

BEAVER- BUTLER PRESBYTERY



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*“Let the children come to me;
do not stop them, for it is to such as these
that the kingdom of God belongs.”*

Jesus—Mark 10:14 (NRSVue)

2025 Narrative Budget

45 people
representing
5 churches
attended
the event



The 2025 budget for Beaver-Butler Presbytery was presented with a narrative video at the September 24 Gathering of Churches. After questions were addressed, a vote was taken and the 2025 Beaver-Butler Presbytery budget was approved.

The narrative budget video explains how per capita dollars will be spent next year. Ways in which per capita dollars are used to support the mission and ministries of our churches are explained. Stories illustrate how grant money is being applied by churches in our presbytery.

Please share the narrative budget video with your session and congregation—perhaps during a Minute for Mission during worship. The video can be downloaded from the Presbytery’s YouTube channel or accessed on the website.

[Watch the video...](#)

[Download video from YouTube channel...](#)

[Access video on website...](#)



Worshipping Generously

Zoom Workshop

Thursday, October 10, Noon

Led by Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelley, MRO, Presbyterian Foundation

How can we discuss money in worship? Is it intimidating? Or life-giving to the church?

Rev. Ellie Johns Kelley is a stewardship guru and helpful guide to all things financial in the church. As part of the Encouraging Churches to Flourish series on worship, we hope to help congregations navigate giving conversations as part of our Sunday mornings and beyond.

Please register with the Presbytery Office for a Zoom link at office@beaverbutler.org.

The Countdown Has Begun

Presbyterian Youth Triennium

July 28-21, 2025

Louisville, Kentucky

Thousands of high school age youth and their adult youth workers will be welcomed to Louisville, Kentucky for four days of worship,



recreation, Bible study, outreach, and faith formation all around the theme of “As If We Were Dreaming...” (Psalm 126).

Our Beaver-Butler Youth Coordinator will register youth for the conference.

Cost is to be determined, although the initial cost for conference is available.

Event price is \$199.

Hotel accommodations will be approximately \$217 X 3 (2 per room \$325.50).

Transportation cost is to be determined.

For more information contact Diana at dianamermon@beaverbutler.org or 412-915-2097.

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

[Learn more on the conference website...](#)



Call to Peace and Unity Workshop

How Faith Leaders Recognize and Address Racial Division

Saturday, November 7, 9 a.m.–12 p.m.

New Sewickley Church
101 Big Knob Road, Rochester

Led by Dr. Donald Sheffield

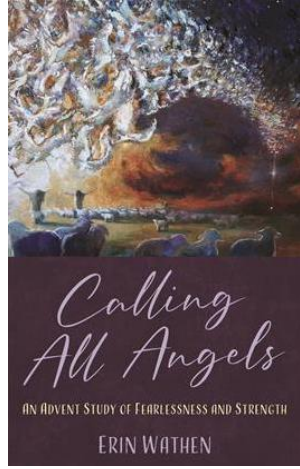
Clergy can explore “practices and skills” necessary for people to live in harmony as faith communities play a key role in teaching and fostering unity. Special emphasis will be placed on obtaining culturally competent knowledge that enables people to be able to “interact with each other, regardless of our differences, in a positive way”.

Dr. Donald Sheffield is the education consultant and cultural competency trainer for Beaver County Behavioral Health and serves on Beaver County’s Inclusion, Diversity and Awareness Council.

[Learn more by downloading and posting flyer...](#)

2024 Advent Resource Guide

The PC(USA) Store Advent 2024 resource guide is here! You’ll find everything you need to fully honor and experience the season of Advent.



If you are viewing the guide on your computer or other device, you can click on any title or cover to be taken to the product page on PC(USA) Store. Also, look for the dark blue blocks to download resource samples throughout. You can also email or print this to use for personal research or with committees.

[Go to the resource guide...](#)



A Haitian family is present for a baptism.
(Contributed photo)

We Didn't Know What Was Coming, But God Did

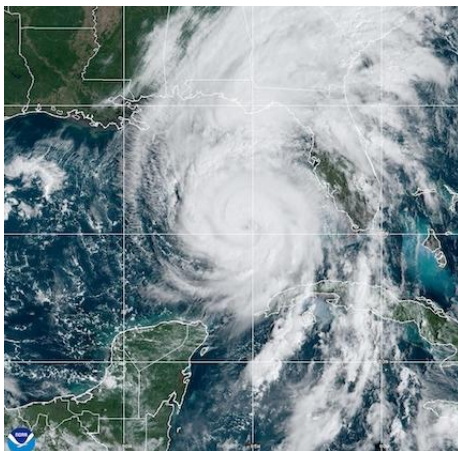
Covenant Presbyterian Church in Springfield, Ohio Ministers to Its Community, Including Its Haitian Siblings

by Mike Ferguson, *Presbyterian News Service*

The eyes of the world have been on Springfield, Ohio, following untrue allegations that members of the city's Haitian community had been capturing and eating other people's pets. At least 33 bomb threats have been made in recent days, all of them hoaxes, and schools and universities have been using online education to keep students, educators and staff safe.

