

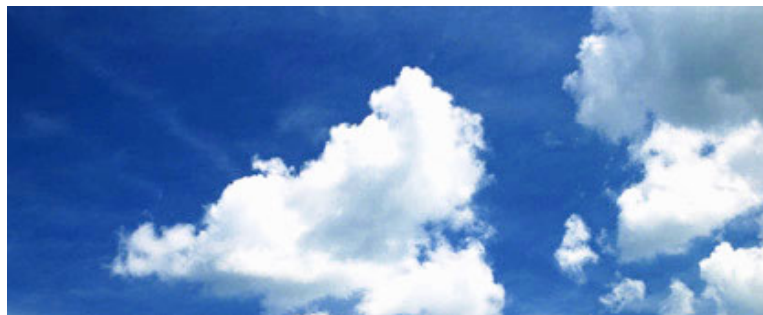
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Weekly Update for February 25, 2025

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*Then from the cloud came a voice that said,
“This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!”*

Luke 9:35 (NRSVue)

**They Lost the Building, Not the
Church**



A charred sanctuary is what remains following a fire that destroyed the church that was built in 1850.

Posted in Synod of the Trinity Featured News

“The church is on fire.”

It’s words you never want to hear. For Jeff Marquis, the commissioned pastor at New Salem Presbyterian Church in Midland, Beaver County, the call he received on that Friday morning of Jan. 24 is one he’ll never forget.

“My first thought was, I was hoping a dehumidifier or something was malfunctioning,” Jeff recalled. “I really thought minor. As I was driving to the church —you can see it off in the distance —and I said, ‘Oh, no.’ There was a lot of smoke. It wasn’t a calculator smoldering. It was something big.”

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Wild Game Dinner

Fundraiser for New Salem Church

Saturday, March 8, 4 p.m. (doors open)

Ohioville Volunteer Fire Hall
108 Salem Church Road
Midland, PA

Admission is free. Bring a covered dish (the wilder the better). Raffles and high priced item ticket sales will benefit the New Salem Church’s Fire Fund.

Featured speakers are Mike Yeck, PA Game Commissioner of Northern District Beaver County and Brad Hruska, Cofounder of Driven Purpose Outdoors Ministries.

Contact Mike Zurich at 724-987-3048 for more information.

[*Make a donation to the fire fund...*](#)

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

Training Workshops for Clerks of Session

Highlighting Leadership and Administrative Event

There has been training for clerks of session at the Annual Leadership and Administrative Event for as long as Rev. Randall Clow can



remember. As Stated Clerk of Beaver-Butler Presbytery, Clow has been conducting the training since 2022. Normally he sees a dozen or so clerks in attendance. Their experience ranges from those who are “just getting started” to those who have “seen it all.”

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Building Up the Body of Christ!

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...](#)



California Wildfire Soup Sale

Sunday, March 2, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Concord Church
2832 Conway Wallrose Road
Baden, PA 15005

It's so hard to see and imagine the devastation of the recent Palisade wildfire and not feel helpless. Yet we are reminded that our acts of kindness reflect the heart of God. In this spirit, Concord Church is holding a soup sale to directly aid Pacific Palisades Presbyterian Church, our sister congregation in the Pacific Presbytery.

Homemade soups are beef vegetable and Italian wedding. Quarts are available for \$12 or as much or as little as you feel led to give. Please spread the word.

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Summer 2025 at Camp Lambec

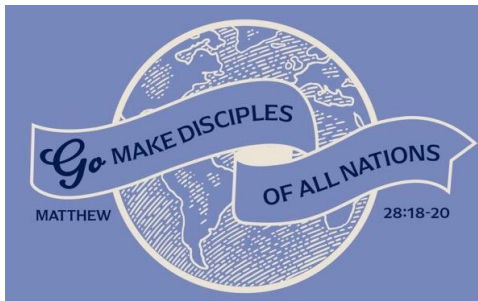
Summer promises to hold lots of joy and delight for those that choose to experience the ministry and mission of Camp Lambec. Camp Lambec is 92 acres of God Space along the shore of Lake Erie. The schedule has been set for youth camps, a music camp and family camps.

