



Weekly Update for July 8, 2025

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*Make me to know your ways,
O LORD; teach me your paths.*

Psalm 25:4 (NRSVue)

**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...](#)



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.

Presbyterians Respond Quickly and Compassionately

By Mike Ferguson, *Presbyterian News Service*

While search and rescue efforts continued Saturday following Friday's devastating



The Guadalupe River rose 26 feet in just 45 minutes (photo courtesy of the City of Kerrville, Texas)

flooding in the Texas Hill Country, staff at Presbyterian Mo-Ranch Assembly, after ensuring their guests were safe and after the facility's closure, were exploring ways to help their neighbors in Kerrville, Texas.

[Continue reading...](#)

The Disaster Relief-U.S. Flooding (DR000191) designated account of One Great Hour of Sharing Offering enables members and congregations to support the PC(USA) response to episodes of flooding within the United States. Churches should remit their donations/offerings to the presbytery office using a remittance form.

[Access remittance form...](#)



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...](#)



The Presbyterian Foundation, one of six national agencies of the PC (U.S.A.), is charged with the responsibility and accountability for gathering, stewarding, and distributing funds to support the mission and ministry of the denomination and exists to serve the Church and its mission.

Boundaries and Ethics in Church Leadership



IPLF Elective Workshop

Saturday, August 9, 12:30-3:30 p.m.

By Zoom or at Redstone Presbytery Office

Michelle Snyder, *Instructor*

Whether pastor or elder, leadership within the church requires clear understanding of both personal and professional ethics. Where might it lead us to establish and clearly communicate boundaries that we might serve effectively and faithfully where God calls?

IPLF Elective Workshops are open and free to pastors and ruling elders who are not enrolled in the IPLF program.

To register, contact Karen Gray at Redstone Presbytery at 724-837-6737 or secretary@redstonepresbyter.org.



New Cohort for Faith Leaders

A new cohort is available for up to 10 individual faith leaders to join the *Around the Table* initiative. This free opportunity to learn, grow, and connect with others who care about nurturing faith in children begins in August 2025. Participants will receive personalized coaching and access to curated faith practices and resources.

The deadline for applying is **Friday, July 25**.

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



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.

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

Sunday, July 20, 11 a.m.

1301 Indiana Avenue, Monaca

Download and post invitation...

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 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-Wednesday, July 18-23

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.

BOUNDARIES AND ETHICS IN CHURCH LEADERSHIP

IPLF Elective Workshop

Saturday, August 9, 12:30-3:30 p.m.

By Zoom or at Redstone Presbytery Office

MISSION TRIP WITH OLD UNION CHURCH

Sunday-Saturday, August 10-16

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

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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