training Fund 20,000.00

29160 · NWV Seed Grant 7,467.05

29165 · Champ Education Fund 5,253.89

Total 29100 · Temporarily Restricted 1,169,646.94

29200 · Permanently Restricted

29205 · Endowment Fund 2,575.09

29210 · Lyndora Scholarship Fund 20,003.58

Total 29200 · Permanently Restricted 22,578.67

Total 29000 · Restricted Funds 1,192,225.61

39000 · Retained Earnings -75,644.31

Net Income 25,586.05

Total Equity 1,142,167.35

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 1,172,167.35

A GATHERING OF THE CHURCHES OF BEAVER-BUTLER PRESBYTERY
September 26, 2023, 4:00 PM
Hybrid Meeting – In-Person & Zoom

The Beaver-Butler Presbytery held a stated meeting at 4:00 PM on Tuesday, September 26, 2023, using a *Hybrid* format: in-person and Zoom technology. The meeting was held at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Butler, where Carmen R. Shullo serves as Commissioned Pastor. The meeting also included a dinner, hosted by the Exploratory Mission Team.

Presbytery Moderator Elder Carolyn Paulsen called the meeting to order at 4:06 PM and affirmed the presence of a quorum with Stated Clerk Rev. Randall Clow.

WELCOME, ORIENTATION, AND OPENING WORSHIP:

Moderator Paulsen welcomed Minister Members, Elder Commissioners, and visitors. Carolyn took a moment to familiarize those attending on Zoom how to interact with the meeting. She opened the meeting with prayer.

WELCOME FROM THE HOST CHURCH:

Elder Herman Bauer welcomed the Presbyters and gave details of the facility, including fellowship location.

CALL TO WORSHIP: The Worship time began with a Responsive Call to Worship

HYMN: “The Servant Song”

SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 12:4-11

GREETINGS FROM GHANA:

The Right Rev. Dr. Lt. Col. Bliss Divine K. Agbeko (Rtd.)
Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Ghana, as the Moderator of the General Assembly

Dr. Agbeko spoke from Romans 12:4-11 – Paul comparing the family of believers to various parts of the body, as well as instructions on mutual love and honor. Rev. Agbeko noted the 175-year history of the EPC Ghana, and its relationship with the PC(USA), and in particular, the Beaver-Butler and Lake Erie Presbyteries. He encouraged us “...with the love of Christ to support each other.” Dr. Agbeko closed his remarks with a word of prayer.

MUSICAL OFFERING: “God of All My Days” Mark Boyce & Missy Hamilton
Casting Crowns

WELCOME OF NEW ELDERS:

First-time Ruling Elder Commissioners were introduced.

GOOD NEWS FROM THE PEWS:

Commissioners offered items of good news that were happening in the churches, as well as various Announcements.

STATED CLERK REPORT:

Rev. Randall Clow

Randall referred the Presbyters to his written report.

SAMPLE TEMPLATES: Randall drew attention to various Sample Templates, developed and written to comply to recent changes in the *Book of Order*. Churches are now required to develop an Anti-Racism Policy and a Harassment Policy. The congregations were encouraged to use these Templates as a resource for developing their own policies, or simply lift the texts for their own use. Randall also pointed out that the *Book of Order* requires family leave allowance of a minimum of twelve weeks to be included in installed terms of call. The Templates are on the Presbytery website.

Randall explained and clarified the process for the *First Reading – Process to receive New Members*, to be presented under Ministry & Vocation. He also reminded the Commissioners of the 2024 BBP Meeting dates, and encouraged churches to sign up!

COORDINATING TEAM:

Rev. Douglas Dorsey

A. Consent Agenda – the Coordinating Team (CT) recommended that the Presbytery:

1. Form the roll;
2. Approve the Docket;
3. Receive the Coordinating Team Minutes, July 5, 2023;
4. Receive the Stated Clerk Report, July-August 2023;
5. Receive the Treasurer's Report, Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss, July 31, 2023;
6. Approve the Presbytery Meeting Minutes, July 25, 2023;
7. Receive the 2024 Presbytery Meeting and Holiday Schedule, and
8. *From Ministry and Vocation (MVC):* Approve the Union Congregation Agreement for United / Zion.

