

## Weekly Update for July 1, 2025

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*You have turned my mourning into dancing;  
you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy...*

Psalm 30:11 (NRSVue)

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**Ordination Service of Kerry  
Dowdy**

# BEAVER-BUTLER PRESBYTERY



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...](#)



## Embrace a Year of Purposeful Planning

### Presbyterian Planning Calendar— September 2025-December 2026

The Presbyterian Planning Calendar is your indispensable companion for purposeful planning. Designed for clarity and ease with high-quality text paper that's perfect for jotting down notes and plans in pencil—erase and update effortlessly!

With a new orientation—vertical instead of horizontal, each month will span across two pages for extra writing space. Pastors, church leaders, and devoted planners will find the calendar I essential for staying organized, informed, and inspired.

The Beaver-Butler Presbytery Office will be placing a bulk order for churches and individuals at the discounted price of \$11.50 which includes shipping. Individually purchased cost is \$27.80 with shipping.

Please return **form and payment** to the Presbytery Office by **Thursday, July 31**. Checks should be made payable to:

Beaver-Butler Presbytery  
P.O. Box 279  
Zelienople, PA 16063

[Download form...](#)

The plan is to distribute the calendars at the September Presbytery Meeting or you may come to the Presbytery Office to pick up. If you are unable to pick-up, we encourage you to place your order online (without discount).

[Order online...](#)

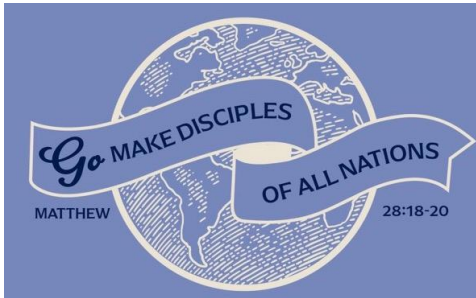
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## Books of Order Have Arrived



If you participated in the bulk order for the new Book of Order, please make plans to visit the presbytery office for pickup.

The office is open Monday–Thursday, 9:30 a.m.–1 p.m. Often the office is staffed later than 1 p.m., but please call before making a trip.



## 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 acknowledge 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. Representatives of mission networks, presbyteries and synods, congregations, and all who are committed to the mission of God are urged to attend.

For more information, please visit [www.nwmcmission.org](http://www.nwmcmission.org).



## Fall Session of IPLF

The Presbyteries of Redstone, Pittsburgh, Upper Ohio Valley, Washington, Beaver-Butler, and Shenango collaborate to facilitate a training program called Inter-Presbytery Leadership Formation (IPLF). IPLF is designed to prepare ruling elders for possible positions as Commissioned Ruling Elders (CREs) or Commissioned Pastors (CPs) to serve churches.

Opportunities for new IPLF enrollments are available every January and August.

If interested in becoming a Commissioned Pastor, please contact the Beaver-Butler Presbytery Office.

*[Learn more and access Fall flyer and bulletin insert...](#)*

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## Did you know?



The PC(U.S.A.) supports three Presbyterian Centers—Ghost Ranch in New Mexico, Montreat in North Carolina and Stony Point in New York—as well as governing body partners.

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### **Annual Rummage Sale**

Saturday, July 26, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Valencia Church  
80 Sterrett Street, Valencia

Donations of items to sell will be accepted Monday, July 21-Thursday, July 24. Items should be clean and in working condition. No clothing, TVs or computers will be accepted.

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

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### **APCU and PTS Launch New Certificate Program**

In July, the Association of Presbyterian Colleges and Universities (APCU), an independent, not-for-profit organization dedicated to the support and advancement of 49 Presbyterian-related colleges and universities, will launch its College Chaplains Certificate Program in partnership with in partnership with Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (PTS).

The 24-month hybrid intensive program focuses its in-person learning in July and January while the workload of chaplaincy is lighter. In between, participants learn through four courses focused on discernment and system competency within higher academic administration, ministry management, campus ministry, and interdisciplinary and interfaith contexts.



## Discounts on Infographic Poster Sets

The PC(USA) Store is offering significant discounts on a variety of poster sets. The posters are not only ideal to hang in your study areas for members of all ages to view, but can also serve as primary study materials.

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



## Vacation Bible Schools Continue

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...](#)

## 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.

***True North***

**Westminster United Church, Evans City**

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***

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

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

***True North***

**Plains Church, Cranberry Township**

Monday-Friday, July 14-18, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

***Camp Firelight***

**Calvin 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...***

### ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

**Saturday, July 26, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.**

Valencia Church—80 Sterrett Street, Valencia

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

### FIRST CHURCH, MONACA 140TH ANNIVERSARY WORSHIP, PICNIC AND ACTIVITIES

**Sunday, July 20, 11 a.m.**

1301 Indiana Avenue, Monaca

***Download and post invitation...***

### FIRST CHURCH, MONACA 140TH ANNIVERSARY HOMECOMING WORSHIP

## **AND RECEPTION**

**Sunday, September 21, 11 a.m.**

1301 Indiana Avenue, Monaca

***Download and post invitation...***

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...*

### **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**

Laurelville Retreat Center, Mt. Pleasant, PA

### **APCE ANNUAL EVENT**

**Wednesday-Saturday, January 21-24, 2026**

Wyndam Grand Hotel in downtown Pittsburgh, PA

## **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

### **Beaver-Butler Presbytery Center**

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[office@beaverbutler.org](mailto:office@beaverbutler.org) | [www.beaverbutler.org](http://www.beaverbutler.org)

### **Beaver-Butler Presbytery**



### **Beaver-Butler Presbytery Youth**



### **Presbytery Weekly Update**

To share announcements and news or to add names to the mailing list, contact ChrisAnn at [chrisanngoossen@beaverbutler.org](mailto:chrisanngoossen@beaverbutler.org). To access back issues, go to [beaverbutler.org/weekly-update-e-newsletter/](http://beaverbutler.org/weekly-update-e-newsletter/).



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