



Beaver-Butler Presbytery

Serving God...Serving You

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*Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.*

Psalm 111:2 (NRSV)

A GATHERING OF CHURCHES

Saturday, January 27, 10 a.m.

A Memorial Service will be a part of

opening worship at 10 a.m.

North Sewickley Church
106 Chapel Road
Ellwood City, PA 16117

9:30 a.m.—Registration

Please join by zoom between 9:30 and
9:45 a.m.

Lunch will be served; cost is \$10.

If you need to attend virtually,
follow the Zoom link to be able to watch
the meeting, however, it will not be
interactive. This means that those
coming on Zoom instead of in person
will no longer have voice or vote. Those
attending on Zoom can only be recorded
as Visitors, your church will not have
representation or be recorded as
attending as commissioners.

To prepare for the meeting, please
read our moderator's letter which will
orient us to the agenda which includes
vision goals and objectives for the year.

As part of the Special Rules,
presbyters are encouraged to submit
any new business in writing to the
Stated Clerk before the meeting via
email to (statedclerk@beaverbutler.org)
or in person. Items to be removed from
the Consent Agenda must be to the
Stated Clerk by 10:05 a.m.

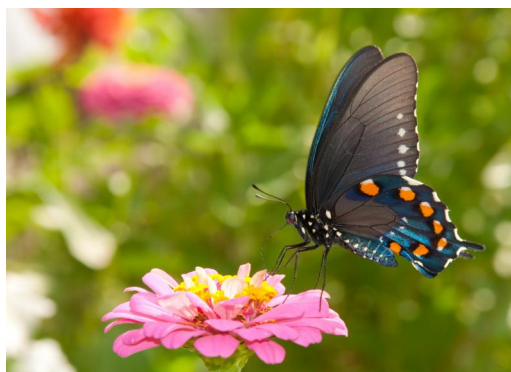
***Access packet and with Zoom codes
and moderator's letter...***



REMEMBERING THOSE WHO SERVED

Saturday, January 27, 10 a.m.

A Memorial Service will be held during
the January Presbytery Meeting. During
opening worship we will pause to
remember the Minister, Elder, Deacon,
and Trustee servants who passed into
God's presence last year. Family
members who have lost these loved ones



are invited to attend. A certificate of appreciation will be presented to show our thankfulness.

If you have any questions, please contact the Presbytery office at 724-452-7515 or office@beaverbutler.org.

[Download invitation as a Word file...](#)

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WEE KIRK SCHOLARSHIP RENEWED

Seventy-five dollar scholarships, administered by the Encouraging Churches to Flourish Unit of Beaver-Butler Presbytery and designed to help individuals attend the Wee Kirk Northeast Small Church Conference, will be available again in 2024.

The purpose of Wee Kirk is to inspire, equip, motivate and encourage small churches and to provide rest and refreshment for the clergy and lay leaders of those churches. The conference takes place in October at Laurelville Mennonite Church Center in Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania.



[Access the Application...](#)

[Learn more about Wee Kirk...](#)

CHURCH ELDERS AND CHURCH MONEY

Inter-Presbytery Leadership Formation Workshop

Saturday, February 3
12:30-3:30 p.m.

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

Rev. Tom Moore, *Instructor*

The next elective Inter-Presbytery Leadership Formation (IPLF) workshop is open for registration. The basics of church finances for pastoral leadership will be presented and discussed with an



emphasis on understanding and leading in the best practices with finances, budgets, stewardship, benevolences and congregational offerings.

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

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

PASTOR'S RETREAT

Tuesday-Wednesday, May 21-22

Villa Maria Educational and Spirituality Center
Villa Maria, PA

A joint retreat with Shenango Presbytery will held for pastors. Mark your calendar and watch for more information.



ALICE AND STOP THE BLEED TRAINING

Saturday, February 17
9 a.m. 12 p.m.

Westminster United Church
330 East Main Street, Evans City

ALICE training gives participants insight and response options when encountering an active shooter. ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Information, Counter, and Evacuation) represents options for responding.

Life-threatening bleeding can happen to people injured in serious accidents or disasters. Instead of being a witness, you can become an immediate responder because you know how to STOP THE BLEED®.

Anyone interested in learning to prepare and respond to an active shooter event in a house of worship setting and to control bleeding techniques can attend.



