

BEAVER- BUTLER PRESBYTERY



Weekly Update for August 27, 2024

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*But those who look into the perfect law,
the law of liberty, and persevere,
being not hearers who forget but doers who act—
they will be blessed in their doing.*

James 1:25 (NRSVue)

Peacemaker to Visit



Dumitru Roibu of Moldova will be visiting our presbytery as our peacemaker. He will arrive on Thursday, September 19 and depart on Wednesday, September 25. Dumitru's schedule will allow him to participate in events with your congregation. We will welcome him to our September Presbytery Meeting.

Dumitru is Executive President of YMCA Moldova. He has served as World YMCA Youth Empowerment assistant and YMCA Change Agent (a global leadership program), and participated in YES (Youth Engagement in Sports) and TTT (Training The Trainers) seminars.

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VBS—What's It All About?

By Kerry Dowdy, East Butler Church

Why do we do Vacation Bible School—known as VBS? It's expensive and it's only for a few days. And what do the kids get out of it? Do they even remember what they did or learned?

Well, this was my third year as VBS director for East Butler Presbyterian Church and these kids do remember the Bible stories! The majority of the kids that attended VBS the past few years have been children from the community. In those few days we spend with the kids, they not only hear the Bible stories, but they participate in the stories.

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Celebrate Synod Sunday

Sunday, September 15

What is Synod Sunday? On this day, congregations and presbyteries are invited to celebrate the gifts and blessings that take place throughout the year within the Synod of the Trinity.

Our synod first gathered on September 15, 1717, so Synod Sunday is held on the Sunday closest to the anniversary.

Bulletin inserts are available to help tell the story and celebrate our ministry.

[Access bulletin inserts...](#)



Pittsburgh Prays Gathering

Tuesday, September 10, 7 p.m.

O'Connor Hall
Diocese of Pittsburgh Pastoral Center
2900 Noblestown Road, Pittsburgh 15205

The Most Reverend David A. Zubik, Bishop of Pittsburgh is inviting all brothers and sisters in Christ to join together in prayer and fellowship. The gathering will focus on unity in a world of division.

Please RSVP to David at dsolberg@diopitt.org.

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



Sowing the Seeds of Peace

Peace and Global Witness Special Offering

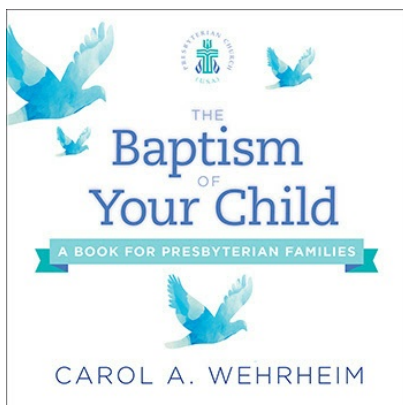
September 8–October 6

The Peace & Global Witness Offering supports peacemaking efforts at every level of the PC(USA). Twenty-five percent of the Offering stays with local congregations, and 25% stays with mid councils to unite congregations to support peacemaking in their regions. Fifty percent of this Offering supports the work for peace and reconciliation being done by Presbyterians across the globe.

This Special Offering is received during the Season of Peace, which ends on World Communion Sunday.

[Learn more and access resources...](#)

[Access a remittance form...](#)



The Baptism of Your Child

With an attractive new design, *The Baptism of Your Child* by Carol A. Wehrheim, will answer common questions new parents and new members with small children may have about having their children baptized. The book is available in single and 5-pack purchase options.

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

Click on the links below for additional Baptism resources.

*Baptism Certificates for all ages...
Baptism Promises, a book for children...
Coming to the Font Workbook...
Re-membering Baptism Study Guide...
The Sacrament of Baptism Study Guide...*



Building Our Facebook Exposure

We are looking for a few good folks to help create some activity on the presbytery's Facebook page. It has been shown that if a page and its posts get a certain number of likes, then the posts will show up on more individual newsfeeds. That in turn generates more activity and exposure.

If you are a regular Facebook user or if your church has a Facebook page, please "like" Beaver-Butler Presbytery's Facebook page if you haven't already. Then a few times a week interact with our posts. Clicking "like" would be a big help. Sharing and making a comment would be even better. We also have a Beaver-Butler Presbytery Youth Facebook page. So "like" us there, too.

We are "liking" and sharing posts from your church's Facebook pages, so this means that your posts will also get greater exposure.

Let's help each other get the word out!

[Go to the presbytery Facebook page...](#)

[Go to Youth Facebook page...](#)



The Presbytery Office will be closed on **Thursday, August 29** to accommodate staff vacations. Executive Presbyter Tom Harmon will be available by email.



Happy Labor Day

The Presbytery Office will be closed on **Monday, September 2**

in observance of the Labor Day holiday. The next issue of the *Weekly Update* will be sent on Tuesday, September 10.

CHURCH EVENTS

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

ADULT FALL RETREAT

Saturday, October 19, 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m.

Prayer Mountain Retreat Center in Darlington

Hosted by North Sewickley Church

[Download brochure with registration form...](#)

BUS TRIP TO BIBLEWALK MUSEUM

Saturday, October 26, 7 a.m.-9 p.m.

Friendship Church is hosting a bus trip to the BibleWalk Museum in Ohio.

[Download flyer...](#)

Send event information to chrisanngoossen@beaverbutler.org. Attach flyers and brochures as PDF documents and slides as PowerPoint documents.

PRESBYTERY EVENTS

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

RACIAL RECONCILIATION BOOK CLUB

Wednesdays at 7 p.m. by Zoom

August 28; September 11 and 25; October 9 and 23; November 13 and 27

YOUTH GROUP SCAVENGER HUNT

September 15, 2-3:30 p.m.

Highland Presbyterian Church—310 Franklin Street, Slippery Rock

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN FALL GATHERING

Saturday, October 12, 10 a.m.-noon

Camp Run Church—489 Church Road, Harmony 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

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

Administrative Assistant

Pittsburgh Presbytery

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