Seeing no questions or objections, the Moderator declared the Consent Agenda approved as presented.

MINISTRY AND VOCATION COMMITTEE:

Rev. Robert Goossen

1. The Ministry and Vocation Committee moved that the Terms of Call for Pastors, Certified Christian Educators, and Certified Associate Christian Educators increase 3% (Cost of Living) for 2024. – ***Motion Passed***
2. Bob referred the Presbyters to the additional items for information in the meeting packet. Further, he took a moment to explain a change in terminology regarding those pastors who are in a contractual relationship with a Session, as opposed those who are called by Congregations. The Ministry and Vocation Committee intends to use the term Covenant Pastors to eliminate confusion among many of our non-installed, long-term pastoral relationships with Sessions.
3. The Ministry and Vocation Committee moved that Beaver-Butler Presbytery receive as a *First Reading: Process to Receive New Members – (Note: Previously ordained clergy wishing to become members of BBP)* – ***Motion Passed***

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

Rev. Douglas Dorsey

The Personnel Committee moved the 2024 Terms of Call for Rev. Dr. Thomas L. Harmon
Motion Passed

MISSION & COMPASSION MINISTRY UNIT (MCM):

Rev. Dr. Judy Angleberger

Trinity's Commissioned Pastor Carmen Shullo spoke about peace keeping efforts in Columbia. Additional comments were made regarding local missions. Pastor Todd Allen of Park Church, Beaver, shared plans for a benefit concert to raise funds for humanitarian assistance to Ukraine. The concert, which will feature musicians from the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, will be held on Sunday, December 10th, beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the Park Church sanctuary. More information will be forthcoming.

VISIT FROM PALESTINE:

Amira Barham

International Peacemaker

The Presbyters welcomed International Peacemaker Amira Barham, a Palestinian Christian. Using a number of photographs and other visuals, Amira presented a powerful and thought-provoking picture of the conditions under which the Palestinian community must live (and survive).

DINNER BREAK*Hosted by the Exploratory Mission Team*

After gathering, Moderator Carolyn Paulsen took a moment to recognize and thank Elder Claudia Guest and Elder Anthony Wannamaker, two members of the former Exploratory Mission Team who prepared dinner for the Presbytery. The Presbytery responded with gratitude and applause.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: Executive Presbyter Rev. Dr. Tom Harmon took a moment to recognize and honor members from Ambridge United PC and Zion's First Evangelical Lutheran Church on their recently-completed Union Congregation Agreement. Ambridge United was a church without a building (but with a pastor!), and Zion's First was a church with a building (and without a pastor!). After many months of prayer and hard work, this new Union Congregation is now ministering in Ambridge.

ENCOURAGING CHURCHES TO FLOURISH:

Rev. Jamie Fowler

Jamie encouraged members from small churches to consider attending the upcoming Wee Kirk event at Laurelvile. Grants are available, 50% of Admission price.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMISSIONERS:

Rev. Dr. Judy Angleberger

Commissioners were encouraged to submit applications to attend the General Assembly, 2024.

VICE-MODERATOR REV. JAMIE FOWLER NOW MODERATING

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Elder Scott Meiser

1. ***Presentation of Narrative Budget 2024:*** The Commissioners watched a video describing the 2024 Narrative Budget.

2. ***Per Capita Matching Program:*** Beaver-Butler Presbytery (BBP) will match (at the Church Session's request) 50 cents per dollar, up to the Church's assessed and remitted Synod and/or GA Per Capita to be paid from BBP reserves (Deadline December 1, 2023): The Committee moved approval of the Per Capita Matching Program – ***Motion Passed***
3. ***2024 Per Capita Amount:*** Proposed BBP Per Capita to be set at \$32.00 per member (\$0.41 increase from 2023): The Committee moved approval of the 2024 BBP Per Capita amount – ***Motion Passed***.
4. ***2024 BBP Budget*** (with the understanding that the deficit comes out of reserves): The Committee moved approval of the 2024 Beaver-Butler Presbytery Budget – ***Motion Passed***.

