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Weekly Update for October 15, 2024

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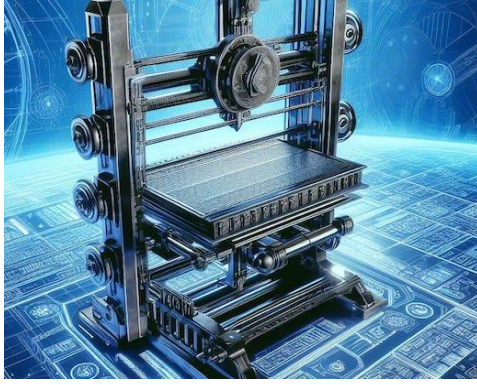


*O LORD, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all...*

Psalm 104:24

**From Gutenberg to Google
Workshop**

By Elder Kerry Dowdy



Kerry Dowdy, committee member of Encouraging Churches to Flourish Unit, provides a summary of the first workshop in the Zoom Worship Workshop Series

Social media is not going away anytime soon, so let's embrace it in our ministries! On September 26, the Rev. A David Paul of Calvin Church presented *Gutenberg to Google* to illustrate how social media can be transformed to social ministry. This was the first in a series of trainings aimed at equipping leaders. There were about a dozen attendees that attended, but if you missed this, a video of the Zoom meeting is available.

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Is God Calling You to Further Leadership?

If you are a Ruling Elder, might God be calling you to preach or become more involved in pastoral service to a church? A group of local presbyteries including Beaver-Butler Presbytery has a training program, called Inter-Presbytery Leadership Formation (IPLF), to prepare possible Commissioned Pastors.

The Spring Term of 2025 will meet on Saturdays, January 4, February 1, March 1, April 5, and May 3. The course in the morning will be Old Testament with Rev. Dr. Jerome Creach. Afternoon elective workshops are provided in the areas of pastoral care, spiritual formation for church leaders, polity, boundary/ethics training, and mission in the community.

If interested, please get in touch with the Beaver-Butler Presbytery Office.

[Learn more about IPLF...](#)

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Presbytery Meeting Hosts Needed

We are looking for churches to host the 2025 presbytery meetings. Consider joining forces with a neighboring church to share the responsibility. If your church would like to serve in this way, please let the presbytery office know.

2025 Presbytery Meetings

Saturday, January 25, 10 a.m. (Lunch)

Tuesday, March 25, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, May 27, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, July 22, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, September 23, 4 p.m. (Dinner)
Tuesday, November 18, 6 p.m.



Discovering Leadership: Called to Serve

A Leader Formation Webinar

Thursday, November 7, 7-8:30 p.m.

Our Presbyterian Constitution says, “some are called to ordered ministries, to fulfill particular functions.” (G-2.0101). What does it mean for ruling elders and deacons to be called to fulfill particular functions in the life of Christ’s Church?

In this webinar that question will be explored by considering leadership capacities and gifts, and how those gifts are discovered. Leadership will be contemplated both from an individual outlook and a community dynamic, while probing the meaning of “sharing with others a deep life of worship, prayer, fellowship, and service.” (*Book of Order*, F-1.0032d.)

Register by October 30.

Learn more and register...

Learn about additional resources for the training of Ruling Elders and Deacons on the Beaver-Butler Presbytery website.

Go to [Ministers, Elders and Deacons webpage...](#)



Celebrate Reformation Sunday

Sunday, October 27

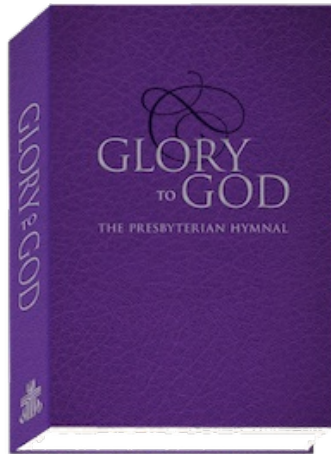
Presbyterians celebrate the tradition that grounds their faith on Reformation Sunday. It is always the last Sunday in October, marking the occasion in 1517 when Martin Luther posted his 95 theses on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany.

This year, Presbyterian Historical Society (PHS) has developed resources featuring the story of Argula von Grumbach (1492-c.1554), who wrote forcefully in defense of the Reformation, becoming the first published author among Protestant women.

Access [PHS resources...](#)

Did you know

The name Presbyterian comes from the Greek term, *presbuteros*, which appears 72 times in the New Testament.



Hymn Accompaniment Project Assists Small Churches

Featured News, Synod of the Trinity

Smaller congregations can be disadvantaged in many ways, and often those shortcomings are related to money. Deficiencies in everything from staffing to programming to property improvements can be related to a lack of funds.

Another thing that can certainly be affected by a shortage of dollars is a church's music ministry. Many small churches don't have the resources to have an organist, pianist or keyboardist on staff. And because music is such an important part of worship to many, it's also a key area of the service to which attendees look forward and feel connected.

In the Presbytery of West Virginia, the importance of music in its congregations was confirmed when it reviewed a questionnaire last year. Results showed that smaller churches were looking for ways to improve their music outreach.

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[Access the Public Domain Hymn Project...](#)



Love Anyway Feast– Potluck Dinner

Uniting Our Community, One Feast at a Time

November 8, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

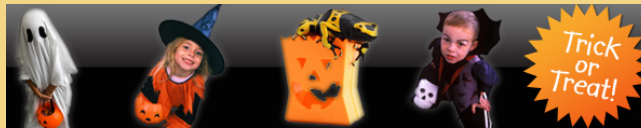
Kadel Dining Room, McNaugher Hall
Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
616 N. Highland Avenue, Pittsburgh

In the days following the election, we're invited to come to the same table. At a time when the world needs it most, the Love Anyway Feast encourages us to love beyond boundaries, differences, and disagreements—proving that despite it all, we can choose to love anyway.

Free to everyone—bring a dish.

[**Register your attendance...**](#)

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TRUNK OR TREAT EVENTS

Support and promote these community events
by congregations in our presbytery.

Concord Church Parking Lot—2832 Conway-Wallrose Road
Sunday, October 20, 3-5 p.m. Rain or Shine
An event for the whole family. Food, photo booth and games inside.

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

Send event information to chrisanngoossen@beaverbutler.org.
Attach flyers as PDF documents.

CHURCH EVENTS

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

HARVEST CELEBRATION WITH MATSIKO CHOIR

Sunday, October 20, 11 a.m.

Plains Church—326 Plains Church Road, Cranberry Township

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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.

PLANNING 101: End-of-Life Informational Seminar

Saturday November 2, 2 p.m.

Concord Church
2832 Conway Wallrose Road, Baden

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CALL TO PEACE AND UNITY WORSHIP

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

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

RACIAL RECONCILIATION BOOK CLUB

Wednesdays at 7 p.m. by Zoom

October 23, November 13 and 27

~~CANCELLED DUE TO CONSTRUCTION—~~

YOUTH GROUP WEEKEND RETREAT

Friday, October 18–Sunday, October 20 (Rescheduled for April 25-27, 2025)

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

Christian Associates of Southwest Pennsylvania

Administrative Assistant

Jefferson Center Church, Saxonburg

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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