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*...continue to walk in him,
rooted and built up in him and
established in the faith...*

Colossians 2:6–7 (NRSVue)



A Gathering of Churches

Tuesday, July 29, 6 p.m.

Vanport Church with Park Church, Beaver
289 Georgetown Lane, Vanport

5:30 p.m. — Registration and Elder Commission Orientation

By the decision of the Coordinating Team, the Presbytery Meetings will no longer be available for viewing on Zoom.

Registration for the meeting is requested 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 Vanport Church at 724-774-8874.

Access packet...



Encouraging (Again) One Another in Christ

July Presbytery Meeting

The Coordinating Team is deeply grateful for your energy and participation in our May Presbytery meeting conversation, which highlighted the good work that our churches do in mission and ministry.

For our upcoming meeting, we would like to share some of the insights gained from those conversations to celebrate God's presence at work through our congregations of every size. Your participation in our coming together strengthens us all as a covenant community of churches.

Ideally, we hope that two to three representatives from your church (in addition to your pastor) will join us for further discussion at this meeting on the question: *What is the most meaningful activity, program, person, or change (positive or negative) your church has experienced in the past three years?*

Introducing The Reverend Kerry



Dowdy

The Reverend Kerry Michelle Dowdy began a covenant contract with Friendship Presbyterian Church in Slippery Rock on July 1 to be their covenant pastor. She was ordained there on Sunday, July 6.

This is Kerry's first call after graduating with a Master of Divinity degree from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in May of 2023 and receiving a graduate certificate in Missional Leadership in May of 2024.

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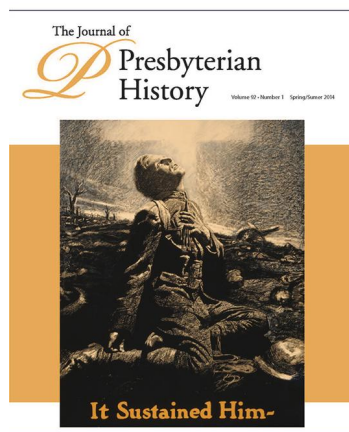
Summer Evening Ice Cream Social

Sunday, August 10, 6:30 p.m.

Concord Church
2832 Conway Wallrose Road, Baden

Enjoy ice cream and a concert by The Kardaz Band. It's free, but bring a lawn chair.

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



Calling All History Buffs

The Journal of Presbyterian History, published by The Presbyterian Historical Society (PHS), is the only one of its kind focused on sharing the heritage of Presbyterian and Reformed history in America. While grounded in solid scholarship, articles are written for a broad audience of historians, Presbyterians, and the general public.

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Photo courtesy of Presbyterian Peace Fellowship

Guns to Gardens Action Circles Growing

By Presbyterian News Service

As the federal government dismantles programs that prevent gun violence, the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship begins its fifth year of another kind of dismantling: Guns to Gardens Action Circles that help churches learn to safely dismantle unwanted firearms,

turning them into garden tools, art or jewelry.

Since the summer of 2021, volunteers from the Peace Fellowship's Gun Violence Prevention Ministry have guided nearly 600 local church participants through the online series, growing a nationwide community of gun violence prevention activists armed with chop saws, anvils, determination and hope.

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Embrace a Year of Purposeful Planning

Presbyterian Planning Calendar— September 2025-December 2026

The Beaver-Butler Presbytery Office will be placing a Presbyterian Planning Calendar 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...](#)



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...](#)



Please be aware that presbytery staff may not be available during the last week of July and into the month of August. Staff availability and office hours may fluctuate during that time. Please call ahead before visiting the Center—724-452-7515.

Our executive presbyter will be available by email.



ChrisAnn Goossen, Communications Assistant, will be out of the office for the next few weeks. She will not be able to respond to email messages or to include new items in the *Weekly Update* E-newsletter during that time. She anticipates returning on August 11 with the next edition of the *Weekly Update* being sent on August 12.

If you have questions or items that you wish to promote, please reach out to Barb Paff, Office Administrator at office@beaverbutler.org. We will do our best to address your concerns and communicate your events to the presbytery.

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.

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

Valencia Church—80 Sterrett Street, Valencia

Download and post flyer...**FREE SUMMER EVENING ICE CREAM SOCIAL****Sunday, August 10, 6:30 p.m.**

Concord Church—2832 Conway Wallrose Road, Baden

Download and post flyer...**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. 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

NEW WILMINGTON MISSION CONFERENCE

Friday, July 18-Wednesday July 23

Westminster College, New Wilmington, PA

PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH TRIENNium

Monday-Thursday, July 28-31, 2025

Louisville, Kentucky

Our Beaver-Butler Presbytery Youth Coordinator will register youth for the conference.

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

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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

Administrative Assistant

Jefferson Center Church, Saxonburg

THE PRESBYTERY OFFICE

Regular Office Hours

Monday-Thursday, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
or by appointment.

Often the office is staffed later than 1 p.m.—but please call ahead before visiting the Center.

During the last week of July and into the month of August, staff availability and office hours may fluctuate. Please call ahead before visiting the Center

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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