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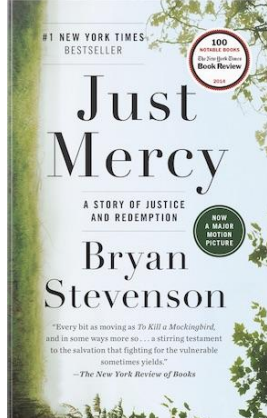


*Be kind to one another,  
tenderhearted, forgiving one another,  
as God in Christ has forgiven you.*

Ephesians 4:32

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**Racial Reconciliation Book Club**



## Wednesdays at 7 p.m. by Zoom

On behalf of Beaver-Butler Presbytery, Rev. C.F. Hoffman will be leading a Racial Reconciliation Bi-Monthly Book Club. The club will begin by reading the book *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson.

### Mark your calendar for:

September 11 and 25

October 9 and 23

November 13 and 27

To express your interest or for more information, contact C.F. at 724-417-9626 or [cfhoffman@windstream.net](mailto:cfhoffman@windstream.net).

[Download the reading outline...](#)



## Youth Group Scavenger Hunt

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

Highland Presbyterian Church  
310 Franklin Street, Slippery Rock

Beaver-Butler Presbytery's Youth Ministry is hosting a fall scavenger hunt. Youth groups will get to know the quaint town of Slippery Rock by following clues to unique and sometimes strange places throughout the town.

RSVP to Diana at [dianamermon@beaverbutler.org](mailto:dianamermon@beaverbutler.org) or 412-915-2097.



## Call for Photos

Production on the 2025 Narrative Budget Video for Beaver-Butler Presbytery is underway. We are looking for photos of special moments and events that have taken place within your congregation this year. Names of individuals will not be identified in the video. Please share your photos by sending them to [office@beaverbutler.org](mailto:office@beaverbutler.org).

## 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](mailto:dianamermon@beaverbutler.org).

[Download flyer...](#)



**Dr. Diana Butler Bass**



**Rev. Dr. Leah D. Schade**

## Faithful Resistance: Choosing Christ over Empire

### Henderson Lecture and Conference

**Sunday, September 22-Tuesday, September 24**

Pittsburgh Theological Seminary  
In-Person and Online

Diana Butler Bass and Leah Schade, *presenters*

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...](#)

## Season of Peace Daily Devotion

You can have a daily devotion delivered to your inbox during the month of September.



This devotional is themed around peacemaking and is available during the Peace & Global Witness Offering season.

[Sign up...](#)

[Learn more about the Peace & Global Witness Offering...](#)



## Mission in the Margins

**W. Don McClure Lecture and WMI Conference**

**Friday, October 11-Saturday, October 12  
Online or In-Person**

Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

The emerging landscape of mission, refugees, migrants, and the church in the Global South — traditionally viewed as recipients of mission goods and services—has become a major source of innovation and leadership in the founding of new worshiping communities, the provision of community services, and the work of advocacy for justice around the world.

This year's theme will highlight this paradigm shift in God's mission and examine how we can learn from our siblings in Christ on the other side of our world.

Dr. Harvey Kwiyani, Malawian theologian, director of the ACTS 11 Project: Centre for Global Witness and Human Migration at Church Mission Society, will deliver the McClure Lecture and lead our discussions with immigrant mission leaders.

Workshops will be taught by mission leaders and PTS staff and faculty.

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

## CHURCH EVENTS

[nspc@nspreschurch.org](mailto:nspc@nspreschurch.org) Support and promote worship, fellowship, and fundraising events

by congregations in our presbytery.

### ADULT FALL RETREAT—MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Saturday, October 19**

North Sewickley Church is extending an invitation for their Fall Retreat. You can make a getaway from the chaos in our lives for spiritual regeneration through

studying God's word. More information will be available soon.

Send event information to [chrisanngoossen@beaverbutler.org](mailto:chrisanngoossen@beaverbutler.org). Attach flyers and brochures as PDF documents and slides as PowerPoint documents.

## **PRESBYTERY EVENTS**

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

### **PASTOR'S FELLOWSHIP LUNCH**

**Wednesday, August 21, 12 p.m.**

Old Union Church Pavilion—200 Union Church Road, Mars, PA

### **BOARD OF PENSIONS WORKSHOPS**

**Monday, August 26**

2:30-4:30 p.m.—For Ministers

6:30-8 p.m.—For Personnel Chairs or the church member responsible for the BOP connections.

Presbytery Center—134B S. Main Street, Zelienople, PA

### **RACIAL RECONCILIATION BOOK CLUB**

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### **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**

*[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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office@beaverbutler.org | www.beaverbutler.org

### Beaver-Butler Presbytery



### 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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