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*I pray...that Christ may dwell in
your hearts through faith,
as you are being rooted and grounded in love.*

Ephesians 3:16-17 (NRSVue)



A Gathering of Churches

Tuesday, July 30, 6 p.m.

Clinton Church
197 Glade Mill Road
Saxonburg, PA 16056

5:30 p.m. — Registration and Elder Commission Orientation

To be counted as present please contact the Presbytery Office (office@beaverbutler.org or 724-452-7515) indicating name; whether you are an Elder Commissioner, Minister Member, Visitor or Corresponding Member; and the church you represent.

If childcare is needed, please contact Clinton Church directly at 724-352-3855.

As part of the Special Rules, presbyters are encouraged to submit any new business in writing to the Stated Clerk before the meeting via email to (statedclerk@beaverbutler.org) or in person. Items to be removed from the Consent Agenda must be to the Stated Clerk by 6:05 p.m.

The meeting will be live streamed (non-interactive) through Zoom. Please join between 5:30 and 5:45 p.m.

[Access packet with Zoom codes...](#)



**Cathy Chang and Juan Lopez
with daughter Aurélie**

Mission Co-Workers to Visit

Cathy Chang and Juan Lopez, Mission Co-workers in the Philippines, will be visiting Covenant Church and you are invited to a dinner and video presentation.

From their home base in Manila, Cathy and Juan help global partners address issues of migration and human trafficking. The UN's International Labor Organization estimates 21 million people are victims of coerced labor and/or forced sexual exploitation. While human trafficking is a worldwide problem, countries in Asia are increasingly vulnerable.

The Chang-Lopez's work with Asian churches and non-governmental organizations to help coordinate efforts related to the scourge of modern-day slavery. They also resource various programs of the Presbyterian Mission Agency and U.S. congregations concerned about the issue.

Dinner and Presentation

Wednesday, July 31, 6 p.m.
Fellowship Hall, Trinity Church
107 Staley Avenue, Butler

Please RSVP to Ann Morrison at
annfmorrison@gmail.com or 724-487-4900.

The Chang-Lopez's will also be making a presentation at the Beaver-Butler Presbytery Meeting on Tuesday, July 30. We look forward to meeting Cathy, Juan and Aurélie.



The team got to work on Monday organizing school supplies and clothing.

Mission Trip to Kentucky Underway

A mission team from our area traveled to Buckhorn, Kentucky on Sunday. Buckhorn has a long and rich history of Presbyterian outreach, especially for children. The K-12 Buckhorn School (now a public school but originally founded by Presbyterians) was devastated by the July 2022 floods and has been closed for the past two years. The school will finally welcome students back in August, and the team will be helping teachers get their classroom materials ready.

The team will be staying at the Presbyterian-run Buckhorn Children and Family Services across the road from the school, and will work together with the Buckhorn Lake Area Presbyterian Church, also known as the Log Cathedral (which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places). During the week they will lead activities for the children in the area, including singing, games, and crafts.

The team includes eleven people from four churches, three of which are in Beaver-Butler Presbytery:

- Crestview Community Church—Clark Trauterman
- Ohio United Church—Charles Hendrick
- Old Union Church—Eric Anders, Peter de Vries, Sally Pavlina, Mary Rae Thompson, Carl Wagner, Lorene Winner
- Cross Roads Presbyterian Church of Gibsonia—Geoffrey Anderson, Tim Anderson, Dave Baylor

The group will be keeping a blog of their trip so you can learn more about the trip and read daily updates on their activities.

Please keep the team in your prayers.

[*Go to the blog...*](#)



Music Department and Student Musicians

Sunday, July 28

11:15 a.m. — Outdoor Worship

12:30 p.m. — Picnic Fundraiser

2:00 p.m. — Outdoor Concert

Covenant Church—107 Staley Avenue, Butler

Cost of picnic is \$10. Concert will feature five vocalists w/ piano or guitar. Desserts will be available during the concert with a chance to win a Bluetooth speaker.

Come for one event or stay for the whole day. Bring a chair.

[*For more information, download flyer...*](#)



Ministry Amid Traumatic Events Zoom Meeting

Wednesday, July 24, 11:00 a.m.

Beaver-Butler Presbytery is offering a one-hour online training with Lynda Bradley and Patrick DiVietri, professional counselors from Samaritan Counseling. Their expertise and experience in trauma recovery make them the perfect guides to address needs arising from the recent event at the Butler Farm Show grounds.

We welcome pastors, commissioned pastors, ruling elders, and other church leaders interested in raising awareness of this topic to serve the church and community amid traumatic events.

[*Access the Zoom meeting...*](#)



Responding to Trauma Checklist

In light of tragic events that took place on July 13 in Butler County, *Search for Common Ground* is committed to remaining peacemakers. They can't think of any better time than now to "Love Anyway."

As we respond to the recent political violence, it's essential to take proactive steps to foster unity and healing. Their checklist of five principles can help us stay calm and focused as the rhetoric escalates in the coming hours, days, and weeks and can help your community move forward.

[*Go to the list...*](#)



Coping Tips for Traumatic Events and Disasters

Emotional distress can happen before and after a disaster such as the recent events of Saturday, July 13. Samaritan Counseling recommends this list of coping strategies provided by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. The list includes suggestions for taking care of yourself and loved ones and advice for knowing when to ask for help.

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

[Go to the list online...](#)



Youth Group Weekend Retreat

Friday, October 18, 7 p.m.–
Sunday, October 20, 10 a.m.

Camp Lambec
13110 Old Lake Road
West Springfield, PA 16443

Beaver-Butler Presbytery's Youth Ministry is hosting a youth group retreat at Camp Lambec. It will be a weekend of fun, fellowship and worship in unique ways.

Groups will arrive on Friday evening to get settled in, followed by a campfire and s'mores. Saturday will be a day of camp adventures and prayer stations. Sunday we will have worship and breakfast.

We will stay in cabins, so bring your sleeping bag and pillow.

\$40 per person.

RSVP to Diana at 412-915-2097 and
dianamermon@beaverbutler.org

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CHURCH EVENTS

Support and promote worship, fellowship, and 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 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.

SUMMERFEST

Sunday, July 28

11:15 a.m.—Outdoor Worship

12:30 p.m.—Picnic Fundraiser

2 p.m.—Outdoor Concert

Covenant Church—107 Staley Avenue, Butler

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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

Park United Church with St. Peter's Reformed Church
St. Peter's Church, Zelenople
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, Zelenople
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

WEE KIRK CONFERENCE

Monday-Wednesday, October 14-16

Laurelville Mennonite Church Center, Mt. Pleasant, PA

YOUTH GROUP WEEKEND RETREAT
Friday, October 18–Sunday, October 20
Camp Lambec—West Springfield, PA

SYNOD OF THE TRINITY EVENTS

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PRESBYTERY NEWS

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

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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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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