

“Encouraging One Another in Christ”
May 27th Presbytery Meeting at Crestview Community Church, Callery,

Do you wonder if anyone really understands the challenges facing your congregation? Is your situation unique or are others facing the same hurdles? What successes has your church enjoyed in the last 5 years that may spark the imagination of a sister congregation?

At our May 27th Presbytery Meeting the Coordinating Team wants to hear from you! How are the mission, discipleship, fellowship, and worship lived out in your church? Share your congregations’ efforts to build the Body of Christ in small group dialogue. Listening, encouraging, and praying for one another is the first step in discovering how God is working among us!

A brief summary report will be offered at the Presbytery Meeting. A more complete summary will be collated and published for future discussion. Listening and learning about the prevailing challenges facing Presbyterian churches in our area and how we can encourage and pray for one another is a vital component of our Presbytery’s purpose.

Ideally, we hope two - three representatives from each church will be present in addition to your Pastor(s).

Questions to be Discussed

1. Identify the spiritual gifts presently evident in your congregation and how they are being expressed in your church’s mission, worship, discipleship and fellowship?
2. Over the past 5 years, what efforts have been made by your congregation to provide Christ’s love, hope and healing to your community? Would you deem your efforts successful? Why/Why not?
3. Based upon the church’s spokesperson’s response to Questions 1 and 2, identify 2 or 3 significant observations about your congregation.

GATHERING OF THE CHURCHES OF BEAVER- BUTLER PRESBYTERY

**Tuesday, May 27, 2025
Beginning at 6:00 PM**

In-Person at:
Crestview Community Presbyterian Church
210 Kline Avenue, Callery, PA
Mr. Gregg Hartung, Commissioned Pastor

5:30 PM Registration and Elder Commissioner Training

View the Livestream (**noninteractive**) Zoom Meeting as a Guest:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88120693624>

Meeting ID: 881 2069 3624
One tap mobile
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Please connect to the meeting between
5:30 and 5:45 PM

Registration for the meeting is requested for In-Person and Zoom via Email
(office@beaverbutler.org) or Telephone (724-452-7515)

*All new business and requests for items to be removed from the Consent Agenda must be to
the Stated Clerk's Desk 15 minutes prior to the start of the meeting.*

If Childcare is Needed, Please Contact the Crestview Church: 724-538-8559.



**Directions to Crestview Community Church, PCUSA
210 Kline Avenue (use 210 Church St. for GPS/Maps)
Callery PA 16024**

From Zelienople - Take W. Grand Avenue which turns into Rt. # 68-go towards Evans City. Proceed for approx. 5 miles until you come to Evans City. At the first traffic light be in the right lane and turn right onto The Evans City/Mars Rd. Proceed on that road for approx 2 ¾ miles (you'll pass Marburger dairy, Ascensus. and Milano's Pizza.) At Kline Avenue, turn right and drive over the railroad tracks to the 2nd street on the left- Main Street. Make a left and go to the first stop sign. Turn right onto Church St. and proceed to the church parking lot. **For those coming from Zelienople and Butler through Evans City to Callery on the Mars-Evans City Road: when you make the right-hand turn on Kline Avenue there is major road construction with a traffic light. At times it can be a long delay and traffic can be backed up. Please allow for extra time.**

From Butler - Take Rt. # 68 towards Evans City. When you get to Evans City, make a left at the first traffic light. At the second stop sign make a left. Follow this road (Mars/Evans City Road) for approximately 3 miles. Look for a Milano's Pizza on the right side. Take the next right onto Kline Avenue. Cross the railroad tracks and make a left on the second street- Main Street. At the first stop sign, make a right turn onto Church St. continue up the street and into the parking lot. **For those coming from Zelienople and Butler through Evans City to Callery on the Mars-Evans City Road: when you make the right-hand turn on Kline Avenue there is major road construction with a traffic light. At times it can be a long delay and traffic can be backed up. Please allow for extra time.**

I-79 North - Take the PA-228 exit toward Mars, exit #78, continue on PA-228 East, approximately 2 ½ miles, then turn left on Myoma Road, approximately 2 more miles, turn left on Callery Road, approximately 1 ½ more miles turn right on Kline Avenue. The church will be about ¾ mile on the right. Go past the church and take the first street to the right- Main Street. Go to the first stop sign and turn right onto Church Street. From there proceed to the church parking lot.

Rt. 8- Take Rt. 228 West towards Mars. Turn right at the light- there will be a 7/11 station. Follow to the blinking light and make a right onto the Mars/Evans City Rd- next to McDonald- Aberli Funeral Home. Follow the Mars –Evans City Rd for approx. 2 1/2 miles and turn left at Center St..by the Callery Business Park. After the stop sign at the railroad crossing (there are no crossing lights so look both ways before crossing), make a right on Railroad St. At the 2nd stop sign make a left on Church St. and follow it to the church parking lot.

Crestview Presbyterian Church began serving the community on July 21, 1890. The Butler Presbytery approved on August 21 the organization of a Presbyterian Church in Callery. The land for the church was donated by the Staples family and construction began in November 1890 and the church was dedicated on June 14, 1891.

In 1914 the Crestview and Plains churches began sharing their minister with the Evans City Presbyterian Church (now Westminster Presbyterian). By 1939, Evans City was able to support its own minister so Crestview and Plains remained as yoked churches. The two churches worked cooperatively until the fall of 1970 when Plains Church hired its own minister and Crestview called a student minister from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

The Rev. Rosalyn Kummer came to Crestview in October 1976 to eventually become the first full-time pastor. She was installed as pastor in September 1982 and served until retirement.

Crestview had its 100th Anniversary in late August 1990. Just prior to the year 2000 to start the new millennium Crestview added "community" to its name to become Crestview Community Presbyterian Church (PCUSA).

The congregation during this time did mission outreach in sending Elder Chuck Cahall to assist with a water project in the village of Domasi in the country of Malawi, in the warm heart of Africa. Crestview has sent three mission teams as part of their partnership with Chiphola Presbyterian Church CCUPC and Malawians have visited Crestview two times. The partnership is still going strong with Crestview supporting the Chiphoola Church Saturday Feeding Program for children and their families.

Crestview had mission work teams go to Gulfport, MS, for three years after Hurricane Katrina to help rebuild homes and participated with Old Union Presbyterian Church on a number of summer mission trips to various locations.

The Rev. Robert Goossen began ministry at Crestview in October 2011. Bob continued the work in mission at Crestview and helped to upgrade some of the physical facility with new flooring in Fellowship Hall and a new retaining wall on the Kline Avenue side of the church. The current playground was designed and created during Pastor Bob's tenure at Crestview in reaching out to kids and families of the community. It will soon get an upgrade of new equipment to go with the picnic pavilion that was added in 2020 and is well used by the church and community.

The Rev. Tom Clyde served several times as interim Pastor and helped the congregation with transitions in ministry. Tom Clyde and Tom McMeekin encouraged Gregg Hartung in his retirement from the Presbyterian Media Mission after 37 years in mission work to prayerfully consider being a Commissioned Ruling Elder for Crestview in 2019. Gregg was approved by presbytery at the July 2019 meeting to begin serving as CRE on the first Sunday of September. We are 135 years old in ministry and mission in "loving God, following Jesus and serving all people!"

A GATHERING OF THE CHURCHES OF BEAVER-BUTLER PRESBYTERY

May 27, 2025

Registration 5:30 pm

Meeting Begins at 6:00 pm

(In-Person)

Crestview Community Presbyterian Church

210 Kline Avenue, Calley, PA

Mr. Gregg Hartung, Commissioned Pastor

(VIA Zoom: See Email for Link)

Ruling Elder Training – PRE-MEETING

GATHERING

PRELUDE

PRESBYTERY GREETING

WELCOME FROM HOST CHURCH

WELCOME OF NEW ELDERS AND CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

O praise the Lord with me,

Let us exalt God's name together.

O come let us sing to the Lord

And shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise.

HYMN #494

"It Took A Miracle"

THE WORD READ

2 Corinthians 4:1

THE WORD SPOKEN

Commissioned Pastor Gregg Hartung

"How Does Imagination and Faith Go Together?"

