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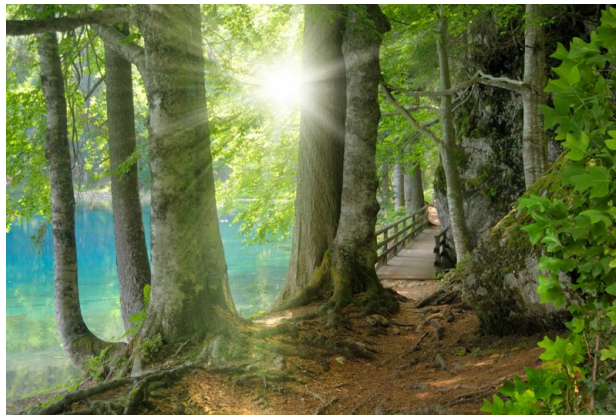
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*They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.
It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.*



Photo from the Religious News Service Photograph Collection; photographer unknown

Through a Lens: Black History Month

From the Presbyterian Historical Society February 9, 2024 Blog

In 2023, PHS was awarded a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to digitize 22,500 photographs and supporting documents from the Religious News Service Photograph Collection.

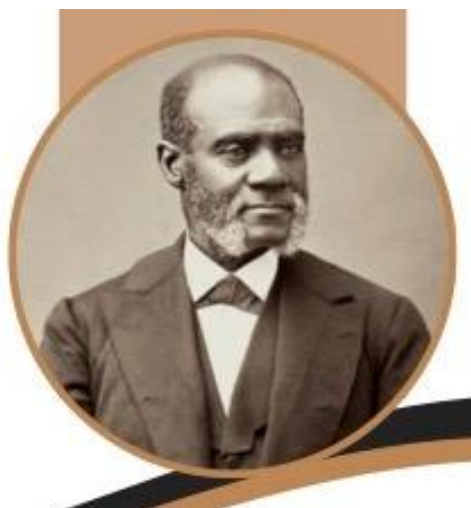
As we further familiarize ourselves with the contents of our Religious News Service Photograph Collection, we have discovered some powerful photos—and many that speak to the African American experience. These images, these moments captured by a lens, allow us to time travel, revisiting the tumultuous and varied history of the mid-twentieth century, as the collection spans the years 1945 to 1982.

This month, in celebration of Black History Month, we want to share some of the images that captured our attention and pulled at our heartstrings.

[Continue reading and experience images...](#)

[Browse PHS's African American History Digital Collection...](#)

[Go to PHS website...](#)



Henry Highland Garnet Weekend

Empowering Ourselves with Unconventional Methods During Unconventional Times

Friday-Sunday, February 21-23

Bidwell Street United Presbyterian Church
1025 Liverpool Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15233

Sponsored by National Black Presbyterian Caucus, Pittsburgh Chapter, ARTT and Pittsburgh Presbytery

Friday, 6-9 p.m.
with Dinner

Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

with Continental Breakfast and Lunch

Sunday, 11:00 a.m. (church TBD)

[Make a reservation...](#)

[Download and post flyer...](#)



New Salem Church Fire

On the morning of Friday, January 24, a fire was reported at the New Salem Church in Midland/Ohioville. Fire crews responded to the building. No one was in the building and none of the first responders were hurt. Nonetheless, the fire had a devastating effect on the structure.

New Salem Presbyterian Church, one of Beaver County's oldest congregations, was founded in 1797. The building was built in 1850.

Now is a time of grieving the loss of sacred space with the hope of moving forward in Christ's way. Please pray for these sheep of Christ's flock and their long-time Commissioned Pastor, Jeff Marquis.

Individuals and churches may also respond with financial assistance.

[Donate here...](#)



Building Up the Body of Christ!

Annual Leadership and Administrative Event

Sunday, March 23, 1:30-5 p.m.
Registration—1:30-1:45 p.m.

Cranberry Community United Presbyterian
2662 Rochester Road
Cranberry Township, PA

*Presented by the Equipping Leaders Unit of
Beaver-Butler Presbytery*

This FREE training event is geared to equip those leading ministry—Pastors, Elders, Deacons, Worship Leaders, Youth Leaders, Treasurers, Clerks of Session, and all church congregants.

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

Did you know?

Denominations differ over what they recognize as sacraments. Some recognize as many as seven sacraments; others have no sacraments. The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has two sacraments—baptism and the Lord's Supper.



Developing a Dementia Friendly Worship Service Webinar

Monday, February 24, 2 p.m.

