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*How precious is your steadfast love, O God!  
All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.*

Psalm 36:7



## A Gathering of Churches

**Saturday, January 25, 10 a.m.**

In-Person at Old Union Church  
200 Union Church Road, Mars

9:30 a.m. — Registration

9:45 a.m. — Elder Commissioner Training

Please join by Zoom between 9:30 and 9:45 a.m.

Lunch will be served; cost is \$10.

During our worship service, we will pause to remember the Minister, Elder, Deacon, and Trustee servants who have passed into God's presence in the past year. Those who have lost loved ones are invited to attend. The worship service will begin at 10 a.m.

See the article, *Book of Order Amendments Preparation* below, for important information.

To be counted as present, whether in-person or via Zoom, everyone must contact the Presbytery Office at [office@beaverbutler.org](mailto:office@beaverbutler.org) or 724-452-7515. Indicate name; whether you are an Elder Commissioner, Minister Member, Visitor or Corresponding Member; the church you represent; and if you will attend in-person or virtually.

As part of the Special Rules, presbyters are encouraged to submit any new business in writing to the Stated Clerk before the meeting via email to ([statedclerk@beaverbutler.org](mailto:statedclerk@beaverbutler.org)) or in person. Items to be removed from the Consent Agenda must be to the Stated Clerk by 10:05 a.m.

**[Access documents and packet with Zoom codes...](#)**

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## Book of Order Amendments Preparation

The 226th General Assembly (2024) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) approved and recommended to the presbyteries, for their affirmative or negative votes, proposed changes in the language of the Book of Order that, if approved, will amend the Constitution.

In addition, the 226th General Assembly (2024) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) approved and recommended to the presbyteries



pursuant to G-5.0203 for their affirmative or negative votes the Episcopal-Presbyterian Agreement on Local Sharing of Ministries.

In preparation for voting at the Stated Presbytery Meeting on January 25, presbyters are being asked to make themselves familiar with the 13 amendments to the Book of Order.

Beaver-Butler Presbytery has written a list of the amendments that contains the amendment number and presbytery committee and unit recommendations.

[Download list of Amendments...](#)

[Download recommendations...](#)

For further information, please reference the full GA document, *Proposed Amendments to the Constitution*.

[Download GA document...](#)



## Remembering Those Who Served

**Saturday, January 25, 10 a.m.**

A Memorial Service will be held during the January Presbytery Meeting. During opening worship we will pause to remember the Minister, Elder, Deacon, and Trustee servants who passed into God's presence last year.

Family members who have lost these loved ones are invited to attend. A certificate of appreciation will be presented to show our thankfulness.

If you have any questions, please contact the Presbytery office at 724-452-7515 or [office@beaverbutler.org](mailto:office@beaverbutler.org).

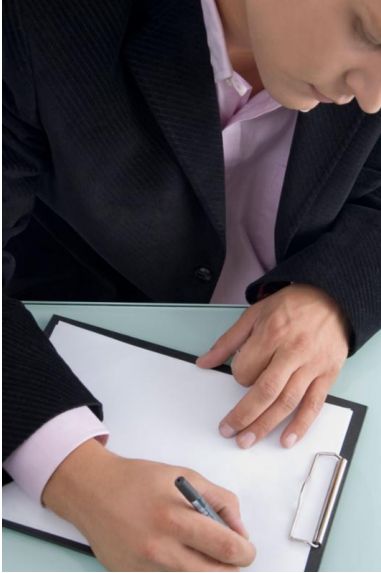
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## Annual Year End Reports

Thank you to everyone who has submitted their year end statistical reports. For those of you who are still working on them, please note the deadline dates as listed below. Forms are available on the presbytery website.

**2024 Necrology Report** —was due Monday, January 6. Please remember to invite family members of the ministers, elders, deacons, or trustees who have passed in 2024 to the Memorial Service at the January 25 presbytery meeting.



*Annual Statistics* — due by Monday, February 3\*\*

*Annual Review of Terms of Call* — due Monday, February 3\*

*Directory/Elder Information* — due Monday, February 3\*

*2025 Remittance Form* (please pass to your Treasurer) — to accompany all funds sent to the Presbytery Office.

\* Return to Presbytery Office via Email at [office@beaverbutler.org](mailto:office@beaverbutler.org); USPS: P.O. Box 279, Zelenople, PA 16063, or FAX: 724-452-7522.

\*\* Complete on-line at the Office of The General Assembly website (<https://logaapps.pcusa.org/soc>). Your username and password remain the same as last year. If you need your username and password, please contact the Presbytery Office.

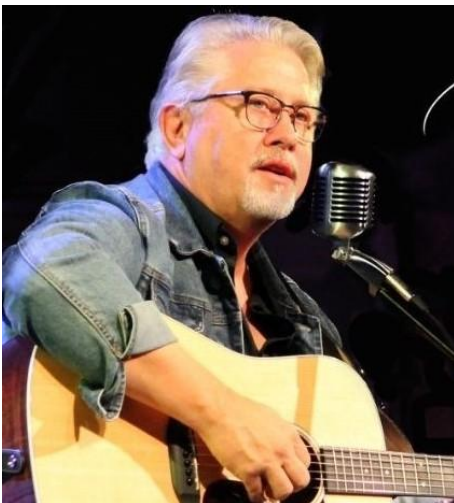
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## In Memoriam—Debra McCowin

Debra McCowin, of Brighton Township and member of Park Presbyterian Church in Beaver, passed away Thursday, December 26, 2024. Debra passed due to multiple complications after making a strong recovery from a recent stroke.

