

GATHERING OF THE CHURCHES OF BEAVER- BUTLER PRESBYTERY

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Elder Commissioner Training 3:30 pm

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Beginning at 4:00 PM

This is a Dinner Meeting

Cost: \$10.00

In-Person at:

New Galilee Community Center

606 Centennial Avenue, New Galilee, PA 16141

Hosted by The Galilean Presbyterian Church
and First Presbyterian Church, Darlington

Moderator: Rev. Dr. Judy Angleberger

3:30 PM Registration

View the Livestream (**noninteractive**) Zoom Meeting

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81527151038>

Meeting ID: 815 2715 1038

Please connect to the meeting between

3:30 and 3:45 PM

Registration for the meeting is requested for In-Person and Zoom via Email
(office@beaverbutler.org) or Telephone (724-452-7515)

*All new business and requests for items to be removed from the Consent Agenda must be to
the Stated Clerk's Desk 15 minutes prior to the start of the meeting.*

If Childcare is Needed, Please Contact the Presbytery Office: 724-452-7515.

**Directions to the September 24th Beaver Butler Presbytery Meeting at the
New Galilee Community Center
606 Centennial Ave., New Galilee, PA 16141**

From Northern Butler:

Drive West on PA State Route 422 to EXIT 12 for PA Route 168 Moravia Street and turn LEFT or South. Stay on PA Route 168 for 7.4 miles total to New Galilee. Along the way you will drive through West Pittsburgh, crossing over PA Route 18, going under Interstate 376 and over Interstate 76 (PA Turnpike) before arriving in New Galilee.

In the center of New Galilee, the New Galilee Community Center will be on your left.

From Southern Butler:

Drive on Interstate 79 to Interstate 76 (PA Turnpike) West toward Ohio to EXIT 10 and follow the signs to Route 351 (Fairlane Blvd) toward New Galilee. In 2 miles you will come to a Tee intersection with PA State Route 168, and you will turn right.

In the center of New Galilee, the New Galilee Community Center will be on your right.

From Beaver County:

Drive on Interstate 376 North to the Chippewa Exit, (Last exit before toll road) and at the bottom of the exit ramp turn left onto PA route 51 West toward Ohio to the PA Route 168 intersection and turn right. Drive North on PA Route 168, through Darlington and follow PA Route 168 to New Galilee.

In the center of New Galilee, the New Galilee Community Center will be on your right.

Parking and entrance to the New Galilee Community Center are behind the building with a drop off lane for those passengers wanting to shorten their walk to the entrance of the building. Handicap parking is next to entrance.



Rocky Spring U.P. Church founded 1828



The Galilean Presbyterian Church PCUSA 1959

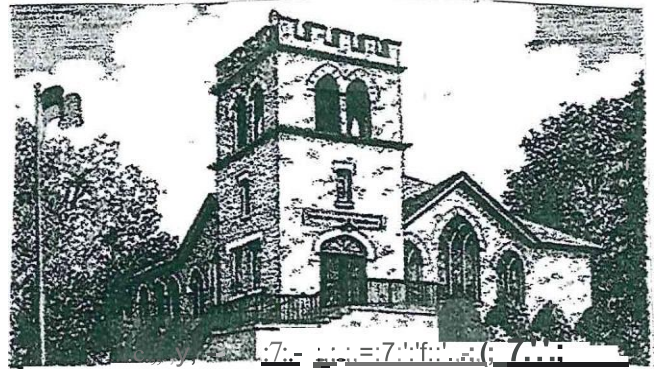
THE GALILEAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HISTORY

Rocky Spring church was founded in 1828 with the first worship services being held with a tent shelter that was used for the Pastor while the people sat on logs. The Communion elements were set upon a flat rock that had a spring flowing by it. Thus, Rocky Spring was the name chosen by the congregation. The site was on property that was known as the Craun farm one mile west of Homewood. That is near the intersection of Craun Lane and Foxwood Road in Big Beaver Borough today.

1828 – 1830 Rev. Moses Kerr served as the first pastor. The longest serving pastor was Rev. Samuel Patterson 1849 – 1895. For a total of 46 years.

In 1833 Land was donated by the Line family to build a structure for worship and a cemetery. It is said that a log structure was erected first followed later by a clapboard structure. This served as the house of worship until 1868 when the present house of worship was built during the tenure of Rev. Patterson.

February 1, 1959, the Rocky Spring United Presbyterian Church merged with The First Presbyterian Church of New Galilee. There was a considerable amount of time and effort to choose a name for the newly formed congregation. The Galilean United Presbyterian Church was the name chosen, intending that the word “The” be included as part of the official name. Thus, pointing to Jesus “The Galilean” rather than the name of the town of New Galilee. In 1983 with the merger of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. (the southern church) and The United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. (the northern church) We became The Galilean Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)



HISTORY OF THE FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF DARLINGTON

The third Church which served the Darlington area is United Presbyterian Church. The church building is not within borough limits but much of the original congregation came from there.

The original congregation, organized in 1798 (was known as “Associate Presbyterian Congregation of Brush Run” and the Greensburg Congregation_. Under the jurisdiction of the Associate Presbyterian Presbytery of Pennsylvania (familiarily call Seceders) until it took its current name in 1858. It worshipped in the old church building, Ohio Township.

In 1811, the congregation bought 11 acres, and allowances of land from Thomas McCoy and his wife, Susannah, and John Johnson, Thomas Canady, and Hugh Marshall, trustees of the Associate Congregation of Little Beaver for \$12.

The Cemetery is there and still is the burial place of many of the older families of the community. The first church building was built there. Like many others of the time, it was a log building of small dimensions and a overshot called a “Tent”. There was no means of heating it. In 1819, it was called the Greensburg congregation and in 1839 Darlington Congregation.