SOLO

Trisha Miller

"Amazing Grace"

THE GOOD NEWS FROM THE PEWS *(an opportunity for Elders to briefly share their joys)*

STATED CLERK REPORT

Rev. Randall Clow

COORDINATING TEAM

Elder Andrew Why

A. **Consent Agenda:** The Coordinating Team recommends the Presbytery:

1. Form the Roll
2. Seat Corresponding Members and grant them voice
3. Approve the Docket
4. Receive CT Minutes of April 2, 2025
5. Receive Stated Clerk Report, March & April
6. Receive Treasurer's P&L and Balance Sheet March 2025
7. Approve Presbytery Meeting Minutes, March 25, 2025

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ENCOURAGING ONE ANOTHER IN CHRIST

Rev. Dr. Tom Harmon for the CT

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FELLOWSHIP BREAK

SUMMARY REPORT OF DISCUSSIONS

BOARD OF PENSIONS

Rev. Dr. Emily Chudy
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MINISTRY AND VOCATION COMMITTEE

Elder Denise Hobaugh

MVC Examination of Kerry Dowdy for Ordination as Minister of Word & Sacrament, Member of Beaver-Butler Presbytery and form an Administrative Commission to ordain. (pursuing a Covenant Pastor contract with Friendship, Slippery Rock).

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GA COMMISSIONERS TASK FORCE

Application and Letter

Judy Angleberger, Kerry Dowdy, David Paul & Kemp Clow
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MISSION AND COMPASSION MINISTRY UNIT

Local Church Mission Update / Grants Available

Rev. Dr. Judy Angleberger
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COLLABORATION, FELLOWSHIP & YOUTH MINISTRY UNIT

Saxonburg Churches May 3rd Event Report / Grants Available

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Promote Wee-Kirk / Grants Available

Rev. John Silbert
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OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

OFFERING RECEIVED

The Beaver-Butler Presbytery Mission Budget

THANK YOU TO OUR HOST CHURCH

ADJOURNMENT

HYMN #431

"Shine, Jesus Shine"

For Information--MVC approved the following: (or CT)

- Approved Larry Maley to moderate session at Vanport, Vanport.
- Approved the contract between James Salyers and Westminster, New Brighton.
- Approved Doug Gebhard to be moved to validated ministry status at St. John Lutheran Church starting June 1, 2025.
- Provided guidance to Steffin Hill regarding pulpit supply
- Kerry Dowdy approved to pursue Ordination of Minister of Word and Sacrament and member of Beaver-Butler Presbytery and to pursue a Covenant contract with Friendship, Slippery Rock.
- Approved Stephanie Castlen to be added to the Pulpit Supply List.
- Approved using the Great Lakes Call Finder.

BEAVER-BUTLER PRESBYTERY
2025 Presbytery Meetings
The Office Will Close Early On These Dates

Tuesday, July 29	6:00 p.m.	Vanport (with Park)
Tuesday, September 23	4:00 p.m. (Dinner)	New Bethlehem, Aliquippa
Tuesday, November 18	6:00 p.m.	Ohio, Aliquippa

COORDINATING TEAM
BEAVER-BUTLER PRESBYTERY
April 2, 2025

The Coordinating Team (CT) held a stated meeting at the Presbytery Center on Wednesday, April 2, 2025.

Present: Andrew Why (Coordinating Team Chair), Dennis Krebs (Presbytery Moderator), Lauren Bosserman, Allen Kitchen, John Laudenslager, Larry Maley, Beth Wierman (*via Zoom*)

Ex-Officio: Tom Harmon (Executive Presbyter), Jim Steiner (Assistant Stated Clerk), Lauren Cesnales (Presbytery Treasurer)

Excused: Brian Hauser (Presbytery Vice Moderator), Doug Dorsey, Lee Dreyer, Michele Lagnese, Merry Meloy, Randall Clow (Stated Clerk, *Ex-Officio*)

Presbytery Exec Tom Harmon read Psalm 27, and opened the meeting with prayer; the meeting was called to order at 6:41 P.M.

The Assistant Stated Clerk attested to the presence of a quorum.

Consent Agenda Approvals and Receipt of Reports:

- Approve Coordinating Team Meeting Minutes, March 12, 2025
- Receive Stated Clerk Report
- Receive Executive Presbyter Written Report

Motion: To approve the Consent Agenda as presented – PASSED

Stated Clerk's Report:

Jim Steiner

Assistant Stated Clerk Jim Steiner referred the CT to Stated Clerk Randall Clow's written report.

CT Chair Andrew Why now Moderating...

Executive Presbyter's Report:

Tom referred the Team to his written report, and commented on the following issue:

- During the "Good News from the Pews" section of the recent Presbytery meeting, there was a discussion about recent changes at our Mission Agency. Tom spoke with those who made comments. Even though there were questions/concerns about the timing and venue of addressing the issue, doesn't mean they are not relevant or necessary.

Tom opened the discussion, and various remarks and opinions were offered. The conversation concluded with recommendations about what to do next regarding the topic.

Treasurer's Report:

Lauren Cesnales

Lauren referred the CT to her written report.

Bylaws and Manual of Administrative Operations (MAO) Drafts:

Tom Harmon

The Draft Bylaws and MAO had been sent to the CT to keep them up to date on the progress. Additional edits were received and made, and the group revising the document wants guidance from the CT on next steps. Comments and recommendations were received from the CT. The next step will be to have an attorney review the documents.

Motion: To send the draft documents to an attorney (chosen by the EP) for review and recommendations. The attorney will send his/her recommendations to the CT. Depending on the attorney's response, the CT will decide about having the First Reading of the document at the May Presbytery meeting.

Motion passed.

General Assembly Commissioner Policy Revisions:

Tom Harmon

Revisions have been submitted regarding the *General Assembly Commissioner Application Forms*. The changes were reviewed and discussed. Additional conversation was held regarding the makeup of the Task Force to receive and approve the applications.

Motion: To adopt the suggested changes to the General Assembly Commissioner Application Forms. Appoint Judy Angleberger as the Convener of the Task Force to find the additional members, beginning with the former commissioners first.

Motion passed.

Check-In: Goal: Create a plan for Presbytery Meeting themes highlighting parts of our

ministry: Tom gave background on plans for future Presbytery meetings. CT is taking a more active role in putting things together.

- May: Crestview Callery – *Asset Mapping* Discussion
 - Larry Maley offered preliminary comments for a presentation at the May Presbytery meeting. A lively discussion followed; discussions will be held to work out the details.
- July: Vanport (with Park) – Common Ground USA “Teaser” Training
- September: New Bethlehem – Rev. Forrest Claassen, Synod Executive
- November: Ohio – Corey Schlosser-Hall (Not available, possible 2026)
 - The local Episcopal Bishop is a possibility

Old Business: There was no Old Business

New Business: There was no New Business

Next meeting: May 7, 2025, 6:30 P.M.

Adjournment with Prayer 8:19 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. James R. Steiner
Assistant Stated Clerk

STATED CLERK'S REPORT
BEAVER-BUTLER PRESBYTERY
FOR THE MONTHS OF MARCH AND APRIL 2025

March 5, 2025

Finalized dates for the Session Records Review.

March 13, 2025

Attend Presbytery Meeting Planning Meeting at The Presbytery Center.

March 23, 2025

Teach two courses for clerks of session at the Presbytery Leadership Training Event.

March 25, 2025

Attend Presbytery meeting at Glade Run UPC.

April 24, 2025

Receive information for Synod Spring Regionals (meeting). Filed

April 25, 2025

Receive executive summary of the Calvary Presbyterian Church Administrative Commission.
Filed

April 27, 2025

Prep for the upcoming Presbytery Records Review.

