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Weekly Update for November 5, 2024

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*Happy are those whose help
is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in
the LORD their God...*



A Gathering of Churches

Tuesday, November 19, 6 p.m.

New Sewickley Church
101 Big Knob Road
Rochester, PA

Registration—5:30 p.m.
Elder Commissioner Training—5:30 p.m.

For those livestreaming (noninteractive),
please connect to the meeting between 5:15
and 5:45 p.m.

Registration for the meeting is requested for In-
Person and Zoom via Email
(office@beaverbutler.org) or phone (724-452-
7515).

If childcare is needed, please contact the
Presbytery Office.

[Access meeting packet...](#)



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. Stevwing.

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...*](#)



Spring IPLF Workshops

Inter-Presbytery Leadership Formation (IPLF) is designed to prepare ruling elders for possible positions as Commissioned Pastors (CPs) to serve churches. If you are a potential student who wants to begin the program, contact the Presbytery office.

Classes for the spring session of the IPLF program will meet in the mornings of the first Saturdays of January, February, March, April and May. Workshops will also be held in the afternoons of those same Saturdays.

In addition to the current cohort of IPLF students, any Commissioned Pastor, Minister of Word and Sacrament or Ruling Elder from one of the sponsoring presbyteries is invited and welcome to participate for personal and ministry enrichment. Please register for the workshops through Redstone Presbytery.

[*Download the workshop flyer...*](#)

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

Did you know

Presbyterians rely on two books for authority and guidance—The Bible and the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The Constitution consists of two books—The Book of Confessions and The Book of Order.

A Time for Peace

Interfaith Prayer Service

Thursday, November 7, 7 p.m.



Butler YWCA
20 W. Cunningham Street
Butler, PA

Offered by the Butler Clergy Network

This special interfaith service will provide a time for quiet reflection and healing following the stress of the election season. Music, prayers and readings from many traditions will be included. All are welcome.

[Download flyer \(pdf\)...](#)



Holiday Craft Fair

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

Plains Church
326 Plains Church Road
Cranberry Township

Start your Christmas shopping!

Crafts, Basket Raffle, Food and Refreshments

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



The foundation of the former home of members of Christ Church of Longboat Key (Photo by Rich Copley)

Showing Up with Solidarity

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Visited Hurricane-affected Houses of Worship and Mid Councils in Six States

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) spent a 10-day solidarity visit with staff from the Synod of South Atlantic and Peace River Presbytery hearing from some of the faith communities affected by Hurricanes Helene and Milton. Visits and story-sharing included Church of the Palms and Siesta Key Chapel, both in Sarasota, and Christ Church of Longboat Key.

In addition to the church leaders, executives and stated clerks from the Synod of South Atlantic and Peace River Presbytery, were on hand along with the Rev. Jihyun Oh, Executive Director and Stated Clerk of the General Assembly for the interim unified agency, the Rev. Edwin González-Castillo, PDA director, and the Rev. Jim Kirk, PDA's associate for National Disaster Response.

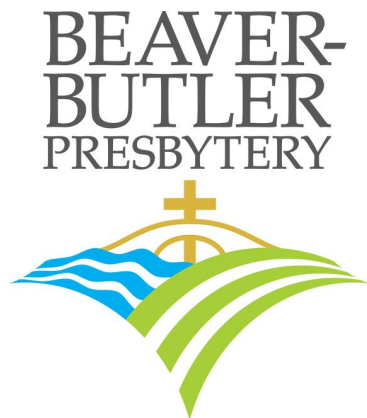
Presbyterian News Service was invited to report and photograph the gripping and inspiring stories that unfolded. You can access them at the link below.

[Read Disaster Response articles...](#)

Churches can support hurricane relief by donating to PDA. Make out checks to your church with PDA Hurricane Relief in the memo. Churches should remit donations through the presbytery.

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

[Or donate to PDA online...](#)



Presbytery Meeting Hosts Needed

We are looking for churches to host the 2025 presbytery meetings—most urgently the January meeting. 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)



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*



The Presbytery Office will be closed on
Monday, November 11
in observance of Veterans Day.

The next issue of the *Weekly Update* Enewsletter
will arrive on Tuesday, November 19.

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, children and families. Stop in during office hours or make an appointment with ChrisAnn Goossen (chrisanngoossen@beaverbutler.org).

Around the Table

Advent at Home Candle Lighting—Original artwork leads us to Mark, Remember, Listen, Reflect, Pray, Bless; for households of all ages

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.

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 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

Led by The Rev. Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

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 TRIENNIUM

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.

SYNOD OF THE TRINITY EVENTS

Click here for information...

PRESBYTERY NEWS

Click here for news you 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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Tuesday, July 22, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, September 23, 4 p.m. (Dinner)
Tuesday, November 18, 6 p.m.

Beaver-Butler Presbytery Center

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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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