

BEAVER- BUTLER PRESBYTERY



Weekly Update for July 16, 2024

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*The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.*

Psalm 23:1-3 (NRSVue)

A Letter from Our Executive Presbyter

Dear Friends,



I have written you a letter in response to the horrific event during Former President Trump's Campaign Rally at the Butler Farm Show grounds on Saturday.

With Hope In Tomorrow,
Tom

[Download letter...](#)



Outdoor Movie Night

Saturday, July 27, 9 p.m.

Westminster Church
210 Westminster Road, Sarver

Westminster Church is showing the movie *Heaven Is For Real*. Admission is free and includes snacks. Bring your own chair.

In case of bad weather, the movie will be shown in the sanctuary.



Preparing for Confirmation

The PC(USA) Store offers materials for parents and leaders to explore and prepare for confirmation classes. Churches can use the *Big God, Big Questions* curriculum to teach the classes.

100 Things Every Child Should Know before Confirmation: A Guide for Parents and Youth Leaders

Many youth arrive at confirmation classes without a basic grasp of key Bible stories or Christian traditions. This compact guide fills that gap by helping teachers and parents equip youth with knowledge and understanding of their own faith.

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

Exploring Confirmation Workbook: Embraced by and Embracing the Covenant

This resource may be used as a self-guided study, a group study, and a ready reference for personal reflection. It offers all involved with wise and sensitive perspectives on the meaning of Confirmation.

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

Big God, Big Questions: Confirmation for a Growing Faith

This curriculum, based on the findings of the Confirmation Project, prepares youth to authentically answer the questions when joining the church. *Big God, Big Questions* equips confirmands to study scripture and

learn about Christian traditions; and enables your congregation to tell their own story.

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

Certificates of Confirmation

[Downloadable...](#)

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The Art of Transitional Ministry

Sunday-Friday, August 11-16

Online and at Montreat Conference Center
Montreat, North Carolina

Sponsored by Montreat Conference Center, in cooperation with the Transitional Ministry Education Consortium.

Are you currently serving as an interim or transitional pastor? Or maybe you are considering a call to this type of ministry?

The Art of Transitional Ministry at Montreat is a five-day course that provides vital training for pastors guiding congregations through seasons of change. The course offers education in the skills and understanding necessary for leading a congregation in transition.

Week One is designed for persons curious about, those already engaged in, and those considering serving in transitional/interim ministry, as well as Presbytery staff and Committees on Ministry members.

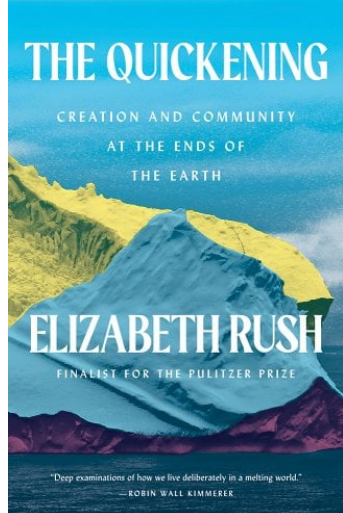
The Week Two (in-person only) will help persons process experiences and examine individual leadership styles and skills in serving in transitional settings by working together in small groups.

A spouse track is also offered.

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

Summer Reads: Birth, Death, and Resurrection in a Climate-Changed World

Creation Justice Ministries invites you to join a webinar series that weaves together the themes of birth, death, and resurrection. Through engaging conversations between authors of pivotal books, each session will offer a spiritual lens to view the profound challenges and opportunities presented by climate change.



Thursday, July 18, 6-7:15 p.m.

