

Presbytery Meeting Summary March 19, 2024 Stated Meeting

The Beaver-Butler Presbytery held its stated meeting at 6:00 P.M. Tuesday, March 19, 2024, in-person and via *non-interactive* Zoom. Moderator was Rev. Jamie Fowler, Vice-Moderator Elder Dennis Krebs; the meeting was hosted by the Calvin Presbyterian Church, Zelienople, where Rev. A. David Paul serves as Pastor.

Before the meeting, training was held for new Elder Commissioners (or anyone else wanting a refresher). Expect subsequent meetings to have similar training sessions.

ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE PRESBYTERY:

- *Approved* the Presbytery Meeting Minutes, January 27, 2024
- *Received* the Coordinating Team Minutes, February 7, 2024
- *Received* the Stated Clerk Report, January-February 2024
- *Received* the Treasurer's Report, Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss, December 2023 & January 2024
- *Approved* Pastors' Terms of Call
- *Approved* the sale of a nearby house by First, Monaca.

CELEBRATION OF ONE IN CHRIST CHURCH, AMBRIDGE:

The Presbyters recognized and celebrated the newly-established One in Christ Church, Ambridge, led by Rev. Beth Wierman. The new congregation is the union of the former Ambridge United Presbyterian Church, and Zion's First Lutheran Church, Ambridge. The union is the result of over three years of conversation, prayer, and meetings (!) to articulate and establish a new community of worshippers in Ambridge. A brief liturgy was read with members from the congregation present.

STATED CLERK:

Stated Clerk Rev. Randall Clow reminded Clerks about the upcoming Session Records Review dates. He asked folks to pre-register so we are prepared. He also reminded pastors about overdue background checks. Minister ID cards should arrive soon!

ENCOURAGING CHURCHES TO FLOURISH:

Using a mock "Jeopardy" game, Rev. John Silbert and the Committee lifted up the office, role, and ministry of Elders.

CAMPING ASSOCIATION OF THE PRESBYTERIES OF NORTHWEST PENNSYLVANIA:

Rev. Dennis Molnar, Transitional Executive Director at Camp Lambec, invited everyone to come to the Camp on April 8 for the eclipse. He also highlighted the various activities and programs available at the Camp, for everyone.

MISSION & COMPASSION (MCM):

- Calvin Elder David Wuchina showed a brief video on Calvin's "Without Reservations" bicycle ministry. Used bikes are sent to Oklahoma for refurbishing and distribution.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, May 28, 6:00 P.M., Concord Church, Baden – In-person and non-interactive Zoom. (Note: Office to close early that day.)

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FROM MINISTRY & VOCATION – APPROVED:

- Contract between CP Jeff Marquis and New Salem, Midland
- Contract between CP Tom McMeeken and Valencia, Valencia
- Contract between Rev. James Steiner and Valencia, Valenica
- Contract between Rev. Dr. Larry Maley and Mt. Chestnut, Butler
- Contract between Rev. Dr. David Oyler and First, Beaver Falls and First, New Brighton.
- Contract between Rev. John C.R. Silbert and Covenant, Butler
- Election of a Pastor Nominating Committee at Mt. Chestnut, Butler
- Covenantal Pastor Agreement between Rev. Jason Sinagra and Prospect & Mt. Nebo, Prospect
- Certification of Candidate Caroline Baker (Calvin Church) ready to receive a call

OTHER INFORMATION:

- There were a total of 84 participants at the meeting:
 - 24 Teaching Elders
 - 35 Ruling Elders from 28 Churches
 - 3 Ruling Elders who are officers, CT, or Chair of a Committee or Unit
 - 22 Visitors