In Service to Christ,

Rev. Randall K. Clow
Stated Clerk

Beaver-Butler Presbytery

Profit & Loss by Class

January through March 2025

	Administrative	Mission	Restricted	TOTAL
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
51102 · Per Capita Apportionment	71,414.32	0.00	0.00	71,414.32
52105 · Rev.Mission Causes-Budget	0.00	24,043.00	0.00	24,043.00
53112 · Tinker Trust - PNC Bank	605.28	0.00	0.00	605.28
53113 · ESB Checking Interest	174.05	0.00	0.00	174.05
53114 · Northwest Interest	1.20	0.00	0.00	1.20
53816 · Presby. Invest and Loan Income	1,813.68	0.00	0.00	1,813.68
53999 · Investment Income Other	0.00	0.00	-75,210.18	-75,210.18
56110 · Rent Complete Travel	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00
56115 · Rent - Tenants	4,125.00	0.00	0.00	4,125.00
57105 · Miscellaneous Income	1,677.03	0.00	0.00	1,677.03
Total Income	81,310.56	24,043.00	-75,210.18	30,143.38
Expense				
73000 · Salary/Wage/Benefits	40,830.80	0.00	0.00	40,830.80
74000 · Units/Officers	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
75100 · Cost of Space	8,503.11	0.00	0.00	8,503.11
75200 · Communications	1,376.45	0.00	0.00	1,376.45
75300 · Furniture and Equipment	815.48	0.00	0.00	815.48
75400 · Office Expense	2,812.29	0.00	0.00	2,812.29
75500 · Training and Professional	20.00	0.00	0.00	20.00
75600 · Travel Expense	804.46	0.00	0.00	804.46
75700 · Conferences/Meetings	577.79	0.00	0.00	577.79
75900 · Miscellaneous Expense	273.31	0.00	0.00	273.31
Total Expense	56,213.69	0.00	0.00	56,213.69
Net Ordinary Income	25,096.87	24,043.00	-75,210.18	-26,070.31
Net Income	25,096.87	24,043.00	-75,210.18	-26,070.31

Beaver-Butler Presbytery

Balance Sheet

As of March 31, 2025

Mar 31, 25

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

10000 · Cash

10107 · WesBanco	113,438.78
10108 · Northwest Savings Bank	21,194.17
10109 · Northwest Savings Market Fund	50,030.24
10115 · Petty Cash	153.40

Total 10000 · Cash	184,816.59
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10300 · Investments

10511 · Presbyterian Investment & Loan	324,947.44
10513 · Charles Schwab & Co.	548,781.61
10520 · Ecumenical Cooperative	1,500.00

Total 10300 · Investments	875,229.05
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Total Checking/Savings	1,060,045.64
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Total Current Assets	1,060,045.64
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TOTAL ASSETS	1,060,045.64
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LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Equity

29000 · Restricted Funds

29100 · Temporarily Restricted

29105 · Peacemaking Fund	2,902.57
29125 · New Church Development Fund	
29126 · Closed Churches Fund (Fund A)	478,164.29
29127 · Departed Churches Fund (Fund B)	542,074.85

Total 29125 · New Church Development Fund	1,020,239.14
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29140 · Support of Candidates Fund	876.70
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29145 · Leadership Training Fund	20,000.00
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29160 · NWV Seed Grant	7,467.05
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29165 · Champ Education Fund	7,344.68
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Total 29100 · Temporarily Restricted	1,058,830.14
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29200 · Permanently Restricted

29205 · Endowment Fund	2,575.09
29210 · Lyndora Scholarship Fund	20,003.58

Total 29200 · Permanently Restricted	22,578.67
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Total 29000 · Restricted Funds	1,081,408.81
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39000 · Retained Earnings	4,774.84
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Net Income	-26,138.01
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Total Equity	1,060,045.64
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TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	1,060,045.64
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A GATHERING OF THE CHURCHES OF BEAVER-BUTLER PRESBYTERY
Glade Run Presbyterian Church
March 25, 2025, 6:00 PM

The Beaver-Butler Presbytery held a stated meeting at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, March 25, 2025. The meeting was held at Glade Run Presbyterian Church, Valencia, where Rev. Andrew Smothers serves as Pastor. The meeting was moderated by Moderator Elder Dennis Krebs and Vice-Moderator Rev. Brian Hauser.

Before the meeting, training was held for new Elder Commissioners (or anyone else wanting a refresher). Future meetings will have similar training sessions.

Moderator Krebs called the meeting to order at 6:08 PM and affirmed the presence of a quorum with Stated Clerk Rev. Randall Clow.

WELCOME, ORIENTATION, AND OPENING WORSHIP:

Denny welcomed Minister Members, Elder Commissioners, and visitors.

WELCOME FROM THE HOST CHURCH:

Elders Beverly Dietrich & Kevin Wood

Beverly and Kevin welcomed the Presbyters and gave details of the facility, including fellowship location. Kevin offered a brief overview of the history of the Glade Run Church, going back to the original meeting of the congregation in 1812. The current sanctuary opened in 1900. He highlighted the various activities, including *rejuvenated* preschool.

OPENING PRAYER:

Moderator Krebs opened the meeting in prayer.

HYMN:

“Just as I Am”

THE WORD READ:

John 7:37-52

THE WORD SPOKEN:

“Seeds of Conspiracy”

Rev. Andrew Smothers

Andy read from John’s gospel regarding early identification of Jesus as Messiah, and the dispute over his hometown. He introduced us to Peter McIndoe, well-known conspiracist who brought attention to various past incidents regarding UFOs and surveillance drones. McIndoe recalled a recent effort by the CIA to eliminate over 12 million birds from our skies, replacing them with drones looking like birds, spying on the population. The government has been spying on us for decades – “If it flies, it spies...”

This so-called “aviation replacement theory” was used to point out other bogus conspiracies that abound. We live in an age when truth is difficult to discern. Americans have little trust or confidence in each other. Our “trust deficit” is not new – such a deficit is evidenced in the passage from John. The Temple police didn’t trust Jesus – even his family didn’t trust him.

Andy described what happened during the Feast of Tabernacles, celebrating God’s provision during the Exodus and (especially) the last days. Jesus had gone secretly to the Festival, but the Jews were seeking

him so they could arrest him. They were worried his claim as Messiah would supersede their power and authority.

Jesus began to teach on the last day of the Festival, and there were disputes in the crowd. He quoted scripture but also connected his words to the teachings of the Festival. Some did not believe, but others declared him as Messiah. Even others wanted to arrest him. Disputes arose over his home region, Galilee. The police did not arrest Jesus because of his authoritative speech and demeanor. The leaders accused the police of being deceived. Nicodemus, himself a Pharisee, rose to defend Jesus, but was accused himself of being from Galilee.

It is always easy to look at others and find faults. Where is our curiosity? How often do we jump to conclusions? How often do we label the *whole person*, simply by looking at one part? How often do we speak of things of which we have no knowledge?

As Ruling and Teaching Elders, truth must be important to us! We should be mindful of the Way, the Truth, and the Light. We must follow the Great Commission, teaching others the Truth.

ANTHEM: "New Testaments of Grace" Glade Run Church Chancel Choir

MINISTRY & VOCATION COMMITTEE: Elder Denise Hobaugh
Moderator Krebs led the commissioning of Elder Tammy Hall (Vanport) to serve as Commissioned Pastor to the First, Darlington and The Galilean, New Galilee Churches. Tammy and the Presbyters responded to the various personal and constitutional questions. The Presbyters congratulated Tammy as she was commissioned.

STATED CLERK REPORT: Rev. Randall Clow
Randall referred the Commissioners to his written report. The 227th General Assembly (2026) in Milwaukee, WI is being planned! Please pray the "...Lord sends laborers into his harvest..." – consider applying to serve. Randall also noted the annual Session Minutes review events that are upcoming, asking Clerks to sign up.

COORDINATING TEAM: Rev. Douglas Dorsey
Consent Agenda: The Coordinating Team (CT) recommended the Presbytery:

1. Form the Roll
2. Approve the Docket
3. Receive the Coordinating Team Minutes, February 5, 2025
4. Receive the Stated Clerk's Report, January-February 2025
5. Receive the Treasurer's Report – Balance Sheet & P&L January 2025
6. Approve the Presbytery Meeting Minutes, January 25, 2025
7. Receive the Report of the 2025 Terms of Call

Seeing no questions or objections, the Moderator declared the Consent Agenda approved as presented.