Trainings will be provided by Anthony Sawl from the Butler County Sheriff's Office.

[Download and post flyer...](#)

[Register...](#)

LOOKOUT PREACHERS, LENT IS COMING!

We've turned the corner on Advent and Christmas, and ready or not, preachers, Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 14 and runs through Easter Sunday, March 31.

Last week, the Rev. Dr. Chip Hardwick, executive of the Synod of the Covenant, offered up a 90-minute webinar called *Exploring the Themes of Lent*. The webinar explores different approaches for leading worship and is part of the synod's *Equipping Preachers* series, which is open to clergy both inside and outside the bounds of the synod.



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[Read more about the webinar...](#)

[Access the webinar...](#)

2024 LENT RESOURCE GUIDE

The PC(USA) Store has prepared its Lent 2024 Resource Guide. You'll find everything you need to fully honor and experience the season of Lent.



When viewing the guide online, click on any title or cover to be taken to the PC(USA) Store product page. Also, click on the dark blue blocks to download resource samples. Email or print the guide for personal or committee research.

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

TREAD LIGHTLY FOR LENT
Daily Reflection-Action Calendar

Lent is just around the corner and the Presbyterian Hunger Program is providing a Lenten calendar full of ways we can practice more mindful behaviors. In Lent, we slow down, take time, and examine our internal spiritual lives and the way we live out our Christian faith. The calendar, will point towards ways you can commit to treading lightly on God's Earth.



[Access the calendar...](#)

PRESBYTERY NEWS

[Click for news you may have missed...](#)

SYNOD OF THE TRINITY EVENTS

[Click for Information...](#)

PRESBYTERY EVENTS

[Click for Additional Information...](#)

PRESBYTERY 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

LEADERSHIP AND ADMINISTRATIVE TRAINING

Sunday, March 10, 2-5 p.m. (Registration—1:45 p.m.)

Cranberry Community United Church—

2662 Rochester Road, Cranberry Township

PRAYER STATIONS PRESBYTERY YOUTH EVENT

Sunday, March 24, 4-5:30 p.m.

Cranberry Community United Church

2662 Rochester Road, Cranberry Township

PASTOR'S RETREAT

Tuesday-Wednesday, May 21-22

Villa Maria Educational and Spirituality Center—Villa Maria, PA

A joint retreat with Shenango Presbytery

MEDIATION SKILLS TRAINING INSTITUTE

Monday-Friday, June 24-28

9 a.m.-5 p.m. (except Friday—9 a.m.-4 p.m.) (Zoom—Central Time Zone)

CHURCH EVENTS

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

SEASONS OF LIFE WOMEN'S RETREAT

Saturday, February 24, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

(Continental Breakfast and Registration—8:30 a.m.)

Chapel Valley Estate Bed & Breakfast—297 Chapel Drive, Ellwood City

Presented by North Sewickley Church

ALICE AND STOP THE BLEED TRAINING

Saturday, February 17, 9 a.m. 12 p.m.

Westminster United Church—330 East Main Street, Evans City

Download and post flyer...

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.

Administrative Assistant (Part Time)

Cranberry Community United Church

Office Assistant/Receptionist (Part Time)

Cranberry Community United Church

Pianist and/or Organist

Concord Church, West Sunbury and
North Washington Church, North Washington

THE PRESBYTERY OFFICE

Regular Office Hours

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

2024 Holiday Schedule

New Year's Day...January 1
Martin Luther King Day...January 15
President's Day...February 19
Memorial Day...May 27
Juneteenth...June 19
Independence Day...July 4
Labor Day...September 2

2024 Presbytery Meetings

Saturday, January 27, 10 a.m.
Lunch
North Sewickley, Ellwood City

Tuesday, March 19, 6 p.m.
Calvin, Zelienople

Tuesday, May 28, 6 p.m.
Concord, Baden

Tuesday, July 30, 6 p.m.
Clinton, Saxonburg

Veterans' Day...November 11
Thanksgiving Day...November 28
Christmas Eve...December 24
Christmas Day...December 25
Christmas Week...December 26-29

Tuesday, September 24, 4 p.m.
Dinner
Hosted by First, Darlington and
The Galilean, New Galilee
New Galilee Community Center

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

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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