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE:

Elder Allen Kitchen

The Committee honored three Churches celebrating Anniversaries:

Steffin Hill – 100 years
 Highland, Slippery Rock – 175 years
 North Butler – 175 years

The Committee also honored Pastors with Anniversaries:

Michael Winship – 60 years
 Ed Heller – 50 years
 Doug Dorsey – 25 years
 Jean Smith – 25 years
 Leigh Benish – 10 years
 Melissa Morris – 10 years
 James Salyers – 10 years

OLD BUSINESS: There was no Old Business

NEW BUSINESS: There was no New Business

COMMUNION SONG: “Offering” Mark Boyce & Missy Hamilton

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION: Commissioned Pastor Carmen Shullo & Rev. John Silbert

OFFERING RECEIVED: The Beaver-Butler Presbytery Mission Budget

RESOLUTION OF THANKS TO THE HOST CHURCH:

A Resolution of Thanks was offered to Trinity Church for their hosting.

ADJOURNMENT AND CLOSING PRAYER: The meeting was closed in prayer by Vice-Moderator Fowler at 8:07 PM

CLOSING SONG: “God Be With You ‘Till We Meet Again”

Respectfully Submitted,
 Rev. James R. Steiner, Assistant Stated Clerk

Rev. Randall K. Clow, Stated Clerk

INFORMATION FOR THE PRESBYTERY:

Ministry & Vocation Committee:

1. Approved the Transitional Pastor Team of Ruling Elder Tom McMeekin & Rev. James Steiner for Valencia.
2. Appointed Rev. Lee Dryer as Moderator at Mt. Chestnut through September 30, 2023; Rev. Larry Maley will serve as their Transitional Pastor beginning October 1, 2023.
3. Approved the *Ministry Discernment Profile* (MDP) for Ohio (Note: the MDP replaces the Ministry Information Form).
4. Examined and Approved Elder Tim Casey as Commissioned Pastor for Mt. Pleasant.
5. Approved Ruling Elder Jim Paff able to serve Communion.
6. Approved a request for a waiver of rotation of one Elder for Buffalo.
7. Approved a part-time Covenant Pastor contract between Rev. Dr. Mary Kitchen and the White Oak Springs and Faith Congregations.

Personnel Committee:

1. Recommended a 3% COLA for Staff.

BEAVER-BUTLERPRESBYTERY
Remaining 2023 Presbytery Meeting
(The Office Will Close Early)

Tuesday, November 14, 6:00 P.M. New Salem, Midland

TABLE OF ATTACHMENTS TO MINUTES, SEPTEMBER 26, 2023 PRESBYTERY MEETING:

- A. Record of Participation in (In-Person and via Zoom), September 26, 2023
- B. Coordinating Team Minutes, July 5, 2023
- C. Presbytery Meeting Minutes, July 25, 2023
- D. Report of the Stated Clerk, July-August 2023
- E. Report of the Treasurer: Balance Sheet & Profit & Loss, July 31, 2023
- F. Sample Templates:
 - i. Anti-Racism Policy
 - ii. Harassment Policy
 - iii. Family Medical Leave Policy
- G. First Reading: Process to Receive New Members (*Note: Previously-ordained Clergy wishing to become BBP members.*)
- H. Executive Presbyter Rev. Dr. Thomas L. Harmon 2024 Terms of Call
- I. 2024 Beaver-Butler Presbytery Budget
- J. *Union Congregation Agreement* for United Presbyterian Church, Ambridge & Zion's First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Ambridge
- K. 2024 Presbytery Meeting and Holiday Schedule

