

**GATHERING OF THE
CHURCHES OF BEAVER-
BUTLER PRESBYTERY
&
ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE**

**Saturday, January 27, 2024
Beginning at 10:00 AM**

In-Person at:
North Sewickley Presbyterian Church
106 Chapel Drive, Ellwood City, PA
Rev. Dr. Rebecca Kahnt, Pastor

9:30 am Registration

Lunch - \$10.00

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Please connect to the meeting between

9:30 and 9:45 PM

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*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 North Sewickley Church Directly:
724-752-1272.



Directions to: North Sewickley Presbyterian Church

106 Chapel Drive (located at the intersection of Route 65 and Chapel Dr.)

Ellwood City, PA 16117

(724) 752-1272



From Beaver: Follow Route 65 north approximately 4 miles out of New Brighton to the junction of Route 588 and Route 65 (traffic light in North Sewickley Twp.). Continue on Route 65 north for 3.4 miles. Turn right onto Chapel Drive and North Sewickley Presbyterian Church is immediately on your right.

From Butler and Zelienople: Follow Route 68 to Route 19. Turn Left onto Route 19 south into Zelienople. Turn right at the first light on to Route 288 west. Follow .8 mile. Bear Left onto Route 588 West. Follow 4 miles. Stay straight onto Chapel Drive (Lake Forest Nursery). Follow Chapel Drive 3.7 miles to North Sewickley Presbyterian Church.

Registration: Narthex Upper Level

Nursery: Last Room on the Right Upper Level

Prayer Room: Calvin Room – First Room on Left Upper Level

Elevator: Upper Level Narthex and Lower Level Entryway

North Sewickley Presbyterian Church



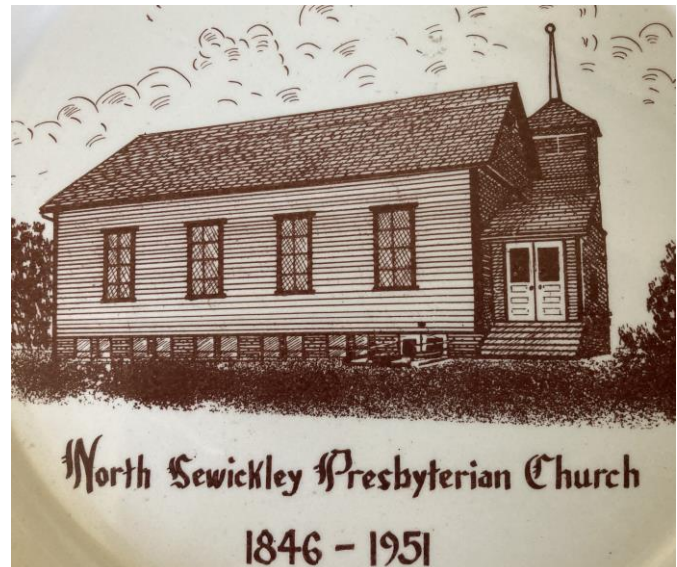
On August 6, 1846 a group of men and women met under an old oak tree located near the North Sewickley Cemetery on Chapel Drive, and officially organized the North Sewickley Presbyterian Church. Native timber for the building was felled and cut into finished lumber at a local saw mill. Workers hand planed the flooring and finish boards, one-piece beams made the building support.

In May of 1934, to increase building space, the men of the church used teams of horses, tractors, scoops and shovels to remove dirt from under the church to create a basement. A belfry was added to the building, and the bell was joyously rung for the first time in 1938.

Continuing to outgrow the facility, a committee was formed in the fifties to consider the options of enlarging the existing building. The committee advised against modifying the original structure, and instead recommended purchasing property and moving to another site. This resulted in the purchase of slightly over eight acres from the Connoquenessing Country Club, and on March 11, 1961, ground was broken for the present worship location of the North Sewickley Presbyterian Church.

September 25, 1961 marks the date that the cornerstone was laid, and on November 4, 1962 the congregation celebrated their first worship at the new location. The building was dedicated in March 1963, and remarkably, the mortgage was burned only eleven years later in November of 1974.

Ground was broken in 1977 for the current manse, 131 years to the day of the signing of the original church charter. Within a year, the congregation's Pastor and his family moved into the new manse. The 1980's were a time of growth for the church.



The authentic bell from the first building was installed on the present church grounds in August 1988. In 1993, a picnic pavilion was erected in the woods of the church property, and many fine experiences have been shared in a pavilion whose roots sprouted from a faithful few of Christ's followers under an old oak tree.

During the 2000s several projects led to a gabled roof over the Christian Ed building, new windows, accessible bathrooms and re configured office area. The sanctuary and offices were also air-conditioned. Our parking lot was paved and lined to add convenience. Our neighbors use our paper-recycling bin and a clothing drop as well.



