

GATHERING OF THE CHURCHES OF BEAVER- BUTLER PRESBYTERY

&

Elder Commissioner Training 9:45 AM

Saturday, January 25, 2025

Beginning at 10:00 AM

In-Person at:

Old Union Presbyterian Church

200 Union Church Road

Mars, PA

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Peter deVries

Lunch will be Served: \$10.00

9:30 PM Registration

View the Livestream (**noninteractive**) Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85203468965>

Meeting ID: 852 0346 8965

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Please connect to the meeting between

9:30 and 9:45 AM

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

*All new business and requests for items to be removed from the Consent Agenda must be to
the Stated Clerk's Desk 15 minutes prior to the start of the meeting.*

If Childcare is Needed, Please Contact the Old Union Church: 724-538-8672.

HISTORY OF OLD UNION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Old Union was founded in 1806 under the leadership of Rev. Matthew Williams and in affiliation with the Reformed Presbyterian Church. The congregation met in a grove of trees about four miles north of the present location, near the present village of Brownsdale until 1820, when they moved to a site one and a half miles south of the current building.

The congregation suffered a split in 1833, as the Reformed Presbyterian Church debated participation in civil government. About half of the membership left the congregation and built a church on adjacent property. In 1839 the Old Union church moved to the present site, and in 1859 changed denominational affiliation to become part of the newly-organized United Presbyterian Church of North America.

The Civil War years brought controversy to Old Union, as members debated the appropriateness of the war (including a fist-fight between two members on the bridge over Breakneck Creek, and the dismissal of twenty dissident members). The congregation survived another division in 1895, prompted by the decision to install an organ.

After a fire destroyed the church building in 1905, the present building was erected within a year, despite the fact that the church had only 90 members and no pastor at the time. Old Union's membership declined to an all-time low of 78 in 1928, when the trend was reversed and the congregation began to grow.

In 1958 an addition was erected to handle the increased numbers, which peaked at about 330 members in the late 1960's. In 2009 the congregation dedicated an addition, which nearly doubled the size of the building, to accommodate its growing ministry to the community.

The grave of James Glover, a Revolutionary War veteran and the first permanent white settler in Butler County, is located in Old Union's cemetery, and is a continuing testimony to the history of this church.

Rev. Peter C. de Vries, PhD has served as pastor of the Old Union church since November 1993.



1839-1905



1906-1959



1959-2009

DIRECTIONS TO OLD UNION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

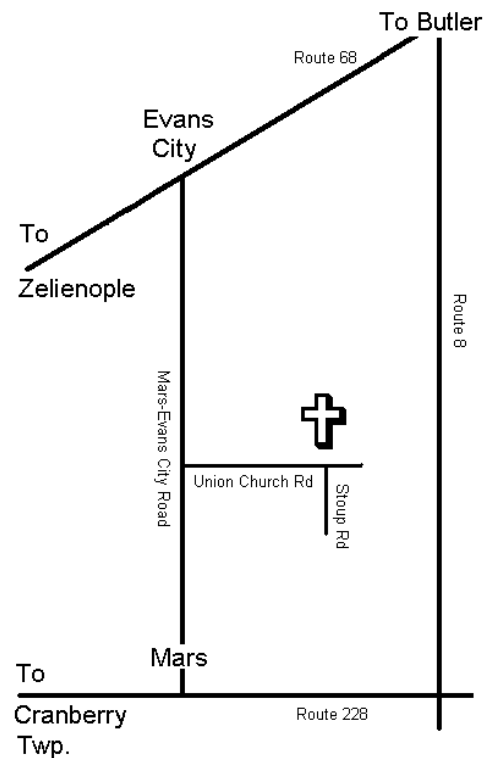
From Beaver County: Either take the turnpike to Cranberry Township, or Routes 68 or 588 to Zelienople. Then follow the directions from Cranberry Township or Zelienople to Old Union Church.

From Cranberry Township: Take Route 228 East. After about 2 miles, you will see the Mars Alliance Church on your left. Immediately past the church, turn left onto Myoma Road. Take Myoma Road for about 5 miles, until it ends at a T-intersection with the Mars-Evans City Road. Turn right, and travel about 300 feet. Turn left onto Union Church Road. You will see a sign for the church, and for the Mars Rod and Gun Club. Turn left, and you will find the church about a mile up the road.

From Zelienople: Take Route 68 toward Evans City. After about 5 miles you will come to Evans City. Turn right at the first traffic light (just after crossing the railroad tracks), onto S. Washington St. This becomes the Mars-Evans City Road. Go 3.7 miles, past Marburger Dairy and Callery Chemical. Watch for Union Church Road on your left. You will see a sign for the church, and for the Mars Rod and Gun Club. Turn left, and you will find the church about a mile up the road.

From Butler: Take Route 68 past the Agway and the Butler Farm Show toward Evans City. In Evans City, turn left onto S. Washington Street. This becomes the Mars-Evans City Road. Go 3.7 miles, past Marburger Dairy. Watch for Union Church Road on your left. You will see a sign for the church, and for the Mars Rod and Gun Club. Turn left, and you will find the church about a mile up the road.

From Route 8: Take Route 228 West (about two miles south of HP Starr, and about five miles north of the turnpike). Travel about five miles, and turn right at the second traffic light into the town of Mars. Turn right at the blinking yellow light by the funeral home, and take Crowe Avenue (past the Mars U.P. Church) out of town, where it becomes the Mars-Evans City Road. 1.9 miles after you cross the railroad tracks, turn right onto Union Church Road, at the signs for the Old Union Presbyterian Church and the Mars Rod and Gun Club. You will find the church about a mile up the road.