ATTENDANCE

MINISTERS

Allen, Todd	P	
Allio, Mark	A	
Angleberger, A. Gary	H.R.	P
Angleberger, Judy A.	H.R.	P
Angleberger, Kelley		P
*Barr, Eva-Maria		A
Benish, Leigh	P	
Benson, James	A	
Bittner, Lee	H.R.	EXC
Black, Keith	P	
Bosserman, Lauren		P
Brewer, David R.	H.R.	EXC
Burkley, Michael	H.R.	P
Byers, David D.	H.R.	P
Campbell, James W.	H.R.	EXC
*Cline, Charles	P	
Clow, Randall	P	
Clyde, Tom	H.R.	P
Cramer, Stephen	H.R.	EXC
Currie, Susan	H.R.	EXC
Curtis, Jeffrey A.	H.R.	P
de Vries, Peter C.	P	
Dorsey, Douglas	P	
Dreyer, W. Lee	H.R.	P
Dunn, Connie	H.R.	P
Edmondson, Robert		P
Erwin, Kirk	H.R.	EXC
Fowler, Jamie	P	
*Frailey, Mark	A	
Frierson, Connie	H.R.	EXC
Gebhard, Doug	A	
Goossen, Robert	P	
Hamilton, Monica		P
Harmon, Tom	P	
*Hartung, Gregg	P	
Hauser, Brian	A	
Heller, F. Edwin	H.R.	EXC
Hoffman, C. F.	H.R.	P
Horstman, Katherine A. L.	H.R.	EXC
Huffmyer, Deborah E.	H.R.	EXC
Jackson, Bill	H.R.	EXC
Jamieson, William A.	H.R.	EXC
Kahnt, Rebecca	P	
Kennedy, Robert W.	H.R.	EXC
Kennedy, Vicki	A	
Kirk, Jim	H.R.	P
Kitchen, Mary	H.R.	P
Maley, Lawrence	H.R.	EXC
*Marquis, Jeff	A	
Mathias, Robert V.	H.R.	EXC
*McMeekin, Thomas		A
Meloy, Merry	P	
Molnar, Dennis	H.R.	P
Morris, Melissa	A	
Mumaw, William		P
Nelson, Jon		

ATTACHMENT A

Oyler, David	H.R.	P	
Paul, A. David		P	
Porter, John W.		A	
Rowe, Richard F.	H.R.	EXC	
Roy, Dena		P	
Salyers, James		A	
Saul, Robert P.		A	
Sawyer, Clark T.	H.R.	EXC	
*Schaefer, Paul		A	
Shaffer, Andrew C.			A
Shullo, Carmen		P	
Silbert, John		P	
Sinagra, Jason		A	
Smith, Jean	H.R.	EXC	
Smothers, Andrew			P
Snyder, Donald F.		H.R.	EXC
Steiner, Jim	H.R.	P	
Stoops, Leland (Terry) R.	H.R.	EXC	
Sweitzer, John		A	
Swanson, James	H.R.	EXC	
Swinsburg, Rob Dale			P
Tuft, John T.		A	
Weston, Gary L.	H.R.	EXC	
*Whitman, Diane			A
Wiebe, John M.	H.R.	EXC	
Wierman, Beth		P	
Winship, Michael		H.R.	EXC

ELDERS

Aliquippa	
New Bethlehem	Jeanne McCaslin
(2 votes)	Diana Spencer
Ohio	John Martin
(2 votes)	Wendy Rybicki
Raccoon	
Service	
Ambridge	
Ambridge U.P.	Kathy Torham
Baden	
Concord	
Beaver	
Park	Roxanne Walker
(2 votes)	Susan Ivey
Beaver Falls	
First	
Steffin Hill	
Covenant	Grace Sechler
Faith	
Butler	
Hill	Ruth Scott
(2 votes)	Louise Evans
Mt Chestnut	Maria Clingerman
(2 votes)	Scott Meiser
Saint Andrews	Robert R. Eamich II
Trinity	Herman Bauer
Callery	
Crestview	Tina Hartung