GOOD NEWS FROM THE PEWS:

Commissioners offered items of good (and some not-so-good) news happening in the churches.

BREAK FOR FELLOWSHIP

Vice-Moderator Rev. Brian Hauser now Moderating...

Vice-Moderator Hauser called the Presbyters back to order at 8:05 P.M

EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER REPORT:

Rev. Dr. Tom Harmon

Rev. Dr. Tom Harmon gave a brief update on organizational changes at the PC(USA) headquarters. He offered insights on national trends across churches and addressed changes facing Beaver-Butler Churches in particular. He closed with words of encouragement regarding what lies ahead for us.

MISSION & COMPASSION MINISTRY UNIT:

Rev. Dr. Judy Angleberger

Judy emphasized that M&C “stands ready” to support mission efforts across the Presbytery. Churches are encouraged to apply for mission grants. She asked the Presbyters to think about, “What is “bubbling up” in your community?” Churches are encouraged to do a “deep dive” into what are good mission projects nearby.

COLLABORATION, FELLOWSHIP, & YOUTH MINISTRY UNIT:

Rev. Mark Allio

Mark offered some exciting news – CFY wants to give you money! What type of ministry could you start if you had \$500? \$1,000? CFY members are willing to come to churches to have a conversation about what could be done with other churches, near or far. Applications for the grants are on the Presbytery website.

EQUIPPING LEADERS MINISTRY UNIT:

Elder Kerry Dowdy

Kerry thanked everyone who attended the Leadership Training Event this year, as well as those who volunteered their time to lead the various sessions.

NOMINATING AND REPRESENTATION COMMITTEE:

Rev. James Steiner

Nominations were presented for election:

- Elder Gina Loebell (Covenant, Butler) – Ministry and Vocation (2027)
- Elder Frank Morgan (Westminster, Evans City) – Personnel (2027)

There were no nominations from the floor

Motion to close the nominations – Motion Passed

Motion to approve the Slate as presented – Motion Passed

CAMPING ASSOCIATION GREETINGS:

Rev. Dennis Molnar

Dennis presented a “bird’s eye view” from Camp Lambec. Brochures have been sent to all the churches in the Presbytery – please promote the Camp! There were some delays in their summer projects, as the Camp received 5 feet of snow in November. He promoted Wet’N’Wild, Wetter’N’Wilder, Music Camp, and Family Camps. The week of April 27, church workers are encouraged to come up for free Retreat time. There will be a Spiritual Formation retreat in the fall, as well as a fishing retreat. An Open House is set for Saturday, May 17. Workdays are listed on the Camp Facebook page.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no Old Business

NEW BUSINESS: There was no New Business

A Resolution of Thanks was offered to the Glade Run Church for their hosting.

The day's offering was directed to the Presbytery's Mission Budget...

Adjournment by Consensus – PASSED

ADJOURNMENT AND CLOSING PRAYER: The meeting was closed in prayer by Vice-Moderator Hauser at 8:56 PM

CLOSING HYMN: "Shine, Jesus Shine"

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 27, 6:00 PM, Crestview Church, Callery

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. James R. Steiner, Assistant Stated Clerk

Rev. Randall K. Clow, Stated Clerk

TABLE OF ATTACHMENTS TO MINUTES OF MARCH 25, 2025 PRESBYTERY MEETING:

- A. Record of Participation in (In-Person, Presbytery Meeting, March 25, 2025
- B. Coordinating Team Minutes, February 5, 2025
- C. Presbytery Meeting Minutes, January 25, 2025
- D. Report of the Stated Clerk, January-February 2025
- E. Report of the Treasurer: Balance Sheet & Profit & Loss, January 2025
- F. 2025 Terms of Call

For Information – Ministry & Vocation...

- 1. Approved the Contract between C.P. Carmen Shullo and Trinity, Butler
- 2. Approved the Contract between Rev. Kelly Angleberger and Clinton, Saxonburg
- 3. Approved the Contract between Rev. Jeff Curtis and Highland, Slippery Rock
- 4. Approved the Contract between Rev. Robert Saul and North Branch, Monaca
- 5. Approved Rev. Douglas Dorsey to moderate the Jefferson Center, Saxonburg Session
- 6. Approved Rev. Judy Angleberger to moderate the First, Monaca Session
- 7. Approved Rev. Larry Maley to moderate the Vanport, Vanport Session

8. Certified Candidate Matt Meyer to receive a Call
 9. Concurred with Concord, Baden and Rev. Jamie Fowler for Jamie to opt out of the Transitional Pastor's Health Care Plan and to contribute to her 403b Fidelity Retirement Plan
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2025 Presbytery Meetings

Office will close early on these dates

Tuesday, May 27 6:00 p.m. Crestview, Callery

Tuesday, July 29 6:00 p.m. Vanport (with Park, Beaver)

Tuesday, September 23 4:00 p.m. (Dinner) New Bethlehem, Aliquippa

Tuesday, November 18 6:00 p.m. Ohio, Aliquippa

ATTENDANCE

MINISTERS

Allen, Todd		P
Allio, Mark		P
Angleberger, Judy A.	H.R.	P
Angleberger, Kelley		A
Benish, Leigh		P
Benson, James		A
Bittner, Lee	H.R.	EXC
Black, Keith		A
Bosserman, Lauren		P
Brewer, David R.	H.R.	EXC
Burkley, Michael	H.R.	EXC
Byers, David D.	H.R.	EXC
Campbell, James W.	H.R.	EXC
*Casey, Tim		A
*Cline, Charles		A
Clow, Randall		P
Clyde, Tom	H.R.	EXC
Cramer, Stephen	H.R.	EXC
Currie, Susan	H.R.	EXC
Curtis, Jeffrey A.	H.R.	P
Davis, Mark	H.R.	EXC
de Vries, Peter C.		P
Dorsey, Douglas		P
Dreyer, W. Lee	H.R.	P
Dunn, Connie	H.R.	EXC
Edmundson, Robert	H.R.	EXC
Erwin, Kirk	H.R.	EXC
Fowler, Jamie		A
*Frailey, Mark		A
Frierson, Connie	H.R.	EXC
Gear, Jim		P
Gebhard, Doug		A
Goossen, Robert	H.R.	P
Hamilton, Monica	H.R.	EXC
Harmon, Tom		P
*Hartung, Gregg		P
Hauser, Brian		P
Heller, F. Edwin	H.R.	EXC
Hoffman, C. F.	H.R.	P
Horstman, Katherine A. L.	H.R.	EXC
Huffmyer, Deborah E.	H.R.	EXC
Jackson, Bill	H.R.	EXC
Jamieson, William A.	H.R.	EXC
Kahnt, Rebecca		A
Kennedy, Robert W.	H.R.	EXC
Kennedy, Vicki	H.R.	EXC
Kitchen, Mary	H.R.	P
Klein, Richard	H.R.	EXC
Maley, Lawrence	H.R.	P
*Marquis, Jeff		A
Mathias, Robert V.	H.R.	EXC
*McMeekin, Thomas		A
Meloy, Merry		P
Molnar, Dennis	H.R.	P
Mumaw, William		A
Oyler, David	H.R.	P

ATTACHMENT A

Paul, A. David		P
Porter, John W.		A
Rowe, Richard F.	H.R.	EXC
Roy, Dena		A
Salyers, James		A
Saul, Robert P.		A
Sawyer, Clark T.	H.R.	EXC
Severance, T. Neil	H.R.	EXC
Shaffer, Andrew C.		A
Shullo, Carmen		P
Silbert, John		P
Sinagra, Jason		A
Smith, Jean	H.R.	EXC
Smothers, Andrew		P
Snyder, Donald F.	H.R.	EXC
Steiner, Jim	H.R.	P
Stevwing, Kalyn		P
Stoops, Leland (Terry) R.	H.R.	EXC
Swanson, James	H.R.	EXC
*Sweitzer, John	H.R.	EXC
Swinsburg, Rob Dale		P
Taylor, Bonnie	H.R.	EXC
Tuft, John T.		A
Weston, Gary L.	H.R.	EXC
Wiebe, John M.	H.R.	EXC
Wierman, Beth		P
Winship, Michael	H.R.	EXC