Printed brochures are available at the Presbytery Office. Online registration will open soon.

[Learn more...](#)

Did you know

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is the largest Presbyterian denomination in the United States, formed in 1983 through a reunion of branches that had separated around the time of the Civil War.



New Wilmington Mission Conference

Friday, July 18-Wednesday July 23

Westminster College, New Wilmington, PA

At this intergenerational missions conference, you will join mission co-workers and attendees from 30+ states and 20+ countries for a week of learning, fellowship, growth, and friendship. Hear God's command to "Go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit."

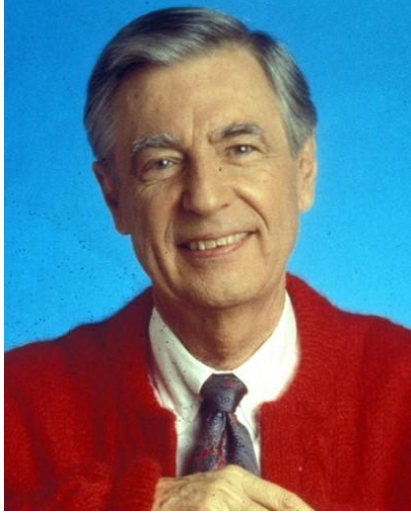
[Learn more and register...](#)

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Plan Your Mr. Rogers Day Celebration

Thursday, March 20 (or a Sunday)



Mr. Rogers Day, celebrated on Fred Rogers's birthday, is officially recognized by the PC(USA). Worship and activity resources abound for groups and churches to celebrate his life and ministry. PC (USA) Christian Formation has a website full of possibilities. A few resources are listed below or go to the website.

[Download Coloring Page...](#)

[Download Neighboring Sunday Quicksheet...](#)

[Download A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood Roadmap...](#)

[Go to Mr. Rogers Day website...](#)



Your Feedback is Valued

The 2024 General Assembly of the PC (U.S.A.) directed the national office of Christian Formation and Presbyterian Publishing Corporation, in collaboration with Research Services, to determine current Christian education practices and resource needs in order to respond to those needs. They are to return to the next General Assembly with a proposal.

The following survey is one way they are gathering information. Your response is important and your time is much appreciated. Please take the time to complete this survey.

[Go to the survey...](#)



Join the List

The presbytery will be compiling a list of worship services, Bible studies and other events happening in our churches during Lent and Holy Week. This is an opportunity for churches to worship and fellowship together. The list will be included and updated in the *Weekly Update* E-newsletter each issue until Easter.

If you would like your service or event to be added to the list, send your information to ChrisAnn (chrisanngoossen@beaverbutler.org). Please include flyers as PDFs (optional).

PC(USA)

Download a printable lectionary list that include daily Bible readings from Ash Wednesday through the Resurrection of the Lord.

Access the list...

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...

PC(USA) Store

Youth and Adult Studies for Lent

Easy-to-use, affordable, downloadable group studies cover a variety of topics. They are easily led by experienced educators or novice volunteers and appropriate for any sized church.

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.**

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...

CALIFORNIA WILDFIRE SOUP SALE

Sunday, March 2, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Concord Church—2832 Conway Wallrose Road, Baden, PA 15005

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WILD GAME DINNER—Fundraiser for New Salem Church

Saturday, March 8, 4 p.m. (doors open)

Ohioville Volunteer Fire Hall—108 Salem Church Road, Midland, PA

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

NEW WILMINGTON MISSION CONFERENCE

Friday, July 18-Wednesday July 23

Westminster College, New Wilmington, 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...](#)

Part-Time Secretary

Old Union Church, Mars

Administrative Assistant

Jefferson Center Church, Saxenburg

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
New Bethlehem, Aliquippa

Tuesday, November 18, 6 p.m.

Ohio United, Aliquippa

Beaver-Butler Presbytery Center

(P.O. Box 279) 134-B South Main Street, Zelienople, PA 16063 | 724-452-7515
office@beaverbutler.org | www.beaverbutler.org

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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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