AGENDA
A GATHERING OF THE CHURCHES OF BEAVER-BUTLER PRESBYTERY

SATURDAY, January 25, 2025

Registration 9:30 am

Elder Commissioner Training 9:45 am

Meeting Begins at 10:00 am

(In-Person)

Old Union Presbyterian Church

200 Union Church Road, Mars, PA

Rev. Dr. Peter deVries, Pastor

(Non-interactive Zoom: See Email for Link)

Lunch will be Provided, Cost: \$10.00

GATHERING
PRELUDE

PRESBYTERY GREETING
OPENING PRAYER

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**All: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Father of mercies and God of all comfort,
who comforts us in all our sorrows,
so that we can comfort others in their sorrow,
with the consolation we have received from God. Amen**

***HYMN #493**

"It is Well with my Soul"

THE WORD READ
THE WORD SPOKEN

Romans 8:31-39
Rev. Dr. Peter deVries

"In Every Season of Your Life"

SOLO

"Amazing Grace"

Heather Ishenbaugh

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS
PRAYER

Elder Denny Krebs & Rev. Brian Hauser

***HYMN #213**

"Because He Lives"

WELCOME FROM HOST CHURCH
Old Union Mission and Land Acknowledgement

Elder Lorene Winner

STATED CLERK REPORT

Rev. Randall Clow

WELCOME OF NEW ELDERS AND CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

THE GOOD NEWS FROM THE PEWS (Sharing Congregation Joys)

COORDINATING TEAM

Elder Andrew Why

Consent Agenda #1:

The Coordinating Team recommends that the Presbytery:

- 1. Receive Coordinating Team Meeting Minutes of December 4, 2024 **Pg. 6-7**
- 2. Receive Presbytery Meeting Minutes of November 19, 2024 **Pg. 8-15**
- 3. Receive Stated Clerk Report of November & December 2024 **Pg. 16-18**
- 4. Receive Treasurer’s Report Balance Sheet & P&L November 2024 **Pg. 19-20**
- 5. Authorize Kerry Dowdy, candidate certified ready to receive a call, to serve communion in the churches of the Presbytery when invited.

COORDINATING TEAM REPORT

Elder Andrew Why

A Look Forward: Goals for 2025

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Consent Agenda #2

GA Amendments to the Book of Order Consent Agenda:

The Coordinating Team recommends that the Presbytery:

- 1. Approve the Committee Recommendations regarding GA Amendments **Pg. 22-26**

GA Amendments to the Book of Order Pulled for Discussion

Requests to pull items from the Consent Agenda for discussion need to be to the Stated Clerk prior to the meeting. (24-hour notice would be appreciated, if possible)

BREAK FOR LUNCH

Hands on Mission Project from Old Union

MISSION & COMPASSION MINISTRY UNIT – Mission Field Report from Clinton, Saxonburg

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION OF THANKS TO OUR HOST CHURCH

OFFERING

The Beaver-Butler Presbytery Mission Budget

PRAYER

ADJOURNMENT

SONG

“Shine, Jesus Shine”

Beaver-Butler Presbytery 2025 Presbytery Meetings

The Office Will Close Early On These Dates

Saturday, January 25	10:00 a.m. (Lunch)	Old Union, Mars
Tuesday, March 25	6:00 p.m.	Glade Run, Valencia
Tuesday, May 27	6:00 p.m.	Crestview, Callery
Tuesday, July 29	6:00 p.m.	Vanport (with Park)
Tuesday, September 23	4:00 p.m. (Dinner)	HOST NEEDED
Tuesday, November 18	6:00 p.m.	Ohio, Aliquippa

MINISTRY & VOCATION COMMITTEE

For Information – MVC approved the following:

1. Rev. Melissa Morris was transferred to Pittsburgh Presbytery effective 9/1/24
2. Approval of Rev. Rob Swinsburg's contract with Buffalo, Sarver.
3. Approval of Rev. Robert Saul's contract with North Branch, Monaca.
4. Approval of contract between Rev. John Porter to Park Zelenople, and Plains, Cranberry Township and serve on a part-time basis doing transitional work.
5. Approval of the Installed pastoral call for Rev. Mark Allio Mt. Chestnut, Butler on behalf of and as a commission of the Presbytery should the way be clear pending the vote of the Mt. Chestnut congregation and ask the Presbytery to create an Administrative Commission for his Installation.
6. Approval of Rev. Randall Clow as Moderator of Service, Aliquippa.
7. Approval of Rev. Jan Reed to serve on Pulpit Supply List.
8. Approval of waiver of rotation for Elder Betty Gailey of Westminster, New Brighton (1 year).
9. Approval of waiver of rotation for Elder Walter Parrish of Mt. Pleasant, Darlington to serve an extra year (3rd extension – 1 final year).
10. Received a letter of separation of Rev. Robert Saul with First, Monaca.

COORDINATING TEAM
BEAVER-BUTLER PRESBYTERY
December 4, 2024

The Coordinating Team (CT) held a stated meeting at the Presbytery Center on Wednesday, December 4, 2024.

Present: Dennis Krebs (Presbytery Vice Moderator), Doug Dorsey, Lee Dreyer, Allen Kitchen, Beth Wierman, John Laudenslager, Merry Meloy

Ex-Officio: Tom Harmon (Executive Presbyter), Randall Clow (Stated Clerk)

Excused: Andrew Why, Jamie Fowler, and Lauren Cesnales

Visitors: Brian Hauser (beginning his term on CT in 2025)

Motion: to elect Dennis Krebs, as “moderator pro-tem” for this meeting do to the absence of Andrew Why. -PASSED

The Stated Clerk attested to the presence of a quorum and the meeting was called to order by Dennis Krebs at 6:30pm. The Rev. Dr. Tom Harmon opened the meeting with prayer and a devotion from Mark 9:17-27.

Consent Agenda Approvals and Receipt of Reports:

1. Approve Coordinating Team Meeting Minutes November 6, 2024
2. Receive the Stated Clerk’s Report
3. Receive the Executive Presbyter’s Report

Motion: To approve the Consent Agenda as presented – PASSED

Stated Clerk’s Report:

Randall Clow

Stated Clerk Randall Clow referred CT to his written report. Additionally, Rev. Clow reported that a host church is needed for our Presbytery meeting in September 2025. The other meetings have a host church. The dates, times, and locations are as follows:

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Executive Presbyter’s Report:

Tom Harmon

Executive Presbyter Tom Harmon referred the Team to his written report.

Additionally, Dr. Harmon led CT in a time of visioning around our goals. CT reviewed the goals from 2024 discussing the progress made and lessons learned. CT also reviewed the 2025 goals for CT as well as the 2025 goals submitted by our ministry units and committees with discussion around how they fit into the framework of our Presbytery’s mission statement. There was unanimous agreement to proceed with the 2025 goals with gratitude to our units and committees.

