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Weekly Update for October 29, 2024

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*The earth is the Lord's
and all that is in it, the world,
and those who live in it...*

Psalm 24:1



Old Hymns with New Words

Zoom Workshop—Part of the Worship Workshop Series

Thursday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Presented by the Encouraging Churches to Flourish Unit

Led by The Rev. Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

For more than two decades, Presbyterian hymn writer Rev. Carolyn Gillette, has been offering up new lyrics to familiar hymn tunes. She will explain how new lyrics can help make sense of the places where faith and everyday life meet.

Please register with the Presbytery Office to receive the Zoom link at office@beaverbutler.org.



Installation Invitation

You are invited to join Beaver-Butler Presbytery and Ohio United Presbyterian Church in celebrating the Installation of The Reverend Kalyn D. Stewing.

Saturday, November 16, 3 p.m.

Ohio United Church
1236 Longvue Avenue
Aliquippa, PA

A reception will follow the service. Please take this opportunity to welcome Rev. Kalyn.

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



Mark Your Calendars

Administrative and Leadership Training Event

Sunday, March 23, 2025

Cranberry Community United Church
2662 Rochester Road
Cranberry Township, PA 16066

Presented by the Encouraging Churches to Flourish Unit

Mark your calendars for this annual event featuring workshops for pastors, elders, deacons, treasurers, children's and youth leaders across the presbytery. More

information will be provided in the coming months.

Did you know?



The Presbyterian Church (USA) is the largest Presbyterian denomination in the United States, having 1,140,665 active members and 18,173 ordained ministers (including retired ones) in 8,705 congregations at the end of 2022.



Election Day Lunch

Tuesday, November 5, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Park United Church—Park Hall
109 E. Grandview Avenue, Zelienople

All are welcome enjoy a meal with conversation and community support.

\$10 donation benefits Meals on Wheels and SW Butler Food Cupboard.

Dine In or Take Out—Lunch includes choice of three hot entrees, sides and fruit; chips; water or ice tea; and cookie.

Call to order take out at 724-452-9570.

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



Prayers for Our Nation on Election Night

November 5, 2024, 6-6:30 p.m.

Join the PC(USA) Office of Public Witness as polls begin to close for a time of prayer for our nation on election day.

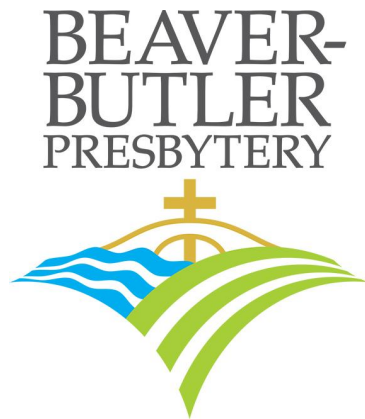
This service of prayer will offer an opportunity to come together as a denomination regardless of hoped for outcomes, to reflect upon our shared values of faith, democracy, and social justice. Scripture readings, prayer, song, and silent reflection are aimed to inspire peace, hope, and unity for our nation by Christ's example.

The service will be streamed live on Zoom and a recording will be posted as soon as possible as polls continue to close.

Worship Leaders

- Rev. Jihyun Oh, *Stated Clerk*
- Rev. Tony Larson, *Co-Moderator*
- Rev. CeCe Armstrong, *Co-Moderator*
- Rev. Jimmie Hawkins, *Advocacy Director*
- Rev. Christina Cosby, *Domestic Policy Representative*

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



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.

Hosted needed for:

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

Tuesday, March 25, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, May 27, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, September 23, 4 p.m. (Dinner)

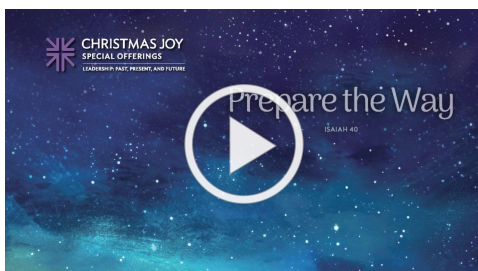


Paper Shredding Event

A Saturday morning paper shredding event in the Presbytery Center parking lot is being considered sometime in the coming months. This would be at low to no cost to churches depending on participation and provide a way to safely dispose of documents no longer needed.

Would your church be interested in participating? Please contact the Presbytery office to indicate your interest.

If enough churches would like to be included, plans will be made.



Christmas Joy Special Offering

December 1 - December 22, 2024

The Christmas Joy Offering has been a cherished Presbyterian tradition for nearly 140 years. The offering distributes gifts equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

The Assistance Program provides critical financial support to church workers and their families. Presbyterian-related schools and

colleges provide education and leadership development while nurturing racial and ethnic heritage.

Start preparing now for how your congregation will participate in this year's Christmas Joy Offering by learning more.

[Watch a video...](#)

[Access resources...](#)



Adjust Your Clocks!

Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 3 at 2 a.m. when we “fall back.” Reminding your congregation to set their clocks back one hour will keep them from arriving early for worship!

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

Congregations and individuals are encouraged to find an Advent study or devotional to observe a sacred time of waiting for Christ's arrival.

Click on the titles of the sources below to access.

Presbytery Resource Center

Borrow Advent studies and devotions for adults and families. Stop in during office hours or make an appointment with ChrisAnn Goossen

(chrisanngoossen@beaverbutler.org).

Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

Free as printable or delivered as email; also Advent Resource Kit for personal use and worship

Presbyterian Outlook

Patterns of Divine Possibility—\$35

Digital product perfect for printing into booklets, inserting into bulletins, or emailing

PC(USA) Store

2024 Advent Resource Guide—click on title or cover to go to product page; click on blue blocks to download resource samples

CHURCH EVENTS

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

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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ELECTION DAY LUNCH

Tuesday, November 5, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Park United Church, Park Hall—109 E. Grandview Avenue, Zelienople
\$10 donation—Dine In or Take Out

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CALL TO PEACE AND UNITY WORSHOP

Thursday, 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

Download and post fair flyer...

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

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

RACIAL RECONCILIATION BOOK CLUB

Wednesdays at 7 p.m. by Zoom

November 13 and 27

OLD HYMNS WITH NEW WORDS ZOOM WORKSHOP

Thursday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Part of the Worship Workshop Series presented by the Encouraging Churches to Flourish Unit

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ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEADERSHIP EVENT

Sunday, March 23, 2025

Cranberry Community United Church
2662 Rochester Road, Cranberry Township, PA 16066

YOUTH GROUP WEEKEND RETREAT

Friday, April 25-Sunday, April 27, 2025

Camp Lambec—West Springfield, PA

PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH TRIENNIAL

Monday-Thursday, July 28-31, 2025

Louisville, Kentucky

Thousands of high school age youth and their adult youth workers will participate in worship, recreation, Bible study, outreach, and faith formation. Our Beaver-Butler Presbytery Youth Coordinator will register youth for the conference. For more information contact Diana at dianamermon@beaverbutler.org or 412-915-2097.

Download and post flyer...

Learn more on the conference website...

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

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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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.

Beaver-Butler Presbytery Center

(P.O. Box 279) 134-B South Main Street, Zelienople, PA 16063 | 724-452-7515
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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