In 1848, the congregation purchased eleven acres of land (where this church now stands) for \$400. On this land a very beautiful and substantial brick church was built. It stood until September 6, 1917, when it was entirely destroyed by lightning and a fire.

A new brick church was built and dedicated August 18, 1918, for \$18,000.

The PC(USA) was established by the 1983 merger of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, whose churches were located in the Sothern and border states, with the United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America whose congregations could be found in every state.

Today, we are the First United Presbyterian Church of Darlington.

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Tuesday, September 24, 2024

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Meeting Begins at 4:00 pm

(In-Person)

New Galilee Community Center

606 Centennial Avenue, New Galilee, PA 16141

Hosted by: First Presbyterian Church, Darlington
And The Galilean Presbyterian Church, New Galilee

Rev. Dr. Judy Angleberger, Moderator

(VIA Zoom: See Email for Link)

This is a Dinner Meeting – Cost: \$10.00

Ruling Elder Training – PRE-MEETING 3:30 pm

GATHERING PRELUDE

PRESBYTERY GREETING

WELCOME FROM HOST CHURCHES:

Paul Morrison

LOCAL CHURCH MISSION:

Bonnie Goehring/Homer Ray, Eileen Yoder

WELCOME OF NEW ELDERS AND CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

PRAYERFUL CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING SONG

“Here In This Place”

THE WORD READ

I Samuel 16:1-13

THE WORD SPOKEN

“Shallow”

Rev. Dr. Judy Angleberger

SPECIAL MUSIC

Barb Sullivan, Director

THE GOOD NEWS FROM THE PEWS

STATED CLERK REPORT

Rev. Randall Clow

COORDINATING TEAM

Elder Andrew Why

A. Consent Agenda:

The Coordinating Team recommends that the Presbytery:

1. To form the Roll
2. Seat Corresponding Members and grant them voice
3. Approval of the Docket
4. Receive CT Minutes of June 26, 2024
5. Receive Stated Clerk Report, July & August 2024
6. Receive Treasurer’s P&L and Balance Sheet, July 31, 2024
7. Approve Presbytery Meeting Minutes, July 30, 2024

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MISSION AND COMPASSION MINISTRY UNIT

Rev. Dr. Judy Angleberger

A. Focus on Mission & Compassion Ministry Unit Activities and Goals

B. International Peacemaker: Dumitru Roibu (from Moldova)

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DINNER BREAK

SONG TO PREPARE FOR COMMUNION

“You Satisfy The Hungry Heart”

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Judy Angleberger & Vice-Moderator, Dennis Krebs

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving & Lord’s Prayer

(Response on Screen)

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread & Cup

Prayer After Communion

MINISTRY & VOCATION COMMITTEE *Floor Actions:*

Elder, Denise Hobaugh, Chair

1. For 2025, the Ministry and Vocation Committee asks the Presbytery to require that Pastors currently enrolled (or enrolled before 12/31/2024) in the Pastor’s Participation Plan shall be enrolled in the Transitional Pastors Participation unless the pastor chooses otherwise.
2. The Ministry and Vocation Committee recommends the minimum terms of call for pastoral calls, Certified Christian Educators, and Certified Associate Christian Educators of \$66,049.22 (\$47,467.40 with Manse) and a recommended, but not required, 3% cost of living increase for 2025, acknowledging changes to the Board of Pensions.

COORDINATING TEAM *Floor Actions:*

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Elder Mark Finch, Chair

1. Approve the Terms of Call for the Executive Presbyter – Transitional Pastor’s Participation, plus a 3% COLA increase.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Elder Scott Meiser, Chair

PRESENTATION OF THE NARRATIVE BUDGET FOR 2025

1. Approve the Per Capita Matching Program: Beaver-Butler will match (at the Church Session’s request) 50 cents per dollar, up to the church’s assessed and remitted Synod and/or GA Per Capita to be paid from Beaver-Butler reserves (Deadline December 1, 2025)
2. Approve the 2025 Beaver-Butler Per Capita amount: \$32.00 (no change from 2024) (FYI for 2025 – GA \$10.20; Synod \$2.40)
3. Approve the proposed 2025 Beaver-Butler Presbytery Budget **Pg. 22**

ENCOURAGING CHURCHES TO FLOURISH

Rev. John Silbert, Chair

A. Promotion of “Today’s Gutenberg Press” and other Workshops

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B. Wee-Kirk Grants

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COLLABORATION, FELLOWSHIP & YOUTH MINISTRY UNIT

Rev. Brian Hauser, Chair

A. Promotion of Youth Retreat at Camp Lambec

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B. Promotion of Collaborative Grants

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OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

OFFERING RECEIVED

The Beaver-Butler Presbytery Mission Budget

RESOLUTION OF THANKS TO OUR HOST CHURCH

PRAYER & ADJOURNMENT

Next Presbytery Meeting: Tuesday, November 19, 6:00 p.m. New Sewickley, Rochester

SENDING HYMN

“Jesus Be With Us”

Items for information from the Ministry & Vocation Committee

- 2025 Exam Readers: Mary Clow & Jason Sinagra (Lynn Byers unavailable)

**HOST CHURCHES NEEDED!
2025 Presbytery Meetings**

Saturday, January 25	10:00 a.m. (Lunch)
Tuesday, March 25	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 27	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, July 22	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 23	4:00 p.m. (Dinner)
Tuesday, November 18	6:00 p.m.

COORDINATING TEAM
BEAVER-BUTLER PRESBYTERY
June 26, 2024

The Coordinating Team (CT) held a stated meeting at the Presbytery Center on Wednesday, June 26, 2024.

