

BEAVER- BUTLER PRESBYTERY



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*The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.*

Lamentations 3:22-23

Vacation Bible Schools

Churches in our presbytery are holding Vacation Bible Schools throughout the summer. The Presbytery has compiled a list



especially for churches who are not holding their own.

Please download and post the final updated list so that families in your church and community will know about these wonderful opportunities.

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



Prayers for Our Commissioners and YAAD

Please keep our commissioners and young adult advisory delegate (YAAD) in your prayers as they participate in the 226th General Assembly starting this week and as they travel to Salt Lake City, Utah next week.

Our commissioners are Rev. A. David Paul and Elder Kerry Doudy. Our YAAD is Kemp Clow.

Our Executive Presbyter, Tom Harmon, and our Stated Clerk, Randall Clow, will also be attending.

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Presbytery Night at NWMC

For leaders in Shenango, Eastminster and Beaver-Butler Presbyteries

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

Spirituality Center—2nd Floor of McKelvey Campus Center

Cosponsored by Shenango Presbytery, Eastminster Presbytery, Beaver-Butler Presbytery, New Wilmington Mission Conference (NWMC) and Office of Spirituality of Westminster College

This reception is for presbytery leaders, ordained and not, interested in mission and/or the conference. Mission Coworkers connected to our presbyteries will be available to meet and greet. Dinner will be provided with adult programs and intergenerational worship service to follow.

Optional events: Mission Fair (1-4 p.m.) and David LaMotte Concert (8:45-10:30 p.m.)

Questions? Contact Beth Creekpauam at

RSVP for dinner to 724-946-7117.

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



Reckoning with Antisemitism as Christians Discussion

Thursday, June 27, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

John Knox Room, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
616 N. Highland Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15206

Co-hosted by the Holocaust Center of Pittsburgh and Christian Associates of Southwest Pennsylvania.

For Christians, acknowledging and confronting antisemitism in ourselves and our religious traditions can help us see and respond to multiple forms of oppression. This event convenes an ecumenical panel of Christians who have entered this journey with courage and humility.

By listening and learning, dialoguing and sharing, this event seeks to dismantle antisemitism and all oppression in our faith traditions, our communities, and our minds and hearts.

Please register by Wednesday, June 26 at 5 p.m.

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



Clergy Peacemakers Workshop

Thursday, August 1

Christian Associates of Southwest Pennsylvania is joining with Common Ground USA and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary to sponsor a clergy peacemakers workshop. Workshop modules will include navigating difficult conversations, conflict resolution, contextual assessment, and actionable plans for peace building.

This invitation-only, day-long workshop is designed as a “train the trainer” opportunity with the hope that participants will be equipped with tools they can then share with others in their judicatories and/or in their neighborhoods. Three participants will be sent from Beaver-Butler Presbytery.



Henderson Lecture and Conference

Faithful Resistance: Choosing Christ over Empire with Diana Butler Bass and Leah Schade

Sunday, September 22-Tuesday, September 24

Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
In Person and Online

National elections can stir up conflict, anxiety, and fear. Our churches feel these tensions too. Preachers take great care to sidestep partisan politics from the pulpit, yet still touch a nerve on one side or the other (or both). Administrative meetings take on the tenor of point/counter-point news debates. Bible study groups wonder aloud how faithful Christians can interpret Scripture so differently. Meanwhile, concerns about election violence threaten our wider communities, as Christian imagery and language are co-opted by movements of political extremism and hatred.

How should Christian leaders respond? With inspiring lectures, strategies for preaching, and creative exploration, this conference will equip pastors and congregants to choose the way of Christ over the empires of the world.

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

CHURCH EVENTS

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

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.

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 pm.

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 Church, 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.

God's Got a Recipe—Community VBS

Westminster United with St. John's UCC and St. Peter's Lutheran

St. John's Church, Evans City

Monday-Wednesday, July 7-10, 5:30-7:30 p.m.; Thursday, July 11, 10-11 a.m.

Proclaim the Good News—An Adult VBS

Covenant United Church

Tuesday, July 9, Wednesday, July 10, Thursday, July 11, 2-4 p.m.

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.

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—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.

Friends

North Sewickley Church

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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

2024 Presbytery Meetings

Saturday, January 27, 10 a.m.

Lunch

North Sewickley, Ellwood City

Tuesday, March 19, 6 p.m.

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

Calvin, Zelenople

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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contact ChrisAnn at chrisanngoossen@beaverbutler.org. To access back issues,
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