CT received a request from the Encouraging Churches to Flourish Ministry Unit to change their name to “Equipping Leaders” to better fit their unit’s purpose.

Motion: to change the name of the Encouraging Churches Ministry Unit to Flourish to “Equipping Leaders”. -PASSED

Old Business: *none*

New Business:

In response to requests from churches, CT discussed the “Shred-It Event” that will be held at the Presbytery Center on Saturday, March 15th, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. Churches are invited to bring sensitive and outdated paper documents to the Presbytery Center for destruction. This event is free to our churches (donation from all others). Staples, binder clips etc. don’t have to be removed.

Motion: to approve the Shred-It Event. -PASSED

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 8, 2025 at 6:30 PM.

Adjournment with Prayer 8:08 PM.

In Service to Christ,

Rev. Randall K. Clow
Stated Clerk

A GATHERING OF THE CHURCHES OF BEAVER-BUTLER PRESBYTERY
November 19, 2024, 6:00 PM

The Beaver-Butler Presbytery held a stated meeting at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, November 19, 2024. The meeting was held at the New Sewickley Presbyterian Church, where Rev. Beth A. Wierman serves as Pastor. The meeting was moderated by Moderator Rev. Jamie Fowler and Vice-Moderator Elder Dennis Krebs.

Before the meeting, training was held for new Elder Commissioners (or anyone else wanting a refresher). Future meetings will have similar training sessions.

Moderator Fowler called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM and affirmed the presence of a quorum with Stated Clerk Rev. Randall Clow.

WELCOME FROM THE HOST CHURCHES: Elder Debbie Sheffield
Debbie gave information to the Presbyters regarding exits, restrooms, and fellowship. She also gave a brief overview of New Sewickley’s history and connection to the Indigenous Peoples who originally lived in the region. Many nations and tribes lived in the area surrounding the church.

WELCOME OF NEW ELDERS AND PASTORS:
First-time Elder Commissioners were introduced by their respective pastors.

PRAYERFUL CALL TO WORSHIP:
Moderator Fowler opened the meeting with prayer and a responsive Call to Worship.

GATHERING HYMN: “Here in This Place”

THE WORD READ: Philippians 2:1-4

THE WORD SPOKEN: “Looking to the Interest of Others” Rev. Beth A. Wierman
Beth began her sermon with an illustration, how she uses her planning calendar, and being called “Old School.” She recalled a quote from Mother Theresa: “If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other.” To illustrate, she referred to a Greek verb, meaning to have a good understanding of things. Unfortunately, we don’t have an equivalent word in the English. Paul is stressing unity, but the word refers to being of the same mind. Paul turns the verb into a noun, but by doing so, we lose the action or connectivity which guides us.

She told a story about a friend who was driving, harassed by a person following her. She made assumptions about why this was happening, but it turned out she was mistaken. We will make assumptions and look for motives that are not there. Often, we tend to only look at each other, instead of looking to the needs of others – as Paul invites us to do. Paul encourages us to have the same mind, same spirit, and same love as Christ. Beth gave a personal example how she and a colleague intentionally worked to love each other – both were changed, becoming closer to the mind of Christ.

How do we look to the needs of others?

SPECIAL MUSIC: “Here I Am, Lord” New Sewickley Choir
“Give Thanks”

GOOD NEWS FROM THE PEWS:

Commissioners offered items of good news that were happening in the churches.

STATED CLERK REPORT:

Rev. Randall Clow

Randall referred the Commissioners to his written report, as well as other important documents.

1. *GA Amendments*: Randall pointed the Commissioners to the *Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of the PC(USA)*, approved by the 226th General Assembly (2024). There are twelve Amendments and one Ecumenical Agreement. They have been assigned to relevant Presbytery Committees for review and study. The Committees will recommend Approval / Disapproval at the January 2025 Presbytery meeting. At the January meeting, Commissioners will vote on each Amendment and the Agreement.

While the various Committees will make their recommendations, Commissioners voting on the Amendments (and the Agreement) are encouraged to read each section carefully before voting.

2. Randall reminded the Commissioners about the recent letter regarding the *Decennial Report*, required by State law. The law has been revised – Reports are now required annually. Clerks were encouraged to contact Randall with any questions.
3. Additional reports for information:
 - a. Permanent Judicial Commission Roster / Reserve Roster
 - b. Ministry and Vocation Committee Minister Member Roll Review
 - c. Session Minutes Review
4. Churches are invited to volunteer to host a Presbytery meeting in 2025!

COORDINATING TEAM:

Elder Andrew Why

1. *Consent Agenda*:

The Coordinating Team (CT) recommended that the Presbytery:

 1. Form the Roll,
 2. Approve the Docket,
 3. Receive Coordinating Team Minutes, October 2, 2024,
 4. Receive Stated Clerk Report, September-October 2024,
 5. Receive Treasurer's Report – Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss, September 30, and
 6. Approve Presbytery Meeting Minutes, September 24, 2024

From Ministry & Vocation (MVC):

8. MVC requested that the Presbytery approve the dissolution of the call between Rev. James E. Salyers and Steffin Hill, Beaver Falls as of December 31, 2024, *if the way be clear*, with the congregation's action on November 24th.
9. MVC requested the Presbytery approve the forming of an Administrative Commission to provide a Service of Installation for Rev. Kalyn D. Stevwing at Ohio, Aliquippa.

Seeing no questions or objections, the Moderator declared the Consent Agenda approved as presented.

COMMITMENT TO COVENANT:

Rev. Dr. Tom Harmon

Tom took a moment to review the various accomplishments from the past year, including an effort to highlight various Committees and Units at each Presbytery meeting. He highlighted several instances where multiple churches demonstrated shared values together in Butler/Beaver counties.

GREETINGS FROM OUR ECUMENICAL PARTNER:

Rev. Liddy Barlow

Executive Minister, Christian Associates of Southwest Pennsylvania

Christian Associates represents twenty-eight Protestant, Catholic, and Orthodox church bodies in Southwest Pennsylvania. Beaver-Butler Presbytery has been part of Christian Associates for over fifty years (Tom has been the Executive Committee President the past two years). Liddy spoke extensively about Christian Associates’ ministry and outreach. She spoke about ecumenical partnerships developed in the Presbytery.

