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*Let us therefore approach  
the throne of grace with boldness,  
so that we may receive mercy  
and find grace to help in time of need.*

Hebrews 4:16



## September Presbytery Meeting Summary

The Beaver-Butler Presbytery held its stated meeting at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, September 24, 2024, at the New Galilee Community Center. The meeting was jointly hosted by the First United, Darlington and The Galilean Churches, where Rev. Dr. Judy Angleberger serves as Pulpit Supply and Moderator. Vice-Moderator was Elder Dennis Krebs.

[Access the full summary...](#)



## Invitation to Join in Prayer

**Saturday, October 12, 1 p.m. on Zoom**

Wherever you are, you are invited to join the Synod of South Atlantic for a service of worship and prayer for those who have been affected by Hurricane Helene. It will be a time for storytelling and prayer for those who have been lost, those suffering, and those responding.

Representatives from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Florida Disaster Assistance Network, and South Carolina Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Team will take part.

The gathering is open to anyone throughout the denomination to attend, but registration is necessary.

[Register...](#)



## Worshipping Generously

### Zoom Worship Workshop Series

**Thursday, October 10, Noon**

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

*Presented by the Encouraging Churches to Flourish Unit of the Presbytery*

*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](mailto:office@beaverbutler.org).



Photo Credit: Rev. Dr. Holly Dillon, Associated Press

## Update on Hurricane Relief

We were reminded on World Communion Sunday that we are part of a global community bound together in Christ Jesus. Some at the table reside in a storm's aftermath or where peace does not prevail. The Peace & Global Witness Offering, often received on World Communion Sunday, helps congregations commit to the work of peace in mighty ways. In times such as these, peacemaking can extend to places experiencing both natural and human-caused disasters.

Congregations have reached out to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) wondering if their Peace & Global Witness Offerings could support Hurricane Helene recovery efforts. The answer is that congregations can consider designating the 25%, that they normally retain, to supporting PDA.

Remit your church's Special Offerings and PDA donations to the presbytery office.

[Access a remittance form...](#)

**Hurricane Helene**



**Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it.**  
*— Song of Solomon 8:7*

Hurricane Helene's widespread destruction weighs heavily on all of us. Entire neighborhoods have been wiped out, and countless families are without shelter. The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is responding through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA). Emergency grants have already been distributed, and National Response Team members are on the ground.

It will take years to recover. After initial needs are addressed, PDA will remain — providing emotional and spiritual care and long-term recovery to address unmet and ongoing needs.

**The needs for the response will be great. God's people are called on to stand in the "GAP" — Give. Act. Pray.**

**GIVE:** Donations can be made online by scanning this QR code with your mobile device, texting #HEL2024 to 41444, calling (800) 738-7228, ext. 5885, or mailing a check using the reply sheet below.

**ACT:** Assemble emergency cleanup buckets. (Visit [pcusa.info/heart](http://pcusa.info/heart)). Learn how you can help families affected by Hurricane Helene. Stay informed and be us on Facebook ([facebook.com/PDAcare](https://www.facebook.com/PDAcare)).

**PRAY:** God of grace and compassion,  
May your Spirit move in this year's creation, bringing peace amid the turmoil and breathing hope into the places that feel broken. May your Spirit continue to be the quiet but constant reassurance that you are with your children and creation, even in the darkest moments, guiding us toward healing and restoration.

\$100    \$125    \$50    \$25    Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Congregation/PIN \_\_\_\_\_

Please detach the reply form and return it with your gift to your church, or mail with your check to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.



## Bulletin Insert Available

Bulletin inserts are available for congregations to use to educate us on ways we can respond to the Hurricane Helene disaster. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance asks us to stand in the "GAP" when we Give. Act. Pray.

[Access downloadable inserts...](#)

Remit your church's PDA donations to the presbytery office.