In 2016 a new entryway and reception/gathering area along with a handicapped accessible entrance was added below with a full-size elevator. Our new kitchen is almost twice the size of the former one; many events and community functions make use of this space.

This history of our building is interesting but the Lord has used the folks who worship here for much more. We support each other, and our community. We help the Pine Valley camp, down the road that ministers to inner city children from the Pittsburgh area. Each year there is a large rummage sale to raise funds for local causes. Members give their time and money to various community organizations.

North Sewickley not only supports mission through our Presbytery and PCUSA, we partner with Christians in Miraj, India; Uganda; Kenya; Tanzania and South Africa. Members have gone on numerous mission trips to these locations, as well as P.D.A. missions in the USA, and other local missions.

NSPC is an active congregation with a history of "*knowing Jesus and making Him known*" in North Sewickley Township for 175 years and counting. North Sewickley Church is currently served by the newly installed pastor, Rev. Dr. Rebecca A. Kahnt, known as Pastor Becky.

AGENDA
A GATHERING OF THE CHURCHES OF BEAVER-BUTLER PRESBYTERY

SATURDAY, January 27, 2024

Registration 9:30 am

Meeting Begins at 10:00 am

(In-Person)

North Sewickley Presbyterian Church

106 Chapel Drive, Ellwood City, PA

Rev. Dr. Rebecca Kahnt, Pastor

(VIA non-interactive Zoom: See Email for Link)

GATHERING

Prelude

"HOLY FOREVER"

North Sewickley Praise*

Chris Tomlin

Presbytery Greeting

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

SPECIAL MUSIC

"PRECIOUS LORD TAKE MY HAND"

North Sewickley Praise

THE WORD READ

JOHN 11:25-26

Elder Andrew Why

THE WORD SPOKEN

"WORTH REMEMBERING"

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Elders Denny Krebs & Andrew Why

PRAYER

Elder Denny Krebs

HYMN

"HERE IN THIS PLACE"

vs. 1, 4

WELCOME FROM HOST CHURCH

Clerk of Session, Kathy Liller

WELCOME OF NEW ELDERS AND CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

THE GOOD NEWS FROM THE PEWS (Elders share their congregation's joys)

STATED CLERK REPORT

Rev. Randall Clow

EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER REPORT

Rev. Dr. Tom Harmon

COORDINATING TEAM

Elder Andrew Why

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 Coordinating Team Meeting Minutes December 6, 2023
5. Receive Presbytery Meeting Minutes of November 14, 2023
6. Receive Stated Clerk Report for November – December, 2023
7. Receive Treasurer's Report P&L & Balance Sheet November 2023

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ENCOURAGING CHURCHES TO FLOURISH MINISTRY UNIT

Rev. Dr. John Silbert

Leadership & Administrative Event

COLLABORATION, FELLOWSHIP & YOUTH MINISTRY UNIT

Rev. Brian Hauser

Collaborative Grants

Youth Triennium 2025

Presbytery Communications

MISSION & COMPASSION MINISTRY UNIT

Rev. Dr. Judy Angleberger

North Sewickley in Mission

COORDINATING TEAM PRESENTATION OF OBJECTIVES AND GOALS**Pg. 22-23****PRAYER OF BLESSING****DISCUSSION OVER LUNCH****OLD BUSINESS****NEW BUSINESS****RESOLUTION OF THANKS TO OUR HOST CHURCH****OFFERING**

The Beaver-Butler Presbytery Mission Budget

PRAYER & ADJOURNMENT**SENDING HYMN**

"JESUS BE WITH US"

Ministry & Vocation Committee for Information**Actions:**

Approved the transfer of membership of Rev. James Kirk to Washington Presbytery.

Approved contract between Rev. James Salyers and Westminster United Presbyterian Church, New Brighton effective September 1, 2023.

Approved contract between Commissioned Pastor Gregg D. Hartung and Crestview Community Church, Callery effective January 1, 2024.

Approved contract between Rev. Monica Hamilton and the North Butler, Chicora and East Butler, East Butler Presbyterian churches effective January 1, 2024.

Approved contract between Rev. Robert Goossen and the Ohio United Presbyterian Church, Aliquippa effective January 1, 2024.

Approved contract between Rev. John Sweitzer from Pittsburgh Presbytery and Frankfort Presbyterian Church, Frankfort Springs effective October 1, 2023.

Approved a waiver of rotation for 2 session members Mr. Homer Ray and Mr. Raymond Bell for the First United Presbyterian Church, Darlington.

Received the resignation of Doug Gebhard, with regret, from MVC due to more demands on his time at his new interim work.

