



Beaver-Butler Presbytery

Serving God...Serving You

Weekly Update for April 9, 2024

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*See what love the Father has given us,
that we should be called children of God;
and that is what we are.*

1 John 3:1 (NRSV)

SPRING RETREAT FOR PASTORS AND CPs

The Power of Story

Tuesday, May 21, 9 a.m.—
Wednesday, May 22, 1 p.m.

Villa Maria Education and Spirituality
Center
2067 Evergreen Rd, Pulaski, PA 16143

Byron Borger, Keynote Speaker

The Encouraging Churches to Flourish Unit of the Beaver-Butler Presbytery is offering a retreat for pastors and CPs in conjunction with Shenango Presbytery. This beautiful setting will offer time for quiet reflection, meaningful worship, and fellowship with colleagues. Plus, keynote speaker, Byron Borger from *Hearts and Minds Bookstore* will offer insights on the importance of story in our ministries.



Cost of \$55 includes overnight lodging and meals. Commuter cost is \$40.

[Watch a video to learn more...](#)

To register, simply fill out the form and return it with your payment to the Presbytery office—P.O. Box 279, Zelenople, PA 16063. Registration deadline is **Friday, May 3**.

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

REGISTER FOR A SESSION RECORDS REVIEW

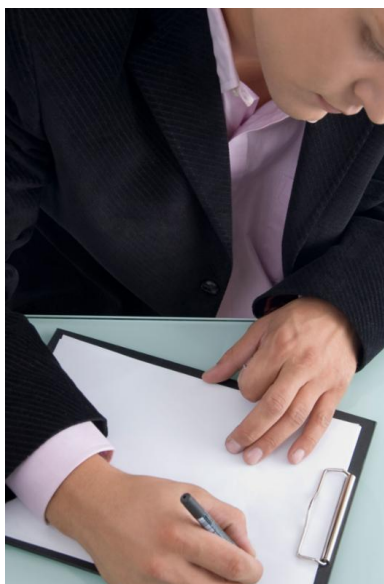
Saturday, April 27, 2:30 p.m.
Presbytery Center

Sunday, April 28, 2:30 p.m.
Presbytery Center

Tuesday, May 7, 7 p.m.
New Bethlehem Church

Thursday, May 9, 7 p.m.
Friendship Church Community Center
(not the church)

Tuesday, May 14, 7 p.m.
Old Union Church



Two representatives need to attend from each church—the Clerk of Session and an Elder or two Elders if the Clerk cannot attend.

Preregistration is required by:

Online
Go to form...

Emailing office@beaverbutler.org
with your name, church, title, and
preferred date and location.

Calling (724) 452-7515 and supplying
the above information.

[Access letter and documents...](#)

SYNOD GRANT RECEIVED

Without Reservations, the bike ministry of Calvin Church in Zeligople, is a recent recipient of the Innovations Grant of the Synod of the Trinity.

Without Reservations sought funds for the construction of a bicycle repair shop on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. Since 2017, this growing ministry of Calvin Church has been delivering donated and restored bicycles to the town of Wanblee. More recently, in order to meet the need of keeping bicycles in good repair, the mission has also addressed the need for trained residents in repair and a shop where they can work.

Construction on the shop began last summer and with the Synod grant of \$5500, the project is fully funded and completion of the shop is now possible. Wiring and bringing electricity to the shop are slated for this summer's trip coinciding with a bicycle distribution day on June 15.

Calvin Church is grateful for the financial support they are receiving for this growing mission and for your prayers for *Without Reservations* and the Lakota people of Pine Ridge Reservation.



CELEBRATING FIVE YEARS

This spring marks five years since the launch of Stewardship Navigator, an educational website launched by the Presbyterian Foundation. This free online tool for Presbyterian congregations, was initially designed to help smaller churches of fewer than 100 members. Yet some mid-sized and large churches also are finding the content helpful. The site's overall goal is to help church leaders create and sustain strong stewardship efforts via a simple-to-use website.



[Read an article...](#)

[Go to Stewardship Navigator website...](#)

THANK YOU!

For 75 years, your generous gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing have helped many of our siblings around the world. With your gifts, we answer the call in Isaiah to be repairers of the breach and be led into a new season of justice, freedom and peace.

Congregations are reminded to remit their gifts through the presbytery.

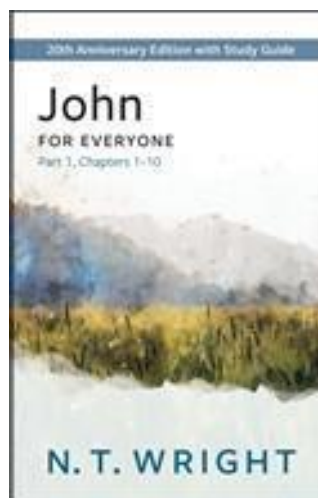
[Access remittance form...](#)



20TH ANNIVERSARY STUDY GUIDES

The New Testament for Everyone

Dive into the vibrant world of the New Testament as never before with renowned scholar N.T. Wright. Compelling and accessible translation of biblical texts, accompany his profound but down-to-earth insights on Scripture. Eighteen volumes cover the timeless truths and transformative events that shaped the portrayal of Jesus' life and the life of the early church found in the books of the New Testament.



The study guides, available at the

PC(USA) Store, are perfect for both group sessions and individual contemplation.

[Learn more...](#)

Earlier editions of N.T Wright's study guides are also available in the Resource Center.

FESTIVAL OF HOMILETICS

Sustaining and Nurturing the Preaching Life

Monday-Thursday, May 13-16

Pittsburgh, PA—
Calvary Episcopal, East Liberty
Presbyterian and Pittsburgh Theological
Seminary



The 2024 Festival of Homiletics is an invitation to lean into a little self-love. Together, pastors will relearn ways to care for the craft of preaching and discover new habits to support the preaching life. Listening to uplifting sermons and experiencing inspiring worship, will also provide time for reflection and renewal and remembering—to recall once again the why for what pastors do.

[Watch a video...](#)

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

PRESBYTERY NEWS

Click for news you may have missed...

SYNOD OF THE TRINITY EVENTS

Click for Information...

PRESBYTERY EVENTS

Click for Additional Information...

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S SPRING GATHERING

Saturday, April 13, 10 a.m.-noon

Lunch following

Camp Run Church—489 Church Road, Harmony

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.**

CASKET EMPTY

God's Plan of Redemption Through History Seminar

Saturday, April 13, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Hosted by Cranberry Community United Church

2662 Rochester Road, Cranberry Twp.

Download and post flyer...

VENDOR AND YARD SALE—Fundraiser for Brunton Dairy

Saturday, April 13, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

New Bethlehem Church

183 New Bethlehem Church Road, Aliquippa, PA 15001

Download and post flyer...

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

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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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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