Present: Andrew Why (Coordinating Team Chair), Jamie Fowler (Presbytery Moderator), Dennis Krebs (Presbytery Vice Moderator), Beth Wierman,

Ex-Officio:, Tom Harmon (Executive Presbyter), Randall Clow (Stated Clerk), Lauren Cesnales (Presbytery Treasurer)

Excused:, Doug Dorsey, Lee Dreyer, Allen Kitchen, John Laudenslager, Merry Meloy

Absent: Bill Mumaw

The Stated Clerk attested to the presence of a quorum, and the meeting was called to order by the CT Chair, Andrew Why at 6:36 P.M. Andrew opened the meeting with prayer and devotion where each person was invited to share the testimony of their faith.

Consent Agenda Approvals and Receipt of Reports:

1. Approve Coordinating Team Meeting Minutes of May 1, 2024
2. Receive the Minutes of Beaver-Butler Presbytery of May 28, 2024
3. Receive the Stated Clerk's Report
4. Receive the Executive Presbyter's Written Report
5. Receive the Treasurer's Report (P&L and Balance Sheet)

Motion: To approve the Consent Agenda as presented – PASSED

Executive Presbyter's Report:

Tom Harmon

Tom referred to his written report. He also shared that our Presbytery has been invited to assist with an event at the New Wilmington Mission Conference in partnership with Shenango Presbytery. The event will be hosted by the New Wilmington Presbyterian Church on Sunday, July 21st. The Mission and Compassion Unit will provide support for the event.

Stated Clerk's Report:

Randall Clow

Randall referred to his written report. Additionally, prayers were requested for those attending the plenary session of the General Assembly of the PC(USA) in Salt Lake City, Utah this week.

Treasurer's Report:

Lauren Cesnales

Lauren referred to her written report.

CT gained some awareness over the church buildings belonging to Vanport Presbyterian Church (Vanport) and Concord Presbyterian Church (Hooker).

Our Presbytery has been contacted by Professor Kyle Coombs from Bates College. He is doing research on churches from many presbyteries that have left the denomination and how the building trust clause played a role and has requested a copy of our Gracious Dismissal Policy.

Motion: to allow Professor Coombs access to our Gracious Dismissal Policy. -PASSED

MCM is requesting \$475 from the Peacemaking Fund for the visit from the PC(USA) Peacemaker at September's meeting of Presbytery.

Motion: to approve MCM's request. -PASSED

Presbytery Meeting Agenda Requests:

- GA Commissioners Reports
- ECF: Wee Kirk Grants (5 minutes)
- CFY: Pastor Picnic - Old Union Aug. 21st, 12:00 -2:00 (5 Min.)
- MCM:
 - Local Church Mission Update (5 minutes)
 - C.F. Hoffman Book Study Announcement (10 minutes) – Display Space
 - International Peacemaker Announcement (2 minutes)
- MVC: BOP Changes, Minimum Terms of Call in September (10 minutes)

Motion: To approve the Docket Time requests – PASSED

Presbytery Meeting Agenda Requests Previously Approved

- Ruling Elder Pre-Presbytery Info Session
- Ellie Johns-Kelly Visit – Cultures of Stewardship
- For Information MVC
 - Dissolve call Melissa Morris/Vanport

Old Business: *None*

New Business: *None*

Motion to adjourn – PASSED

Next meeting – August 7, 2024, 6:30 P.M.

Adjournment with Prayer 7:27 P.M.

In Service to Christ,

Rev. Randall K. Clow
Stated Clerk

STATED CLERK'S REPORT
BEAVER-BUTLER PRESBYTERY
FOR THE MONTHS OF JULY AND AUGUST 2024

July 19, 2024

Prepared the 2023 Presbytery Minutes for the annual Synod Records Review.

July 22, 2024

Reviewed the Presbytery Parity Report. Revised PJC Reserve Roster (per the Book of Order).

July 30, 2024

Attended the meeting of Beaver-Butler Presbytery.

August 17, 2024

Compiled information for Bylaws and Manual of Operations revision.

August 27, 2024

Received the Minutes of Shenango Presbytery for the Presbytery Records Review.

In Service to Christ,

Rev. Randall K. Clow

Stated Clerk

Beaver-Butler Presbytery
Profit & Loss by Class
 January through July 2024

	<u>Administrative</u>	<u>Mission</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
51102 · Per Capita Apportionment	113,640.59	0.00	113,640.59
52105 · Rev.Mission Causes-Budget	0.00	44,975.62	44,975.62
53112 · Tinker Trust - PNC Bank	139.23	0.00	139.23
53113 · ESB Checking Interest	429.87	0.00	429.87
53114 · Northwest Interest	24.47	0.00	24.47
53816 · Presby. Invest and Loan Income	3,611.71	0.00	3,611.71
53999 · Investment Income Other	38,700.23	0.00	38,700.23
56110 · Rent Complete Travel	5,250.00	0.00	5,250.00
56115 · Rent - Tenants	7,135.00	0.00	7,135.00
57105 · Miscellaneous Income	7,436.55	0.00	7,436.55
57106 · Bulk Order Receipts	65.65	0.00	65.65
Total Income	<u>176,433.30</u>	<u>44,975.62</u>	<u>221,408.92</u>
Expense			
71105 · Per Capita Expense GA	17,000.00	0.00	17,000.00
71110 · Per Capita Expense Synod	4,786.57	0.00	4,786.57
72105 · Mission Causes Exp- Synod/GA	0.00	30,523.65	30,523.65
72110 · Mission Causes Exp- Other	0.00	2,925.00	2,925.00
73000 · Salary/Wage/Benefits	120,039.58	0.00	120,039.58
74000 · Units/Officers	648.62	6,373.68	7,022.30
75100 · Cost of Space	4,471.46	0.00	4,471.46
75200 · Communications	4,473.94	0.00	4,473.94
75300 · Furniture and Equipment	2,103.29	0.00	2,103.29
75400 · Office Expense	4,140.59	0.00	4,140.59
75500 · Training and Professional	1,425.00	0.00	1,425.00
75600 · Travel Expense	2,156.70	0.00	2,156.70
75700 · Conferences/Meetings	1,515.16	0.00	1,515.16
75800 · Purchased Services	3,250.00	0.00	3,250.00
75907 · Bulk Order Expenditures	44.28	0.00	44.28
Total Expense	<u>166,055.19</u>	<u>39,822.33</u>	<u>205,877.52</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>10,378.11</u>	<u>5,153.29</u>	<u>15,531.40</u>
Net Income	<u><u>10,378.11</u></u>	<u><u>5,153.29</u></u>	<u><u>15,531.40</u></u>