Granted approval for Rev. Dennis Molnar to labor outside the bounds of Beaver-Butler Presbytery, serving a church in Kiskiminetas Presbytery.

* Mark DeWalt – Keyboard; Bryan Paff – Bass Guitar, Nate Vagias – Drums, Sam Kahnt – Trombone, Jim Paff – Vocals.

BEAVER-BUTLER PRESBYTERY

2024 Presbytery Meetings

The Office Will Close Early On These Dates

Saturday, January 27	10:00 a.m.	(Lunch) North Sewickley, Ellwood City
Tuesday, March 19	6:00 p.m.	Calvin, Zelienople
Tuesday, May 28	6:00 p.m.	Concord, Baden
Tuesday, July 30	6:00 p.m.	Clinton, Saxonburg
Tuesday, September 24	4:00 p.m.	(Dinner) The Galilean, New Galilee & First, Darlington Hosting at the New Galilee Community Center
Tuesday, November 19	6:00 p.m.	New Sewickley, Rochester

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

The Coordinating Team (CT) held a stated meeting at the Presbytery Center on Wednesday, December 6, 2023.

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

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

Excused: Jim Kirk, Bill Mumaw

Visitor: Dennis Krebs (oncoming Presbytery vice moderator)

The Stated Clerk attested to the presence of a quorum and the meeting was called to order by the CT Chair, Andrew Why at 6:35pm. Andrew welcomed the incoming vice moderator of the Presbytery, Dennis Krebs and he thanked those who are ending their service on CT: Carolyn Paulsen and Cindy Miller. Andrew then opened the meeting with prayer.

Consent Agenda Approvals and Receipt of Reports:

1. Receive Coordinating Team Meeting Minutes of October 4, 2023 (previously approved by email vote on November 13, 2023).
2. Receive the Stated Clerk's Report
3. Receive the Executive Presbyter's Report
4. 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.

Additionally, the Stated Clerk reported that a Coordinating Team Email vote was conducted on November 13, 2023. The email vote contained the following items for action:

1. CT Minutes of October 4, 2023
2. Stated Clerk Report October
 - a. PJC Reserve Roster
 - b. Session Records Review Report
3. Treasurer Report P&L and Balance Sheet
4. Presbytery Meeting Minutes September 26, 2023
5. Nominating Committee Docket
6. Docket Requests
 - a. Examination of Rev. Jim Gear
 - b. MVC Retirees and Farewells

c. 2nd Reading of MVC Policy
7. Consider exploring a “seller backed financing option” for the purchaser of the Calvary Presbyterian Church building in Beaver Falls. All documents describing the terms would be submitted to CT for final approval at a later date.

All items for action were approved by email.

Executive Presbyter’s Report:

Tom Harmon

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

Tom also led a discussion around a document (Attachment “A”) containing the three to five year and one-year strategic goals to align Presbytery objectives with our newly adopted mission statement.

CT learned that many of the units and committees have been evaluating their work to align their focus with the new mission statement.

Motion: To approve the strategic plan and begin working toward the stated objectives.
-PASSED

Tom shared the work of the Presbytery Meeting Agenda Planning Team, which has been developing proposed themes for the 2024 meetings of Beaver-Butler Presbytery. See “2024 Presbytery Meeting Focus” document (Attachment “B”).

Motion: To receive and bless the 2024 Presbytery meeting themes as presented. -PASSED

CT learned that the buyer of the former Calvary Presbyterian Church building in Beaver-Falls would prefer a seller (Presbytery) backed loan rather than a traditional bank loan. CT reviewed the proposed Mortgage Note and Mortgage (Attachments “C” and “D” respectively) which have been prepared by an attorney. The buyer will be using the building to operate a daycare service in the community.

Motion: To proceed with a seller backed loan as presented. -PASSED

CT learned that the Collaboration, Fellowship, and Youth requests to renew their Collaboration Grant for next year.

Motion: To renew the Collaboration Grant for 2024.

CT discussed some concerns regarding the length of the November meeting of the Presbytery. CT agreed to carefully plan meetings while also being a good steward of the time of commissioners.

Old Business: *None*

New Business: *None*

Motion to adjourn – PASSED

Next meeting January 3, 2024 at 6:30 PM

Adjournment with Prayer 7:59 PM.

In Service to Christ,

Rev. Randall K. Clow
Stated Clerk

Schedule of Attachments

Attachment “A”	One and Three to Five Year Objectives
Attachment “B”	2024 Presbytery Meeting Focus
Attachment “C”	Mortgage Note
Attachment “D”	Mortgage

A GATHERING OF THE CHURCHES OF BEAVER-BUTLER PRESBYTERY

November 14, 2023, 6:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting – In-Person & Zoom

The Beaver-Butler Presbytery held a stated meeting at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, using a *Hybrid* format: in-person and Zoom technology. The meeting was held at New Salem Presbyterian Church, Midland, where Jeffrey R. Marquis serves as Commissioned Pastor (CP).