ELDERS

Aliquippa	
New Bethlehem	Ken Spencer
(2 votes)	Diana Spencer
Ohio	Joe Glatz
(2 votes)	Wendi Rybicki
Raccoon	
Service	
Ambridge	
One in Christ	
Baden	
Concord	
Beaver	
Park	Vicki Mann
(2 votes)	Sandra Parker
Beaver Falls	
First	
Steffin Hill	
Covenant	Connie Swartfeger
Faith	Allen Kitchen
Butler	
Hill	Louis Evans
(2 votes)	
Mt Chestnut	
(2 votes)	
Saint Andrews	
Trinity	
Callery	
Crestview	

Chicora		Westminster	Cheryl Frank
North Butler		Saxonburg	
Clintonville		Clinton	Paula Vaughan
Union		Jefferson Center	
Connoquenessing		Saxonburg Memorial	
White Oak Springs		(2 votes)	
Conway		Shippingport	
Conway		Bethlehem	
Cranberry		Slippery Rock	
Cranberry Community		Center	
(2 votes)		Friendship	
Plains	Francis Aloï	Highland	
Darlington		Valencia	
First		Glade Run	Walter Dawson
Mt. Pleasant		(2 votes)	Robert Dolence
East Butler		Valencia	
East Butler	Kerry Dowdy	Vanport	
Eau Claire		Vanport	Paul Stuck
Eau Claire		(2 votes)	
Ellwood City		West Sunbury	
North Sewickley		West Sunbury	
(2 votes)		Zelienople	
Evans City		Calvin	
Westminster	Ruthie Pickett	(2 votes)	
(2 votes)	Kathy Morgan	Park	
Frankfort Springs			
Frankfort			
Harmony			
Camp Run			
Hooker			
Concord			
Mars			
Mars United	John Ivory		
Old Union	Mary Rae Thompson		
(2 votes)	Jill McDonald		
Midland			
First			
New Salem			
Monaca			
First			
North Branch			
New Brighton			
First			
Westminster			
New Galilee			
The Galilean	Paul Morrison		
N. Washington			
N. Washington			
Parker			
First			
Prospect			
Mt Nebo			
P. Church Prospect			
Rochester			
First Presb.			
New Sewickley	Diane Brooks		
Sarver			
Buffalo	William Rudert		

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

ELDER MEMBERS WHO ARE: OFFICER, COORDINATING TEAM, OR UNIT CHAIR

Name	Presbytery/Affiliation
Dennis Krebs	Moderator
Denise Hobaugh	MVC Chair
Mark Finch	Personnel Chair

VISITORS

Name	Church
Mary Ellen Krebs	The Galilean, New Galilea
Jean Ketterer	The Galilean, New Galilea
Grace Sechler	Covenant, Butler
Annamary McMullen	Valencia, Valencia
Beth Ann Morrison	The Galilean, New Galilea
Eileen J. Yoder	The Galilean, New Galilea
Daniel Y. Yoder	The Galilean, New Galilea
Jessi Hall	Vanport, Vanport
Carolyn Paulsen	Buffalo, Sarver
Kathy Murphy	Vanport, Vanport
Margie Carver Stuck	Vanport, Vanport
Donna Johnson	Vanport, Vanport
Karen Tremaini	Vanport, Vanport
Gary Dotch	Vanport, Vanport
Sandra Dotch	Vanport, Vanport
Suzan Reid	Vanport, Vanport
Clark Trauteman	Crestview, Callery
Daphne Turner	Highland, Slippery Rock
Bill Wessell	First, New Brighton
Chuck Cline	Commissioned Pastor



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Spring 2025

We at the Board of Pensions are working hard to serve our churches, ministers, and employees of the Presbyterian Church (USA). I am here to support you and your congregation should you have any questions about the Board's benefits and programs. I look forward to our continued partnership.

The Board of Pensions is a national agency of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), offering a broad range of benefits to PC(USA) churches, agencies, mid councils, and affiliated employers.

Member/Employer Services: 800-773-7752 M-F 8:30 am to 6:00 pm ET. memberservices@pensions.org

Mental Health

When it comes to mental health care, it can be a struggle for ministers and staff to find appropriate care for stress, anxiety, depression, burnout — and a variety of other conditions.

Spring Health, the new provider for the [Employee Assistance Plan \(EAP\)](#), offers eligible employees a variety of mental well-being and EAP services, including mental health care navigation, six clinical therapy sessions at no cost to them, and **unlimited virtual coaching sessions with certified coaches at no cost**. If the member is also participating in any of our medical benefits, those consultations with the Spring Health mental health care provider can continue with a normal copay.

Should a minister or staff member need to take leave to focus on mental health, they can consider making use of the [Temporary Disability](#) benefit which is available by itself or as part of the [Covenant Package](#), [Congregational Pastors Package](#) and the [Transitional Pastor's Participation Package](#).

News from the March Board of Directors Meeting

The Board of Directors of the Board of Pensions met in early March. You can read the [Spring Board Bulletin](#) for more details on the information and actions from that meeting, including a 4.6% experience apportionment for the [Defined Benefit Pension Plan](#).

Other important information:

Support for employers as they manage employees through Benefits Connect Any changes to effective salaries must be reported to the Board of Pensions via Benefits Connect within 30 days of the effective date. Details about this and other Quick Start Guides for Benefits Connect are found [here](#).



Kerry Dowdy

A Brief Bio

Kerry was born in Pittsburgh, PA and grew up in the Valencia, PA area. She graduated from Mars Area High School in 1990. Kerry was baptized, first communion, and confirmed at St. Thomas in the Fields Episcopal Church in Gibsonia. Her family moved to Connoquenessing Woodlands and Kerry moved to East Butler in the fall of 2006 and has lived there since. She renewed her faith at East Butler Presbyterian Church in 2009 and joined the church shortly afterwards. East Butler Presbyterian's pastor, Rev. Dr. Mary Kitchen, has been an integral part of Kerry's call to ministry with her encouragement. Rev. Mary inspired Kerry to be more involved with the church by asking her, "Would you like to be a youth leader?" Rev. Mary also asked Kerry if she would like to become an elder, participate in the Missional Church Partnership program, and lead children's time during worship. Kerry responded yes to each of these inquiries. Kerry's call toward pastoral ministry is one following many gradual little steps by the Holy Spirit spanning several years. Kerry has graduated from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in 2023 with a master's in divinity degree as a part time evening student. She has also completed the Graduate Certificate in Missional Leadership in 2024.

Education

- Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh, PA, Master of Divinity (2023)
- Slippery Rock University, Slippery Rock, PA, Master of Science-Accounting (2002)
- Slippery Rock University, Slippery Rock, PA, Bachelor of Science-Finance (1995)
- Butler County Community College, Butler, PA, Associate of Science-Accounting (1993)

Service in Ministry

- East Butler Presbyterian Church, East Butler, PA, elder, youth leader, and children's ministry
- Beaver-Butler Presbytery, pulpit supply and committee member of Equipping Leaders unit
- Butler Area Presbyterians (BAP), leadership and support for various area worship and events

Public/Private Life

Kerry has been working full time as the Administrative Assistant for the City of Butler since 2015. Kerry enjoys reading and cooking. In addition, her favorite pastime is about anything outdoors: hiking, biking, camping, kayaking, bird watching (especially her chickens), etc. She is married to Brian and they will celebrate their 9th anniversary in June of 2025. She has four adult children through marriage: Amanda, Mathew, Brian Jr., and Mickale. Brian and Kerry enjoy spending time with their grandchildren: Hunter, Payton, Baylee, Racer, and Lily-Ann. Kerry loves animals and has several pets including dogs, cats, chickens, and a chinchilla.

Kerry is excited about her next steps in the ordination process after passing all the PC(USA) ordination exams. She hopes to learn and grow in her first pastoral call while continuing her ministry discernment. She would like to bring her gifts of leadership, organization, and children/family ministry to her first pastoral call position as well as acquire more pastoral experience.