Beaver-Butler Presbytery
Balance Sheet
 As of July 31, 2024

Jul 31, 24

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

10000 · Cash

10107 · WesBanco 110,914.32

10108 · Northwest Savings Bank 56,870.28

10109 · Northwest Savings Market Fund 50,006.81

10115 · Petty Cash 153.40

Total 10000 · Cash 217,944.81

10300 · Investments

10511 · Presbyterian Investment & Loan 311,946.70

10513 · Charles Schwab & Co. 536,663.86

10520 · Ecumenical Cooperative 1,500.00

Total 10300 · Investments 850,110.56

Total Checking/Savings 1,068,055.37

Total Current Assets 1,068,055.37

TOTAL ASSETS 1,068,055.37

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Long Term Liabilities

28001 · Deferred Mortgage Income 30,000.00

Total Long Term Liabilities 30,000.00

Total Liabilities 30,000.00

Equity

29000 · Restricted Funds

29100 · Temporarily Restricted

29105 · Peacemaking Fund 2,902.57

29125 · New Church Development Fund

29126 · Closed Churches Fund (Fund A) 430,981.98

29127 · Departed Churches Fund (Fund B) 685,374.58

29125 · New Church Development Fund - Other 3,704.42

Total 29125 · New Church Development Fund 1,120,060.98

29140 · Support of Candidates Fund 876.70

29145 · Leadership Training Fund 20,000.00

29160 · NWV Seed Grant 7,467.05

29165 · Champ Education Fund 6,632.20

Total 29100 · Temporarily Restricted 1,157,939.50

29200 · Permanently Restricted

29205 · Endowment Fund 2,575.09

29210 · Lyndora Scholarship Fund 20,003.58

Total 29200 · Permanently Restricted 22,578.67

Total 29000 · Restricted Funds 1,180,518.17

39000 · Retained Earnings -156,194.91

Net Income 13,732.11

Total Equity 1,038,055.37

Beaver-Butler Presbytery
Balance Sheet
As of July 31, 2024

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Jul 31, 24
1,068,055.37

A GATHERING OF THE CHURCHES OF BEAVER-BUTLER PRESBYTERY
July 30, 2024, 6:00 PM

The Beaver-Butler Presbytery held a stated meeting at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, July 30, 2024. The meeting was held at Clinton Presbyterian Church, Saxonburg, where Rev. Kelley A. Angleberger serves as Covenant Pastor. The meeting was moderated by Presbytery Moderator Rev. Jamie Fowler and Vice-Moderator Elder Dennis Krebs.

Before the meeting, training was held for new Elder Commissioners (or anyone else wanting a refresher). Future meetings will have similar training sessions.

Moderator Fowler called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and affirmed the presence of a quorum with Stated Clerk Rev. Randall Clow.

WELCOME FROM THE HOST CHURCH:

Elder Paula Vaughan

Using her *Flight Attendant* skills, Paula welcomed the Presbyters and gave details of the facility, including fellowship location. Paula spoke about the Native American influence on Clinton’s history and development. Also, using a piece of fabric (to illustrate Clinton’s quilt, pillow case, and stockings ministry), a bucket (Clinton’s overseas collection and ministry), and an American flag (service to a local veterans’ home), she spoke about local and international missions.

WELCOME OF NEW ELDERS, PASTORS, AND CORRESPONDING MEMBERS:

First-time Commissioner Elders and Pastors were introduced.

The following Corresponding Members were enrolled:

- Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelley (Presbytery of Lake Erie), Ministry Relations Officer, Presbyterian Foundation
- Rev. Catherine S. Chang (Presbytery of Lake Huron) & Juan Lopez, Presbyterian Mission Co-workers, Philippines

OPENING PRAYER:

Moderator Fowler opened the meeting with prayer.

GATHERING HYMN:

“Here in This Place”

THE WORD READ:

Luke 10:1-11

Rev. Kelley Angleberger

THE WORD SPOKEN:

“Lose the Baggage”

Kelley based her sermon on Jesus’ instructions on sending out workers to the harvest. She used an example of “types of packers” going on vacation. Excessive, streamlined, deliberate, hasty, and oblivious. The type of packer we are depends upon the type of trip taken.

Perhaps Jesus’ followers had their own packing styles – but just in case, Jesus offered his own tips. Take only what is necessary – no extra clothing, no snacks, just take what is necessary. Don’t worry about lodging, food, or hospitality – take what is offered.

So why did Jesus want his disciples to be such “streamlined” packers? The reason – Jesus had a different plan! Lose the baggage! Come to rely on others! Don’t worry about anything. Learn to rely

on others along the way. Jesus' encouragement to "lose the baggage" forces them to rely on the communities they serve.

What baggage do we need to lose? Things in the church? Traditions? Things? We need to let go of some things, and maybe ask a friend for something. What about guilt? Resentment? Inability to look ahead? Worry? Or the feeling that "we have to do it all"? Kelley offered a multitude of suggestions!

Lose the baggage, accept help when offered, and rely upon God along the way.