Presbytery Moderator Elder Carolyn Paulsen called the meeting to order at 6:00 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.

WELCOME FROM THE HOST CHURCH:

Elder Sherbe Zorich welcomed the Presbyters and gave details of the facility, including fellowship location. She also gave a brief overview of New Salem's history.

WELCOME OF NEW ELDERS AND CORRESPONDING MEMBERS:

First-time Ruling Elder Commissioners were introduced.

THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDING MEMBERS WERE ENROLLED:

- Rev. Forrest Claassen (The Pittsburgh Presbytery), Executive, Synod of the Trinity
- Rev. Mark S. Davis (Presbytery of Kiskiminetas)
- Rev. James W. Gear (Presbytery of Redstone)
- Rev. Joshua D. Heikkila (Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area), West Africa Regional Liaison, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Moderator Paulsen opened the meeting with prayer...

ANTHEM / SPECIAL MUSIC:

"Refiner's Fire"

New Salem Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP:

The Worship time began with a Responsive Call to Worship

THE WORD READ:

Luke 12:1-7

THE WORD SPOKEN:

"The Message to the Disciples"

CP Jeffrey Marquis

Pastor Marquis opened with a reading from Luke 12, Jesus speaking to the Disciples and the crowds – "Be on guard against the yeast of the Pharisees" – hypocrisy. Jesus tells his listeners to not be afraid. Indeed, a hard teaching, but Jesus telling us whom to fear, then telling us not to be afraid. Jesus' words follow a confrontation with the Pharisees, speaking of hypocrisy – *knowing what to do, and not doing it!* God's will for us is to not be a hypocrite.

Jeff gave a humorous example of how the "leaven" works its way into our lives, until it takes things over. But on a more serious track, he spoke of how we are to *fear God*.

HYMN:

“The Servant Song”

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, and explained the process for the *Second Reading – Process to receive New Members*, to be presented under Ministry & Vocation. He reminded the Commissioners that there were only two open meeting dates for 2024 Meetings – January and September.

EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER REPORT:

Rev. Dr. Thomas Harmon

Tom opened his remarks with the news that the Coordinating Team (CT) has decided, *beginning January 2024, all Commissioners (and others wishing to actively participate in the Presbytery meeting) must be present at the meeting. Those joining remotely may do so via a Zoom link, but may only listen and watch. They will not be able to participate – voice or vote.* As we have come out of the pandemic, in-person attendance has increased, while remote attendance has declined. Additionally, we have faced many challenges regarding remote participation, including voting. Concerns and questions may be addressed to CT Chair Andrew Why or anyone from CT.

Tom’s comments focused on the well-known fact that we are in a time of change. Church membership and attendance are undergoing huge changes – indeed, overall church membership is half what it was two decades ago. Contemporary America simply isn’t set up to promote mutuality, care, or a common life with others. Instead, life now is designed to maximize individual accomplishment as defined by professional and financial success.

However, many smaller churches are thriving because they have a Spirit-driven vision for the future. God has called us into God’s future, and likewise, our faithfulness becomes the fruit of waiting and watching, holding fast as proclaimers of good news. We are building a faithful community.

Vice-Moderator Rev. Jamie Fowler now Moderating...

COORDINATING TEAM:

Vice-Moderator Rev. Jamie Fowler

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

1. Form the roll;
2. Seat Corresponding Members and grant them voice;
3. Approve the Docket;
4. Receive the Coordinating Team Minutes, September 6 and October 4, 2023;
5. Receive the Stated Clerk Report, September-October 2023;
6. Receive the Treasurer’s Report, Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss, September 2023;
7. Approve the Presbytery Meeting Minutes, September 26, 2023, and...

From Ministry and Vocation Committee:

1. Approve dissolution of the call between Rev. Robert Edmundson and the Concord, Hooker and North Washington Churches, effective October 31, 2023.

2. Approve dissolution of the call between Rev. Dr. Jon Nelson and the Park, Zelienople and Plains, Cranberry Churches, effective November 21, 2023.
3. Receive Rev. Mark Davis, H.R. as a member of the Presbytery by transfer from the Presbytery of Kiskiminetas.
4. Grant CP Kathleen Davis and Elder James Paff permission to serve communion when leading worship across churches of the Presbytery.

