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Weekly Update for September 10, 2024

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*Let the words of my mouth
and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable to you,
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.*

Psalm 19:14 (NRSVue)



Youth Group Scavenger Hunt

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

Highland Church
310 Franklin Street, Slippery Rock

The 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 or 412-915-2097.



Planning Calendars Are In

If you or your church took advantage of the bulk order for Presbyterian Planning Calendars, they have arrived.

Please make arrangements to pick up your order at the Presbytery Office (134B South Main Street, Zelienople). Our office hours are Monday–Thursday, 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. If you need to come at a different time, please call ahead or call for an appointment (724-452-7515).



A Community Celebration of God's Love

September 21, 3-6 p.m. — Rain or Shine

Center Church
211 Center Street
Slippery Rock

Hosted by Center, Highland, and Friendship Presbyterian Churches of Slippery Rock.

This celebration will bring the Slippery Rock community together to celebrate God's love and experience the joy He brings us. Attendees will also have the opportunity to learn about the Presbyterian Churches in Slippery Rock.

FOOD! ENTERTAINMENT! ACTIVITIES!

Free parking at Center and Highland Churches, and the United Methodist Church.

For more information, contact the churches or Pastor Jeff Curtis at Highland Church at 724-355-5020.



Plains Church Holiday Craft Fair

Saturday, November 9, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

326 Plains Church Road, Cranberry Township

Start your Christmas shopping!

Crafts–Basket Raffle–Food and Refreshments

Crafters and vendors are needed.

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World Communion Sunday

Sunday, October 6

The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. Paul tells us that we are to “discern the body” when we partake of Holy Communion.

[*Access worship resources...*](#)

It is appropriate that World Communion Sunday is also a time when we receive the annual Peace and Global Witness Offering—of sharing what we have with brothers and sisters in need.

[*Access special offering resources...*](#)



Youth Group Weekend Retreat

Friday, October 18, 7 p.m.–

Sunday, October 20, 10 a.m.

Camp Lambec

13110 Old Lake Road, West Springfield, 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.

[Download flyer...](#)



General Minister Announcement

Pittsburgh Presbytery is pleased to share the exciting news that they have called the Rev. Jessica McClure Archer as their next General Minister. Rev. McClure Archer, who currently serves as pastor at Sampson's Mills Presbyterian Church, brings with her a broad range of experience and a deep-rooted connection to the Pittsburgh community.

Throughout her decades-long career in pastoral ministry, Rev. McClure Archer has led with wisdom. Her background includes both urban and rural contexts, reflecting her versatility and understanding of diverse community needs. Additionally, her compassion for the church and its mission has shone through in the various roles she has undertaken. These qualities have greatly impressed the nominating committee and affirms their belief that she is called by God in Christ to serve as General Minister in this important season.

Rev. McClure Archer will officially begin her role as General Minister on October 1.



Spiritual Formation in Older Adults

Older Adult Ministry Certificate Course

**Wednesdays, September 25–October 30,
1-2:30 p.m. via Zoom**

*Presented by The Center for Lifelong Learning,
Columbia Theological Seminary.*

The last third of life presents some of life's richest spiritual, theological and ethical challenges. This course will explore how congregations and other communities of faith can engage in conversations and practices that will allow adults to actively nurture spiritual formation into older adulthood.

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

Mission in the Margins



W. Don McClure Lecture and WMI Conference 2024

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

Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

The World Mission Initiative Conference will highlight the emerging landscape of mission, refugees, migrants, and the church in the Global South. By examining this paradigm shift in God's mission, we can learn from our siblings in Christ on the other side of our world.

Dr. Harvey Kwiyani, Malawian theologian, will deliver the McClure Lecture and lead discussions with immigrant mission leaders.

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

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



Parking Lot Resealing

If you visit the Presbytery Center on **Tuesday, September 17** or **Wednesday, September 18**, you will need to park on the street in front of the building. The parking lot behind the building will be getting resealed and relined on those days.

CHURCH EVENTS

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

A COMMUNITY CELEBRATION OF GOD'S LOVE

Saturday, September 21, 3-6 p.m.—Rain or Shine

Center Church—211 Center Street, Slippery Rock

Hosted by Center, Highland, Friendship Churches of Slippery Rock.

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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...](#)

PLAINS CHURCH HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

Saturday, November 9, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

326 Plains Church Road, Cranberry Township

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

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

PRESBYTERY EVENTS

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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

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

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

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Presbytery Weekly Update

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