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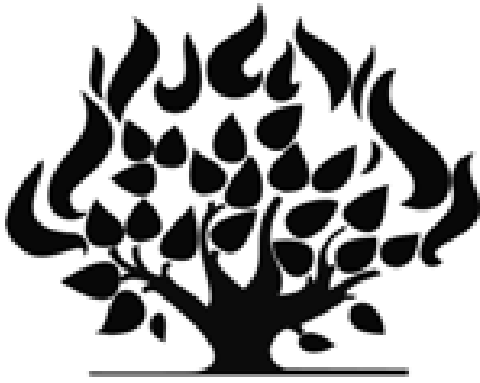
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*Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name.*

Psalm 103:1 (NRSVue)



Polity—More than A Rule Book—Faithful Ordering

IPLF Elective Workshop

Saturday, September 13, 12:30-3:30 p.m.

By Zoom or at Redstone Presbytery Office

Instructor: Rev. Skip Noftzger

Too often, we can think of the Book of Order as “rules” the church must live by. The reality is that it is the gathered “wisdom” of the church for how our collective lives might be faithful and just in our current setting and interactions.

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

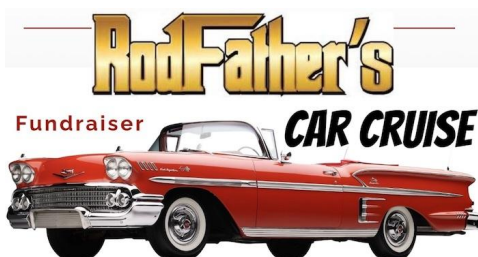
To register, contact Karen Gray at Redstone Presbytery at 724-837-6737 or secretary@redstonepresbyter.org.

Learn more about IPLF...



Planning Calendars Have Arrived

Your order is ready for pick-up. Please call the office before you make the trip, as Presbytery office hours are still flexible.



RodFather's Car Cruise

Saturday, September 6, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

Trinity Church
104 Staley Avenue, Butler

This fundraiser will bring together fabulous looking cars and trucks for trunkloads of memories. Basket raffles, a 50/50 raffle, concessions with hot dogs, burgers and big pretzels, baked goods, vendors and oldies music will add to the fun.

The proceeds will benefit Trinity Church's capital campaign that will cover painting of the church exterior and replacing worn out pews with chairs for flexible seating.

Free admission.

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



Faithful and Flexible: Empowering Church Leaders for Emerging Possibilities

Henderson Leadership Conference

Friday-Saturday, September 19-20
In-person and Online

Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

This two-day conference is designed to equip church leaders for faithful and adaptive leadership in today's rapidly changing ministry contexts. This year's Henderson Lectures will be given by the Rev. Dr. Tod Bolsinger, an influential voice on adaptive leadership in the church.

Bring a team of leaders, lay, and clergy, paid and volunteer, to gain tools and insights to navigate disruption, build resilient teams, and lead transformative change in your congregation with both conviction and creativity. Registrations are buy 4, get the 5th free!

Workshop topics will explore relational, technical, and spiritual adaptations necessary for today's church.

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



Peace and Global Witness Special Offering and World Communion Sunday

Sunday, October 5

Peace and Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Congregations are encouraged and equipped to find and address the anxiety and discord that is prevalent throughout this broken and sinful world.

Most congregations receive this offering on World Communion Sunday, while many receive it throughout A Season of Peace which begins September 7.

[Watch a video...](#)

[Learn more and access resources...](#)

Congregations should remit their offerings through the presbytery.

[Access remittance form...](#)



Northeast Wee Kirk Conference

Monday-Wednesday, October 13-15

Laurelville Retreat Center
Mt. Pleasant, PA

More than just another conference, Wee Kirk is a retreat-type event where community and radical hospitality are hallmarks of this annual gathering. Its purpose is to inspire, equip, motivate, and encourage small churches and to provide rest and refreshment for their clergy and lay leaders.

Hearts and Minds Bookstore will provide access to the writings of many of the speakers.

[Access brochure...](#)

(Print as landscape on legal size paper)

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

Beaver-Butler Presbytery offers individual Wee Kirk scholarships.

[Access information...](#)



The Life and Thought of Presbyterian Missionary and New Testament Scholar Kenneth E. Bailey

W. Don McClure Lecture

Tuesday, October 21

Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

4-5:30 p.m. — McClure Lecture by Dr. Michael Parker

5:45-6:15 p.m. — Dinner and Book Signing

6:15-7:30 p.m. — Panel Discussion: *The End of Mission? What's Next for U.S. Denominations in a Post-colonial World?*

Historian Michael Parker will discuss Bailey's life as a Presbyterian missionary in the Middle

East and the key ideas that marked his scholarly contribution. Parker will also note the ways in which Bailey's unique insights into the New Testament were only possible because of his work as a missionary.

Following the lecture, the World Mission Initiative at PTS will gather mission leaders and mission scholars for a panel discussion. In March, the Interim Unified Agency of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) announced the closing of its World Mission program after nearly two centuries of work in more than 80 countries. Part of the rationale given for this significant structural shift was "to de-colonize our theology, missiology, and practice". The panel will discuss the implications of the end of Presbyterian World Mission for the ways our churches engage with the world.

[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.

CHURCH EVENTS

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

RODFATHER'S CAR CRUISE

Saturday, September 6, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

Trinity Church

104 Staley Avenue, Butler

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

PRESBYTERY EVENTS

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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

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

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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

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 Presbytery Meetings

Saturday, January 25, 10 a.m.
Lunch

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.**

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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

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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