1 Kerry Michelle Dowdy
2 Statement of Faith
3 May 23, 2024
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6 I believe in one true God, the Father Almighty, who created the heavens and earth from nothing.
7 And that God is of three persons: God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit – The Trinity.
8 I believe that God is a relational God that cares and loves us even as sin entered the world.
9 And that God sent the Holy Son, Jesus Christ, from heaven to earth for our salvation from sin.
10

11 I believe Jesus Christ is fully human, born of the Virgin Mary and fully divine from the Spirit.
12 And that Jesus Christ is completely sinless and bore our sins unto his body on the cross.
13 I believe Jesus Christ died on the cross to restore right relationship with God.
14 And that Jesus Christ will return to redeem us and deliver us to our Heavenly home.
15

16 I believe the Holy Spirit hovered over the waters at creation and is ever present in the world.
17 And that on the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit was poured out unto all peoples. (Acts 2)
18 I believe The Holy Spirit guides us and cleanses our heart against the evil in this world.
19 And that the Holy Spirit is all around us, works through us, and resides in our hearts today.
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21 I believe the Holy Sacraments, Baptism and Communion, have holy powers upon our lives.
22 And that we belong to God with the outward sign of sealing from the Baptismal water and Spirit.
23 I believe we partake of Communion bread and cup as remembrance of Christ's body and blood.
24 And that the communion table is shared, open, and welcoming to all with no bias or judgement.
25

26 I believe Jesus Christ commissioned us to proclaim the good news to every ear that will hear.
27 And that the Holy Bible is God's Word in which we teach and preach the good news of Jesus.
28 I believe in God's mission to care for creation and oppose the oppression of the poor.
29 And that each person is created uniquely in God's image. We are the body of Jesus Christ.

Responses to the Five Narrative Questions on a Personal Discernment Profile

Kerry Dowdy

1. How do your particular gifts, experiences, and training help you in the ministry setting you believe God is calling you?

Having an accounting degree brings knowledge of the church's finances and a divinity degree has taught me research skills and preparing sermons. I am organized, detailed and enjoy coordinating projects and events. I began ministry by helping lead a youth group. Then ruling elder where I was part of a two-year program of discernment. Before seminary, I occasionally filled the pulpit. I enrolled in seminary and began leading the children's message. The MVC unit encouraged me to join the pulpit supply list. I found preaching at different churches helpful in learning various parts of the worship service from different perspectives.

The seminary's intercultural learning mission trip gave me insight on migrant stories/issues and the organizations that partner to work for the betterment of the marginalized. During seminary's field education, the pastor at Valencia Presbyterian Church incorporated many aspects of pastoral ministry and helped discern my calling.

I have been participating in the Butler Area Presbyterians group where several churches collaborate together sharing in worship and events. I am also a member of the Equipping Leaders unit for Beaver-Butler Presbytery.

2. Explain with theological details what areas of ministry you value most in your calling.

The area I value most is teaching. As a young child we often played school, and I was the teacher. My favorite girl scout activity was day camp where I taught younger scouts how to make bean art. As an adult, I gave back to the girl scout organization by becoming a leader of a troop and teaching those girls the same skills and values when I was a scout.

I also value relationships just as Jesus was in fellowship with the disciples and with the community. While Jesus taught, he also ate and joined in with people. Jesus' first miracle was during a wedding celebration where he was a guest. He chose twelve disciples, and they experienced life together. They were a family, and I believe the church is also a family that navigates this world's challenges and sins that abound.

I believe the value of continual education is important in this calling. As a reformed and always being reformed faith, education is paramount to be able to lead, preach, teach, nurture, and build up the Body of Christ.

3. Describe a moment when you have "served using your energy, intelligence, imagination and love", that led change positively.

St. Francis of Assisi once preached to birds and had such love for God's creatures. I

approached East Butler Presbyterian Church with an idea for a Blessing of the Animals to be held on the Feast of St. Francis day. Well, the session told me no citing several reasons. My love for animals and passion for wanting to have a blessing for our pets was not quashed. Using my intelligence and imagination, the animal blessing worship was redesigned as a blessing of the pet rocks. The participants painted and created their own pet rock. They named their pet rock and received a certificate. Then we had a traditional pet blessing service, but instead of folks bringing their beloved pet, they brought either their pet rock and/or photos of their pet(s) to be blessed. There was one child in attendance who brought pictures of her pet rabbits, and she enjoyed talking about her cherished bunnies. It was a lovely worship event that brought some fun, food, and fellowship for a service focused on animals and God's creation.

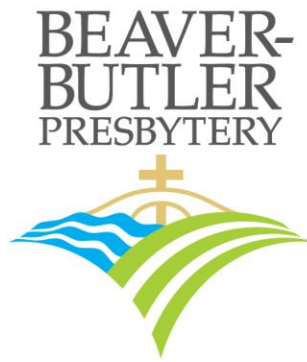
4. Please describe how you have dealt with failure or disappointment before.

I had enrolled in Greek at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and found myself unprepared and overwhelmed by this intense language course. The professor advised me after mid-terms that I should drop the course which I did. Then I did not register for any more courses for a year. Part of ordination is passing both Greek and Hebrew so if I could not pass these languages, ordination would be off the table. However, at a speaker presentation hosted by Beaver-Butler Presbytery, one of the professors from PTS spoke. Listening to his presentation and also speaking with him afterwards sparked a renewal to register for classes.

Now, this did not alleviate the necessity for taking Greek and Hebrew. My advisor at PTS encouraged me to take both languages rather than change my degree to non-ordination. When I re-took Greek, I had a different professor, and his teaching style was much more in line with my learning style. Coupled with the time off to regroup and prepare for an intense language class made all the difference in my ability to pass both languages.

5. Describe a moment in your recent ministry that you recognize as one of effectiveness and fulfillment.

I have recently preached a few times at the same church and received some feedback. One person told me that she learned something new and another person told me that she could see my growth over the past several weeks. I have found myself more relaxed and enjoying preaching God's word. The atmosphere and people at this church have made a positive affirmation of God's calling in my life. In addition, their Adult Bible Study is robust and enriching. Everyone seems to participate in reading and responding. The discussion and dialog are fulfilling to me with my intellectual curiosity. I enjoy being a part of this morning study before worship. I think this has helped with my effectiveness that I put forth the same amount of insight into the sermons. It has been astounding that some of the points discussed in the Adult Sunday School have also been part of the sermon without prompting or foreknowledge. The ways in which God works are truly wonderful! Being around these folks has helped me grow in confidence and commitment to God's calling.



Dear Colleagues in Ministry,

We encourage you to consider serving as a Teaching or Ruling Elder Commissioner or Young Adult Advisory Delegate (YAAD) for the **227th General Assembly of the PC(USA) to be held June 23 – July 3, 2026.**

The General Assembly meets online and in person. Committees will work virtually from June 23rd to 26th and travel to meet in person from June 28th to July 3rd at the Baird Center in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Online introductory gatherings and training sessions are available from April through June.

Serving as a Commissioner or Advisory Delegate to GA is a fantastic way to gain perspective on what God is doing beyond the bounds of our local churches and Presbytery. It is inspiring to be a part of the church's historic decisions and feel the Spirit moving.

Even in those places where we might disagree with the Assembly's actions, it is good to gain understanding about where we may lovingly differ. GA is a wonderful reminder that the PC(USA) is more diverse than we are as a Presbytery, evidence that God is moving in new and different ways all around the country and the world.

Each Commissioner and YAAD is randomly assigned to a committee, where they will have a voice and a vote. The responsibilities of each committee vary as business is delegated. Committee members are expected to become familiar with the committee and Assembly business before its beginning. All information is available online at [PCBiz](https://www.pcusa.org/PCBiz). Currently, the site contains business from previous Assemblies.

Following committee work, Commissioners and YAAD will participate in the Plenary (Assembly-wide) Sessions in Milwaukee in person. This is considered “the floor of GA,” where the Assembly acts on the recommendations of each Committee. Commissioners have a voice and a vote. YAADs have a voice, not a vote, and are polled for their advisory action before an Assembly vote.

