

BEAVER- BUTLER PRESBYTERY



Weekly Update for January 7, 2025

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*...a voice came from heaven,
"You are my Son, the Beloved;
with you I am well pleased."*

Luke 3:22



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 in 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...](#)



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 compiled a list of the amendments that contains the amendment number and presbytery committees and units

which are reviewing them. Their recommendations will be provided soon.

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

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.

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Lego Tournament

Saturday, January 11, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Old Union Church
200 Union Church Road, Mars

Cost \$8.00 (includes lunch)

1st-6th grade, with judging in 3 age categories

Space is limited, so sign up soon!

[Download flyer for more information...](#)

To sign up or for more information, contact Old Union Church 724-at 538-8672, www.OldUnionChurch.com and OldUnionChurch@gmail.com.

Truth, Healing and Repair Webinar



Tuesday, January 14, 6-7:30 p.m.

Join Creation Justice Ministries for a conversation exploring pathways for Christian communities to engage in meaningful solidarity with Indigenous-led environmental justice initiatives. Indigenous leaders and Christian practitioners will discuss how churches can move beyond land acknowledgments toward authentic relationships and concrete action.

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



Souper Bowl of Caring

On Super Bowl weekend, since 1990, individuals and groups have been collecting dollars and canned food in soup pots for those in need as part of the *Souper Bowl of Caring*. Millions in dollars and food have been generated to benefit soup kitchens, food banks, meal programs and hunger-relief charities.

There are different ways to organize a *Souper Bowl of Caring* event. Consider organizing a Souper Bowl lunch and set out a soup pot to receive donations. You or your church can donate locally or donate dollars to the *Super Bowl of Caring* organization.

[Learn more...](#)

CHURCH EVENTS

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

LEGO TOURNAMENT

Saturday, January 11, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Old Union Church—200 Union Church Road, Mars

Download flyer for more information...

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 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

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, Callery

Tuesday, July 29, 6 p.m.

Vanport at Vanport with Park, Beaver

Christmas Eve...December 24
Christmas Day...December 25
Christmas Week...December 26-29

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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