Cherry Valley	
E. Unity	
Chicora	
North Butler	
Clintonville	
Union	
Connoquenessing	
White Oak Springs	Tom Marlowe
Conway	
Conway	
Cranberry	
Cranberry Community	Cindy Miller
(2 votes)	
Plains	
Darlington	
First	
Mt. Pleasant	
East Butler	
East Butler	Greg Sasse
Eau Claire	
Eau Claire	
Ellwood City	
North Sewickley	Tom Umstott
(2 votes)	
Evans City	
Westminster	Ruthie Pickett
(2 votes)	
Frankfort Springs	
Frankfort	
Harmony	
Camp Run	
Hooker	
Concord	Denise Hobaugh
Mars	
Mars United	Maria Matthews
Old Union	Mary Rae Thompson
(2 votes)	Rebecca Gannon
Midland	
First	
New Salem	
Monaca	
First	
North Branch	
New Brighton	
First	
Westminster	
New Galilee	
The Galilean	Paul Morrison
N. Washington	
N. Washington	
Parker	
First	
Prospect	
Mt Nebo	Diana Peters
P. Church Prospect	Mary Fisher
Rochester	
First Presb.	
New Sewickley	

Sarver	
Buffalo	Virginia Shirey
Westminster	
Saxonburg	
Clinton	Thomas Hamilton
Jefferson Center	Virginia Thinnies
Saxonburg Memorial	
(2 votes)	
Shippingport	
Bethlehem	
Slippery Rock	
Center	
Friendship	
Highland	
Valencia	
Glade Run	Eric Rieger
(2 votes)	Marissa Louttit
Valencia	Karen Peterman
Vanport	
Vanport	
(2 votes)	
West Sunbury	
West Sunbury	
Zelienople	
Calvin Tom Reiber	
(2 votes)	
Park	

**ELDER MEMBERS WHO ARE:
OFFICER, COORDINATING TEAM, OR
UNIT CHAIR**

Name	Presbytery/Affiliation
Carolyn Paulsen	Moderator

VISITORS

Name	Church
Dennis Krebs	The Galilean, N. Gal.
Missy Hamilton	Trinity, Butler
Carol Rose	Trinity, Butler
William Rudert	Buffalo, Sarver
Larry Paulson	Buffalo, Sarver
Joe Latini	Trinity, Butler
Virginia Latini	Trinity, Butler
Voilet Dolmayer	Trinity, Butler
Ione Mathias	Covenant, Butler
Annamary McMullen	Valencia, Valencia
Sharon Shingleton	Zion-UP, Ambridge
Donna Cammarata	Lake Erie Presbytery
Richard Addo	EPCG
Bliss Agbeko	EPCG
Brian Dowdy	East Butler, East Butler
Kerry Dowdy	East Butler, East Butler
Cindy Kennedy	Jefferson Center, Saxonburg
Joyce Hamilton	Clinton, Saxonburg
Amira Barham	Peacemaker
Christine Swory	
Lynn Byers	
Terry	

October 1,2023

By Way of Introduction

My name is Mark Stephen Davis, I am an ordained, (Honorably Retired) Presbyterian Church (USA) Minister and graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary (class of 1980), I have been in the gospel ministry for forty-three years, and have served three churches, the last- Slate Lick United Presbyterian Church in Kiskiminetas Presbytery- for twenty-three years.

I am very proud to be married to Kathleen McDevitt-Davis and we have two sons and six grandchildren. Kathleen and I also keep active with gardening and fostering dogs for Senior Hearts Rescue and Renewal, a program for older dogs.

While at Princeton, I became interested in the Chaplain Program and was accepted as an Air Force Chaplain. I have served at Edwards Air Force Base and at George Air Force Base and have done work in counseling and stress related problems of our airman.

I have been involved as a hospital chaplain for over thirty years, served on several Presbytery committees—**Church and Society** while I was in Vineland New Jersey, **Assistant Stated Clerk** while serving in Shenango Presbytery and **Committee on Ministry** for a number of years while in Kiskiminetas Presbytery. I have also completed both tracks of the Interim Training. Following my retirement, I have helped in the Visitation Ministry of the Hill United Presbyterian Church and keep active in pulpit supply preaching.

Sincerely,
Mark S. Davis



Mission Co-worker [Rev. Joshua Heikkila](#).

Josh is the PC (USA)'s regional liaison for West Africa, where he facilitates partner relationships, implements regional strategies and supports the work of other mission personnel. "When we strive to live together as brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ, our faith is deepened and strengthened, despite our cultural differences, and we become better disciples of Jesus Christ," Josh says. "In partnership, not only do we learn how the Holy Spirit has given us gifts to use for the common good, but we also come to see spiritual gifts in others, and we learn to appreciate how these gifts can enrich our mutual Christian life."