Elizabeth Rush on *The Quickening: Creation and Community at the Ends of Earth*

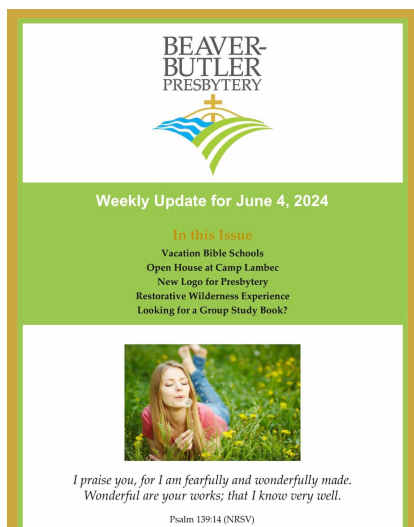
Monday, August 12, 6-7:15 p.m.

Mallory McDuff with Special Guest Ellen Davis on *Our Last Best Act*

Thursday, September 19, 6-7:15 p.m.

Brian McLaren on *Life After Doom: Wisdom and Courage for a World Falling Apart*

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



Reaching the 500 Mark!

Beaver-Butler Presbytery's *Weekly Update* E-newsletter now has 500 subscribers! We are so happy that our readership is growing. That's an average of about seven readers per our 61 churches.

But, we can still do better. Please encourage leaders and church members to subscribe to the *Weekly Update*. We publish news and information that teachers, group leaders, elders, deacons and pastors can apply to their ministries. And everyone can learn a bit about our churches and their events.

Contact ChrisAnn (chrisanngoossen@beaverbutler.org) to be added to the mailing list.

Thank you for reading and engaging with the *Weekly Update*!

[Download and share a flyer...](#)

CHURCH EVENTS

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

RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, July 27, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Valencia Church—80 Sterrett Street, Valencia
724-625-2002

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

OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

Saturday, July 27, 9 p.m.

Westminster Church—210 Westminster Road, Sarver
Admission is free and includes snacks. Bring your own chair.

DINNER WITH MISSION CO-WORKERS

Wednesday, July 31, 6 p.m.

Covenant Church

In Fellowship Hall, Trinity Church—107 Staley Avenue, Butler

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

Send event information to 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.

Scuba Community VBS

Mars Church, Mars

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

Special Start— 5 p.m. on Sunday

Shake It Up Cafe—Where Kids Carry Out God's Recipe

Crestview Community Church, Callery

Monday-Thursday, July 15-18, 6:30-7:45 p.m.

Camp Firelight—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.

Scuba—Undersea Adventure

Plains Church, Cranberry Twp.

Monday-Friday, July 15-19, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Scuba

Park United Church with St. Peter's Reformed Church

St. Peter's Church, Zelienople

Sunday-Thursday, July 21-25, 6-8:30 p.m.

The Great Jungle Journey

New Bethlehem Church, Aliquippa

Monday-Friday, July 22-26, 5:45-8:30 p.m.

Friends

North Sewickley Church

Sunday, July 28, 7-8 p.m.—Opening Family Fellowship

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

Youth After Dark—7th Grade and up, 8:15-10 p.m.

Surf Shack

Calvin Church, Zelienople

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

Scuba—Diving into Friendship with God

East Butler Church, East Butler,

Monday-Thursday, July 29-August 1, 6-7:30 p.m.

[Download the final updated list for additional information...](#)

PRESBYTERY EVENTS

[Click here for additional information...](#)

NEW WILMINGTON MISSION CONFERENCE (NWMC)

Friday, July 19-Wednesday, July 24

Westminster College, New Wilmington, PA

PRESBYTERY NIGHT AT NWMC

Sunday, July 21, 4:30-8:30 p.m.

For leaders in Shenango, Eastminster and Beaver-Butler Presbyteries

WEE KIRK CONFERENCE

Monday-Wednesday, October 14-16

Laurelville Mennonite Church Center, Mt. Pleasant, PA

SYNOD OF THE TRINITY EVENTS

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PRESBYTERY NEWS

[Click here for news you may have missed...](#)

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

[Click here for position descriptions and contact information...](#)

Church Worship Accompanist

Vanport Church, Vanport

Bookkeeper (Part Time)

Plains Church, Cranberry Twp.

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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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 beaverbutler.org/weekly-update-e-newsletter/.

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