



Beaver-Butler Presbytery

Serving God...Serving You

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*...no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.*

Isaiah 64:4

SUPPORT PC(USA) MINISTRIES

Unified under the theme, "We are the Church ... together," a multi-agency, cross-departmental, #GivingTuesday staff team has been working together for months on a coordinated campaign to raise much-needed funds for Presbyterian mission. All gifts given on *Giving Tuesday* will be directed to Shared Mission (25%), Office of the



**GIVING
TUESDAY**

November 28, 2023

We are the church, together!

General Assembly (25%), and Special Offerings (50%).

Your gift today will make a difference in the lives of so many and fund projects that create transformation in the name of Jesus Christ!

[Learn more and give...](#)

FINAL IPLF WORKSHOP FOR FALL 2023

Learning to “Exegete” the Community

Saturday, December 9
12:30-3:30 p.m.

By Zoom and at Redstone Presbytery Center—1004 Mt. Pleasant Road, Greensburg, PA 15601

Instructor: Rev. Dr. Scott Hagley

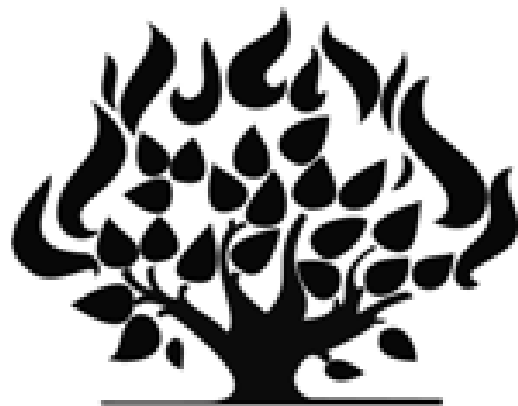
Participating in God’s mission recognizes that we live and serve where we do by God’s providence. So, how might we pursue God’s calling in “exegeting” not the text, but the community that surrounds our church. Where do I look for? What do I see as?—opportunities to join in God’s mission.

To register contact Bobbie Shaffor at Redstone Presbytery (724-837-6737 or secretary@redstonepresbytery.org)



SPRING IPLF SCHEDULE SET

The Presbyteries of Redstone, Pittsburgh, Upper Ohio Valley, Washington, Beaver-Butler, and Shenango collaborate to facilitate a training program called Inter-Presbytery Leadership Formation (IPLF). IPLF is designed to prepare ruling elders for possible positions as Commissioned Ruling Elders (CREs) to serve churches. IPLF also trains leaders for preaching, leading worship and various ministries, such as visitation.



Classes for the Spring Term of 2024 are

Saturday, January 6, February 3, March 2, April 6 and May 4. The program includes classes, hands-on experiences, and mentoring. The morning class will be *Reformed Worship and Sacraments* class taught by Peter Bower. Elective Workshops will be held in the afternoon. New students who feel the call to serve as CREs should begin preparing now. If interested please get in touch with the Beaver-Butler Presbytery Office at 724-452-7515.

[Learn more about IPLF...](#)

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL TRIP

In July, a group from Zelienople traveled to Wanblee, South Dakota and distributed 150 repaired and refurbished bicycles to the Lakota people. This was seventh consecutive distribution for *Without Reservations*, the growing mission of Calvin Church.

In addition, the group was able to prepare a site for the construction of a bike repair shop. Another group arrived later to build the shop. Finishing touches are being made with the hope that it can be put to use this winter. The shop and the training of a local resident are big steps in keeping bicycles in good repair throughout the year.

Without Reservations has prepared a video of their July trip. You are encouraged to watch and share it.

[Watch the video...](#)

Without Reservations desires to continue to build, share, and support caring relationships with the Lakota Sioux in Wanblee through the Eagle Nest Butte Children's Center. They are hoping to build relationships with other individuals and organizations. If you or your church is interested in supporting this mission, please contact them.

To learn more about *Without*



Reservation read the article featured in the March 28 issue of our *Weekly Update* E-newsletter.

[Read the article...](#)



JEWISH AND CHRISTIAN HOLIDAYS EVENT

**Wednesday, December 6
6-7:30 p.m.**

East Butler Church
900 Randolph Avenue, East Butler

East Butler Church is having their next all-ages Bible event which will be “intergenerational” and “interfaith.” B'nai Abraham Synagogue is invited for this exploration of Jewish and Christian holidays. Everyone will share a pizza meal together.



OBSERVING ADVENT

We encourage congregations and individuals to find an Advent study or devotional to observe a sacred time of waiting for Christ’s arrival. The following are a few sources.

UKirk Collegiate Ministries

In partnership with the Presbyterian Mission Agency’s Office of Christian Formation, UKirk is offering *Words for Waiting: Daily Devotions for Advent and Christmas*. This free resource includes daily scripture readings,



reflections, and prayers by students, campus ministers, and chaplains. There are three ways to read.

