



Beaver-Butler Presbytery

Serving God...Serving You

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*“I am the vine, you are the branches.
Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit,
because apart from me you can do nothing.”*

Jesus—John 15:5 (NRSV)

IPLF WORKSHOP *Preaching Laboratory*

Saturday, May 4, 12:30-3:30 p.m.

Proclaiming God’s word is a serious exercise, worthy of continued work for growth. Individually and in small groups, students will create, engage and assess their approaches to a variety of texts and different ministry settings, with an eye toward improved preaching

skills.

Instructors are Rev. Skip Noftzger and Rev. Craig Kephart.

Inter-Presbytery Leadership Formation (IPLF) workshops are presented by Zoom and at Redstone Presbytery Center—1004 Mt. Pleasant Road Greensburg, PA 15601



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

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REGARDING RULING ELDERS CELEBRATES 10TH ANNIVERSARY

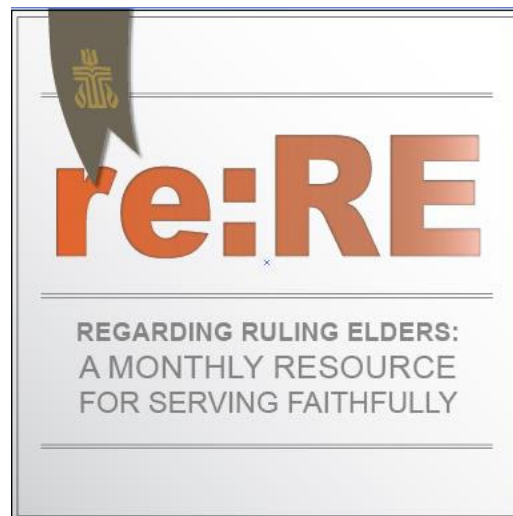
A Look Back at a Resource that Supports and Nurtures Ruling Elders

By Mari Evans, *Office of the General Assembly*

“When I encounter healthy congregations of any size, I meet ruling elders who understand that their call is not to be on a board of directors but to be spiritual leaders along with the minister,” reflected the Rev. Gradye Parsons, who served as Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) from 2008 to 2016. “Spiritual leaders tend to want to learn how to be more effective and faithful.”

This apt observation comes on the heels of the 10th anniversary of the Regarding Ruling Elders resource series, which was created while Parsons was stated clerk.

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PENTECOST OFFERING SUPPORTS DREAM

by Emily Enders Odom, *Presbyterian News Service*

One van, five days.

That's all it took to change the worldview of six young people. That, plus three committed adult leaders, a whole lot of faith and one big DREAAM.

DREAAM, an acronym for Driven to Reach Excellence and Academic Achievement for Males, is a program designed to reach, teach and invest in African American boys at risk and to walk alongside them and their families beginning at the early age of 3 until they reach the age of 24.

Now in its ninth year, DREAAM was the brainchild of Tracy Dace, an educator and tireless advocate for at-risk youth and DREAAM's founder and chief executive officer. DREAAM, a ministry of the First Presbyterian Church of Champaign, Illinois, operates in partnership with the congregation and its members as a separate 501(c)3 organization.

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FAITH NIGHT AT PNC PARK

Saturday, May 4, 4:05 p.m.

Join the Pittsburgh Pirates for an uplifting evening where you'll not only enjoy an exciting game but also have a rare chance to connect with the Pirates players and coaching staff on a personal level. Following the game, attendees will be treated to an exclusive session where team members will share their inspiring stories and experiences.

This special event is perfect for individuals and congregations.

[*Get tickets and learn more about group rates...*](#)



SPEND YOUR SUMMER ON PURPOSE

As summer quickly approaches, Ligonier Camp and Conference Center is focusing on the most important part of preparing for camp—recruiting staff.



Finding Godly, energetic college students who want to serve Christ through camping ministry is not as easy as it used to be. Ligonier Camp has found that most young adults want to keep their options open. They hope to convince them that working at camp is not only a ton of fun, but is just the type of transformational experience that both they, and the campers they are serving, need.

If you know any college age young men and women, please share this opportunity with them.

[Watch a video...](#)

[Learn more and apply...](#)

ADD YOUR VBS TO THE LIST

If your church is hosting a Vacation Bible School this summer, the presbytery is compiling a list which we will make available to our newsletter readers. This will help churches, which are not holding their own, to know where to direct families.



If your church would like to be added to the list, send the following information to ChrisAnn (chrisanngoossen@beaverbutler.org). Send a flyer (as a PDF), too.

- Name of Event
- Name of Church
- Address of church/location
- Date and times of event
- Age/grade requirements
- A short description of theme and activities (optional)
- Contact information for questions and registration

SYNOD OF THE TRINITY EVENTS

Click for Information...

PRESBYTERY EVENTS

Click for Additional Information...

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)

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

Presented by Lombard Mennonite Peace Center

Hosted by Cranberry Community United Presbyterian Church

2024 WEE KIRK CONFERENCE

Monday-Wednesday, October 14-16

Laurelville Mennonite Church Center, Mt. Pleasant, PA

Learn more and register...

Access scholarship application...

CHURCH EVENTS

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

SIGHT AND SOUND THEATER AND GETTYSBURG BUS TRIP

Thursday, June 6-Friday, June 7

Hosted by Friendship Church

Download itinerary...

Download tour information...

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.

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Several job openings at the national level

Bookkeeper (Part Time)

Plains Church

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

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