MVC Floor Action for Beaver-Butler Presbytery

On examining ordained Ministers of the Word and Sacrament (Teaching Elders/Pastors) for membership in Beaver-Butler Presbytery.

For Action: The Ministry and Vocation Committee asks Beaver-Butler Presbytery to provide commissioning ability to 1) approve ordained pastors for membership in Beaver-Butler Presbytery; 2) provide for the installation of a pastor in connection with a congregation or validated ministry; 3) approve Terms of Call; and 4) ask for the creation of an installing Administrative Commission on behalf of the Presbytery.

Rationale and Information:

The MVC will use the following processes to discern and evaluate fit for installing a pastor in a call to ministry on behalf of the Presbytery.

- 1) Reference Check the prospective pastor in conversation with the current Presbytery of membership.
- 2) “Meet and Greet”: Meeting between the prospective pastor and PNC by MVC task group.
- 3) Examination by the full MVC on behalf of the Presbytery: MVC will receive the prospective pastor’s PIF/PDP, Statement of Faith, and Terms of Call in agreement with Session and PNC before its meeting.

MVC’s discussion with the prospective pastor will include, but not be limited to, the following questions:

- a. What events or persons have significantly affected your ministry?
 - b. What theological truths have emerged as critical to your practice of ministry?
 - c. What experiences have challenged or affirmed your ministry?
 - d. How do the sacraments influence your practice of ministry?
 - e. What part does Scripture play in your ministry’s practice, presentation, and application?
 - f. How has the fellowship of the presbytery body helped in your ministry?
 - g. With what or how can the Beaver-Butler Presbytery help you in the practice of your ministry?
- 4) With MVC’s approval of the prospective candidate and Terms of Call and Membership in Beaver-Butler Presbytery, the session can provide a worship service of the welcome and call a congregational meeting to call the pastor formally and approve the Terms of Call.

- 5) Should the way be clear, MVC will provide a robust greeting to the new pastor at the next Stated Presbytery meeting by:
- a. A record of actions taken by the MVC, as a commission, in approving the pastor for membership and the congregation's vote, along with Terms of Call.
 - b. The Presbytery shall approve an Administrative Commission for an Installation Service in the Consent Agenda.
 - c. Provide the approved pastor's Statement of Faith in pre-distributed meeting materials.
 - d. Introducing the new pastor with a description of their background and present church call.
 - e. Welcoming questions by presbyters as a means of introduction and getting to know the new pastor.
 - f. Invite presbyters to continue to greet the new pastor during any scheduled fellowship time in the Presbytery's meeting or an alternative time after the meeting.

**THE NOMINATING AND REPRESENTATION COMMITTEE PRESENT
THE FOLLOWING NOMINEES:**

Presbytery Moderator

Rev. Jamie Fowler	Concord, Baden	2024
-------------------	----------------	------

Vice Moderator

Elder Dennis Krebs	The Galilean, New Galilee	2024
--------------------	---------------------------	------

Assistant Stated Clerk

Rev. James Steiner	Honorably Retired	2026
--------------------	-------------------	------

Coordinating Team:

Rev. Merry Meloy	Saint Andrews, Butler	2025
Rev. Douglass Dorsey	Saxonburg Memorial, Sax.	2026*

Finance Committee:

Elder Ray Rosenbauer	Faith, Butler	2026* Chair
----------------------	---------------	-------------

Personnel Committee:

Elder Randy Bieber	Mt. Nebo, Prospect	2026*
--------------------	--------------------	-------

Administration Committee:

Elder Anne Miller	Valencia, Valencia	2026
-------------------	--------------------	------

Nominating and Representation Committee:

Rev. Connie Dunn	Mt. Chestnut	2026*
Rev. James Steiner	Honorably Retired	2026*
Elder Jim Ihlenfeld	The Hill, Butler	2026

Ministry and Vocation Committee:

