



# Beaver-Butler Presbytery

Serving God...Serving You

## Weekly Update for January 9, 2024

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*I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.  
Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.*

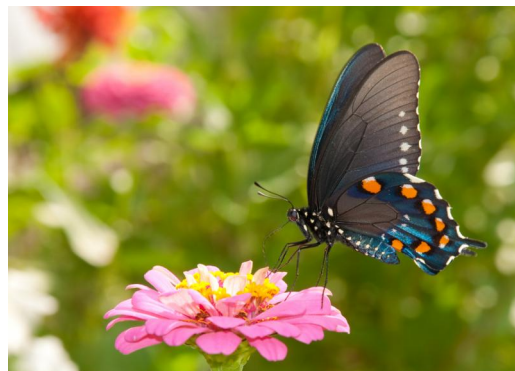
Psalm 139:14 (NRSV)

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## 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](mailto:office@beaverbutler.org).

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## ANNUAL YEAR END REPORTS

If not already completed, churches are asked to please submit their annual statistical reports and other necessary information. All forms to be submitted to the Presbytery Office have been sent out by email. These forms are also available on the presbytery website.

**2023 Necrology Report\***—due Friday, January 5

**Annual Statistics\*\*, Annual Review of Terms of Call\*, Directory/Elder Information\***—due Monday, February 5

**2023 Remittance Form**—to accompany all funds sent to the Presbytery Office. Tuesday, December 19, 2023 was the final day for remittances to post to 2023.\*

\* *Return to Presbytery Office via Email:*  
[office@beaverbutler.org](mailto:office@beaverbutler.org), USPS: P.O. Box 279,  
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\*\* *Complete On-Line*

Failure to report these statistics impacts not only the mission and ministry of the denomination, but it also impacts the per capita that is assessed to your church and to our presbytery. Your call to this ministry of administration is vital to the church. Thank you for your diligence and gifts.

[Access forms...](#)



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## 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

This annual event designed for church leaders is organized by the Encouraging Churches to Flourish Unit of Beaver-Butler Presbytery.

Mark your calendars and watch for additional information.



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## WINTER WORKSHOP BURST

NEXT Church has curated timely and important topics for church leaders to engage as the new year begins. Each workshop is 90 minutes starting at 1 p.m. and will include rich content provided by experts and practitioners alongside facilitated coaching led by NEXT Church staff. Sessions will be recorded and available for individual use up to 90 days following the workshop.



Workshop are \$29 each or \$99 for all five.

**Thursday, January 11**—Power Mapping: Building Skills for Community Organizing

**Wednesday, January 17**  
—Enneagram 101: How Personality Types Impact Leadership

**Thursday, January 25**—Preaching as Disruption

**Wednesday, January 31**  
—Transformation Within and Beyond

**Thursday, February 8**—  
How to Tell a Story

[\*Learn more and register...\*](#)

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## UNDERSTANDING SELF TO UNDERSTAND OTHERS

### *Mediation Skills Training Institute*

**Monday-Friday, June 24-28**

9 a.m.-5 p.m.

(except Friday-9 a.m.-4 p.m.)

The Zoom session will be presented on the Central Time Zone.

Cranberry Community United Church  
2662 Rochester Road  
Cranberry Twp., PA

*Presented by Lombard Mennonite  
Peace Center*

*Hosted by Cranberry Community  
United Presbyterian Church*

This 5-day event is designed to equip church leaders with the knowledge and skills necessary to deal effectively with interpersonal, congregational, and other forms of group conflict. It also includes a component on congregational mediation and consultation, placed within the context of family systems theory. Although focused primarily on the church setting, the skills learned are directly transferable to other settings, including the business and academic worlds.

[\*Download the brochure...\*](#)

[\*Learn more and register...\*](#)



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## SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

In 1990, Brad Smith, seminary intern at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, SC, led a simple prayer: "Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat."

This gave birth to an idea. Why not harness the energy and enthusiasm of Super Bowl weekend to unite the nation for a higher good? Individuals and groups could collect dollars and canned

food in soup pots for those in need.

Since then, *Souper Bowl of Caring* has become a national, grass-roots, youth-inspired movement. Millions in dollars and food has been generated to benefit soup kitchens, food banks, meal programs and hunger-relief charities.

There are different ways to organize a *Souper Bowl of Caring* event. Consider organizing a Souper Bowl lunch and set out a soup pot. You or your church can donate locally or donate dollars to the *Super Bowl of Caring* organization.



[Learn more...](#)

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## PC(USA) CARBON FOOTPRINT SURVEY

*by Darla Carter, Presbyterian News Service*

Congregations, presbyteries and synods have a new opportunity to help the planet by participating in an effort to reduce the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s carbon footprint.

The Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP) is urging them to take the Energy Use and Carbon Footprint Survey, which is available online and takes just 10 to 15 minutes to fill out once the required material has been gathered.



The survey springs from action taken during the 225th General Assembly (2022) to help protect the environment by taking steps to reduce the church's carbon footprint by 25% in four years. As part of that, the Presbyterian Mission Agency was directed to conduct a survey of Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) buildings to help determine the denomination's current footprint.

[Continue reading...](#)

[Fill out the survey...](#)

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The Presbytery Office will be closed on Monday, January 15  
in observance of Martin King, Jr. Day.

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## **PRESBYTERY NEWS**

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## **SYNOD OF THE TRINITY EVENTS**

*Click for Information...*

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## **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*

### **PRAYER STATIONS PRESBYTERY YOUTH EVENT**

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

Cranberry Community United Church

2662 Rochester Road, Cranberry Township

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(Zoom—Central Time Zone.

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*Presented by Lombard Mennonite Peace Center*

*Hosted by Cranberry Community United Presbyterian Church*

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## **CHURCH EVENTS**

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

### **LEGO TOURNAMENT**

**Saturday, January 13, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.**

Old Union Presbyterian Church—200 Union Church Rd, Mars

***Download and post flyer...***

Send event information to [chrisanngoossen@beaverbutler.org](mailto:chrisanngoossen@beaverbutler.org).

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

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## 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

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

### **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

**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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