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## Daryl Mosley in Concert

Sunday, January 19, 6 p.m.

Mt. Nebo Church  
1236 Prospect Road, Prospect

The community is invited to attend a concert by singer, songwriter, and storyteller, Daryl Mosley. With countless appearances on the Grand Ole Opry, Mosley has been sharing his songs and his stories with America for over 30 years. Daryl has three Song of the Year awards. Ten of his songs have made it to number one and he has been named Songwriter of the Year three times.

Admission is free with a free-will offering. Refreshments will follow.



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## Did you know

As the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) keeps time with Christ through the year, we observe three kinds of occasions. One is seasons and festivals of the Christian Year. These are organized around the life, death, and resurrection of Christ (such as Easter), events in the story of salvation (such as Pentecost), or theological doctrines (such as Trinity Sunday) and tend to be recognized across denominations. Stayed tuned to learn about the other two.



### A New Year—A New You

#### Women's Retreat

**Saturday, February 22, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.**

**Continental Breakfast and Registration—8:30 a.m.**

Chapel Valley Estates Bed & Breakfast  
297 Chapel Drive, Ellwood City

*Presented by North Sewickley Church*

Rev. Dr. Judy Angleberger, Guest Speaker

With Isaiah 43 as the starting scripture, Judy will be leading a journey through the stories of the unknown women of the Bible who were transformed.

Reservation deadline is January 31. Payment of \$35 is due with reservation.

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### PDA Responds to Wildfires

As you know, Southern California is facing multiple uncontrolled fires, exacerbated by strong winds and dry conditions. Tens of thousands of residents have been forced to evacuate and an increasing number of homes and other buildings are threatened.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is in communication with the affected presbyteries to offer resources in the aftermath of the fires. So far, we are aware of one Presbyterian church destroyed (Pacific Palisades Presbyterian Church) and several more are threatened.

Prayers and financial gifts are needed. The designated account (DR000165 US Wildfires) supplements the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS).

Checks can be submitted to your church with "DR000165 US Wildfires" in the memo. Churches should remit gifts with one check to the presbytery office. You may also give online.

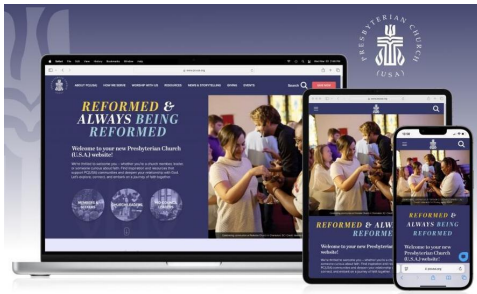
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## MLK Jr. Day Resources

Resources to recognize Martin Luther King Jr. Day and to celebrate his life and work are available on the PC(USA) website. These resources include calls to worship, prayers, litanies, reflections and more.

[Access the resources...](#)



## PC(USA) Has a New Website

If you haven't already noticed, the PC(USA) launched a new website in December. The website features an enhanced user experience with improved navigation, a faster and more robust search function and easy-to-access links to the information users need when they need it.

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The Presbytery Office will be closed on **Monday, January 20**

## CHURCH EVENTS

Support and promote worship, fellowship, and fundraising events  
by congregations in our presbytery.

### DARYL MOSLEY IN CONCERT

**Sunday, January 19, 6 p.m.**

Mt. Nebo Church—1236 Prospect Road, Prospect

***Download and post flyer...***

### A NEW YEAR, A NEW YOU—WOMEN'S RETREAT

**Saturday, February 22, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (Breakfast and Registration—8:30 a.m.)**

*Presented by North Sewickley Church*

***Download and post flyer...***

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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

#### ***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 20, February 17, March 17, April 21; 7-8:15 p.m.

#### ***The Just Mercy Book Club***

Fourth Thursdays—January 23, February 27, March 27, April 24; 7-8:15 p.m.

### SHRED-IT EVENT

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

Presbytery Center Parking Lot (behind the building)

### 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

#### 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.

#### 2025 Holiday Schedule

New Year's Day...January 1  
Martin Luther King Day...January 20  
President's Day...February 17  
Memorial Day...May 26  
Juneteenth...June 19  
Independence Day...July 3  
Labor Day...September 1  
Veterans' Day...November 11  
Thanksgiving Day...November 27  
Christmas Eve...December 24  
Christmas Day...December 25  
Christmas Week...December 26-29

#### 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 Community, Gallery

##### 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

#### Beaver-Butler Presbytery Center

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#### Beaver-Butler Presbytery



#### Beaver-Butler Presbytery Youth



#### Presbytery Weekly Update

To share announcements and news or to add names to the mailing list,  
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go to [beaverbutler.org/weekly-update-e-newsletter/](http://beaverbutler.org/weekly-update-e-newsletter/).





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