Elder Denise Hobaugh	Concord, Hooker	2026* Chair
CP Chuck Cline	First, Parker/Eau Claire	2026*
Rev. Dr. Mary Kitchen	Honorable Retired	2026*
Elder Kathleen Davis	Faith, Butler	2026*
Elder Mary Clow	New Bethlehem, Aliquippa	2026

Theological Education Fund Contact

Rev. Robert Saul	First, Monaca/North Branch
------------------	----------------------------

Collaboration, Fellowship & Youth Ministry Unit:

Rev. Dr. Peter deVries	Old Union, Mars	2026*
Mrs. Leslie Richards	North Sewickley, Ellwood	2026

Encouraging Churches to Flourish Ministry Unit:

Rev. Andrew Smothers	Glade Run, Valencia	2025
Elder Lori Littell	Frankfort, Frankfort Springs	2026
Rev. John Silbert	Covenant, Butler	2026*

Mission and Compassion Ministry Unit:

Elder Dennee Stevenson	Calvin, Zelienople	2024
Elder Clark Trauterman	Crestview, Callery	2025
Rev. Todd Allen	Park, Beaver	2026*
Rev. James Swanson	Camp Run, Fombell	2026

Permanent Judicial Commission:

Rev. Dennis Molnar	Honorably Retired	2028
--------------------	-------------------	------

Synod of the Trinity Commissioners

Rev. Beth Wierman	New Sewickley, Rochester/ 2026*	
	One in Christ, Ambridge	

Elder Jim Ihlenfeld	The Hill, Butler	2026
---------------------	------------------	------

Camping Association of the Presbyteries of NW PA Board

Rev. James Benson	Cranberry Community	2026
-------------------	---------------------	------

Elder Diana Spencer	New Bethlehem, Aliquippa	2026
---------------------	--------------------------	------

*** SERVING A SECOND TERM****Thank-you to Those Completing their Service on Committees and Units**

Elder Carolyn Paulsen – Presbytery Moderator

Rev. James Kirk – Coordinating Team

Elder Cindy Miller – Coordinating Team

Elder Susan Reed – Administration Committee

Elder Andrew Honess – Ministry & Vocation Committee

Rev. Leigh Benish – Collaboration, Fellowship & Youth Ministry Unit

Elder Melissa McCandless – Collaboration, Fellowship & Youth Ministry Unit

Rev. Jon Nelson – Encouraging Churches to Flourish Ministry Unit

CP Chuck Cline – Synod Commissioner

**QUESTIONNAIRE FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMISSIONER
AND YAAD NOMINEE CANDIDATES**

Name: Rev. A. David Paul

Street Address: 122 Valentino Lane

City, State, ZIP: Zelienople, PA 16063

Home Phone: 402-203-6400 Work Phone: 724-452-7560

Cell Phone: 402-203-6400 Email: vitodyssey@gmail.com

 Ruling Elder ✓ Teaching Elder YAAD

Congregation: Calvin Presbyterian Church, Zelig (Calvin)

1. How will service as a commissioner or YAAD relate to your understanding of Christian discipleship?

I experience God's Spirit working through God's people in nearly every meeting we have at Calvin. Unfortunately many do not experience that in the community or at other levels of the Church. Being a commissioner will enable me to bring those experiences to the Calvin, Beaver Butler Presbytery and the Synod of the Trinity.

2. Describe your involvement and activities in Christian service beyond the local congregation.

I serve on Beaver Butler Presbytery (BBP)'s Ministry and Vocation Commission (i.e., COM and CPM) and as a Hybrid Ministry Steward (i.e., connecting BBP through Zoom, Facebook, etc.). I am also engaged in Seneca Valley School District Hope Squad as a community resource.

3. What gifts and abilities do you have to offer if you are selected as a commissioner or YAAD?

I am a hard worker; the only thing I love more than working with a team toward a common goal is when God's Spirit works through a team to reach the highest goals. I bring three decades of being a masters level counselor and two decades of being a minister of word and sacrament.

4. What factors will guide you as you make decisions at General Assembly?

If I am given the opportunity to serve at General Assembly as a commissioner, my discernment of God's will through the Holy Spirit will guide me as I cast my votes.

