

## Weekly Update for March 18, 2025

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*Because your steadfast love  
is better than life,  
my lips will praise you.*

Psalm 63:3

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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...](#)



## Youth Groups Weekend Retreat Cancelled

~~Friday, April 25–Sunday, April 27~~

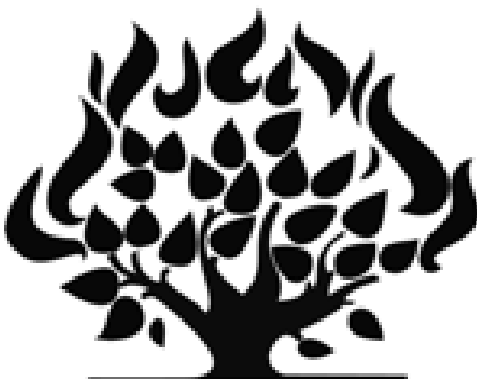
The youth retreat that was planned by the presbytery has been cancelled. The Camp Lambec kitchen is under renovation and will not be completed in time. Also water would not be available at that time.

Please consider attending one of the summer youth or family camps to experience Camp Lambec.

If you have any questions, contact Diana at [dianamermmon@beaverbutler.org](mailto:dianamermmon@beaverbutler.org).

Please note: The dates for Wet-n-Wild and Wetter-n-Wilder sessions are June 22-27. The dates are correct on the website, but not on the brochure.

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



## Church Leadership— Shared Responsibility

### Zoom and In-Person IPLF Workshop

**Saturday, April 5, 12:30-3:30 p.m.**

Redstone Presbytery Center  
1004 Mt. Pleasant Road, Greensburg, PA  
15601

Rev. Ed Gray, *instructor*

Too often, the temptation is for the pastor to serve as the sole leader. Yet, as Presbyterians, we affirm shared leadership of the Session. Join in considering how to affirm and cultivate the ministry of discernment and governance.

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). They are available in-person at Redstone Presbytery Center or online.

To register contact Karen Gray at Redstone Presbytery at 724-837-6737 or [secretary@redstonepresbytery.org](mailto:secretary@redstonepresbytery.org).

***Learn more about IPLF...***



## **Free Bicycles For Children, Teens and Adults**

**Saturday, March 22, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.**

Calvin Church  
415 East Grandview Avenue, Zelienople

*Without Reservations* is giving away reconditioned, used bicycles. If you would like a good bicycle for yourself or your child, please fill out the online form below. Then come to the giveaway event and get your free bicycle.

This Bike Giveaway is being led by Mark McConahy, a senior at Seneca Valley High School and member of Calvin Church, as part of his Senior Project. Please help make this project a success by participating and telling your friends and family.

*Without Reservations* is affiliated with *Communicycle* of Beaver County.

***Fill out the form...***

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## **Garage Sale**

**Friday, March 28, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.**  
**Saturday, March 29, 8 a.m.-noon**

Glade Run Church

1091 Pittsburgh Street  
Valencia, PA

*Benefits Mission Ministries of Glade Run Church*

Not accepting electronics, upholstered  
furniture or exercise equipment.

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The Rev. Linda Culbertson prays alongside  
the Rev. Dr. Grace Park of Pacific  
Palisades Presbyterian Church.  
(Photo by Rich Copley)

## Presbytery of the Pacific Gathers Again

By Mike Ferguson, *Presbyterian News Service*

For the first time since the Eaton and Palisades fires killed at least 29 people and destroyed more than 18,000 structures, the Presbytery of the Pacific met Saturday at Culver City Presbyterian Church. Presbyters were delighted to once again be together, with hugs and tears commonplace.

A highlight was the presentation of four sets of stoles to the pastors of the only PC(USA) church in Southern California destroyed by the early January fires, Pacific Palisades Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Matt Hardin and the Rev. Dr. Grace Park were clearly moved to receive the handmade stoles. "With every stitch," said the Rev. Heidi Worthen Gamble, the presbytery's mission catalyst, "there is a prayer and an act of love."

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## Did you know?



Organized in 1852, the Presbyterian Historical Society is the oldest denominational archives in the United States and serves as the national archives for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and its predecessor denominations.