ANTHEM: "Find Me, Lord" Clinton Church Choir

GOOD NEWS FROM THE PEWS:

Commissioners offered items of good news that were happening in the churches.

STATED CLERK REPORT:

Rev. Randall Clow

Randall referred the Commissioners to his written report, including instructions regarding the Consent Agenda. He was happy to report a successful General Assembly meeting, including packing!

COORDINATING TEAM:

Elder Andrew Why

A. *Consent Agenda:*

The Coordinating Team (CT) recommended that the Presbytery:

1. Form the Roll,
2. Seat Corresponding Members and grant them voice,
3. Approve the Docket,
4. Receive Coordinating Team Minutes, May 1, 2024,
5. Receive Stated Clerk Report, May-June 2024,
6. Receive Treasurer's Report – Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss, May 31, 2024
7. Approve Presbytery Meeting Minutes, May 28, 2024, and
8. Approve the dissolution of the call between Rev. Melissa Morris and the Vanport Congregation, and grant her At-Large Status

Seeing no questions or objections, the Moderator declared the Consent Agenda approved as presented.

B. *Floor Action: The Coordinating Team moved the following:*

1. At the East Unity Presbyterian Church congregation's request, Beaver-Butler Presbytery will appoint an Administrative Commission (AC) to assume original jurisdiction over the East Unity Church Session to complete the congregation's ministry and dissolve the congregation as of July 11, 2024. The AC will have five members and a quorum of three appointed by the Presbytery Moderator following G-3.0109 in the *Book of Order*. The Presbytery gives the East Unity AC and the Coordinating Team the responsibility to act on its behalf in negotiations and property transfers. The Presbytery empowers the Executive Presbyter and Treasurer to work as its agents on behalf of the East Unity AC and Coordinating Team.

There being no questions or comments, Moderator Fowler called for a vote.

Motion passed unanimously.

HONORING THE MINISTRY OF EAST UNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, CHERRY VALLEY:

Elder Martha Altmire

Martha spoke about her family’s participation at East Unity, as well as offering a history of the congregation and church.

Moderator Fowler offered a word of prayer for the East Unity Congregation.

CULTURES OF GENEROSITY:

Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelly, Presbyterian Foundation

Ministry Relations Officer Ellie gave a thorough presentation, “Discovering Resources for Church Financial Leadership.” The Foundation is the *oldest and largest religious foundation in the United States* and offers a multitude of resources and assistance to congregations regarding their financial stability and future. Ellie emphasized that she and all the Foundation’s resources are available to churches at no cost.

BREAK FOR FELLOWSHIP

Moderator Fowler called the Presbyters back to order at 7:35 P.M.

MISSION & COMPASSION MINISTRY UNIT:

Rev. Dr. Judy Angleberger

- A. The Presbyters welcomed Rev. Cathy Chang and her husband Juan Lopez, Presbyterian Mission Co-workers, Philippines. Using many photos, Cathy and Juan gave a brief but thought-provoking view of their work and ministry in the Philippines.
- B. Rev. C.F. Hoffman reported on a racial reconciliation book study and an effort to provide free books to those at the meeting.
- C. Unit Chair Judy Angleberger reminded the Presbyters about an upcoming visit from International Peacemaker Dumitru Roibu, from Moldova.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMISSIONERS’ REPORTS:

Those who attended the 226th General Assembly gave their reports (through a variety of media!)

VICE-MODERATOR ELDER DENNIS KREBS NOW MODERATING...

COLLABORATION, FELLOWSHIP, & YOUTH:

Rev. Brian Hauser

Brian also reminded all churches about *FREE MONEY* which is available for churches doing joint ministries together. Additionally, all pastors were reminded about an upcoming pastors’ picnic.

ENCOURAGING CHURCHES TO FLOURISH (ECF):

Rev. John Silbert

Church leaders were reminded of the upcoming Wee Kirk Conference – October 14-16, Laurelville Conference Center. Funds are available.

MINISTRY & VOCATION COMMITTEE:

Rev. Dr. Tom Harmon

Executive Presbyter Rev. Dr. Tom Harmon gave an extensive presentation regarding upcoming changes in the Board of Pensions healthcare coverage.

REV. ROBERT W. GOOSSEN RECOGNITION:

Bob's retirement from ministry was recognized by the Presbyters. Various wishes of goodwill were offered. Moderator Fowler offered a prayer as Bob and ChrisAnn enter their new life.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no New Business.

OFFERING:

The Beaver-Butler Presbytery Mission Budget

PRAYER

Vice-Moderator Krebs closed the meeting with prayer at 9:30 P.M.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS TO OUR HOST CHURCH:

The Presbyters thanked the Clinton Church for their hosting.

SENDING HYMN:

“Jesus Be With Us”

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 24, 4:00 PM, (Dinner) First, Darlington/The Galilean, New Galilee (at The New Galilee Community Center)

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. James R. Steiner, Assistant Stated Clerk

Rev. Randall K. Clow, Stated Clerk

For Information, from Ministry & Vocation Committee:

- Approved the resignation, with regret, of Rev. Monica Hamilton from North and East Butler Churches due to health issues
- Approved the Retirement of (and granted *Honorably Retired* status to) Rev. Robert Goossen, effective July 1, 2024 (Bob moved to part-time at Ohio Church on July 1, 2024, with official final date July 15, 2024)
- Appointed Rev. Lee Dreyer as Moderator for North and East Butler Churches, beginning July
- Appointed Rev. Todd Allen as Moderator for Vanport Church, starting in July
- Removed Rev. Stephen Cramer from the Pulpit Supply List
- Set September 12, 2024 for Boundary Training Part II
- Approved Elder Lynn Byers and Rev. Jason Sinagra as Ordination Exam Readers
- Approved Covenant Pastor Contract between Rev. Mark Davis and West Sunbury Church

