

## Weekly Update for June 17, 2025

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*...for in Christ Jesus you are all  
children of God through faith.*

Galatians 3:26 (NRSVue)

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## Presbytery Meeting Summary

The Beaver-Butler Presbytery held a stated meeting at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at the Crestview Community Presbyterian Church in Callery, where Gregg Hartung serves as Commissioned Pastor. Moderator was Elder Dennis Krebs and Vice-Moderator was Rev. Brian Hauser.

[Read the summary...](#)



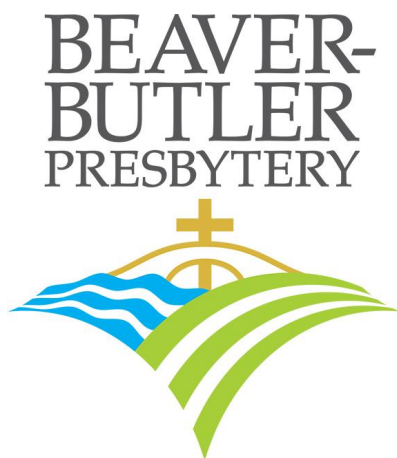
## Introducing Commissioned Pastor Tammy Hall

Tamara Hall, who goes by Tammy, was commissioned at the May 25 Presbytery Meeting to begin serving First Church in Darlington and The Galilean Church in New Galilee.

Tammy has been a member of Vanport Church in Vanport most of her adult life serving on session several times and as early as age 19. She also taught Sunday School and led youth group.

Several years ago Tammy enrolled in the Inter-Presbytery Leadership Formation or IPLF program and attended classes at the Redstone Presbytery Center. IPLF is designed to prepare ruling elders for possible positions as Commissioned Pastor (CPs) to serve churches.

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## Ordination Service of Kerry Dowdy

**Sunday, July 6, 3 p.m.**

Friendship Church  
877 Franklin Road  
Slippery Rock, PA

You are invited to attend the ordination service for Kerry Michelle Dowdy as she begins her service as Minister of Word and Sacrament. A reception will follow the service.

[Download and post invitation...](#)

## Serving at General Assembly

**Tuesday, June 22–Friday, July 2, 2026**



Advisory Delegate Kemp Clow and Commissioners Elder Kerry Dowdy and Rev. David Paul represented Beaver-Butler Presbytery at the 226th GA.

## Baird Center in Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Serving as a Commissioner or Advisory Delegate to General Assembly (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.

You are encouraged 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).

The GA meets online and in person. Committees will work virtually from Tuesday-Friday, June 22-26 and travel to meet in person from Sunday-Friday, June 28-July 2.

Deadline for submitting applications is **Tuesday, September 30.**

[\*Learn more and apply...\*](#)



## 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 this Saturday** 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](mailto:office@beaverbutler.org) or 724-452-7515).



Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) connects partners locally and internationally with key organizations active in the response to crisis and catastrophic events—United Nations, NVOAD (National Voluntary Agencies Active in Disaster), Church World



## ***With Liberty and Justice for All Concert***

**Friday, July 4, 2 p.m.**

*Presented by ACTS (Adoring Christ Thru Song) with Choir and Orchestra*

Mt. Chestnut Church  
719 W. Old Route 422, Butler

[\*\*\*Learn more...\*\*\*](#)

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

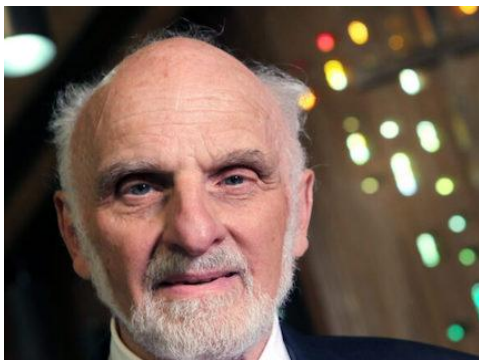


## ***Vacation Bible Schools in Full Swing***

Churches in our presbytery are working hard to hold 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...\*\*\*](#)



Walter Brueggemann in 2010.  
(Photo courtesy of Westminster John Knox Press)

## ***Walter Brueggemann, Influential Biblical Scholar, Dies at 92***

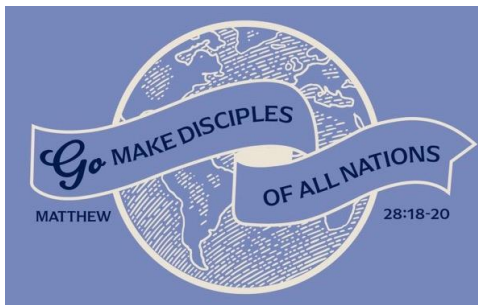
**His books were influential primarily with clergy, but through their sermons Brueggemann's concepts have become familiar to many churchgoers.**

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Walter Brueggemann, one of the most widely respected Bible scholars of the past century, died Thursday (June 5) at his home in Michigan. He was 92.

The author of more than 100 books of theology and biblical criticism, Brueggemann was professor emeritus of Old Testament studies at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia, after his retirement in 2003.





## Two Opportunities at the New Wilmington Mission Conference

Recently PC (USA) has made significant changes regarding global mission by moving to an ecumenical partnership model. Many Presbyterians are wondering what global mission will look like going forward and are looking for ways to celebrate the work of our mission co-workers.

### Celebrate the Gifts and Ministry of our Co-workers

**Monday, July 21, 7 p.m.**

### Conversations about Global Mission

**Monday, July 21 and**

**Tuesday, July 22, 1-4:30 p.m.**

Engage in conversations about sustaining existing global mission efforts, re-energizing mission networks and connecting congregations and presbyteries already engaged in international relationships and mission. Leaders from mission networks, international partners, former co-workers, representatives from the IUA, and local presbyteries plan to be in attendance. Representatives from local churches and mission committees are welcomed to join in on the conversation.

**For more information, please visit**

**[www.nwmcmission.org](http://www.nwmcmission.org).**



## 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...](#)**

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.

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## 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.

### WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL CONCERT

**Friday, July 4, 2 p.m.**

Mt. Chestnut Church—719 W. Old Route 422, Butler

***Download and post flyer...***

Send event information to [chrisanngoossen@beaverbutler.org](mailto: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

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

Presbytery Center Parking Lot (behind the building)

### RACIAL RECONCILIATION AWARENESS BOOK CLUB

**Summer Reading 2025**

7 p.m. on Zoom

Option 1—Wednesdays, June 25, July 30, August 27

Option 2 Thursdays, June 26, July 31, August 28

### ORDINATION SERVICE OF KERRY DOWDY

**Sunday, July 6, 3 p.m.**

Friendship Church—877 Franklin Road, Slippery Rock, PA

### 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**

## 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...](#)

### **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**

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