Presented by Presbyterian Older Adult Ministries Network

Nurturing the spiritual health of someone with dementia is an act of Christian love that preserves their dignity and affirms their personhood. Churches have a unique opportunity—indeed, a calling—to find ways to make worship accessible to people experiencing cognitive change.

Learn how to create a modified worship service, either in-person or pre-recorded, for your faith community.

[**Register...**](#)



Leading and Growing Churches in a Post-Christian America

Wednesday, March 19, 2-8 p.m.

Park Ridge Presbyterian Church, Park Ridge, Illinois

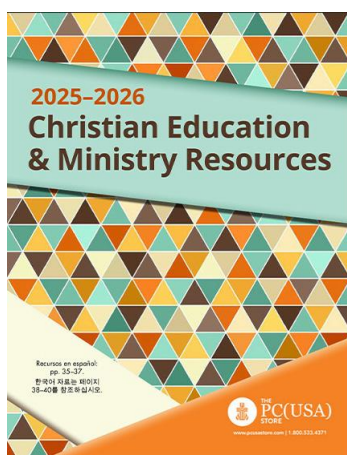
Hosted by the Presbytery of Chicago

Featured speaker, Rev. Dr. Ryan Burge, is professor at Eastern Illinois University and author of the *Graphs about Religion Substack*.

Church leaders will learn about how religion and society have changed and about practical steps churches can take to be more faithful and effective.

Cost is \$20. A live-stream option is available.

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



2025-2026 Digital Catalog

The new Christian Education and Ministry Resources Digital Catalog from the PC(USA) Store is now available. You can compare resources, use it with committees, and share it with colleagues.

[Go to catalog...](#)

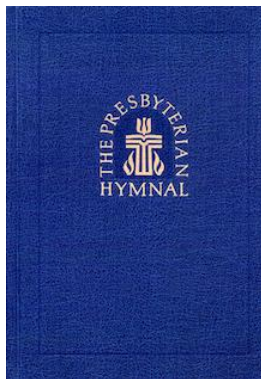


Book List for Black History Month

February is Black History Month and PC(USA) Bookstore has put together a list of books that are available for purchase. Browse the list to find something for personal edification or group study.

[Go to list...](#)

These and other books may be available in the Resource Center. Contact ChrisAnn (chrisanngoossen@beaverbutler.org or 724-452-7515) for assistance.



Free Hymnals

Concord Church in Baden has eight blue Presbyterian Hymnals (1990) that they would like to pass along to a good home. They are in good condition. If you are interested, call the church at 724-869-9135.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS

Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

Each year the seminary offers a free Lent devotional and resource kit as free gifts. You can sign up to receive daily e-mails. A printed version that is perfect for small church groups is also offered.

Learn more and sign up...

Presbyterian Outlook

Rooted in the wisdom of Elisabeth Kübler-Ross and David Kessler's six stages of grief, *Grieving Change and Loss*, offers a pathway through the heartache of life's goodbyes, guiding you toward the promise of resurrection.

The cost is \$40.00 for a digital format that can be emailed to congregation or printed as needed.

Learn more and order...

PC(USA) Store

Lent 2025 Resource Guide

When viewing the guide online, click on any title or cover to be taken to the PC(USA) Store product page. Also, click on the dark blue blocks to download resource samples.

Access the guide...

Presbyterian Hunger Program

Tread Lightly for Lent, a daily reflection-action calendar will point toward ways to commit to treading lightly on God's Earth.

Download the calendar...

Beaver-Butler Presbytery Resource Center

Study guides and devotional books are available to borrow for group or individual use. The Resource Center is open during regular office hours or by appointment. Contact ChrisAnn (chrisanngoossen@beaverbutler.org) to learn more or set up an appointment.

CHURCH EVENTS

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

FREE MOVIE NIGHT

Sunday, February 16, 6-8 p.m.

Hill Church—501 Second Street, Butler

Download and post flyer...

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Saturday, March 1, 4-7 p.m.

Old Union Church—200 Union Church Road, Mars

Proceeds to benefit disaster relief in North Carolina and California.

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 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.

PREACHING LABORATORY

In-person and Zoom IPLF Workshop

Saturday, March 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)

BUILDING UP THE BODY OF CHRIST!

ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEADERSHIP TRAINING EVENT

Sunday, March 23, 1:30-5 p.m.

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

[Click here for information...](#)

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

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

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, Callery

Tuesday, July 29, 6 p.m.

Vanport at Vanport with Park, Beaver

Tuesday, September 23, 4 p.m.

Christmas Week...December 26-29

Dinner
TBA

Tuesday, November 18, 6 p.m.
Ohio United, Aliquippa

Beaver-Butler Presbytery Center

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Beaver-Butler Presbytery Youth



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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