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

FUN AND GAMES:

Rev. Forrest Claassen, Executive, Synod of the Trinity

Using pastors and elders, Forrest led the Commissioners through a series of games, connected to Presbyterian Life. Essentially, the games "...took a few jabs" at being Presbyterian. The questions (and answers) enabled us to humorously look more closely at ourselves. Besides getting to know the participants a bit better, everyone enjoyed the games!

MISSION & COMPASSION MINISTRY UNIT (MCM):

Rev. Dr. Judy Angleberger

1. *Rev. Joshua D. Heikkila, West Africa Regional Liaison, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.):* Using a series of slides, Josh talked about his work in West Africa, Ghana in particular. He spoke about the differences in landscape, vegetation (and non-vegetation), and commerce across Ghana.
2. *Pastor Jeff Marquis, sharing the mission of New Salem Church:* Jeff spoke about New Salem's Missions that are done within the various communities of the church.
3. Pastor Tim Casey, Mt. Pleasant, Darlington, referred the Commissioners to a letter in the packet, and spoke about mission work at the Beaver County Jail.
4. MCM Chair Rev. Dr. Judy Angleberger noted an upcoming Matthew 25 Summit Meeting in Atlanta GA, January 16-18, 2024. MCM is offering financial support to those wishing to attend.

MINISTRY AND VOCATION COMMITTEE (MVC):

Rev. Robert Goossen

1. *Recognition of Rev. Robert Edmundson's Retirement:* The Presbyters took some time to recognize Bob as he retires from Concord / North Washington, and begins a new chapter in his call and life.

FELLOWSHIP BREAK:

Vice-Moderator Rev. Jamie Fowler called the meeting (back) to order at 8:57 P.M.

MINISTRY AND VOCATION COMMITTEE (continued):

Rev. Robert Goossen

2. Examination of Rev. James W. Gear (Presbytery of Redstone):

MVC Chair Goossen moved that, *if the way be clear*, the Presbytery concur with the call of the Rev. James W. Gear as Transitional Pastor at the Concord, Hooker and North Washington Churches, and receive Rev. Gear as a member of BBP, effective January 1, 2024. (*Note: As this was a contract position between Rev. Gear and the churches, MVC approved the contracts.*)

Bob opened the questioning for Jim. After acknowledging Jesus Christ as Savior, he was asked to articulate his sense of call to Concord / North Washington. Some additional questions were offered from the floor. After questioning, Jim stepped out of the meeting.

Motion: To end the debate, and approve the recommendation of the Ministry & Vocation Committee – PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Jim returned to the meeting (with applause!), and Bob offered a prayer for him and the churches.

3. *Second reading* of the MVC Motion, *First Reading* previously approved at the September Presbytery Meeting:

The Ministry and Vocation Committee asked 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.

Bob discussed the background and justification for behind the motion. After various questions and comments on the motion, the Vice-Moderator declared the discussion to be concluded, and proceeded to call a vote on the Motion.

Motion: To approve the recommendation of the Ministry & Vocation Committee – MOTION PASSED

NOMINATING & REPRESENTATION COMMITTEE:

Rev. Connie Dunn

Connie referred the Presbyters to the report in the packet, showing the various candidates for open Committee and Unit positions. Also included were candidates for Moderator, Vice-Moderator, and Assistant Stated Clerk (Class of 2026).

There were no nominations from the floor, or online.

Motion to close the nominations, and to pass a unanimous ballot for the candidates presented – PASSED

Also, on behalf of the General Assembly Nominating Committee, Connie presented candidates for the 226th General Assembly (2024):

- Rev. A. David Paul (Calvin, Zelienople)
- Kerry M. Dowdy, Candidate Under Care
- Randall K. Clow II (Young Adult Advisory Delegate)

The Motion to accept the Committee's recommendations was unanimous.

In closing, Connie took a moment to thank those who were completing their terms on the Committees and Units...

SYNOD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

CP Chuck Cline

Chuck gave a brief report on the recent Synod of the Trinity gathering.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no Old Business

NEW BUSINESS: There was no New Business

OFFERING RECEIVED:

The Beaver-Butler Presbytery Mission Budget

RESOLUTION OF THANKS TO THE HOST CHURCH:

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

MODERATOR & VICE-MODERATOR INSTALLATION:

Elder Carolyn Paulsen

Outgoing Presbytery Moderator Carolyn Paulsen led the installation of Rev. Jamie Fowler as Moderator, and Elder Dennis Krebs (The Galilean, New Galilee) as Vice-Moderator, for 2024. After the installation, outgoing Moderator Paulsen led the Presbytery in prayer.

ADJOURNMENT AND CLOSING PRAYER: The meeting was closed in prayer by (recently-installed) Moderator Fowler at 9:38 P.M.

