

BEAVER- BUTLER PRESBYTERY



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Trinity photo by Noel Feans—Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.
A stone stele along a path that leads to Santiago de Compostela, an important pilgrimage site.

*O LORD, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!*

Psalm 8:9 (NRSVue)



Mat Meyer with his wife, Gretchen

Congratulations!

Mat Meyer graduated from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary on May 31 with a Master of Divinity degree. Mat is a member of Park Church in Beaver and is a candidate under care of Beaver-Butler Presbytery.

Mat graduated after 7 years attending seminary part-time, working full-time, and being present with his family. He jokingly calls it the "The Moses Path".

Mat received the *Clara Edna Miller Prize in Pastoral Theology* which is awarded to that student in the Master of Divinity program finishing the seventh term, who achieves the highest academic standing in those courses in the curriculum particularly adapted to the practice of ministry, i.e., preaching, worship, education, pastoral care, administration, and leadership development.

Congratulations to Mat and his family as he begins his ministry.



Vacation Bible Schools in Full Swing

Churches in our presbytery are presenting Vacation Bible Schools throughout the summer. The Presbytery has compiled a VBS list especially for churches who are not holding their own.

Please download, post and share the final updated list so that families in your church and community will know about these wonderful opportunities.

[Download list...](#)



2025-2027 Book of Order

The presbytery office will be placing a bulk order for the updated Book of Order at a cost of \$9.25/each. If ordered individually from PC(USA) the cost is \$10.00.

This book is Part II of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). This volume contains the Foundations of Presbyterian Polity, the Form of Government, the Directory for Worship, and the Church Discipline. Additional information is provided to the reader through the inclusion of Received

Ecumenical Statements of Guidance and Articles of Agreement.

The books should ship in July. An interactive pdf and an updated Annotated Book of Order will be made available from the PC(USA).

To place an order contact the Presbytery Office by **June 15** indicating the number of copies. Or download an order form and return with payment to Beaver-Butler Presbytery, P.O. Box 279, Zelienople, PA 16063. Payment is due at time of order.

[Download order form...](#)



Shred-It Event

Saturday, June 21, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Presbytery Center Parking Lot
134B South Main Street

The "Shred-It Event" will be held in the parking lot off High Street behind the Presbytery Center. This is a free event for our churches.

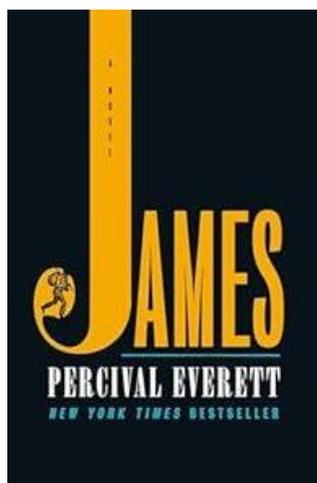
Individuals or businesses are welcome to participate, though a donation is requested. Staples, paper clips or even binder clips do not need to be removed.

Please share the opportunity!

Questions? Please contact the Presbytery Office (office@beaverbutler.org or 724-452-7515).

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Racial Reconciliation Awareness Book Club

Summer Reading 2025

James: A Novel by Percival Everett, a brilliant, action-packed reimagining of *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, both harrowing and darkly humorous, told from the enslaved Jim's point of view is the focus of the RRA Book Club discussion.

Book Club Discussion of James

7 p.m. on Zoom

Option 1—

Wednesdays, June 25, July 30, August 27

Option 2—

Thursdays, June 26, July 31, August 28

Reading Schedule

June Part 1–pages 9-185

July Part 2–pages 189-247

August Part 3–pages 251-303

To register for one of the discussion groups, contact C.F. Hoffman at cfhoffman@windstream.net or 724-417-9626 (cell) or 724-336-4103 (home).

[Download flyer...](#)

Did you know?



The core budget of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), including staff and administrative costs, is funded through the One Great Hour of Sharing, and its program work is additionally funded through designated gifts.



Day of Learning: Storytelling, Stewardship, and Generosity Zoom Session

Thursday, June 26, 11:30 a.m.

The Presbyterian Foundation is hosting another “free” online Day of Learning. You can learn more about how to use the power of storytelling to increase stewardship, planned giving, and generosity. Even if you are unable to attend that day, register to receive the recording and slide decks of the presentations.

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



Presbytery staff pray outside the destroyed Cote Brillante Church.

