



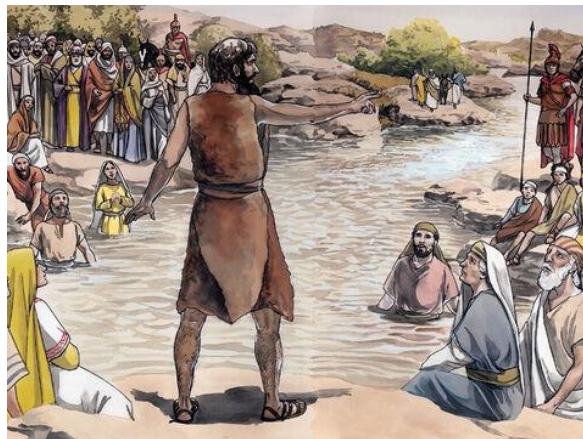
Beaver-Butler Presbytery

Serving God...Serving You

Weekly Update for December 5, 2023

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Artist: Paula Nash Giltner

*...“The one who is more powerful
than I is coming after me;
I am not worthy to stoop down and
untie the thong of his sandals.”*

John the Baptist—Mark 1:7 (NRSV)

NOVEMBER PRESBYTERY MEETING SUMMARY

The Beaver-Butler Presbytery held its stated meeting at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, using a hybrid format. Moderator was Elder Carolyn

Paulsen and Vice-Moderator was Rev. Jamie Fowler. The meeting was hosted by the New Salem Presbyterian Church, Midland, where Jeffrey Marquis serves as Commissioned Pastor (CP).

[Access the summary...](#)



BBP YOUTH BOWLING PARTY

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

Family Bowlaway Fun Center
540 Fairground Hill Road, Butler, PA
16001

YOU MUST RSVP to Diana by January 15 to attend the event.

Contact Diana at
dianamermon@beaverbutler.org or
412-915-2097



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RESET IS MUSIC TO PEOPLE'S EARS

Elizabeth Connelly, the Connections Coordinator for the Synod of the Trinity who specializes in granting, took a trip during the summer of 2023 to get a closer look at some of the outreaches that have received Synod funding. What follows is her first-person account after visiting one of the organizations that received a grant from the Synod recently.



Pastor Dave Edmunds of Elmwood Avenue Presbyterian Church in Erie and church member Art Amann are no strangers to the membership challenges facing churches in our region. In addition, they are equally acutely aware of the many people in our communities that are struggling with hunger, clothing and other basic needs. But how do hunger and membership intersect? This is a question that they are tackling every

week at Elmwood.

Through their newly implemented and carefully planned programming called RESET, supported by a Synod grant, they are seeing living proof that an old church can learn new tricks.

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SYNOD OF THE TRINITY 2023 ASSEMBLY REPORT

The 2023 Synod of the Trinity Assembly in late October was a hybrid gathering held in-person in Bedford, PA, and through video conferencing. You can read highlights of the meeting in this prepared report.

[Go to report...](#)



From left, Synod Co-Moderator Bernice Adams, PC(USA) Co-Moderator Ruth Santana-Grace and Synod Executive Forrest Claassen prepare to serve communion at the Synod Assembly.

PUBLIC DOMAIN HYMN PROJECT

Is your church without a regular musician? The Presbytery of Plains and Peaks is making available the music and lyrics for the public domain hymns in the *Glory to God* denominational hymnal. Working with a church musician, hymns were recorded in MIDI format and then imported into editing software where lyrics and backgrounds were added.



Christmas music is available now for a nominal donation, with more to come in the new year.

[Go to the project webpage...](#)

GLOBAL CLIMATE TALKS BEGIN AT COP28a

by Darla Carter, *Presbyterian News Service*

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) will be keeping a close eye on global climate talks November 30 through December 12 in Dubai's Expo City on the Arabian Peninsula.

A contingent of online and in-person participants from the PC(USA) will be attending or following the United Nations Climate Change Conference, and providing regular updates through the Presbyterian Hunger Program's Eco-Justice Journey blog.



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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

Download flyer and ticket form...

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

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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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