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:***MVC approved the following:***

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. Established the title of **Covenant Pastor**, as follows:
Covenant Pastor (formerly Stated Supply) is a specific type of Pastoral Relationship, as outlined by the *Book of Order*, G-2.0504b. In contrast to Temporary and/or Transitional Pastors, a Covenant Pastoral Relationship implies there is no on-going or immediately-anticipated search for new pastoral leadership, and the Covenant Pastor is, for the foreseeable future, the Pastor of a congregation.
4. Received the Administrative Commission 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 Rev. Dr. Peter deVries as moderator for Plains church, Cranberry Twp.
7. Appointed Rev. 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, Butler 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's First Evangelical Lutheran Church Congregations' unanimous vote to become a joint witness, now to be known as "One in Christ".

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Tuesday, November 19	6:00 p.m.	New Sewickley, Rochester

TABLE OF ATTACHMENTS TO MINUTES, NOVEMBER 14, 2023 PRESBYTERY MEETING:

- A. Record of Participation in (In-Person and via Zoom), November 14, 2023
- B. Coordinating Team Minutes, September 6 and October 4, 2023
- C. Presbytery Meeting Minutes, September 26, 2023
- D. Report of the Stated Clerk, September-October 2023
- E. Report of the Treasurer: Balance Sheet & Profit & Loss, September 2023
- F. Process to Receive New Members (*Note: Previously-ordained Clergy wishing to become BBP members.*)
- G. Permanent Judicial Commission Reserve Roster
- H. Session Records Review Report
- I. Nominating and Representation Committee Nominees

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.	EXC
Byers, David D.	H.R.	P
Campbell, James W.	H.R.	EXC
Casey, Timothy		P
*Cline, Charles		P
Clow, Randall		P
Clyde, Tom	H.R.	EXC
Cramer, Stephen	H.R.	EXC
Currie, Susan	H.R.	EXC
Curtis, Jeffrey A.	H.R.	EXC
de Vries, Peter C.		P
Dorsey, Douglas		P
Dreyer, W. Lee	H.R.	EXC
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		EXC
Harmon, Tom		P
*Hartung, Gregg		A
Hauser, Brian		A
Heller, F. Edwin	H.R.	EXC
Hoffman, C. F.	H.R.	EXC
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.	P
*Marquis, Jeff		P
Mathias, Robert V.	H.R.	EXC
*McMeekin, Thomas		A
Meloy, Merry		A
Molnar, Dennis	H.R.	P
Morris, Melissa		A
Mumaw, William		A

ATTACHMENT A

Nelson, Jon		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
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		EXC
Winship, Michael	H.R.	EXC

ELDERS

Aliquippa	
New Bethlehem	Mary Clow
(2 votes)	Diana Spencer
Ohio	Wendi Rybicki
(2 votes)	John Martin
Raccoon	
Service	
Ambridge	
Ambridge U.P.	
Baden	
Concord	Robert Reich
Beaver	
Park	
(2 votes)	
Beaver Falls	
First	
Steffin Hill	
Covenant	
Faith	
Butler	
Hill	Deborah Markiw
(2 votes)	Karen Earhart
Mt Chestnut	
(2 votes)	
Saint Andrews	
Trinity	
Callery	
Crestview	
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	Kerry Dowdy
Eau Claire	
Eau Claire	
Ellwood City	
North Sewickley	Tom Umstott
(2 votes)	
Evans City	
Westminster	Ruthie Pickett
(2 votes)	
Frankfort Springs	
Frankfort	Lori Lettell
Harmony	
Camp Run	
Hooker	
Concord	Denise Hobaugh
Mars	
Mars United	Lisa Babour
Old Union	Mary Rae Thompson
(2 votes)	Jill McDonald
Midland	
First	
New Salem	Sherbe Zorich
Monaca	
First	
North Branch	
New Brighton	
First	Bill Wessell
Westminster	
New Galilee	
The Galilean	Paul Morrison
N. Washington	
N. Washington	
Parker	
First	
Prospect	
Mt Nebo	
P. Church Prospect	
Rochester	
First Presb.	
New Sewickley	Jennifer Brown
Sarver	
Buffalo	Bill Rudert

Westminster	Pat Hebda
Saxonburg	
Clinton	Thomas Hamilton
Jefferson Center	
Saxonburg Memorial	
(2 votes)	
Shippingport	
Bethlehem	
Slippery Rock	
Center	
Friendship	Michelle Whitehouse
Highland	
Valencia	
Glade Run	Robert Dolence
(2 votes)	
Valencia	Karen Peterman
Vanport	
Vanport	
(2 votes)	
West Sunbury	
West Sunbury	
Zelienople	
Calvin	Tom Reiber
(2 votes)	
Park	