[**Download and print...**](#)

(Notes for printing: Use 1/2" margins and set your double-sided printing to short-edge or horizontal binding. Fold in half and staple.)

[**Read online or subscribe for daily emails...**](#)

[**Download the UKirk app and click on "UKirk Daily."**](#)

Frontier Fellowship

Frontier Fellowship invites you to go deeper into the music of the season of Advent and Christmas with their *Go Tell It on the Mountain* devotions. Some of the songs will be very familiar; others may be new to you. We invite you to see God at work in your life and also discover glimpses of His work on the frontier.

[**Download a pdf, sign up for emails, read on social platforms...**](#)

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)

This four week Advent study, *Annunciations: Disruption and Invitation*, explores the biblical narratives of Zechariah, Elizabeth, Joseph and Mary. Short film excerpts from film serve as conversation starters.

[**Learn more and download study...**](#)

[**Access the video clips...**](#)

Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (PTS)

Written by PTS faculty, staff, and Board members, this daily devotional can be accessed in multiple ways including online, daily emails, or a downloadable booklet to print. An Advent Resource Kit, offering worship service planning tools, hymns, kids' activities, is also available.

[**Learn more...**](#)

Presbyterian Outlook

Daily reflections by Outlook Editor Teri McDowell Ott help readers wrestle with Christ's promises in a broken world with *Apocalyptic Advent: Embracing Hope in the Second Coming of Christ*.

Churches email, printed as a complete booklet or added to the Sunday bulletin the devotions.

[*Learn more and purchase...*](#)

PC(USA) Store

View the 2023 Advent Resource Guide on your computer or other device for . Click on any title or cover to be taken to the product page. Also, click on the dark blue blocks to download resource samples.

[*Go to guide...*](#)

Presbytery Resource Center

Advent Studies and Devotions for adults and families can also be borrowed from the Resource Center. Stop in during office hours or make an appointment with ChrisAnn Goossen

(chrisanngoossen@beaverbutler.org)

to see what is available.

PRESBYTERY NEWS

Click for news you may have missed...

SYNOD OF THE TRINITY EVENTS

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PRESBYTERY EVENTS

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IPLF WORKSHOPS FOR PASTORS AND RULING ELDERS

Learning to “Exegete” the Community

Saturday December 9, 12:30-3:30 p.m.

Online and in-person at Redstone Presbytery Center

BBP YOUTH BOWLING PARTY

Sunday, January 28, 3-5 p.m.

Family Bowlaway Fun Center—540 Fairground Hill Road, Butler

LEADER CONNECT—NEXT GEN LEADER RETREAT

Monday-Wednesday, January 29-31, 2024

Crestfield Camp and Conference Center—Slippery Rock, PA

Hosted by Pittsburgh Presbytery

CHURCH EVENTS

**Support and promote worship, fellowship and fundraising events
hosted by congregations in our presbytery.**

JEWISH AND CHRISTIAN HOLIDAYS EVENT

Wednesday, December 6, 6-7:30 p.m.

East Butler Church—900 Randolph Avenue, East Butler

All-ages Bible event to explore Jewish and Christian holidays.

HOPEWELL COMMUNITY BIG BAND CONCERT

Thursday, December 7, 7 p.m.

Ohio United Church—1236 Longvue Avenue, Aliquippa

LIGHT INTO DARKNESS—A Benefit Concert for Ukraine

Sunday, December 10, 5 p.m.

Park Church—275 Commerce Street, Beaver

Send event information to chrisanngoossen@beaverbutler.org.

Attach flyers and brochures as PDF documents
and slides as PowerPoint documents.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Click for position descriptions and contact information.

Pianist and/or Organist

Concord, West Sunbury and North Washington, North Washington

THE PRESBYTERY OFFICE

Regular Office Hours

Monday-Thursday, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
or by appointment.

2023 Holiday Schedule

New Year's Day...January 2
Martin Luther King Day...January 16
President's Day...February 20
Memorial Day...May 29
Juneteenth...June 19
Independence Day...July 4
Labor Day...September 4
Veterans' Day...November 9
Thanksgiving Day...November 23
Christmas Eve...December 21
Christmas Day...December 25
Christmas Week...December 26-29

2023 Presbytery Meetings

Saturday, January 28, 10 a.m.

Lunch
Concord, Baden

Tuesday, March 28, 6 p.m.

Park, Beaver

Tuesday, May 23, 6 p.m.

First, Beaver Falls

Tuesday, July 25, 6 p.m.

Hill, Butler

Tuesday, September 26, 4 p.m.

Dinner
Hosted by Trinity, Butler
Mission Exploratory Team
providing meal

Tuesday, November 14, 6 p.m.

New Salem, Midland

[Click for Presbytery Calendar](#)

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Presbytery Weekly Update

To share announcements and news or to add names to the mailing list, contact ChrisAnn at chrisanngoossen@beaverbutler.org. To access back issues, go to <https://beaverbutler.org/weekly-update-e-newsletter/>.

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