[Access a remittance form...](#)

## Pastor Appreciation

October has been set aside as Pastor Appreciation Month (also known as Clergy Appreciation Month). The second Sunday in



the month is often set aside for a time of celebration. Here are some ideas to show appreciation to your pastor.

- Pray for not just the pastor, but for their significant other and their families, too.
- Step up and show up. Commit to showing up to worship. Become more active in the life of the church and find ways to serve that use your talents.
- Write a note, a letter or a card with a personalized note of thanks.
- Encourage self-care. Could your pastor use a gift certificate to a day spa or a gym membership?
- Offer to babysit the children one evening or make a meal for the family.
- Thank your pastor—publicly. Create a video with members sharing their thanks or have elders speak words of appreciation during a worship service.
- Get a cake! Hold a time of fellowship and celebration after worship
- Give the gift of restoration. Extending your pastor's study leave time, even for just a few extra days for reading, napping and recharging.

Borrowed from a list by Donna Frischknecht Jackson of *Presbyterians Today*.



## Planning 101

### End-of-Life Informational Seminar

Saturday November 2, 2 p.m.

Concord Church  
2832 Conway Wallrose Road, Baden

You are invited to a seminar covering the topic of end-of-life planning including financial, funeral, and legal aspects. This is a free event.

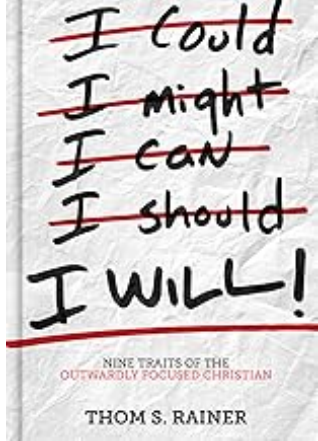
Questions? Call 724-869-9135 or email [concordpres@comcast.net](mailto:concordpres@comcast.net).

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

## Free Resource

Bill Mumaw, pastor of Center Church in





Slippery Rock, has donated 20 copies of the book, *I Will: Nine Traits of the Outwardly Focused Christian* by Thom S. Rainer, to the Resource Center. These books are free to any small group or session who would like to use them as a Bible study. Bill found it to be a very helpful resource. Additional copies are also available.

[Learn more about the book...](#)

If interested, contact ChrisAnn at [chrisanngoossen@beaverbutler.org](mailto:chrisanngoossen@beaverbutler.org) or 724-452-7515.



## We Have to Talk...The Morning After Event

Wednesday, November 6, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Special Events Hall, Tropical Forest Conservatory  
Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens  
One Schenley Park, Pittsburgh, PA 15213

*Presented by the Center for Loving Kindness and Christian Associates of Southwest Pennsylvania*

After the hubbub and stress of a turbulent election season, join colleagues in the garden for a time of renewal, across all our differences in faith and politics. All clergy and laity in positions of leadership are invited for conversation, music, and the restorative power of beauty. Advance registration is appreciated.

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

## 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](mailto:chrisanngoossen@beaverbutler.org).  
Attach flyers as PDF documents.

## 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](mailto:mwd1958@verizon.net).

### **PLANNING 101: End-of-Life Informational Seminar**

**Saturday November 2, 2 p.m.**

Concord Church

2832 Conway Wallrose Road, Baden

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

### **CALL TO PEACE AND UNITY WORKSHOP**

**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.

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

### **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](mailto: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**

October 9 and 23; November 13 and 27

### **WORSHIPING GENEROUSLY WORKSHOP**

**Thursday, October 10, noon by Zoom**

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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

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

### **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**

**[Click here for position descriptions and contact information...](#)**

### **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**

### **2024 Presbytery Meetings**

**Saturday, January 27, 10 a.m.**  
Lunch  
North Sewickley, Ellwood City

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

**Tuesday, March 19, 6 p.m.**  
Calvin, Zelenople

**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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go to [beaverbutler.org/weekly-update-e-newsletter/](http://beaverbutler.org/weekly-update-e-newsletter/).

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