- Approved Candidate Kerry Dowdy as *Certified to Receive a Call* on the endorsement of the Preparation for Ministry Team. Candidate Kerry has met all the ordination process criteria to become a Minister of Word and Sacrament
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TABLE OF ATTACHMENTS TO MINUTES OF July 30, 2024 PRESBYTERY MEETING:

- A. Record of Participation, Presbytery Meeting, July 30, 2024
 - B. Coordinating Team Minutes, May 1, 2024
 - C. Presbytery Meeting Minutes, May 28, 2024
 - D. Report of the Stated Clerk, May-June 2024
 - E. Report of the Treasurer: Balance Sheet & Profit & Loss, May 31, 2024
 - F. 226th General Assembly Commissioner Reports
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**BEAVER-BUTLERPRESBYTERY
Future 2024 Presbytery Meetings
Office Will Close Early on These Dates**

Tuesday, September 24, 4:00 p.m. (Dinner) First, Darlington/The Galilean, New Galilee (at The New Galilee Community Center)

Tuesday, November 19, 6:00 p.m. New Sewickley, Rochester

ATTENDANCE**MINISTERS**

Allen, Todd		P
Allio, Mark		P
Angleberger, A. Gary	H.R.	EXC
Angleberger, Judy A.	H.R.	P
Angleberger, Kelley		P
*Barr, Eva-Maria		A
Benish, Leigh		P
Benson, James		A
Bittner, Lee	H.R.	EXC
Black, Keith		A
Bosserman, Lauren		P
Brewer, David R.	H.R.	EXC
Burkley, Michael	H.R.	P
Byers, David D.	H.R.	EXC
Campbell, James W.	H.R.	EXC
*Casey, Tim		A
*Cline, Charles		P
Clow, Randall		P
Clyde, Tom	H.R.	EXC
Cramer, Stephen	H.R.	EXC
Currie, Susan	H.R.	EXC
Curtis, Jeffrey A.	H.R.	EXC
Davis, Mark	H.R.	EXC
de Vries, Peter C.		P
Dorsey, Douglas		EXC
Dreyer, W. Lee	H.R.	EXC
Dunn, Connie	H.R.	EXC
Edmundson, Robert	H.R.	P
Erwin, Kirk	H.R.	EXC
Fowler, Jamie		P
*Frailey, Mark		A
Frierson, Connie	H.R.	EXC
Gear, Jim		A
Gebhard, Doug		A
Goossen, Robert		P
Hamilton, Monica	H.R.	EXC
Harmon, Tom		P
*Hartung, Gregg		A
Hauser, Brian		P
Heller, F. Edwin	H.R.	EXC
Hoffman, C. F.	H.R.	P
Horstman, Katherine A. L.	H.R.	EXC
Huffmyer, Deborah E.	H.R.	EXC
Jackson, Bill	H.R.	EXC
Jamieson, William A.	H.R.	EXC
Kahnt, Rebecca		A
Kennedy, Robert W.	H.R.	EXC
Kennedy, Vicki	H.R.	EXC
Kitchen, Mary	H.R.	EXC
Klein, Richard	H.R.	EXC
Maley, Lawrence	H.R.	EXC
*Marquis, Jeff		A
Mathias, Robert V.	H.R.	EXC
*McMeekin, Thomas		P
Meloy, Merry		A
Molnar, Dennis	H.R.	EXC

Presbytery Meeting Minutes July 30, 2024

ATTACHEMENT A

Mumaw, William		A
Oyler, David	H.R.	EXC
Paul, A. David		A
Porter, John W.		A
Rowe, Richard F.	H.R.	EXC
Roy, Dena		P
Salyers, James		A
Saul, Robert P.		A
Sawyer, Clark T.	H.R.	EXC
Severance, T. Neil	H.R.	EXC
Shaffer, Andrew C.		A
Shullo, Carmen		P
Silbert, John		P
Sinagra, Jason		P
Smith, Jean	H.R.	EXC
Smothers, Andrew		P
Snyder, Donald F.	H.R.	EXC
Steiner, Jim	H.R.	EXC
Stoops, Leland (Terry) R.	H.R.	EXC
Swanson, James	H.R.	EXC
Swinsburg, Rob Dale		A
Taylor, Bonnie	H.R.	EXC
Tuft, John T.		A
Weston, Gary L.	H.R.	EXC
Wiebe, John M.	H.R.	EXC
Wierman, Beth		P
Winship, Michael	H.R.	EXC

ELDERS

Aliquippa		
New Bethlehem	Mary Clow	
(2 votes)	Bryan Beatty	
Ohio	Joe Glatz	
(2 votes)		
Raccoon		
Service		
Ambridge		
Ambridge U.P.	Cathy Torhan	
Baden		
Concord		
Beaver		
Park	Sandra Parker	
(2 votes)		
Beaver Falls		
First	Lynette Spinnenweber	
Steffin Hill		
Covenant	Ann Morrison	
Faith		
Butler		
Hill	Karen Earhart	
(2 votes)		
Mt Chestnut		
(2 votes)		
Saint Andrews		
Trinity	Barbara Leffler	
Callery		
Crestview	Gary Schwartz	