MISSION & COMPASSION MINISTRY UNIT (MCM):

Rev. Dr. Judy Angleberger

Judy reported that MCM is working on their 2025 goals. Elder Debbie Sheffield spoke about various mission endeavors currently supported by New Sewickley, including Christopher’s Kitchen at UPMC Children’s and McGee-Women’s Hospital. Rev. C.F. Hoffman highlighted the *Racial Reconciliation Book Club* and their programs.

COLLABORATION, FELLOWSHIP, & YOUTH:

Rev. Brian Hauser

1. Presbytery Youth Leadership Connection Director Elder Diana Spencer promoted the *Presbyterian Youth Triennium*, taking place July 28-31, Louisville, KY. She will be contacting all the churches to encourage attendance.
2. Elder Mark Finch (Friendship Church) reported on how Friendship, Center, and Highland Churches in Slippery Rock came together for a community event.

ENCOURAGING CHURCHES TO FLOURISH:

Rev. John Silbert

John promoted an Administration and Leadership Training event in March. He reported on recent worship-related Zoom and in-person events. In closing, John spoke about the recent Wee Kirk conference.

SYNOD COMMISSIONER REPORT:

Elder James Ihlenfeld

Jim presented highlights from the most recent Synod gathering, including mission work in Appalachia. He encouraged churches to consider a partnership with a church in West Virginia.

BREAK FOR FELLOWSHIP

Moderator Fowler called the Presbyters back to order at 8:27 P.M.

ADMINISTRATION:

Elder Tom Marlowe

Tom recognized service anniversaries for Ministers and Churches. He made a few remarks for each one:

Ministers:

- 10 years – James Benson, Andrew Smothers, Bonnie Taylor
- 40 years – James Campbell, Rob Swinsburg

Churches:

- First, Rochester – 150 years
- Ohio, Aliquippa – 225 years

MINISTRY AND VOCATION COMMITTEE:

Elder Denise Hobaugh

The Presbytery welcomed new member Rev. Kalyn D. Stewing, recently called to the Ohio United Presbyterian Church, Aliquippa. *(Note: At its November 2023 meeting, the Presbytery authorized MVC to examine and approve for Presbytery membership previously-ordained Ministers. Rev. Stewing's examination for membership was conducted by MVC).* Her Terms of Call and Statement of Faith were presented. Kalyn took a moment to introduce herself to the Presbytery.

NOMINATING & REPRESENTATION COMMITTEE:

Rev. Connie Dunn

Connie presented the slate of Nominees for election as Moderator, Vice-Moderator, and various Committees and Units. There were no nominations from the floor.

Motion to close the nominations – Motion Passed

Motion to approve the Slate as presented – Motion Passed

MODERATOR & VICE-MODERATOR INSTALLATION:

Rev. Jamie Fowler

Outgoing Presbytery Moderator Rev. Jamie Fowler led the installation of Elder Dennis Krebs as Moderator, and Rev. Brian Hauser (Mars) as Vice-Moderator, for 2025. After the installation, newly - installed Moderator Krebs led the Presbytery in prayer.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no New Business.

OFFERING:

The Beaver-Butler Presbytery Mission Budget

RESOLUTION OF THANKS TO OUR HOST CHURCH:

The Presbyters thanked New Sewickley church for their hosting.

PRAYER AND ADJOURNMENT:

Newly-installed Moderator Krebs closed the meeting with prayer at 8:54 P.M.

SENDING HYMN:

“Jesus Be With Us”

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. James R. Steiner, Assistant Stated Clerk

Rev. Randall K. Clow, Stated Clerk

TABLE OF ATTACHMENTS TO MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 19, 2024 PRESBYTERY MEETING:

- A. Record of Participation, Presbytery Meeting, November 19, 2024
- B. Coordinating Team Minutes, October 2, 2024
- C. Presbytery Meeting Minutes, September 24, 2024
- D. Report of the Stated Clerk, September-October 2024
- E. Report of the Treasurer: Balance Sheet & Profit & Loss, September 30, 2024
- F. Permanent Judicial Commission Beaver-Butler Presbytery Roster for 2025
- G. MVC Annual Minister Member Roll Review
- H. 2024 (2023 Minutes) Session Minutes Review Report
- I. MVC Report to Beaver-Butler Presbytery: Commission to Examine Rev. Kalyn Stewing for an Installed Position
- J. Nominating and Representation Committee Report

Item for information from the Ministry & Vocation Committee:

- 1. Approved contract between Rev. Dr. David Oyler and First, Beaver Falls
- 2. Approved contract between Rev. John Sweitzer and Frankfort, Frankfort Springs
- 3. Approved contract between Rev. Jason Sinagra and The PC, Prospect & Mt. Nebo, Prospect
- 4. Approved contract between Rev. Dr. Mary Kitchen and Faith, Butler and White Oak Springs, Connequenessing.
- 5. Concurred with Prospect and Mt. Nebo, Prospect to dissolve their PNC
- 6. Approved request waiver of rotation of Elder at The Presbyterian Church, Prospect.
- 7. Calvary, Beaver Falls church building has been sold.

Next Meeting: Saturday, January 25 10:00 a.m. (Lunch)

HOST CHURCH NEEDED! 2025 Presbytery Meetings

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ATTENDANCE**MINISTERS**

Allen, Todd		P
Allio, Mark		P
Angleberger, Judy A.	H.R.	P
Angleberger, Kelley		A
*Barr, Eva-Maria		EXC
Benish, Leigh		P
Benson, James		A
Bittner, Lee	H.R.	EXC
Black, Keith		A
Bosserman, Lauren		P
Brewer, David R.	H.R.	EXC
Burkley, Michael	H.R.	P
Byers, David D.	H.R.	EXC
Campbell, James W.	H.R.	EXC
*Casey, Tim		A
*Cline, Charles		A
Clow, Randall		P
Clyde, Tom	H.R.	EXC
Cramer, Stephen	H.R.	EXC
Currie, Susan	H.R.	EXC
Curtis, Jeffrey A.	H.R.	P
Davis, Mark	H.R.	EXC
de Vries, Peter C.		EXC
Dorsey, Douglas		P
Dreyer, W. Lee	H.R.	EXC
Dunn, Connie	H.R.	P
Edmundson, Robert	H.R.	EXC
Erwin, Kirk	H.R.	EXC
Fowler, Jamie		P
*Frailey, Mark		A
Frierson, Connie	H.R.	EXC
Gear, Jim		A
Gebhard, Doug		A
Goossen, Robert		P
Hamilton, Monica	H.R.	EXC
Harmon, Tom		P
*Hartung, Gregg		P
Hauser, Brian		P
Heller, F. Edwin	H.R.	EXC
Hoffman, C. F.	H.R.	P
Horstman, Katherine	H.R.	EXC
Huffmyer, Deborah	H.R.	EXC
Jackson, Bill	H.R.	EXC
Jamieson, William A.	H.R.	EXC
Kahnt, Rebecca		P
Kennedy, Robert W.	H.R.	EXC

