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Weekly Update for January 21, 2025

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*If one member suffers,
all suffer together with it;
if one member is honored,
all rejoice together with it.*

1 Corinthians 12:26 (NRSVue)



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 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) 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...](#)



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

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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...](#)

Please read the letter that Andrew Why, Chairperson for Coordinating Team, has prepared explaining the voting process that will take place.

[Letter Regarding Amendments Voting Procedures...](#)

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

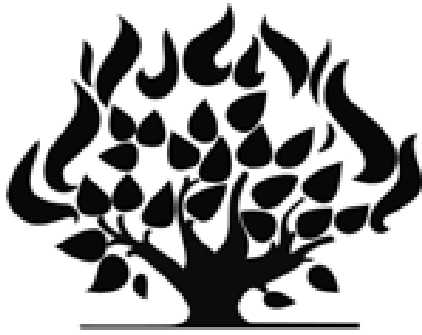
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A Lenten Journey with Luke

[In-person and Zoom IPLF Workshop](#)

Saturday, February 1, 12:30-3:30 p.m.

Redstone Presbytery Center
1004 Mt. Pleasant Road, Greensburg, PA



Rev. Derek Campbell, *instructor*

With the upcoming Lenten season, we will expound on the gospel texts of the RCL preparation and learn for how God might be leading us for ourselves and in our calling as preachers.

In addition to the current cohort of IPLF students, any Commissioned Pastor, Minister of Word and Sacrament or Ruling Elder from sponsoring presbyteries is welcome to participate for personal and ministry enrichment through Inter-Presbytery Leadership Formation (IPLF).

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

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

Did you know

As the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) keeps time with Christ through the year, we observe three kinds of occasions. Last week we covered the Seasons and Festivals of the Christian Year. The next type is Programmatic Emphasis of the PC(USA). These are related to the mission and ministry of this denomination and are promoted and resourced by various offices at the national level of the church. Examples include Celebrate the Gifts of Women, Mr. Rogers Day, and Special Offerings. Stayed tuned to learn about the last type.



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; USPS: P.O. Box 279, Zelienople, 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.

[Access forms...](#)



Your Photos Tell Your Story

The Presbyterian Planning Calendar, a beloved publication of the PC(U.S.A.), is once again seeking photo submissions from congregations and worshiping communities, mid councils, camps, conference centers and education centers for use in its 2025-2026 edition.

The deadline to submit photos is February 14.

[Learn more and submit photos...](#)

CHURCH EVENTS

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

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...

Download and post registration form...

Send event information to chrisanngoossen@beaverbutler.org. Attach flyers and brochures as PDF documents and slides as PowerPoint documents.

PRESBYTERY EVENTS

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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.

A LENTEN JOURNEY WITH LUKE —

In-person and Zoom IPLF Workshop

Saturday, February 1, 12:30-3:30 p.m.

Redstone Presbytery Center—1004 Mt. Pleasant Road, Greensburg, PA

Learn more...

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 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

2025 Presbytery Meetings

Saturday, January 25, 10 a.m.

Lunch
Old Union, Mars

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

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

Tuesday, May 27, 6 p.m.
Crestview Community, 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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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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