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Cherry Valley		Sarver	
E. Unity	Martha Altmire	Buffalo	Virginia Shirey
Chicora		Westminster	Cheryl Frank
North Butler		Saxonburg	
Clintonville		Clinton	Thomas Hamilton
Union		Jefferson Center	
Connoquenessing		Saxonburg Memorial	
White Oak Springs		(2 votes)	
Conway		Shippingport	
Conway		Bethlehem	
Cranberry		Slippery Rock	
Cranberry Community		Center	
(2 votes)		Friendship	Michelle Whitehouse
Plains	Greg Sasse	Highland	
Darlington		Valencia	
First		Glade Run	Beverly Dietrich
Mt. Pleasant		(2 votes)	Eric Rieger
East Butler		Valencia	Ed Walter
East Butler		Vanport	
Eau Claire		Vanport	
Eau Claire		(2 votes)	
Ellwood City		West Sunbury	
North Sewickley		West Sunbury	
(2 votes)		Zelienople	
Evans City		Calvin	
Westminster	Ruthie Pickett	(2 votes)	
(2 votes)	Kathy Morgan	Park	Jack McMichael
Frankfort Springs			
Frankfort			
Harmony			
Camp Run			
Hooker			
Concord			
Mars			
Mars United			
Old Union	Jill McDonald		
(2 votes)	Marcus Sanata		
Midland			
First			
New Salem			
Monaca			
First			
North Branch			
New Brighton			
First	Lauren Cesnales		
Westminster			
New Galilee			
The Galilean	Paul Morrison		
N. Washington			
N. Washington			
Parker			
First			
Prospect			
Mt Nebo	Randy Bieber		
P. Church Prospect			
Rochester			
First Presb.			
New Sewickley			

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

Name	Presbytery/Affiliation
Ellie Johns Kelley	Lake Erie Presby. (Pres. Foundation)
Juan Lopez	Lake Huron Presby. (Mission Co-Worker)
Catherine Chang	Lake Huron Presby. (Mission Co-Worker)

ELDER MEMBERS WHO ARE: OFFICER, COORDINATING TEAM, OR UNIT CHAIR

Name	Presbytery/Affiliation
Andrew Why	CT Chair
Dennis Krebs	Vice-Moderator
Mark Finch	Personnel Chair

VISITORS

Name	Church
Debbie Gottshall	Clinton, Saxonburg
Mary Ann Nemchick	Clinton, Saxonburg
Paula Vaughan	Clinton, Saxonburg
Linda Miller	Clinton, Saxonburg
Brenda Snyder	Clinton, Saxonburg
Joyce Hamilton	Clinton, Saxonburg
Colliene Schriver	Clinton, Saxonburg
Bonnie Hemphill	Clinton, Saxonburg
Bunny McKinney	Clinton, Saxonburg
Magnus Moseray	Guest
Doreen Cline	First, Parker

Judy Scott DeLisio	East Unity, Cherry Valley	Tracy Cranden	Clinton, Saxonburg
Jim Powers	Clinton, Saxonburg	Tyler Cranden	Clinton, Saxonburg
Cindy Cross	Friendship, Slippery Rock	Gina Loebell	Covenant, Butler
Jeff Cross	Friendship, Slippery Rock	Dave Loebell	Covenant, Butler
Annamary McMullen	Valencia, Valencia	MaryRae Thompson	Old Union, Mars
Larry Paulsen	Buffalo, Sarver	Rev. Jim Steiner	
Carolyn Paulsen	Buffalo, Sarver	Rev. Keith Black	
Larry Meeder	Park, Zelienople	CP Kathleen Davis	Highland, Slippery Rock
Bill Rudert	Buffalo, Sarver	Connie Christy	
R. Kemp Clow	New Bethlehem, Aliquip.	Susan Harper	Ohio, Aliquippa
James Ihlenfeld	Hill, Butler	Wendi Rybicki	Friendship, Slippery Rock
Lars Morrison	Covenant, Butler	Michele Lagnese	White Oak Spr., Conneq.
Marlene Cranden	Clinton, Saxonburg	Tom Marlowe	



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**Beaver-Butler Presbytery
2025 Budget - Proposed
BBP only with match to GA/Synod**

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	Approved 2024	Proposed 2025	Approved 2025
SUPPORT			
Per Capita Apportionment	\$ 135,680	129,920	
Support from Reserves - Unpaid BBP Per Capita			
Investment Earnings	12,560	62,470	
Mission Income - Budget	51,000	32,000	
Rent	18,960	18,960	
Gas Lease	6,400	6,400	
Lease	3,200	0	
Miscellaneous	8,500	8,500	
TOTAL SUPPORT	\$ 236,300	258,250	0
EXPENSES			
Presbytery per capita obligation to GA	\$ 0	0	
Presbytery per capita obligation to Synod	0	0	
Estimated Match to GA from Reserves	0	0	
Estimated Match to Synod from Reserves	0	0	
Salaries and wages	162,200	167,063	
Employee benefits	43,893	46,782	
Ministry units and officers	6,350	6,350	
Youth Coordinator	14,261	14,689	
Collaboration, Fellowship & Youth	6,000	6,000	
Ministry and Vocation Unit	3,000	3,000	
Encourage Churches to Flourish	6,000	6,000	
Mission and Compassion Ministries	8,000	8,000	
Administrative and Resource Unit	400	400	
Cost of space	29,459	30,708	
Communications	6,425	8,130	
Furniture and equipment	7,350	6,440	
Office expense	3,700	4,900	
Training and professional	3,600	3,600	
Travel expense	8,050	8,050	
Conferences and meetings	3,600	450	
Purchased services	5,000	4,500	
Miscellaneous	1,000	1,000	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 318,288	326,062	0
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	\$ (81,988)	(67,812)	0

Per Capita 2019 (BBP Only)	\$29.44
Per Capita 2020 (BBP Only)	\$29.44
Per Capita 2021 (BBP Only)	\$29.44
Per Capita 2022 (BBP Only)	\$31.52
Per Capita 2023 (BBP Only)	\$31.52
Per Capita 2024 (BBP Only)	\$32.00

2025 Assumptions:

12/31/22 Membership reported to GA	5,655
12/31/23 Membership reported to GA	5,437
Membership less dismissed/closed in 2024	7
Membership assumed to be unpaid	1,377 Adjusted membership of 4060

Presbytery Apportionment 2025	
GA	\$10.20
Synod	\$2.40
BBP	\$32.00
Per Capita amount used for budget	\$44.60

Staff Salary increase	3.0%
Terms of Call increase	3.0%
Board of Pensions	43.0%



Thursday, September 26, 7 p.m.