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

Name	Presbytery/Affiliation
Forest Claassen	Pittsburgh/Synod
Jim Gear	Redstone

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

Name	Presbytery/Affiliation
Carolyn Paulsen	Moderator

VISITORS

Name	Church
Nancy Smith	New Salem, Midland
Mike Zorich	New Salem, Midland
Carol Diamond	New Salem, Midland
Nancie Wolfe	New Salem, Midland
Dana Kennedy	New Salem, Midland
Larry Paulsen	Buffalo, Sarver
Cathy Paucovich	New Salem, Midland
Connie Kennedy	New Salem, Midland
Lori Carothers	New Salem, Midland
Mike Nelson	New Salem, Midland
Ed McCready	The Galilean, New Gal.
Mary Ellen Krebs	The Galilean, New Gal.
Dennis Krebs	The Galilean, New Gal.
Jen DuBrowa	New Salem, Midland
Cathy Waxler	New Sewickley, Roch.
Mark Littell	Frankfort, Frankfort Spr.
Sandy Gear	Mt. Chestnut, Butler
Terri Molnar	Camp Lambec
Joshua Heikkila	World Mission PCUSA
Lynn Byers	Ohio, Aliquippa

STATED CLERK'S REPORT
BEAVER-BUTLER PRESBYTERY
FOR THE MONTHS OF NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2023

November 2, 2023

Attended "The Stated Clerk's Role in Judicial Process" seminar led by the Office of the General Assembly.

Received per capita payment schedule and matching grant request from The Galilean Presbyterian Church. Filed.

November 6, 2023

Notified the Office of the General Assembly of the retirement of the Reverend Bonnie Taylor.

November 13, 2023

Attended Presbytery Meeting Planning meeting to discuss themes for 2024.

November 14, 2023

Attended the meeting of the churches of Beaver-Butler Presbytery.

November 15, 2023

Reported General Assembly commissioners and YAAD to OGA.

Reported incoming Presbytery Moderator, the Reverend Jamie Fowler, to OGA.

Notified OGA of the transfer of the Reverend Jon Nelson to Pittsburgh Presbytery.

Notified OGA of the transfer of the Reverend Mark Davis to Beaver-Butler Presbytery.

Notified OGA of the retirement of the Reverend Bonnie Taylor.

Notified OGA of the transfer of the Reverend James Gear from Redstone.

November 20, 2023

Received notification from OGA that minister identification cards will be mailed to the Presbytery Office in February 2024.

November 30, 2023

Received notification from The Presbyterian Church of Prospect indicating they would remit per capita received in June 2024. Filed

Received a request from First Presbyterian Church, Darlington regarding a request for a waiver of rotation. Forwarded/filed.

Received documents regarding the possible sale of the former Calvary Presbytery Church building (Beaver Falls). Filed.

December 4, 2023

Received a request from Park UP, Zelienople regarding quarterly per capita payments in 2024. Approved / Filed.

December 5, 2023

Notify OGA of the transfer of Rev. James Gear from Redstone Presbytery to Beaver-Butler.

December 6, 2023

Attended CT meeting.

December 7, 2023

Received a request from The Galilean Church regarding 2024 per capita payments. Approved / Filed.

December 9, 2023

Received a request from Buffalo Church, regarding 2024 per capita payments. Approved / Filed.

December 14, 2023

Received request from North Washington regarding 2024 per capita payments. Approved / Filed.

In Service to Christ,

Rev. Randall K. Clow

Stated Clerk

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

	<u>Administrative</u>	<u>Mission</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
51102 • Per Capita Apportionment	152,837.84	0.00	152,837.84
52105 • Rev.Mission Causes-Budget	0.00	77,822.70	77,822.70
52110 • Rev. Mission Causes-Other	0.00	1,012.00	1,012.00
53112 • Tinker Trust - PNC Bank	236.72	0.00	236.72
53113 • ESB Checking Interest	2,160.12	0.00	2,160.12
53114 • Northwest Interest	14.41	0.00	14.41
53816 • Presby. Invest and Loan Income	2,032.67	0.00	2,032.67
56110 • Rent Complete Travel	5,250.00	0.00	5,250.00
56115 • Rent - Tenants	11,960.00	0.00	11,960.00
57104 • Small Church Leadership Grant	2,416.92	0.00	2,416.92
57105 • Miscellaneous Income	12,224.08	332.00	12,556.08
57106 • Bulk Order Receipts	2,837.50	0.00	2,837.50
Total Income	<u>191,970.26</u>	<u>79,166.70</u>	<u>271,136.96</u>
Expense			
71105 • Per Capita Expense GA	34,110.80	0.00	34,110.80
71110 • Per Capita Expense Synod	8,485.08	0.00	8,485.08
72105 • Mission Causes Exp- Synod/GA	0.00	44,040.94	44,040.94
72110 • Mission Causes Exp- Other	0.00	700.00	700.00
73000 • Salary/Wage/Benefits	190,487.44	0.00	190,487.44
74000 • Units/Officers	10,995.92	2,484.60	13,480.52
75100 • Cost of Space	26,108.94	0.00	26,108.94
75200 • Communications	5,097.82	0.00	5,097.82
75300 • Furniture and Equipment	13,286.38	0.00	13,286.38
75400 • Office Expense	5,371.63	0.00	5,371.63
75500 • Training and Professional	2,825.00	0.00	2,825.00
75600 • Travel Expense	7,111.04	0.00	7,111.04
75700 • Conferences/Meetings	589.04	50.00	639.04
75900 • Miscellaneous Expense	614.49	0.00	614.49
75907 • Bulk Order Expenditures	2,826.45	0.00	2,826.45
Total Expense	<u>307,910.03</u>	<u>47,275.54</u>	<u>355,185.57</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>-115,939.77</u>	<u>31,891.16</u>	<u>-84,048.61</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-115,939.77</u></u>	<u><u>31,891.16</u></u>	<u><u>-84,048.61</u></u>