ATTACHMENT A

Kennedy, Vicki	H.R.	EXC
Kitchen, Mary	H.R.	EXC
Klein, Richard	H.R.	EXC
Maley, Lawrence	H.R.	EXC
*Marquis, Jeff		A
Mathias, Robert V.	H.R.	P
*McMeekin, Thomas		P
Meloy, Merry		A
Molnar, Dennis	H.R.	EXC
Mumaw, William		P
Oyler, David	H.R.	P
Paul, A. David		P
Porter, John W.		P
Rowe, Richard F.	H.R.	EXC
Roy, Dena		A
Salyers, James		A
Saul, Robert P.		A
Sawyer, Clark T.	H.R.	EXC
Severance, T. Neil	H.R.	EXC
Shaffer, Andrew C.		A
Shullo, Carmen		A
Silbert, John		P
Sinagra, Jason		A
Smith, Jean	H.R.	EXC
Smothers, Andrew		P
Snyder, Donald F.	H.R.	P
Steiner, Jim	H.R.	P
Stevwing, Kalyn		P
Stoops, Leland (Terry) R.	H.R.	EXC
Swanson, James	H.R.	EXC
Swinsburg, Rob Dale		P
Taylor, Bonnie	H.R.	EXC
Tuft, John T.		A
Weston, Gary L.	H.R.	EXC
Wiebe, John M.	H.R.	EXC
Wierman, Beth		P
Winship, Michael	H.R.	EXC

ELDERS

Aliquippa		
New Bethlehem	Dena Litfin	
(2 votes)	Diana Spencer	
Ohio	Wendi Rybicki	
(2 votes)	Joe Glatz	
Raccoon		
Service		

Ambridge		Frankfort Springs	
One in Christ		Frankfort	Lori Littell
Baden		Harmony	
Concord	Susan Duncan	Camp Run	
Beaver		Hooker	
Park	Becky Pilarski	Concord	
(2 votes)	Mary Gaydos	Mars	
Beaver Falls		Mars United	
First	David Ross	Old Union	Mary Rae Thompson
Steffin Hill	Nancy Phillis	(2 votes)	Marcus Sanata
Covenant	Ione Mathias	Midland	
Faith		First	
Butler		New Salem	
Hill		Monaca	
(2 votes)		First	
Mt Chestnut	Joyce Laughlin	North Branch	
(2 votes)		New Brighton	
Saint Andrews		First	
Trinity		Westminster	
Callery		New Galilee	
Crestview	Clark Trauterman	The Galilean	Paul Morrison
Cherry Valley		N. Washington	
E. Unity		N. Washington	
Chicora		Parker	
North Butler		First	
Clintonville		Prospect	
Union		Mt Nebo	
Connoquenessing		P. Church Prospect	
White Oak Springs	Margaret Marlowe	Rochester	
Conway		First Presb.	
Conway		New Sewickley	Jennifer Brown
Cranberry		Sarver	
Cranberry Community		Buffalo	Virginia Shirey
(2 votes)		Westminster	
Plains	Bob Young	Saxonburg	
Darlington		Clinton	Thomas Hamilton
First		Jefferson Center	
Mt. Pleasant		Saxonburg Memorial	
East Butler		(2 votes)	
East Butler		Shippingport	
Eau Claire		Bethlehem	
Eau Claire		Slippery Rock	
Ellwood City		Center	
North Sewickley	Kathy Liller	Friendship	Michelle Whitehouse
(2 votes)	Pat Vagias	Highland	
Evans City		Valencia	
Westminster	Ruthie Pickett	Glade Run	Robert Dolence
(2 votes)	Kathy Morgan	(2 votes)	Michael Ryan

Valencia	Ed Walter
Vanport	
Vanport	Tammy Hall
(2 votes)	
West Sunbury	
West Sunbury	
Zelienople	
Calvin	
(2 votes)	
Park	Lisa Huff

Visitors

Name	Church
Liddy Barlow	UCC & Christian Assoc. of SWPA
Don Wolfe	New Sewickley, Roch.
Marta Wolfe	New Sewickley, Roch.
Cherly Gamat	New Sewickley, Roch.
Laura Robinson	New Sewickley, Roch.
Jeanette McDonald	New Sewickley, Roch.
Bonnie Wintermyer	New Sewickley, Roch.
Kelly Beegle	New Sewickley, Roch.
Barbara Rombold	New Sewickley, Roch.
James Ihlenfeld	Hill, Butler
Cindy Cross	Friendship, Slipry Rock
Jeff Cross	Friendship, Slipry Rock
Autumn Bedolatti	New Sewickley, Roch.
MaryEllen Krebs	The Galilean, N. Gal.
Robert L. Reich	Concord, Baden
Daphne Turner	Highland, Slipry Rock
Sherry Schibner	New Sewickley, Roch.
Debbie Sheffield	New Sewickley, Roch.
Diane Brooks	New Sewickley, Roch.
Andy Brown	New Sewickley, Roch.
Mark Rittell	Frankfort, Frankfort Sp
Carolyn Paulsen	Buffalo, Sarver
Bill Rudert	Buffalo, Sarver

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

Name	Presbytery/Affiliation
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**ELDER MEMBERS WHO ARE:
OFFICER, COORDINATING TEAM, OR UNIT
CHAIR**

Name	Presbytery/Affiliation
Denise Hobaugh	MVC Chair
Dennis Krebs	Vice-Moderator
Tom Marlowe	Administration Chair
Mark Finch	Personnel Chair
Andrew Why	CT Chair

STATED CLERK'S REPORT
BEAVER-BUTLER PRESBYTERY
FOR THE MONTHS OF NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2024

Note: A presbyter may remove any item on the consent agenda of a Presbytery meeting by notifying the stated clerk at least 15 minutes prior to the start of the meeting. Removed consent agenda motions will be handled by floor action during the meeting at the time of the moderator's choosing. Items of new business should also be given to the stated clerk, in writing, at least 15 minutes prior to the start of the meeting.