**Calvin Presbyterian Church
415 East Grandview Avenue, Zelienople**

Led by Rev. A. David Paul, M.S., M.Div.

*Presented by Beaver-Butler Presbytery's
Encouraging Churches to Flourish Unit*

Register to join in-person or online by contacting the office at
724-452-7515 or office@beaverbutler.org.





BEAVER-BUTLER PRESBYTERY

Northeast Wee-Kirk Conference October 14-16, 2024

CONFERENCE FEE REIMBURSEMENT APPLICATION FORM

CHURCH INFORMATION

CHURCH NAME:

MAILING ADDRESS:

CITY: STATE: ZIP: PHONE:

PERSON(s) ATTENDING - INFORMATION

ATTENDEE NAME: EMAIL:

PERSON(s) ATTENDING – INFORMATION

ATTENDEE NAME: EMAIL:

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ATTENDEE NAME: EMAIL:

PERSON(s) ATTENDING – INFORMATION

ATTENDEE NAME: EMAIL:

COST INFORMATION

TOTAL # OF CHURCH ATTENDEES:

X \$75/ATTENDEE

TOTAL REIMBURSEMENT AMOUNT REQUESTED:

Session approval: _____
 Clerk of Session Signature

The ECF committee has allocated \$1000 towards Wee Kirk reimbursement. ECF will authorize reimbursement of \$75 per individual and upon its discretion in order to maximize the number of congregations participating. Checks will be distributed from BBP to the churches. Individuals and churches are responsible for registration and reimbursement of their participants. Please visit wee-kirk-ne.org for registration and conference information.

OFFICIAL USE ONLY



YOUTH GROUP WEEKEND RETREAT

OCTOBER 18-20, 2024

BBP youth is hosting a youth group retreat at Camp Lambec! It will be a weekend of Fun, Fellowship and worship in unique ways! Youth groups will arrive Friday evening to get settled in. We will have a campfire and of course S'MORE'S, Saturday will be a day of adventures at camp and prayer stations. Sunday we will have a worship and breakfast.

**FRIDAY 7PM
SUNDAY AT 10AM**

CAMP LAMBEC
13110 OLD LAKE RD, WEST
SPRINGFIELD, PA 16443

\$40 per person

We will stay in cabins, so sleeping bags are a must and don't forget your pillow.



RSVP to Diana
dianamermon@beaverbutler.org

412-915-2097

BEAVER-BUTLER PRESBYTERY
STRENGTHENING CONGREGATIONAL CONNECTIONS GRANT

PURPOSE

Trusting in Jesus' proclamation that "where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them" (Matthew 18:20), the Strengthening Congregational Connections Grant is available to assist congregations partnering together to use their energy, intelligence, imagination, and love in a **new** shared project of ministry and mission. A grant of up to \$500 per each participating PC(USA) congregation of the Presbytery may be available upon application. Applications for projects involving more than three congregations will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

PROCESS

- With at least one other congregation in the Presbytery, come up with a creative and compelling idea for a new ministry, mission, or fellowship event.
- Complete the attached application form and submit it to the Presbytery Office.
- Upon receipt, the Collaboration, Fellowship and Youth (CFY) ministry unit will consider the application at its next stated meeting and will respond shortly thereafter.

REQUIREMENTS

- The proposed initiative must facilitate at least two congregations of the Presbytery working to build the reign of God among Beaver-Butler Presbytery. Initiatives may be ecumenical and/or interfaith, but there must be at least two congregations of the Presbytery involved in leadership and implementation. Only one participating church needs to submit the application, and a representative from this church will be responsible for handling financial matters.
- The Sessions of all churches involved must approve the event and proposed funding.
- Each individual church may only receive one grant per calendar year. Applications will be accepted through November 30, 2023. CFY will evaluate the grant process at the end of 2023 for future consideration.
- Upon approval, the initiative may be shared so others can also participate.
- The event must happen within twelve months of receiving the funds.
- Following the event, photos/videos and feedback should be shared with CFY.

INFORMATION TO CONSIDER

- If you have an idea for an event but aren't sure who might make a good partner, share your idea with local churches to see if another congregation may be interested. The Presbytery Office and CFY can also help you make connections.
- The purpose of this grant is to fund **new** ministries, missions, or fellowship events. This does not mean something that's never been done before *anywhere*, but rather something new for this particular collective of congregations.
- If the proposal does not fall within the requirements and intent of this grant, CFY will be in conversation with you regarding possible revisions.

Questions regarding the application process may be directed to the Presbytery Office.

**BEAVER-BUTLER PRESBYTERY
STRENGTHENING CONGREGATIONAL CONNECTIONS GRANT APPLICATION**

Purpose: to assist congregations partnering together in a **new** shared project of ministry and mission.

Congregations Involved: _____

Contact Person (Who will answer questions about this application?):

Name: _____ **Title:** _____

Address: _____

Primary Phone: _____ **Text? Yes No**

Email Address: _____

Description of the *new* ministry, mission, or fellowship initiative:

(include who will be involved, when and where it will take place, plans for advertising, and any other information that may be helpful for CFY in the approval process)

Amount Being Requested: \$ _____ **Is this the entire cost of the initiative? Yes No**

Proposed use of the grant money:

(include or attach an itemized budget and information about other possible revenue sources)

Session Endorsements (Each Session must approve the initiative and proposed budget):

Church Name **Approval Date** **Clerk of Session**

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Completed applications may be submitted to: Beaver-Butler Presbytery - PO Box 279 - Zelienople, PA 16063-0279
OR office@beaverbutler.org