The number of eligible commissioners from each Presbytery is determined by its membership rolls. Beaver-Butler can send one Teaching Elder Commissioner, one Ruling Elder Commissioner, and one YAAD between the ages of 18 and 23 on the day the assembly convenes. Alternates are also selected to serve if one of the elected commissioners cannot participate.

If you feel called to apply, please email the Presbytery Office with your interest by August 31, 2025. Applications are due by September 30, 2025.

The Nomination Task Force will review the applications and contact interested parties for interviews, if needed, or to inform candidates of their nomination.

The Presbytery will approve the slate of candidates at its meeting on November 18, 2025. During the meeting on May 26, 2026, the Presbytery will pray for and commission its commissioners and YAAD.

Training will be available prior to the Assembly, and GA expenses are covered by the Presbytery for all Commissioners and YAADs.

Please prayerfully consider whether God is calling you, or someone from your church, to serve as Commissioner or Advisory Delegate to the 227th General Assembly.

Sincerely,

Rev. Dr. Judy Angleberger

Ruling Elder Kerry Dowdy

Rev. A. David Paul

Kemp Clow, YAAD 2024

General Assembly Nomination Task Force

PROCEDURE FOR NOMINATING & ELECTING GA COMMISSIONERS & YAADS

ELIGIBILITY:

In order to be eligible for nomination, a **Teaching Elder** must:

- have been a member of Beaver-Butler Presbytery for at least three years;
- have session endorsement (if serving a congregation);
- have attended at least half of the Presbytery meetings in the three years prior to October 1 before General Assembly meets; and
- be able to demonstrate active service in the Presbytery through its committees and/or units.

In order to be eligible for nomination, a **Ruling Elder** must:

- have been a member of a congregation within the bounds of Beaver-Butler Presbytery for at least three years;
- have the endorsement of their session;
- have attended at least two Presbytery meetings in the three years prior to October 1 before General Assembly meets; and
- be a member of a church which has sent a Ruling Elder commissioner to at least half of the Presbytery meetings for the previous three years.

In order to be eligible for nomination as a **Young Adult Advisory Delegate (YAAD)**, one must:

- be an active member of a PC(USA) congregation, or
- be an active participant in a new worshipping community or an immigrant fellowship that has a relationship with the presbytery;
- be between 18 and 23 years old on the day the assembly convenes; and
- have the endorsement of their session.

Ruling and Teaching Elders may be elected as commissioners to two consecutive assemblies.

A commissioner who has served at two consecutive assemblies shall be ineligible for election as a commissioner to the next General Assembly.

TIMELINE AND PROCEDURE:

A task force of three former GA commissioners will be responsible for the nomination process. The Coordinating Team will appoint a convener who will appoint two additional members (Teaching and Ruling Elder), beginning with those who most recently served as GA commissioners. The task force will recommend nominees to the Presbytery for five positions (Ruling Elder Commissioner, Teaching Elder Commissioner, Alternate Ruling Elder Commissioner, Alternate Teaching Elder Commissioner, and YAAD [if possible]).

The timeline will be as follows in the year before a General Assembly meeting:

- **Task Force Selection:** The Coordinating Team will identify the task force members and select the convener from its members by **March**.
- **Search for Candidates:** The task force will begin actively publicizing the opportunity to apply for nomination no later than the **May** Presbytery meeting.
- **Expressing Interest:** Those seeking to be nominated are asked to express their interest to the task force by **August 31**.
- **Questionnaire Submission:** Candidates for nomination will complete and submit a questionnaire to the task force by **September 30**.
- **Review and Interviews:** The task force will convene in **October** to review the candidates' information and determine if interviews with the candidates are necessary. This determination will be made by, among other things, the number of candidates under consideration, meeting attendance eligibility, familiarity of the candidates with the task force members, and clarity of the candidates' responses to the questionnaire. If the task force determines that interviews are necessary, these interviews will include all applicants.
- **Presentation of Nominations:** After prayerful consideration, the task force will present its nominations to the Presbytery at its **November** meeting, so that the election of commissioners and a YAAD may be reported to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly at least 180 days prior to the Assembly, as required by the Standing Rules of the General Assembly.

The General Assembly Commissioner Nominating Task Force will present one nomination for each commissioner position and two alternate positions. These nominations will serve as the recommendations from the task force, based upon their diligent and prayerful consideration of the candidates. Any former commissioner serving on the task force who has applied to be nominated for the next consecutive G.A. shall recuse themselves from their own consideration.

The report of the task force will be made available before the November Presbytery meeting and will include the names and questionnaire responses of the nominees, as well as the names of all those who were considered.

Nominations from the floor, including candidates considered but not recommended by the task force, and others who were not part of the selection process, may be made with the consent of the nominee and on the condition that the nominee meets the eligibility requirements of this policy.

If there are more nominations than positions available, a secret paper ballot will be conducted. Nominees must receive a majority vote in order to be elected. Separate votes will be conducted for the Ruling Elder, Teaching Elder, and YAAD nominees.

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMISSIONER & YAAD NOMINEE CANDIDATE
QUESTIONNAIRE**

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Home Phone: _____ **Work Phone:** _____

Cell Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

_____ **Ruling Elder** _____ **Teaching Elder** _____ **YAAD**

Congregation: _____

1. How does service to General Assembly relate to your understanding of Christian discipleship?

2. Describe your involvement and activities in *Christian* service beyond the local congregation.

3. What gifts and abilities do you have to offer if you are elected to serve?

4. What factors will guide you as you make decisions at General Assembly?

5. What do you believe are the most important issues facing the church today, and why?

6. Please provide the name and phone number of your church's Clerk of Session and the date when the Session acted to endorse your candidacy.

Application Instructions for “People in Mission” Grant Presbytery of Beaver-Butler, Presbyterian Church (USA)

The *Mission and Compassion Ministries* of Beaver-Butler Presbytery has available each year money for grants, to encourage congregations within the presbytery to participate in mission trips, either as teams or individuals. Priority will be given to churches, or individuals, who are going on a mission trip for the first time or trips where multiple small churches are going together when funding requires.

The Guidelines for scholarship grants are:

1. The mission trip shall be endorsed by the session of a church in the presbytery.
2. Grants will be awarded up to a maximum of **\$300** for an individual and **\$1200** for a church group. The committee reserves the right to make exceptions in special circumstance.
3. A representative of the Mission Team shall report on the trip to the MCM Unit, and participate in the annual presbytery event to spotlight the mission activity of the presbytery that year.
4. Applications for People in Mission grants should be received by the Congregational Mission Unit at least 60 days prior to the trip.
5. Grants will be reviewed by the MCM Unit at the next stated meeting after the receipt of the application.
6. Checks will be made out and sent to the sponsoring church.

Mission and Compassion Ministries

Encourage Mission Involvement

The Mission and Compassion Ministries provides support and encouragement to local congregations to create and sustain a strong mission involvement. This Unit provides resources for mission opportunities, funding, and networking with other congregations involved in mission. The Unit informs congregations of mission opportunities, and models mission support. The Unit not only encourages and supports, but also publicizes the good news of congregational mission endeavors.

**Application for “People in Mission” Grant
Presbytery of Beaver-Butler, Presbyterian Church (USA)**

I Application is for: A Church Group _____ An Individual _____

II. Date of Application: _____

Church’s Name: _____

Pastor’s Name: _____

Church’s Address: _____

_____ E-mail _____

Contact Person: _____ E-mail _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work/Other Phone: _____

III. List of Beaver-Butler Presbytery Participants:

IV. Brief Description of Mission Trip: (If necessary attach addendum)

Departure Date: _____ Return Date: _____

V. Total Cost of Mission Trip: _____ **How much are you requesting from B-B Presbytery?** _____

VI. What is the financial obligation for each person? _____ **From what other sources have you sought financial help?** _____

VII. Approved by the Session on:

Signature (Clerk of Session): _____ **Date:** _____

**Send completed application to: Attention: Mission and Compassion Ministries, Beaver-Butler Presbytery,
P.O. Box 279, Zelienople, PA 16063. Email: office@beaverbutler.org**

Revised: July 2019

BEAVER-BUTLER PRESBYTERY
STRENGTHENING CONGREGATIONAL CONNECTIONS GRANT

PURPOSE

Trusting in Jesus' proclamation that "where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them" (Matthew 18:20), the Strengthening Congregational Connections Grant is available to assist congregations partnering together to use their energy, intelligence, imagination, and love in a **new** shared project of ministry and mission. A grant of up to \$500 per each participating PC(USA) congregation of the Presbytery may be available upon application. Applications for projects involving more than three congregations will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

PROCESS

- With at least one other congregation in the Presbytery, come up with a creative and compelling idea for a new ministry, mission, or fellowship event.
- Complete the attached application form and submit it to the Presbytery Office.
- Upon receipt, the Collaboration, Fellowship and Youth (CFY) ministry unit will consider the application at its next stated meeting and will respond shortly thereafter.

