

# BEAVER- BUTLER PRESBYTERY



## Weekly Update for December 10, 2024

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*Rejoice in the Lord always;  
again I will say, Rejoice.*

Philippians 4:4

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### **November Presbytery Meeting Summary**

The Beaver-Butler Presbytery held its stated



meeting at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, November 19, 2024. Moderator was Rev. Jamie Fowler and Vice-Moderator was Elder Dennis Krebs. The meeting was hosted by New Sewickley Church, Rochester, where Rev. Beth Wierman serves as Pastor.

[Access the summary...](#)



## Blue Christmas Service

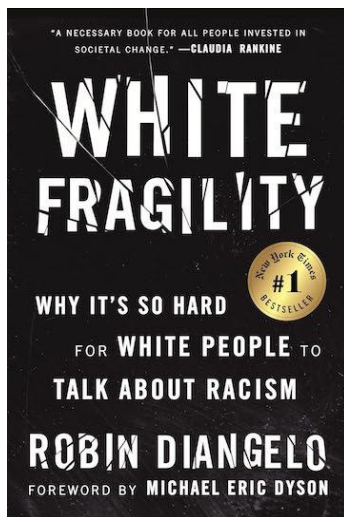
**Thursday, December 19, 7 p.m.**

Concord Church  
2832 Conway Wallrose Road, Baden

All are warmly welcomed to come and experience God's healing and wholeness on this longest night of the year.

This quiet reflective service is offered acknowledging that Christmas is a particularly difficult time for those who grieve. This is a time of remembering not only what we have loved and lost, but also the hope of our pain being surrendered to God as we grasp hold of God's promise to be with us.

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## Racial Reconciliation Awareness Book Clubs

Opportunities to join a Racial Reconciliation Awareness Book Club begin this January. The primary goal is for us to be reading and educating ourselves concerning racial reconciliation as a Presbytery. While we also encourage you to participate in a discussion group. If it is too much for you to commit to a discussion group at this time, that is okay.

Zoom discussion groups are beginning for the book *White Fragility: Why It Is So Hard for White People to Talk about Racism* by Robin Diangelo. It is recommended that you read the book, *Just Mercy* prior to reading the book, *White Fragility* and joining a group.

### **White Fragility Book Club**

Group One—First Tuesdays: January 7, February 4, March 4, April 1; 7-8:15 p.m.  
Group Two—Third Mondays: January 19, February 17, March 17, April 21; 7-8:15 p.m.

### **Just Mercy Book Club**

By Zoom on fourth Thursdays—January 23, February 27, March 27, April 24 January 23, 7-8:15 p.m. This club will discuss the book *Just*

*Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption* by Bryan Stevenson.

Both books are available at no cost either to read on your own or as part of a discussion group.

For additional information, to receive a book at no cost, or to sign up to join a group, contact C.F. Hoffman at [cfhoffman@windstream.net](mailto:cfhoffman@windstream.net) or 724-417-9626 (cell).



## Remittance Deadline

The Presbytery will post the final checks for 2024 on December 19. Any remittance received in the Presbytery Office after the morning of the 19th will post to 2025.



## Visiting Pastor Available for Services and Events

Rev. Magnus Moseray, an ordained pastor with the Pentecostal denomination and a graduate of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity degree, has recently spent three months serving as a missionary to Peru, Costa Rica, Panama, Guatemala, Columbia, Dominican Republic and Honduras.

From November 21 until the end of February, he will be in the area and is available to preach or share his mission experiences with your church.

[Learn more...](#)

Contact Rev. Moseray at 1-714-366-8521 or [magnuschrismoseray@gmail.com](mailto:magnuschrismoseray@gmail.com) or to be added to his schedule.



## Renewable Microgrids Webinar

**December 12, 3-4 p.m.**

Hosted by the West Virginia Council of Churches

This webinar will explain how your congregation, faith-based project, or non-profit can convert to solar power with battery backup to save on electric bills and create greater resilience in your community during a disaster.

Renewable microgrids offer a pragmatic way to act on the moral imperative for protecting the air, water, and the fragile planet we call home.

Panelists will discuss how organizations can receive federal dollars to install solar power; the basics of renewable energy microgrids (resilience hubs); and types of financial, technical, and other available assistance.

[Register...](#)

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## Shred-It Event

**Saturday, March 15, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.**

Presbytery Center Parking Lot (behind the building)

Here is an incentive to clean out file drawers and closets of all those sensitive documents that are no longer needed. You DO NOT need to remove staples or even binder clips as the machine can handle those.

The cost of this service is a gift from the presbytery to our churches. Others are welcome to bring their documents for disposal, so share this notice as you like. A donation is requested for any non-church items.

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## Office Hours In December

This year, the Presbytery office will be closing a week earlier for the Christmas holiday so that staff can use their vacation days. Our Presbytery Executive, Tom Harmon, will be available by email during that time. The office will be closed starting on Monday, December 16 and will reopen on Thursday, January 2.

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***A Blessed Christmas and New Year!***

This is the final issue of the *Weekly Update* for 2024. Thank

you for staying connected to the the presbytery through reading and contributing to our Enewsletters. The next issue will arrive in your mailbox on January 7, 2025.

## ADVENT DEVOTIONALS AND RESOURCES

For congregations, individuals and families

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

### **PC(USA) Presbyterian Mission**

A list including candle lighting readings, prayers, musical settings for the Lord's Supper, and even a service of Lessons and Carols

### **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 Devotional**

*Patterns of Divine Possibility*—\$35

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

### **Presbyterian Outlook Liturgy**

*Waiting for the Lord: An Advent Candle Liturgy*—FREE for a limited time

### **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.

### **BREAKFAST WITH SANTA**

**Saturday, December 14, 10 a.m.-12 noon**

Valencia Church—80 Sterrett Street, Valencia, PA

Reservations required.

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### **BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE**

**Thursday December 19, 7 p.m.**

Concord Church—2832 Conway Wallrose Road, Baden

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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 CLUBS

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### ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEADERSHIP TRAINING 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

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

## 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 27-28  
Christmas Eve...December 24  
Christmas Day...December 25  
Pre-Christmas...December 16-19  
Christmas Week...December 23-31  
New Year's Day...January 1

### 2025 Presbytery Meetings

**Saturday, January 25, 10 a.m.**  
Lunch  
Old Union, Mars

**Tuesday, March 25, 6 p.m.**  
Glade Run, Valencia

**Tuesday, May 27, 6 p.m.**  
Crestview, Callery

**Tuesday, July 29, 6 p.m.**  
Vanport at Vanport with Park, Beaver

**Tuesday, September 23, 4 p.m.**  
Dinner  
TBA

**Tuesday, November 18, 6 p.m.**  
Ohio United, Aliquippa

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### Beaver-Butler Presbytery



### Beaver-Butler Presbytery Youth



### Presbytery Weekly Update

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

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