"We didn't know what was coming, but God did," said the Rev. Jody Noble, pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church in Springfield, who has taken on, among other important tasks over the past few days, organizing and offering a press conference featuring her colleagues in ministry.

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PDA Responds to Hurricane Helene

Hurricane Helene made landfall in Florida late evening on September 26 as a very dangerous category 4 hurricane. The impact of Helene has been felt across multiple states. With the storm surge, wind damage, and flooding, it is crucial to have the necessary resources to support the many communities that are affected. Helene caused devastating damage in Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Tennessee.

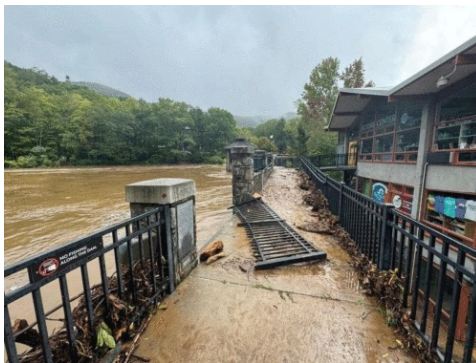
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is in communication with FLAPDAN (Florida PDA Network), the Synod of the South Atlantic, SC PDAT (South Carolina PDA Team), Western North Carolina Presbytery, Holston Presbytery, and National VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster) to share information and coordinate resources as damage is assessed.

PDA has deployed a National Response Team to Tampa Bay Presbytery and Western North Carolina Presbytery.

Read a prayer...

Your generous gifts to PDA will bring hope and encouragement. To make a donation for Hurricane Helene relief, make your check out to your church with a notation on the memo line. Churches can remit donations to the Presbytery Office.

Or donate online...



Damage Sustained at Montreat

On Friday, September 27, Lake Susan and Flat Creek in the heart of Montreat Conference Center, swelled to historic levels following heavy rainfall brought on by Hurricane Helene. High water levels caused catastrophic flooding throughout the town of Montreat.

In addition, high winds brought down trees and power lines, contributing to widespread outages of power and water. Communication is limited due to regional phone outages. It has been reported that everyone onsite is safe, and that conference center buildings and structures, including the Lake Susan Dam, remain intact.

Access status updates on the Montreat website...

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...

HARVEST CELEBRATION WITH MATSIKO CHOIR

Sunday, October 20, 11 a.m.

Plains Church—326 Plains Church Road, Cranberry Township

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

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...](#)

FIRST AID CLASS

Saturday, November 2, 7 a.m.-12 p.m.

Ohio United Church—1236 Longvue Avenue, Aliquippa

Instruction in First Aid, CPR/AED, and Stop the Bleed will be provided. Cost is \$120 payable day of class. Reserve a spot by contacting Mark Douglass at

mwd1958@verizon.net.

CALL TO PEACE AND UNITY WORSHOP

Saturday, November 7, 9 a.m.–12 p.m.

New Sewickley Church—101 Big Knob Road, Rochester

Clergy can explore “practices and skills” necessary for people to live in harmony as faith communities play a key role in teaching and fostering unity.

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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

October 9 and 23; November 13 and 27

WORSHIPING GENEROUSLY WORKSHOP

Thursday, October 10, noon by Zoom

As part of the Encouraging Churches to Flourish series on worship, we hope to help congregations navigate giving conversations as part of our Sunday mornings and beyond.

FALL GATHERING OF WOMEN

Saturday, October 12, 10 a.m.–noon with Lunch to Follow

Camp Run Church—489 Church Road, Harmony PA

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WEE KIRK CONFERENCE

Monday-Wednesday, October 14-16

Laurelville Mennonite Church Center, Mt. Pleasant, PA

CANCELLED DUE TO CONSTRUCTION—

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

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Administrative Assistant

Christian Associates of Southwest Pennsylvania

Administrative Assistant

Jefferson Center Church, Saxonburg

Interim Executive Presbyter

Presbytery of Redstone

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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office@beaverbutler.org | www.beaverbutler.org

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Presbytery Weekly Update

To share announcements and news or to add names to the mailing list,
contact ChrisAnn at chrisanngoossen@beaverbutler.org. To access back issues,
go to beaverbutler.org/weekly-update-e-newsletter/.

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