## Reflections from the Unification Commission

### Part Two

The 225th General Assembly of the PC(USA) took steps in 2022 to bring together the Presbyterian Mission Agency (PMA) and the Office of the General Assembly (OGA) as a





unified agency. A Unification Commission consisting of pastors, presbytery leaders, and young adult advisory delegates was appointed. The result is the Interim Unified Agency (IUA) which comprises ministry areas of our denomination and is the successor agency.

In the second of a four-part interview, Co-Moderators Cristi Scott Ligon and the Rev. Dr. Felipe Martínez of the Unification Commission, reflect on what they have learned over the last two years in their interactions with staff and how communication is a key component.

[Watch Part Two video...](#)

[Watch Part One video...](#)



## Youth Group Glow Paint Party

**Sunday, May 4, 2-3:30 p.m.**

First Church, Beaver Falls  
1103 8th Avenue, Beaver Falls

*Presented by Beaver-Butler Presbytery Youth Ministry*

RSVP to Diania at  
[dianamermmon@beaverbutler.org](mailto:dianamermmon@beaverbutler.org).

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## 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."

### Youth Scholarships

The presbytery has scholarships available for youth who can attend for a few days or the entire week. Contact Diana at  
[dianamermmon@beaverbutler.org](mailto:dianamermmon@beaverbutler.org).

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## Join the List

The presbytery is putting together 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](mailto:chrisanngoossen@beaverbutler.org)). Please include flyers as PDFs (optional).

## LENTEN RESOURCES

### **St. Andrew's Theological College**

Ten copies of *Just As I Am Without One Plea*, a Lenten Meditations booklet by St. Andrew's, have been donated to the presbytery by Rev. Randy Sammah, retired Presbyterian pastor from Trinidad and Tobago. Contact or stop into the presbytery office if you are interested having one or more copies.

### **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](mailto: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.

### **BIKE GIVEAWAY**

**Saturday, March 22, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.**

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### **SIGHT AND SOUND THEATER BUS TRIP—With Friendship Church**

**Thursday, June 19-Friday, June 20**

Bus trip to Sight and Sound theater in Lancaster will feature *Noah* at Sight and Sound Theater.

***Download page 1 of flyer...***

***Download page 2 of flyer...***

Send event information to [chrisanngoossen@beaverbutler.org](mailto:chrisanngoossen@beaverbutler.org). Attach flyers and brochures as PDF documents and slides as PowerPoint documents.

## **LENTEN SERVICES AND EVENTS**

### **WEEKLY SERVICES**

**Crestview Church, Callery; Old Union Church, Mars; and Plains Church, Cranberry Twp.**

Wednesday Worship Services, 7 p.m.

Ash Wednesday, March 5—Crestview Church

March 12—Plains Church

March 19—Old Union Church

March 26—Crestview Church

April 2—Plains Church

April 9—Old Union Church

***Download flyer...***

## MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICES

### First Church, Beaver Falls

Seder Meal for remembering and anticipating—All are warmly welcomed.  
7 p.m.

### Crestview Church, Callery; Old Union Church, Mars; and Plains Church, Cranberry Twp.

7:30 p.m.

Held at Old Union Church, Mars

### Glade Run, Valencia

Service with Communion, 7:30 p.m.

## GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES

### Glade Run, Valencia

7:30 p.m.

## 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—**POSTPONED**

~~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

### CHURCH LEADERSHIP—SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

Zoom and In-Person IPLF Workshop

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~~Friday, April 25-Sunday, April 27, 2025~~

Camp Lambec—West Springfield, PA

### YOUTH GROUP GLOW PAINT PARTY

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First Church, Beaver Falls—1103 8th Avenue, Beaver Falls

*Hosted by Beaver-Butler Presbytery Youth Ministry*



## **NEW WILMINGTON MISSION CONFERENCE**

**Friday, July 18-Wednesday July 23**

Westminster College, New Wilmington, PA

*Youth Scholarships are available.*

## **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...](#)

### **Part-Time Secretary**

Old Union Church, Mars

### **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  
New Bethlehem, Aliquippa

**Tuesday, November 18, 6 p.m.**

Ohio United, Aliquippa

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

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