October 27-29, 2024 [this date was beyond the CT Stated Clerk's Report cutoff]
Attend the meeting of the Synod of the Trinity.

November 4, 2024
Received an update from the Interim Unified Agency of the PC(USA) (formerly the Presbyterian Mission Agency and the Office of the General Assembly. Filed.

November 5, 2024
Attended a meeting to plan the Presbytery meeting.

November 6, 2024
Received the minutes to examine the Rev. Kalyn Stevwing for membership in Beaver-Butler Presbytery (Ohio UP Church, Aliquippa). Filed.

November 16, 2024
Attended the Installation Service for the Rev. Kalyn Stevwing (Ohio UP Church, Aliquippa).

November 18, 2024
Received the minutes from the Administrative Commission to Install Rev. Stevwing. Filed.

November 19, 2024
Attended the Gathering of the Churches of Beaver-Butler Presbytery.

Attended CT meeting.

November 26, 2024
Received a letter from the Prospect Church regarding the 2025 Per Capita, per capita will be sent to the Presbytery as received from church members. Filed.

December 2, 2024
Attended MVC meeting.

December 4, 2024
Attended CT meeting.

December 19, 2024

Received letters from Buffalo (Sarver), Concord (Baden), and The Galilean (New Galilee) requesting scheduled per capita payments. Approved/Filed.

December 30, 2024

Received a letter from Park (Zelienople) requesting scheduled per capita payments. Approved/Filed.

Proposed Amendments to the Book of Order Committee Recommendations

Ministry and Vocation Committee

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RECOMMENDING APPROVAL

In Service to Christ,

Rev. Randall K. Clow

Stated Clerk

Beaver-Butler Presbytery
Balance Sheet
 As of November 30, 2024

Nov 30, 24

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

10000 · Cash 142,281.74

10300 · Investments

10511 · Presbyterian Investment & Loan 321,295.26

10513 · Charles Schwab & Co. 585,615.60

10520 · Ecumenical Cooperative 1,500.00

Total 10300 · Investments 908,410.86

Total Checking/Savings 1,050,692.60

Total Current Assets 1,050,692.60

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LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Long Term Liabilities

28001 · Deferred Mortgage Income 30,000.00

Total Long Term Liabilities 30,000.00

Total Liabilities 30,000.00

Equity

29000 · Restricted Funds

29100 · Temporarily Restricted

29105 · Peacemaking Fund 2,902.57

29125 · New Church Development Fund

29126 · Closed Churches Fund (Fund A) 424,599.79

29127 · Departed Churches Fund (Fund B) 685,374.58

29125 · New Church Development Fund - Other 24,551.15

Total 29125 · New Church Development Fund 1,134,525.52

29140 · Support of Candidates Fund 876.70

29145 · Leadership Training Fund 20,000.00

29160 · NWV Seed Grant 7,467.05

29165 · Champ Education Fund 7,344.68

Total 29100 · Temporarily Restricted 1,173,116.52

29200 · Permanently Restricted

29205 · Endowment Fund 2,575.09

29210 · Lyndora Scholarship Fund 20,003.58

Total 29200 · Permanently Restricted 22,578.67

Total 29000 · Restricted Funds 1,195,695.19

39000 · Retained Earnings -143,299.73

Net Income -31,702.86

Total Equity 1,020,692.60

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 1,050,692.60

Beaver-Butler Presbytery
Profit & Loss by Class
 January through November 2024

	<u>Administrative</u>	<u>Mission</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
51102 · Per Capita Apportionment	135,559.34	0.00	135,559.34
52105 · Rev.Mission Causes-Budget	0.00	64,586.69	64,586.69
52110 · Rev. Mission Causes-Other	0.00	327.00	327.00
53112 · Tinker Trust - PNC Bank	277.87	0.00	277.87
53113 · ESB Checking Interest	490.90	0.00	490.90
53114 · Northwest Interest	50.71	0.00	50.71
53816 · Presby. Invest and Loan Income	6,052.03	0.00	6,052.03
53999 · Investment Income Other	32,713.29	0.00	32,713.29
55195 · Interest Note Rec.-Other	48,951.74	0.00	48,951.74
56110 · Rent Complete Travel	8,250.00	0.00	8,250.00
56115 · Rent - Tenants	10,355.00	0.00	10,355.00
57105 · Miscellaneous Income	10,112.22	464.00	10,576.22
57106 · Bulk Order Receipts	1,429.65	0.00	1,429.65
Total Income	254,242.75	65,377.69	319,620.44
Expense			
71105 · Per Capita Expense GA	22,158.03	0.00	22,158.03
71110 · Per Capita Expense Synod	4,786.57	0.00	4,786.57
72105 · Mission Causes Exp- Synod/GA	0.00	40,766.52	40,766.52
72110 · Mission Causes Exp- Other	0.00	2,925.00	2,925.00
73000 · Salary/Wage/Benefits	195,071.86	0.00	195,071.86
74000 · Units/Officers	10,409.62	6,873.68	17,283.30
75100 · Cost of Space	23,415.04	0.00	23,415.04
75200 · Communications	6,340.98	0.00	6,340.98
75300 · Furniture and Equipment	2,782.61	0.00	2,782.61
75400 · Office Expense	7,668.71	0.00	7,668.71
75500 · Training and Professional	1,425.00	0.00	1,425.00
75600 · Travel Expense	5,485.82	0.00	5,485.82
75700 · Conferences/Meetings	3,698.56	0.00	3,698.56
75800 · Purchased Services	6,500.00	0.00	6,500.00
75907 · Bulk Order Expenditures	44.28	0.00	44.28
Total Expense	289,787.08	50,565.20	340,352.28
Net Ordinary Income	-35,544.33	14,812.49	-20,731.84
Net Income	-35,544.33	14,812.49	-20,731.84

Beaver-Butler Presbytery is a covenant community of churches that supports, nurtures, and helps grow disciples in the way of Christ.

