

# BEAVER- BUTLER PRESBYTERY



## Weekly Update for June 4, 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)



### Vacation Bible Schools

Churches in our presbytery are holding Vacation Bible Schools throughout the summer. The Presbytery is compiling a list especially for churches who are not holding their own.

Please download and post the most recent list

so that families in your church and community will know about these wonderful opportunities.

To be added to the list, send the following information to ChrisAnn ([chrisanngoossen@beaverbutler.org](mailto:chrisanngoossen@beaverbutler.org)). A flyer (as a PDF) can be included.

- 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 (include links)

The list will be updated for a few more weeks.

[Download and post the list...](#)



## Open House

Saturday, June 8

Camp Lambec  
13110 Old Lake Road  
East Springfield, PA 16411

Experience summer camp without committing to a full week! Visit during this open house for a day or overnight stay. Camp Lambec offers kids camps, specialty camps like music and all sports, and also family camps for all ages.

Contact Dennis at 412-389-6844 or visit [camplambec.com](http://camplambec.com) for more information and to RSVP.



## Restorative Wilderness Experience

Emily Cowser, a second-year Master of Divinity student at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, has developed an idea for a trip for pastors and ministry leaders. As part of her Adaptive and Innovative Ministry emphasis, Emily is designing a restorative wilderness experience that will consist of desert canoeing and camping on the Lower Canyons section of the Rio Grande from Monday, January 27 through Thursday, February 6, 2025.

Participants will be immersed in a new

backcountry environment away from the distractions, tasks, and stresses of their home lives in order to intentionally explore their well-being. Physical, emotional, spiritual, relational, and vocational restoration will be addressed through readings, practices, and group conversations.

The anticipated cost of the program is \$3163. This cost excludes air travel but includes all group program-related expenses upon arrival (food, shelter, and wilderness gear rental).

To express your interest, please fill out the online form or contact Emily at [ecowser@pts.edu](mailto:ecowser@pts.edu).

[Learn more and go to form...](#)



## New Logo for Presbytery

Last year our Presbytery approved a new mission statement. The next step in establishing better messaging for our presbytery was to redesign our logo.

Beginning last September, a team was formed to work with a design studio out of Wexford. The process took some time. The team met together six times and communicated through email to develop the final design. The new logo strives to show our mission, our connectedness along with the uniqueness of our region—our hills, our rivers and creeks.

Coordinating Team approved the design on May 1. At last week's Presbytery Meeting, the logo was presented for the first time.

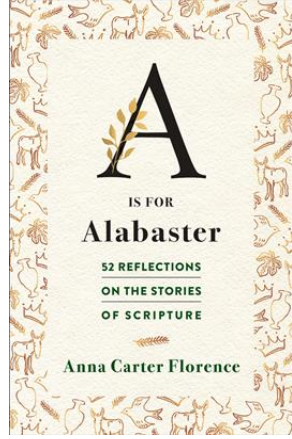
Over the next several months you will begin to see the logo as it is applied to the newsletter, forms, stationery and eventually our website which will be redesigned to coordinate with the logo.

Our thanks go out to Tom Harmon, Jamie Fowler, Barb Paff, Gregg Hartung and ChrisAnn Goossen who served on the team.

## Looking for a Group Study Book?

The PC(USA) Store has compiled a Group Study Resource Guide featuring new releases. It may be of help as you create an adult book study program. Scroll all the way to bottom to see all the offerings.

When viewing this on your computer or other



device, click on any title or cover to be taken to the product page on PC(USA) Store. Clicking the dark blue blocks will download resource samples. You can also email or print the guide for personal or committee research.

[Go to guide...](#)

## CHURCH EVENTS

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

### MEDITATIVE MONDAYS

Mondays, 6-7 p.m.

Vanport Church—289 Georgetown Lane, Beaver, PA

A time of self-directed reflection to contemplate your strength or simply take time to be still.

***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.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

Please share these opportunities with your congregation.  
List will be updated for a few more weeks.

### **Breaker Rock Beach!**

Ohio United Church, Alliquippa

Monday-Friday, June 10-June 14

### **Who You Gonna Call?**

Old Union Church, Mars

Monday-Thursday, June 10-13, 6-8 p.m.

### **Hometown Nazareth—Where Jesus Was a KID!**

Saxonburg Memorial Church, Saxonburg

Monday-Friday, June 10-14, 6-8:30 p.m.

### **Camp Firelight**

Cranberry Community United, Cranberry Township

Monday-Friday, June 17-21

9 a.m.-12 p.m. OR 5:45-8 p.m. (identical programs)

### **Weird Animals—New Galilee Community**

The Galilean Church, New Galilee

Monday-Friday, June 24-28, 6-8:30 p.m.

### **Scuba Community VBS**

Mars Church, Mars

Sunday-Thursday, July 14-18, 6-8:20 p.m.

Special Start— 5 p.m. on Sunday

### **Camp Firelight—Slippery Rock Community VBS**

Highland Church, Slippery Rock  
Sunday-Thursday, July 14-18, 5:15-8 p.m.

### **Mystery Island: Searching for God's Covenants**

Glade Run Church), Valencia  
Monday-Thursday, July 15-18, 9-11:30 a.m.

### **The Great Jungle Journey**

New Bethlehem Church, Aliquippa  
Monday-Friday, July 22-26, 5:45-8:30 p.m.

### **Surf Shack**

Calvin Church, Zelienople  
Monday-Thursday, July 29-August 1, 6-8 p.m.

*Download a list with additional information...*

## **PRESBYTERY EVENTS**

*Click for additional information...*

### **MEDIATION SKILLS TRAINING INSTITUTE**

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

9 a.m.-5 p.m. (except Friday—9 a.m.-4 p.m.)

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

Presented by Lombard Mennonite Peace Center

### **NEW WILMINGTON MISSION CONFERENCE (NWMC) Friday, July 19-**

**Wednesday, July 24**

Westminster College, New Wilmington, PA

### **WEE KIRK CONFERENCE**

**Monday-Wednesday, October 14-16**

Laurelville Mennonite Church Center, Mt. Pleasant, PA

## **SYNOD OF THE TRINITY EVENTS**

*Click for information...*

## **PRESBYTERY NEWS**

*Click for news you may have missed...*

## **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

*Click for position descriptions and contact information...*

### **Church Worship Accompanist**

Vanport Church

### **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

### Beaver-Butler Presbytery Center

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#### Beaver-Butler Presbytery Youth



#### Presbytery Weekly Update

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go to [beaverbutler.org/weekly-update-e-newsletter/](https://www.beaverbutler.org/weekly-update-e-newsletter/).

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