Beaver-Butler Presbytery Balance Sheet

As of November 30, 2023

Nov 30, 23

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

10000 · Cash

10107 · WesBanco 142,771.09

10108 · Northwest Savings Bank 32,749.71

10109 · Northwest Savings Market Fund 100,072.86

10115 · Petty Cash 153.40

Total 10000 · Cash 275,747.06

10300 · Investments

10511 · Presbyterian Investment & Loan 308,334.99

10513 · Charles Schwab & Co. 476,831.17

10520 · Ecumenical Cooperative 1,500.00

Total 10300 · Investments 786,666.16

Total Checking/Savings

1,062,413.22

Total Current Assets

1,062,413.22

TOTAL ASSETS

1,062,413.22

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 3,377.57

29125 · New Church Development Fund

29126 · Closed Churches Fund (Fund A) 446,718.18

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

Total 29125 · New Church Development Fund 1,132,092.76

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 5,935.24

Total 29100 · Temporarily Restricted 1,169,749.32

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 1,192,327.99

39000 · Retained Earnings -75,644.31

Net Income -84,270.46

Total Equity 1,032,413.22

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY

1,062,413.22

Beaver-Butler Presbytery is a covenant community of churches that supports, nurtures, and helps grow disciples in the way of Christ.

Three-to-Five-Year Objectives:

- A. **Build increased engagement** of church members' participation in their local church and the Presbytery, which partners with their congregation's ministry.
- B. **Decrease barriers** between congregations and increase participation in joint ministry events to build trust-based relationships.
- C. **Equip leaders** to increase each congregation's ability to grow disciples in their relationship with God, empowering the church's faithful witness to its neighborhood.

One-Year Goals Working Toward Objectives:

- A. **Build increased engagement** of church members' participation in their local church and the Presbytery, which partners with their congregation's ministry.
 - i. Create a year-long plan of Presbytery meeting activities focusing on a shared future where churches equip and collaborate in ministry.
 - ii. Complete a new Presbytery brand identity, including logo and document appearance for communications from the Presbytery.
 - iii. Align staff toward one-year objectives through the employee review process to the annual CT goals.
 - iv. Update the Operations Manual, Bylaws, and Standing Rules for a first reading at the May Presbytery meeting.
 - v. Align the Presbytery's policies and procedures with the Mission Statement with changes for approval by the November Presbytery meeting.
- B. **Decrease barriers** between congregations and increase participation in joint ministry events to build trust-based relationships.
 - i. Facilitate at least four meetings for joint geographical conversations to identify similar congregational needs for an adaptive future ahead.
 - ii. Use the Congregational Connections Grant to help connect at least four joint ministry programs effectively.
 - iii. Facilitate conversations that invite at least two joint mission opportunities between congregations.
 - iv. Appoint a Task Force to plan for a future of repurposing of buildings and cemetery stewardship.

- C. **Equip leaders** to increase each congregation's ability to grow disciples in their relationship with God, empowering the church's faithful witness to its neighborhood.
- i. Develop a task force to encourage Ruling Elder participation at Presbytery meetings and communication with their congregations.
 - ii. Expand knowledge of administrative best practices through an annual leadership event.
 - iii. Facilitate quarterly conversations among pastors and church leaders to consider best practices of churches' needs to help grow disciples in a changing time.
 - iv. Increase financial awareness, connecting the Presbytery's purpose to our support of congregations through the annual Narrative Budget and quarterly Per Capita materials with invitations to speak with at least three Sessions that do not pay Per Capita.