2025 Goals

2025 Goals:		Committee	Actions Implemented	Done
A. Increase engagement in the local church and Presbytery				
A.1	Create a plan for Presbytery meeting themes highlighting parts of our ministry.	CT		
A.2	Create a plan for CT member connection with ministry units and committees.	CT		
A.3	Presbytery approval of new Bylaws, Operations Manual, and Policies and Procedures	CT, EP & SC		
A.4	Invite a speaker to address the Presbytery as part of our commitment to Matthew 25.	MCM		
A.6	Develop and adopt a new Ministry and Vocation Manual	MVC		
A.7	Personnel Committee completing goals of Staff Support, Online FAQ, and updated policies.	Personnel		
A.8	Complete a new Presbytery website using our new mission statement and logo.	Staff		
B. Strengthen relationships between congregations.				
B.1	Host two 'new' Covenant Connection Gatherings among a close group of churches.	CFY		
B.2	Host two continued Covenant Gatherings among the churches that made connections.	CFY		
B.3	Use the Congregational Connections Grant to connect at least four joint ministry programs.	CFY		
B.4	Facilitate two youth activities within the presbytery.	CFY/Youth Coord.		
B.5	Facilitate at least two invitations to congregations to explore ministry in their neighborhood.	MCM		
B.6	Invite an in-person meeting with our counterpart equipping committee in Shenango.	Equipping Leaders		
C. Equip leaders who empower ministry.				
C.1	Host an annual leadership event to equip church leaders with best practices.	Equipping Leaders		
C.2	Host at least four educational conversations to prepare Church leaders.	Equipping Leaders		
C.3	Create a difficult conversations event to further the work of peacemaking and compassion.	MCM		
C.4	Work toward full per capita participation through outreach to three churches.	Finance		
C.5	Provide fiscal education resources for at least two churches.	Finance		
C.6	Develop resources to encourage future imagination in buildings and cemetery stewardship.	Property Task Force		

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RECOMMENDING APPROVAL

Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of the PC(USA)

Approved by the 226th General Assembly (2024)

Deleted text is in ~~strikethrough~~; added text is in bold *italics*.

Ministry and Vocation

24-A — F-1.0403 UNITY IN DIVERSITY (POL-01 1)

Shall F-1.0403 in the Foundations of Presbyterian Polity be amended as follows? (Deleted text is in ~~strikethrough~~; added text is in *italics*.) “F-1.0403 Unity in Diversity ... The unity of believers in Christ is reflected in the rich diversity of the Church’s membership. In Christ, by the power of the Spirit, God unites persons through baptism regardless of race, ethnicity, age, sex, *gender identity, sexual orientation*, disability, geography, or theological conviction. There is therefore no place in the life of the Church for discrimination against any person. The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) shall guarantee full participation and representation in its worship, governance, and emerging life to all persons or groups within its membership. No member shall be denied participation or representation for any reason other than those stated in this Constitution.

24-B – G-1.0104 OTHER FORMS OF CORPORATE WITNESS (WORSHIPING COMMUNITIES, etc.) (POL-03)

In circumstances where the formation of a traditional ecclesiastically and legally organized congregation is not desired or deemed appropriate, and a worshiping community has been formally recognized by a presbytery according to its own definition, presbyteries and congregations may work together with such a group to provide supervision and support. Such recognized groups shall be under the mutually agreed upon oversight of a minister of the Word and Sacrament approved by the presbytery, shall include at least one ruling elder in their chosen leadership, and shall function under the financial, legal, and disciplinary sponsorship of an ecclesial council (either a session or a presbytery). The sponsoring council shall, in consultation with the worshiping community, authorize any celebrations of the sacraments within the group in accordance with the Directory for Worship. Membership records for group participants desiring to be formally enrolled as baptized, active, or affiliate members in the PC(USA) shall be maintained by the sponsoring council. Such groups shall not hold property, and may not undertake any financial, legal, or contractual obligations, apart from their sponsoring council. They shall adhere to the sponsoring council’s required policies on sexual misconduct, harassment, child and youth protection, and antiracism. Presbyteries shall determine appropriate means of representation and participation of such groups in and through the sponsoring councils (session and/or presbytery).

24-C — G-2.0104b GIFTS AND QUALIFICATIONS (POL-01 2)

b. Standards for ordained service reflect the church’s desire to submit joyfully to the Lordship of Jesus Christ in all aspects of life (F-1.02). The council responsible for ordination and/or

installation (G-2.0402; G-2.0607; G-3.0306) shall examine each candidate's calling, gifts, preparation, and suitability for the responsibilities of ordered ministry. The examination shall include, but not be limited to, a determination of the candidate's ability and commitment to fulfill all requirements as expressed in the constitutional questions for ordination and installation (W-4.0404), *the Historic Principles of Church Order (F-3.01)*, and in the *principles of participation and representation found in F-1.0403*. Councils shall be guided by Scripture and the confessions in applying standards to individual candidates.

24-D — G-2.0504b TEMPORARY PASTORAL RELATIONSHIPS (POL-05)

Titles and terms of service for temporary relationships shall be determined by the presbytery. A person serving in a temporary pastoral relationship is invited for a specified period not to exceed ~~twelve~~ **thirty-six** months in length, which is renewable with the approval of the presbytery.

24-E — G-2.0504b TEMPORARY PASTORAL RELATIONSHIPS (POL-08 2)

Temporary pastoral relationships are approved by the presbytery and do not carry a formal call or installation. When a congregation does not have a pastor, or while the pastor is unable to perform her or his duties, the session, with the approval of presbytery, may obtain the services of a minister of the Word and Sacrament, candidate, or ruling elder in a temporary pastoral relationship. No formal call shall be issued and no formal installation shall take place.

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When the temporary pastoral relationship ends, no non-disclosure agreement shall be allowable.

