

BEAVER- BUTLER PRESBYTERY



Weekly Update for December 3, 2024

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*Because of the tender mercy of our God,
the dawn from on high will break upon us,
to shine upon those who sit in darkness
and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace."*

Luke 1:78-79 (Zechariah's Prophecy)

Presbytery Meeting Hosts Needed

Churches have stepped up and volunteered to host our Presbytery meetings in 2025. Thank you! We have two openings still available. Consider sharing the responsibility with a

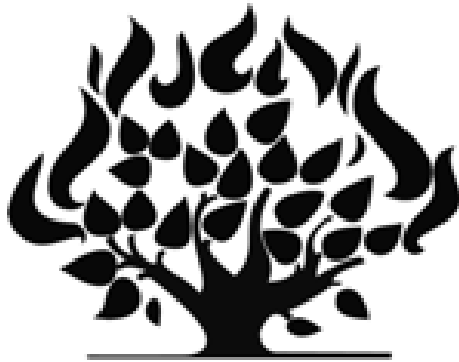


neighboring church. Please let the office know if you would like to serve in this way.

Hosts Needed for:

Tuesday, May 27, 6 p.m.

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



Creative Worship for All-Size Churches

Inter-Presbytery Leadership Formation Workshop

Saturday, January 4, 12:30-3:30 p.m.

By Zoom and at Redstone Presbytery Center
1004 Mt. Pleasant Road, Greensburg, PA
15601

In planning and implementing worship, there are times when we don't pursue more creative options because of lack of resources or energy. This presentation explores ways to engage creatively in congregations of any size.

Rev. Sue Washburn, *Instructor*

To register contact Karen Gray at Redstone Presbytery at 724-837-6737 or secretary@redstonepresbytery.org.

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



Albright-Deering Lectures

What Do We Do Now? Rebuilding After the Storms Have Passed

February 18, 4-7:30 p.m.

In-person at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and Online

February 19, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

In-Person Only at Edinboro United Methodist Church

Co-sponsored by Western PA Conference of the United Methodist Church and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

Featuring Dr. Lovett H. Weems, Jr.

The pandemic and debates about disaffiliation have taken a toll on many congregations. Adding to these challenges is an era of declining overall religious participation in the country. While weariness is understandable, inertia and despair are not inevitable. Many congregations now feel freed to explore new directions as familiar patterns no longer work. Churches are finding hope and energy as they build on their founding values and purpose.

Dr. Lovett H. Weems, Jr., is distinguished professor of church leadership and senior consultant of the Lewis Center for Church Leadership at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C.

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



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.

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).

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.

Download and post 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

Final Meeting—Thursday, December 5, 7 p.m.

Presbytery Center In-Person and Online by Zoom

Spring—Tuesdays, January 7, February 4, March 4, and April 1; 7 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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.

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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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