REQUIREMENTS

- The proposed initiative must facilitate at least two congregations of the Presbytery working to build the reign of God among Beaver-Butler Presbytery. Initiatives may be ecumenical and/or interfaith, but there must be at least two congregations of the Presbytery involved in leadership and implementation. Only one participating church needs to submit the application, and a representative from this church will be responsible for handling financial matters.
- The Sessions of all churches involved must approve the event and proposed funding.
- Each individual church may only receive one grant per calendar year. Applications will be accepted through November 30. CFY will evaluate the grant process at the end of the year for future consideration.
- Upon approval, the initiative may be shared so others can also participate.
- The event must happen within twelve months of receiving the funds.
- Following the event, photos/videos and feedback should be shared with CFY.

INFORMATION TO CONSIDER

- If you have an idea for an event but aren't sure who might make a good partner, share your idea with local churches to see if another congregation may be interested. The Presbytery Office and CFY can also help you make connections.
- The purpose of this grant is to fund **new** ministries, missions, or fellowship events. This does not mean something that's never been done before *anywhere*, but rather something new for this particular collective of congregations.
- If the proposal does not fall within the requirements and intent of this grant, CFY will be in conversation with you regarding possible revisions.

Questions regarding the application process may be directed to the Presbytery Office.

**BEAVER-BUTLER PRESBYTERY
STRENGTHENING CONGREGATIONAL CONNECTIONS GRANT APPLICATION**

Purpose: to assist congregations partnering together in a **new** shared project of ministry and mission.

Congregations Involved: _____

Contact Person (Who will answer questions about this application?):

Name: _____ **Title:** _____

Address: _____

Primary Phone: _____ **Text? Yes No**

Email Address: _____

Description of the *new* ministry, mission, or fellowship initiative:

(include who will be involved, when and where it will take place, plans for advertising, and any other information that may be helpful for CFY in the approval process)

Amount Being Requested: \$ _____ **Is this the entire cost of the initiative? Yes No**

Proposed use of the grant money:

(include or attach an itemized budget and information about other possible revenue sources)

Session Endorsements (Each Session must approve the initiative and proposed budget):

_____ Church Name	_____ Approval Date	_____ Clerk of Session
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**Completed applications
may be submitted to:**

**Beaver-Butler Presbytery - PO Box 279 - Zelienople, PA 16063-0279
OR office@beaverbutler.org**

OUR PURPOSE

To inspire, equip, motivate and encourage small churches of any denomination and to provide rest and refreshment for the clergy and lay leaders like YOU!



The beloved Hearts and Minds book store will bring a selection of specially curated books to the conference and Bryan Borger will give recommendations for reading and other resources.

WORKSHOPS

- 1. "Reflecting Theologically on End of Life Pastoral Concerns" with Dale Allison
- 2. "Joining in Partnership for the Sake of the Kingdom" with Jessica McClure Archer
- 3. "Robert Works for You: Rules and Reality" by Michael Wilson
- 4. "Cultivating Harmony: Conflict to Discernment" by Erik Hoeke
- 5. "The Mico-Group: Exploring an Old Discipleship Model" with Brenda Barnes
- 6. "Finding the Holy Spirit Anew in Everyday Spiritual Practices" by Linda Leon
- 7. "Text and Context: Preaching in Ways that They May Hear" with Matt Skolnik



Register online!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Church name/Membership: _____

Judicatory (district, presbytery, synod, etc.): _____

Preferred roommate: _____

Circle the three workshops #s you plan to attend 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Do you plan to attend PRE-Kirk 101? Yes No

REGISTRATION FEES (SAVE \$25 BEFORE AUGUST 1)

Churches with up to 150 Members: \$200 per person

Churches with 151-200 Members: \$225 per person

All other persons - \$350 each and/or if you want a single



INFO YOU NEED TO KNOW

Arrangements are made on a first come, first-served basis and assume double occupancy. One set of bedding and towels are provided. Most facilities are handicapped accessible. Contact Helen Kester for dietary or other special needs or to opt out of photos/media. SORRY, NO REFUNDS AFTER SEPT. 1

Register online if possible. If not, mail your registration and check to:
Wee Kirk c/o The Presbytery of Redstone
1004 Mt. Pleasant Road, Greensburg, PA 15601-5762
Make Your Check Payable To: Wee Kirk Conference

Don't miss PRE-KIRK!
Monday 1-4 with Jim Farrer

Jim will address a variety of topics like Jesus' model for reaching younger generations and bringing about change and resurrection.

OUR LEADERS



Dale Allison
Shaped by Scripture in an Age of Screens



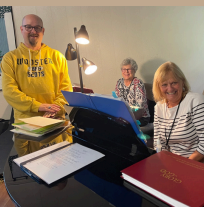
Brenda Barnes
Communion Preacher



Jessica McClure Archer
Looking Outward: For the Good of the Community and the Church



Michael Wilson
Flourishing in Leadership in the Church



Matt Camlin
Linda McGrath
Cindy Stimples
Musicians

SCHEDULE
SNAPSHOT



Monday

Noon - 4	REGISTRATION IN THE SMALL DINING HALL
1:00	PRE-Kirk
4-5:00	Networking Hour
5:00	Dinner
7-8:30	Opening session
8:30	Snacks & conversation

Tuesday

7:30	Breakfast
8:30-10	Morning plenary
10:30-12	Workshops
12:15	Lunch
1:30	Workshops
3:00	Choir/Free time
5:00	Dinner
7:00	Communion Service
8:30	Snacks & conversation

Wednesday

7:30	Breakfast
8:30-10	Workshops
10:30-12	Closing session
12:15	Lunch

WEE KIRK 2025

small church
conference

OCT 13-15

Mount Pleasant, PA
Laurelville
RETREAT CENTER



WEE KIRK Northeast
c/o Redstone Presbytery
1004 Mt. Pleasant Road
Greensburg, PA 15601



BEAVER-BUTLER PRESBYTERY

Northeast Wee-Kirk Conference October 13-15, 2025

CONFERENCE FEE REIMBURSEMENT APPLICATION FORM

CHURCH INFORMATION

CHURCH NAME:	<input type="text"/>						
MAILING ADDRESS:	<input type="text"/>						
CITY:	<input type="text"/>	STATE:	<input type="text" value="PA"/>	ZIP:	<input type="text"/>	PHONE:	<input type="text"/>

PERSON(S) ATTENDING - INFORMATION

ATTENDEE NAME:	<input type="text"/>	EMAIL:	<input type="text"/>
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COST INFORMATION

TOTAL # OF CHURCH ATTENDEES:	<input type="text"/>
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X
\$100/ATTENDEE

TOTAL REIMBURSEMENT AMOUNT REQUESTED:	<input type="text"/>
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Session approval: _____
Clerk of Session Signature

The EL Unit has allocated \$1000 towards Wee Kirk reimbursement. EL will authorize reimbursement of \$100 per individual and upon its discretion in order to maximize the number of congregations participating. Checks will be distributed from BBP to the churches. Individuals and churches are responsible for registration and reimbursement of their participants. Please visit wee-kirk-ne.org for registration and conference information.

OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Received Date: _____ Amount Approved: _____ Date Check Sent: _____