

BEAVER- BUTLER PRESBYTERY



Weekly Update for March 4, 2025

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*...because if you confess with your mouth
that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart
that God raised him from the dead,
you will be saved.*

Romans 10:9 (NRSVue)



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...*](#)



Shred-It Event Postponed

The Presbytery Shred-It event that was scheduled for **Saturday, March 15** has been postponed to a later date. Hold on to your items and stay tuned for a new date.

We apologize for the inconvenience.



Register for Camp

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 Center. Online registration is available.

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

Holy Week Text Study

**Reckoning with Antisemitism as
Christians**



Monday, March 10, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

McNaugher Lounge
Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
616 N. Highland Avenue, Pittsburgh

*Presented by Christian Associates and the
Holocaust Center of Greater Pittsburgh*

We are encouraged as Christians to see, confront, and disrupt antisemitism in ourselves and our faith communities. Preachers are challenged to reckon with antisemitism from the pulpit in 2025.

This next text study explores Holy Week with Rabbi Jamie Gibson and Professor Tucker Ferda. Luke's Passion narrative will be explored to help us discover avenues for preaching that confront the ways this text has been used for harm and how it might be reimagined for good.

This event is free. Lunch will be provided, so please be sure to register using the form below.

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

Did you know?



Presbyteries and synods are collectively referred to as “mid councils.”

Do you have a fun or interesting fact about your church to include in this column? Send it to ChrisAnn at chrisanngoossen@beaverbutler.org.



Calling Small Church Leaders

Would you like to connect with others across the denomination who support small churches? Could you benefit from group coaching? If you're a leader, coordinator, or liaison for a small church, your insights and experiences are important and essential for creating strong networks and support for small church leaders.

Please contact Alicia Demartra-Pressley (alicia.Demartra-Pressley@pcusa.org), Associate for Missional Equipping in the PC(USA) Office of Theology and Evangelism, to learn more and express your interest.



Eco-Palms for Palm Sunday

In 2007 the PC(USA) teamed up with other organizations to offer congregations the option of purchasing responsibly harvested Eco-Palm branches for Palm Sunday. The palms come from communities in Mexico and Guatemala where workers are paid fairly and engage in sustainable harvesting in order to protect the local ecosystem.

Your congregation's purchase of Eco-Palms plays an important role in protecting forests, local jobs, and sustainable livelihoods in the harvesting communities.

Ordering deadline is March 21.

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



Pittsburgh Prays

Tuesday, March 11, 7 p.m.

Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh Pastoral Center

Bishop Zubik is hosting the next *Pittsburgh Prays* ecumenical gathering, jointly organized by the *Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh*, *Pittsburgh Leadership Foundation*, and *Christian Associates of Southwest PA*. The group is discerning a focus on youth, so they hope to fill the room with people passionate about working with youth—and with youth themselves—for this time of prayer and conversation.

RSVP to David Solberg at dsolberg@diopitt.org.



Join the List

The presbytery will be 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 Enewsletter 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).

Spring Ahead!



Daylight Saving Time will begin on Sunday, March 9, at 2 a.m. local time. Don't forget to move your clocks ahead one hour, so you arrive on time for church service!

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) to learn more or set up an appointment.

CHURCH EVENTS

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

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.

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

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

7:30 p.m.

Old Union Church, Mars

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES

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

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, 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

2025 Presbytery Meetings

Saturday, January 25, 10 a.m.

Lunch
Old Union, Mars

Tuesday, March 25, 6 p.m.

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

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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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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