

# BEAVER- BUTLER PRESBYTERY



## Weekly Update for February 4, 2025

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*On the day I called, you answered me;  
you increased my strength of soul.*

Psalm 138:3 (NRSVue)

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### **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...](#)



## Presbytery Meeting Summary

The Beaver-Butler Presbytery held its stated meeting at 10 a.m. on Saturday, January 25, 2025. Moderator was Elder Dennis Krebs. Vice-Moderator was Rev. Brian Hauser. The meeting was hosted by Old Union Presbyterian Church, Mars, where Rev. Dr. Peter de Vries serves as pastor. The meeting opened with the annual recognition of those Ministers, Elders, Deacons, and Trustees who passed away and entered the Church Triumphant in 2024.

[Access the summary...](#)



## 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...](#)



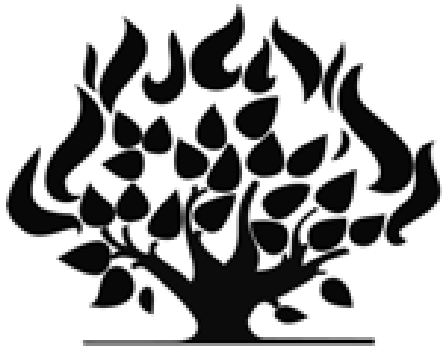
## Shred-It Event

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

Presbytery Center Parking Lot (behind the building)

Want to dispose of sensitive documents that are no longer needed? Here's your opportunity to have them shredded and you DO NOT need to remove staples or even binder clips as the machine can handle those.

The cost of this service is a gift from the presbytery to our churches. Non-church items are welcome for disposal—a donation is requested. Feel free to share this opportunity with others.



## 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  
15601

Rev. Craig Kephart, *instructor*

In reflective exercises on the purpose and practices of preaching, consideration will be given for why and how the Word is proclaimed. Participants will engage in a preaching exercise and receive feedback.

In addition to the current cohort of IPLF students, any Commissioned Pastor, Minister of Word and Sacrament or Ruling Elder from a sponsoring presbytery 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](mailto:secretary@redstonepresbytery.org).

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

## Free Movie Night

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

Hill Church



501 Second Street  
Butler, PA

Everyone is invited for the viewing of the 2024 American animated science fiction film about a service robot shipwrecked on an uninhabited island.

Snacks and drinks will be provided at this intergenerational event.

RSVP to the Hill Church office at 724-287-5427.

[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.

Adult-\$10; Child, 5-12 years-\$5; Child under 5 years-free

Take out will be available.

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



## Youth Groups Weekend Retreat

**Friday, April 25-Sunday, April 27**

Camp Lambec— 13110 Old Lake Road, West  
Springfield, PA 16443

Beaver-Butler Presbytery's Youth Ministry is hosting a youth group retreat at Camp Lambec. It will be a weekend of fun, fellowship and worship in unique ways.

Groups will arrive on Friday evening to get settled in, followed by a campfire and s'mores. Saturday will be a day of camp adventures, worship and prayer stations. Sunday we will have worship and breakfast.

We will stay in cabins, so bring your sleeping bag and pillow.

\$50 per person.

RSVP to Diana at 412-915-2097 and  
dianamermon@beaverbutler.org.

[Download flyer...](#)

## CHURCH EVENTS

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

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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.

## 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](mailto:chrisanngoossen@beaverbutler.org)) to learn more or set up an appointment.

## 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.

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### ***BUILDING UP THE BODY OF CHRIST!***

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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

## 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, 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

### Beaver-Butler Presbytery Center

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office@beaverbutler.org | www.beaverbutler.org

### Beaver-Butler Presbytery



### 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](mailto:chrisanngoossen@beaverbutler.org). To access back issues,  
go to [beaverbutler.org/weekly-update-e-newsletter/](https://beaverbutler.org/weekly-update-e-newsletter/).

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