

Weekly Update for August 13, 2025

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*...let us run with perseverance
the race that is set before us...*

Hebrews 12:1 (NRSVue)

July Presbytery Meeting Summary

Beaver-Butler Presbytery held a stated meeting



at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, July 29, 2025, at the Vanport Presbyterian Church, Vanport, where Rev. Larry Maley serves as Moderator. The meeting was co-hosted with the Park Presbyterian Church, Beaver, where Rev. Todd Allen serves as Pastor. Moderator was Elder Dennis Krebs and Vice-Moderator was Rev. Brian Hauser.

[Access summary...](#)



Mission Trip Week

Old Union Church, under the leadership of their pastor, Rev. Peter de Vries, is again taking part in a week long mission trip. Volunteers departed Old Union Church on Sunday, August 10 for Canton, North Carolina, their home base for Hurricane Helene relief work in the area. They will be involved in home reconstruction after the devastating flood damage in two different locations.

Team Members

Rev. Peter de Vries, Sally Pavlina, Mary Rae Thompson, Carl Wagner, Lorene Winner—*Old Union, Mars*

Rev. Bob Goossen—*BBP Retired Pastor*

Cassandra Ritter

Joe Schmalzried—*The Galilean, New Galilee*

Clark Trauterman—*Crestview Community, Callery*

Bob Young—*Plains, Cranberry Township*

Jeff Barth—*Ohio United, Aliquippa*

Geoffry Anderson, Dave Baylor, Judy McMahon—*Cross Roads, Gibsonia*

Mark Anderson—*Augusta, Georgia*

Daily updates and photos will be posted to their blog site where you can track their progress. You are encouraged to share the link with your friends and church members.

The team is grateful for the financial support of the presbytery and appreciates your prayers for safety and making a positive difference.

[Copy link—oldunion2025mission.blogspot.com](http://oldunion2025mission.blogspot.com)

[Go to blog...](#)



Planning Calendars Have Arrived

Please call the office before you make the trip to pick up your order. Presbytery Office hours are still in flex as ChrisAnn continues to recover from surgery and Barb is STILL waiting on grandbaby #9.



Youth Cornhole Golf

Beaver-Butler Presbytery Youth Group Event

Sunday, October 12
2-3:30 p.m.

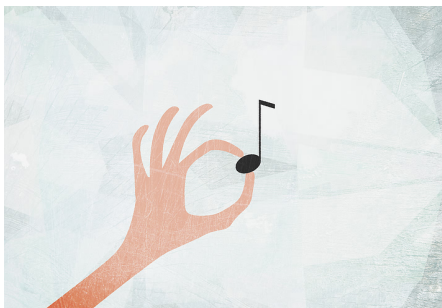
Mars Butler Cornhole Golf
540 Route 228, Mars

Join with other youth groups from our presbytery. Meet at the pavilion for cornhole golf, snacks and fellowship.

Cost is \$5 per person. Reservations are needed.

RSVP to Diana at dianamermmon@beaverbutler.org by Sunday, October 5.

[Download flyer...](#)



Free Cantatas

The music department at Cranberry Community United Church is doing some cleaning out and has a number of cantatas that they can no longer use. Before discarding them, they are offering them to whoever can use them.

If interested call the church at 724-776-5310.

[Download a list...](#)



APCE Annual Event in Pittsburgh

Wednesday-Saturday, January 21-24, 2026

Wyndam Grand Hotel in downtown
Pittsburgh, PA

The APCE (Association of Partners in Christian

Education) Annual Event will be held in Pittsburgh next year! This will make it easier to attend in person though via Annual Event Online is also an option.

With the theme, *Bridging the Gap*, each day of the conference we will address a different topic of love—how to love God, how to love self, and how to love neighbor.

Beaver-Butler Presbytery is a sponsor for the event.

Mark your calendars and watch for more information.

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



Jesus & Justice Young Adult Advocacy Conference

Friday, September 26–Sunday, September 28

First Presbyterian Church in Lansing, Michigan

The Office of Public Witness and the Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations is excited to announce and invite your partnership for their annual Jesus & Justice Young Adult Advocacy Conference. It is an excellent opportunity for college students and seminarians who are passionate about advocacy to learn practical skills, connect with peers and mentors, and engage in faith-based justice work.

Registration is \$15 with scholarships available.

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



Presbytery Center Summer Hours

Until further notice, please be aware that presbytery staff may not be available for the next few weeks. Staff availability and office hours may fluctuate during that time. Also, the office will be closed on Wednesdays until further notice. Please call ahead before visiting the Center—724-452-7515.

Our executive presbyter will be available by email.

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

**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

MISSION TRIP WITH OLD UNION CHURCH

Sunday, August 10-Saturday, August 16

YOUTH CORNHOLE GOLF

Beaver-Butler Presbytery Youth Group Event

Sunday, October 12, 2-3:30 p.m.

Mars Butler Cornhole Golf—540 Route 228, Mars

NORTHEAST WEE KIRK CONFERENCE

Monday-Wednesday, October 13-15

Laurelville Retreat Center, Mt. Pleasant, PA

ASSOCIATION OF PARTNERS IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 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

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.

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

During the month of August, staff availability and office hours may fluctuate. **The office will also be closed on Wednesdays until further notice.** 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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