5. What do you believe are the most important issues facing the church today, and why?

1) The Gospel Gap - the space between what Jesus calls for (agape) and what many professing Christians, congregations and denominations do (promote self interests). 2) Playing it Safe - not embracing complex social issues, which aids the oppressed and younger generations see as hypocritical. 3) Reformation - we are in the midst of a reformation and if the church doesn't adapt it'll die....

6. Provide the name and phone number of your church's clerk of session, and the date when the session acted to endorse your candidacy (if applicable).

Alecia McKee (412) 629-0730 (11/2/23)

**QUESTIONNAIRE FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMISSIONER
AND YAAD NOMINEE CANDIDATES**

Name: Kerry Michelle Dowdy

Street Address: PO Box 369

City, State, ZIP: East Butler PA 16029

Home Phone: n/a Work Phone: 724-285-4124

Cell Phone: 724-822-5630 Email: k.dowdy@zoominternet.net

☒ Ruling Elder ☐ Teaching Elder ☐ YAAD

Congregation: East Butler Presbyterian Church

1. How will service as a commissioner or YAAD relate to your understanding of Christian discipleship?

To help me see & understand how God is working in a broader context of PC(USA) & the world beyond church & Presbyteries

2. Describe your involvement and activities in Christian service beyond the local congregation.

I am a candidate under care of Beaver-Butler Presbytery and also full pulpit supply. I am an current member of ECF committee.

3. What gifts and abilities do you have to offer if you are selected as a commissioner or YAAD?

administration & leadership & detail oriented & also listening skills.

4. What factors will guide you as you make decisions at General Assembly?

The Holy Spirit and listening to others as issues are discussed

5. What do you believe are the most important issues facing the church today, and why?

The secular shifts where sacred (church) has lost its identity - meaning God is seen as not needed in our daily lives - we make decisions & live our secular lives without divine counsel. Decline in church attendance & social justice issues also are very important.

6. Provide the name and phone number of your church's clerk of session, and the date when the session acted to endorse your candidacy (if applicable).

Melanie Fallacker 724-496-6197 cell

**QUESTIONNAIRE FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMISSIONER
AND YAAD NOMINEE CANDIDATES**

Name: Randall Kemp Clow II (Kemp)

Street Address: 164 New Bethlehem Church Road

City, State, ZIP: Aliquippa, PA 15001

Home Phone: 724-378-9882 Work Phone: _____

Cell Phone: 724-944-8706 Email: rkclow2@icloud.com

_____ Ruling Elder _____ Teaching Elder X YAAD

Congregation: New Bethlehem Presbyterian Church

1. How will service as a commissioner or YAAD relate to your understanding of Christian discipleship?

As a musician some of the best experience and knowledge of music can be attained through time spent with fellow musicians. I believe the same is true about Christianity. The "church" is bigger than New Bethlehem. By serving as a YAAD I will be able participate in the church as a larger body of Christ.

2. Describe your involvement and activities in Christian service beyond the local congregation.

I am actively involved in the Beaver-Butler youth activities. I am a volunteer at Camp Lambec as a counselor in training and will be a full counselor next year. I am a member of the Beaver Valley Choral Society. Finally, I was planning to attend Triennium but it was cancelled due to COVID 19 pandemic.

3. What gifts and abilities do you have to offer if you are selected as a commissioner or YAAD?

I have an understanding of God's Word and am always looking to learn more. I am a good listener and like to listen to all sides of a topic before forming my own opinion.

4. What factors will guide you as you make decisions at General Assembly?

Prayer and the Bible will guide me in all the decisions that I make.

5. What do you believe are the most important issues facing the church today, and why?

One of the greatest issues that I believe faces the church today is maintaining relevancy in GenZ. I notice from my own observations on social media that churches either attempt to be too relatable or trendy or make little to no attempt at all. If GenZ can be won to Christianity then many issues that our country faces can also be remedied.

6. Provide the name and phone number of your church's clerk of session, and the date when the session acted to endorse your candidacy (if applicable).

Diane Meanor 724-375-5926
July 11, 2023