Missouri and Kentucky Still Reeling from Mid-May Tornadoes

By Darla Carter, *Presbyterian News Service*

A Presbyterian church in St. Louis was destroyed by a rash of deadly and destructive weather last month that is continuing to have repercussions on the Midwest and South but also has led to a compassionate outpouring in various states.

Cote Brillante Presbyterian Church, home to a historically African American congregation in

St. Louis, within the Presbytery of Giddings Lovejoy, was severely damaged by a deadly May 16 tornado that was part of an outbreak that had a major impact on the area and led to the deaths of at least five people.

[Continue reading...](#)



Our current 2023-2025 Book of Order will be updated.

All Amendments Receive Approval

By Layton Williams Berkes, *Presbyterian News Service*

As of May 13, all amendments to the PC(USA) Book of Order proposed by last summer's 226th General Assembly have been approved by the requisite number of presbyteries in order to pass and go into effect. There are 166 presbyteries in the PC(USA) and amendments are required to be approved by a majority of presbyteries—at least 84 out of 166 total—in order to pass.

There were 12 amendments to the Book of Order and one ecumenical ministry-sharing agreement with the Episcopal Church approved by the 226th General Assembly in Salt Lake City last summer. Most of these proposed changes were met with overwhelming approval by presbyteries.

[Continue reading...](#)



Bridging Generations—Older Adult Ministry Conference

Navigating Difficult Conversations and Embracing New Opportunities

Tuesday, September 16-Friday, September 19

Boulder, Colorado

Presented by Presbyterian Old Adult Ministries Network (POAMN)

Ministry leaders, chaplains, and lay leaders are invited to learn fresh perspectives on older adult ministry. Come ready to be inspired with new ideas to implement. Leave with tools to deepen your spiritual connection to serving older adults in your faith community.

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

The presbytery office will be closed on **Thursday, June 19**
in observance of Juneteenth.

Please note that the Presbyterian Planning Calendar
misprinted the date for 2025.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

Please download and post flyer. Final revised flyer is dated **June 10**.

[Click here to download...](#)

Road Trip

Ohio United Church, Aliquippa

Monday-Friday, June 9-13, 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Our Faith is Over the Top!

Old Union Church, Mars

Monday-Thursday, June 9-12, 6-8 p.m.

SCUBA

Saxonburg Memorial Church Saxonburg, Saxonburg

Monday-Friday, June 9-13, 6-8:30 p.m.

Road Trip

Cranberry Community United Church, Cranberry Township

Monday-Friday, June 16-20, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. OR 5:45-8:15 p.m.

Journey with Jesus

At Park Church, Beaver with Vanport Church, Vanport

Monday-Wednesday, June 16-18, 9:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

WildLIVE!

Westminster Church, Sarver

Monday-Friday, June 16-20, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Rocky Railway

The Galilean Church with and at New Galilee Church of the Nazarene, New Galilee

Monday-Friday, June 23-27, 6-8:30 p.m.

Magnified

Glade Run Church, Valencia

Monday-Friday, June 23-27, 9-11:30 a.m.

Summer in the Psalms—Adult VBS

Covenant Church, Butler Township

Tuesday-Wednesday, July 8, 9, 10, 2-4 p.m.

True North

Westminster United Church, Evans City

Monday-Friday, June 23-27, 9-11:30 a.m.

True North

At Mars United with Valencia and St. John Lutheran Churches, Mars

Sunday-Thursday, July 13-17, 6-8:20 p.m.

True North

Plains Presbyterian Church, Cranberry Township
Monday-Friday, July 14-18, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Camp Firelight

Calvin Presbyterian Church, Zelienople
Monday-Thursday, July 28-31, 6-8 p.m.

CHURCH EVENTS

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

Send event information to chrisanngoossen@beaverbutler.org. Attach flyers and brochures as PDF documents and slides as PowerPoint documents.

PRESBYTERY EVENTS

[Click here for additional information...](#)

SHRED-IT EVENT

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RACIAL RECONCILIATION AWARENESS BOOK CLUB

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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.

MISSION TRIP WITH OLD UNION CHURCH

Sunday, August 10-Saturday, August 16

NORTHEAST WEE KIRK CONFERENCE

Monday-Wednesday, October 13-15

Laurelville Retreat Center, Mt. Pleasant, PA

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...](#)

Church Musician and Choir Director

New Bethlehem Church, Aliquippa

Worship Accompanist

Ohio United Church, Aliquippa

Church Administrative Coordinator

Vanport Church, Vanport

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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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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