

BEAVER- BUTLER PRESBYTERY



Weekly Update for November 26, 2024

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*In those days and at that time I will cause
a righteous Branch to spring up for David;
and he shall execute justice
and righteousness in the land.*

Jeremiah 33:15

In Memoriam—Commissioned Pastor Eva Maria Barr

Eva Maria Barr passed away peacefully in her



home on November 22, 2024, surrounded by her family. Eva was born in Helmstedt Germany, and at the age of ten immigrated with her family to the US, settling in Pennsylvania. She met her husband Nicholas when she was 14 and they married shortly after high school, spending the next six decades together.

After raising her children, Eva, who was always passionate about learning, went back to school and obtained a degree from Geneva University. She worked as an assistant teacher at Central Valley School before finally retiring.

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Thank You

We want to thank the following individuals, as they complete their respective roles, for their service to the presbytery. The giving of your time and talent is greatly appreciated.

Officers

- Rev. Jamie Fowler—Presbytery Moderator

Committees

- Rev. William Mumaw—Coordinating Team
- Elder Nancy Phillis—Personnel
- Elder Jeff Fowler—Administration
- CP Carmen Shullo—Ministry and Vocation
- Elder Thomas Hamiton—Ministry and Vocation

Units

- Rev. Brian Hauser—Collaboration, Fellowship and Youth Ministry (moved to Vice-Moderator).
- Rev. Monica Hamilton—Collaboration, Fellowship and Youth Ministry
- Rev. Jamie Fowler—Encouraging Churches to Flourish Ministry

Permanent Judicial Commission

- Elder Andrew Why
- Elder Nancy Blewett
- Elder John Rackley

Christmas Joy Special Offering

December 1 - December 22

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. Please encourage your congregations to give generously.

[Access resources...](#)

Individual checks should be made out to the church with “Christmas Joy” in the memo. Churches should remit their Special Offerings to the Presbytery Office with one check.

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

Did you know?



In most denominations only clergy are ordained. In the Presbyterian Church elders and deacons, as well as ministers, are ordained.



Call for Photos

We love to feature photos of your church on our website. As we move into the Advent and Christmas season, we are looking for some new and engaging images that celebrate this blessed time in the lives of our churches.

Do you have any photos from years past? Christmas pageants, decorations, displays, candle lightings, caroling? Please share them with us by sending them to ChrisAnn at chrisanngoossen@beaverbutler.org. Individuals will not be identified in any photos to keep everyone safe. Thank you!

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Presbytery Meeting Hosts Needed

We are looking for three more 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.

Hosts needed for:

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

Tuesday, May 27, 6 p.m.

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



A Blessed Thanksgiving to You

The Presbytery Office will be close on Wednesday, November 27 and Thursday, November 28 for Thanksgiving. The office will reopen on Monday, December 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

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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 16-18
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

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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

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