A non-disclosure agreement, also known as a confidentiality agreement, is an agreement that outlines confidential material, knowledge, or information that is to remain confidential. Such an agreement binds the party or parties who have signed it and prevents them from discussing any information included in the contract with anyone not authorized by the agreement.

24-F — G-2.0610 ACCOMODATIONS TO PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES (ORD-05)

When a presbytery concludes there are good and sufficient reasons for accommodations to the particular circumstances of an individual seeking ordination, it may, by a three-fourths vote, waive any of the requirements for ordination in G-2.06, except for those of G-2.0607d. If a presbytery judges that there are good and sufficient reasons why a candidate should not be required to satisfy the requirements of G-2.0607d, it shall approve by three-fourths vote some alternate means by which to ascertain the readiness of the candidate for ministry in the areas covered by the standard ordination examinations. ~~A full account of the reasons for a~~ ***The existence of any waiver or alternate means to ascertain readiness, with confidential details omitted,*** shall be ~~included in the minutes of the presbytery and~~ communicated to the presbytery to which an inquirer or candidate may be transferred.

22-G — G-2.0901 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (POL-08 1)

An installed pastoral relationship may be dissolved only by the presbytery. Whether the minister of the Word and Sacrament, the congregation, or the presbytery initiates proceedings for dissolution of the relationship, there shall always be a meeting of the congregation to consider the matter and to consent, or decline to consent, to dissolution. *No non-disclosure agreement shall be allowable.*

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24-M Episcopal-Presbyterian Agreement on Local Sharing of Ministries

The agreement is published in the document: Proposed Amendments to the Constitution and Episcopal-Presbyterian Agreement on Local Sharing of Ministries booklet (provided).

Coordinating Team

24-H — G-3.0106 ADMINISTRATION OF MISSION (POL-11)

All councils shall adopt and implement the following policies: a sexual misconduct policy, a harassment policy, a child, ~~and~~ youth, and *adults with vulnerabilities* protection policy, and an antiracism policy. Each council's policy shall include requirements for boundary training which includes the topic of sexual misconduct, and child sexual abuse prevention training for its members at least every thirty-six months.

24-I — G-3.0302d RELATIONSHIPS WITH SYNOD AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY (GAP-05)

d. proposing to synod such measures as may be of common concern to the mission of the church, ~~and/or~~ proposing to General Assembly overtures ~~that have received a concurrence from at least one other presbytery,~~ *and/or concurring with proposed overtures,* and

24-J — G-3.0501 COMPOSITION AND RESPONSIBILITY (GAP-04)

The General Assembly is the council of the whole church, and it is representative of the unity of the synods, presbyteries, sessions, and congregations of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). It shall consist of equal numbers of ruling elders and ministers of the Word and Sacrament elected by the presbyteries and reflective of the diversity within their bounds (F1.0403 and G-3.0103), to serve as commissioners according to the following proportions:

~~8,000~~ **6,000** members or less: 1 ruling elder and 1 minister of the Word and Sacrament
~~8,001–16,000~~ **6,001–12,000**: 2 ruling elders and 2 ministers of the Word and Sacrament
~~16,001–24,000~~ **12,001–19,000**: 3 ruling elders and 3 ministers of the Word and Sacrament
~~24,001–32,000~~ **19,001 or more**: 4 ruling elders and 4 ministers of the Word and Sacrament
~~32,001–40,000~~: 5 ruling elders and 5 ministers of the Word and Sacrament
~~40,001–48,000~~: 6 ruling elders and 6 ministers of the Word and Sacrament
~~48,001 or more~~: 7 ruling elders and 7 ministers of the Word and Sacrament

Permanent Judicial Commission

24-K — D-7.0501 REFERRAL TO INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE (POL-02)

When a clerk of session or the stated clerk of a presbytery receives an allegation, without undertaking further inquiry, that clerk shall then report to the council only that an offense has been alleged without naming the *person* accused or the nature of the alleged offense and *shall* refer the statement of allegation promptly to an investigating committee, which shall conduct an inquiry as defined below. ***Pursuant to G-4.0302, the clerk shall report to civil legal authorities any knowledge of harm, or risk of harm, related to the physical abuse, neglect, and/or sexual molestation or abuse of a minor or adult lacking mental capacity.*** The clerk of session or stated clerk shall also inform the accuser of the disciplinary process and their rights and responsibilities in the process.

24-L — D-7.0902b ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE (POL-04)

Regardless of the employment status of the minister of the Word and Sacrament, the members designated in accordance with D-3.0102, shall determine as quickly as possible, after receiving the written allegations and providing the accused an opportunity to be heard, whether the risk to a congregation and/or to other potential victims of abuse requires *paid* administrative leave or other restrictions upon the minister's service when considered in light of the nature and probable truth of the allegations. Such paid administrative leave or restrictions will continue until either the matter is resolved in one of the ways prescribed in the disciplinary process or until the leave or restrictions are altered or removed by members of the commission. ***The cost shall be borne by the employing entity whenever possible or be shared by the presbytery as necessary.***



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- Elder & Shared Ministry
- Church Treasurer
- Youth Ministry



- * Deacon & Caring Ministry
- * Clerk of Sessions
- * Reading Scripture

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BEAVER-BUTLER PRESBYTERY---2024 REPRESENTATION BY COMMITTEE/UNIT

Committee/Unit	Male	Female	Clergy	Lay	Beaver Co.	Butler Co.	Racial Ethnic	Under 35 (est)
Moderator		1	1			1		
Vice Moderator	1		1			1		
Coordinating Team	6	3	6	3	5	4	1	
Finance	3	1		4		4		
Investment Team	2			2		2		
Personnel	2	2	1	3	1	3		
Administration	3	1	1	3	2	2		
Nominating/Representation	5	2	5	2	2	5		
Ministry & Vocation	7	6	5	8	5	8		
Collaboration, Fellow., Youth	3	2	4	1	1	4		
Mission & Compassion	3	3	2	4	3	3		
Encouraging Churches to Flourish	5	3	4	4	3	5		
Permanent Judicial Comm	7	2	4	5	5	4		
Camp Board	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Synod Commissioners	1	1	1	1	1	1		
TOTAL	49	28	36	41	29	48	1	0
%	63.6%	36.4%	46.8%	53.2%	37.7%	62.3%		