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Praise the LORD!
Happy are those who fear the LORD,
who greatly delight in his commandments.

Psalm 112:1



A Season of Peace

**Sunday, September 7–Sunday, October 5
(World Communion Sunday)**

Every fall, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) extends an invitation to join with people of faith for *A Season of Peace*—a month-long pilgrimage designed to deepen the pursuit of peace for congregations, small groups, families and individuals. As a time of growth, encouragement, challenge, inspiration and education, we can consider our relationship to peacemaking and justice.

The *Path of Peace Reflections* offers vignettes of Presbyterians and organizations that contributed to the civic and spiritual well-being of our church and world and made a significant impact on the common good here or abroad. Each offers us an example of how peace can be pursued in tangible ways.

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The 2050 Church: Culture, Technology, and the Call to Lead

Pastor Appreciation Event

Thursday, October 9, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

Pastors are invited for a day designed to refresh your spirit, deepen your learning, and connect you with fellow leaders in ministry. This enriching experience offers a time of worship, fellowship, and breakout sessions led by PTS faculty, all centered around exploring the future of the Church. Whether you serve locally, regionally, or nationally, your work matters.

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



Summit on AI and the Church

By Layton Williams Berkes, *Presbyterian News Service*

On Sept. 2-5, an ecumenical group of several dozen Christians will gather in Minneapolis to engage in conversation about the present and future of Artificial Intelligence and the church.

The event, called *Faithful Futures: Guiding AI with Wisdom and Witness*, will also take place online, and registration is free for anyone who wants to participate.

Artificial Intelligence—or AI—is increasingly prevalent in society, particularly with the rise of Large Language Models (LMM) like ChatGPT and other forms of generative AI. While traditional AI focuses on analysis and prediction, generative AI produces new content, including text, images, video and audio. The rapidly expanding access to and use of generative AI by the general public has led to a number of questions about the ethical implications of such technology, including environmental impact and intellectual property rights. In addition to ethical questions, the introduction of generative AI also catalyzes theological questions about creativity, intelligence, love, truth, sin and what it means to be human.

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The office of Research Services is currently conducting a survey to “help gauge the perception of the wider church on Artificial Intelligence.”

[Go to survey...](#)

[Learn more about and register for the summit...](#)



New Tools for Church Treasurers

By Robyn Davis Sekula, *Presbyterian Foundation Vice President of Communications and Marketing*

Being a church treasurer has become more complex in recent years. This largely volunteer job goes far beyond simply doing the math to ensure the books are balanced and the bills are paid.

Today, church treasurers and church staff in general need to be aware of the many ways the church can be defrauded, either by internal trusted people or by scammers who find ways to trick staff into disclosing information.

And there's tax matters to consider, including keeping the church's 501c3 status.

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Promoting Church Events



Does your church have an event that is open to the community? Are you holding a fundraising event and the more people who participate the better?

We'll feature your event as an article in the presbytery's *Weekly Update* E-newsletter at least once. If you plan your event with plenty of lead time, we will feature it again.

And your event will be included in our Church Events column of the E-newsletter every week leading up to the event.

Event information should be sent to ChrisAnn at chrisangoossen@beaverbutler.org. Attach flyers and brochures as PDF documents and slides as PowerPoint documents.

And please download and share events happening in our presbytery that you see in the E-newsletter. Post the flyers on your bulletin board. Include events in your worship bulletin and newsletter. Include slides in your Sunday morning PowerPoint announcements. You may need to designate someone in your congregation to help make this happen or include it in your office administrator's duties.

Let's help each other by getting the word out!



Planning Calendars Have Arrived

Your Planning Calendar order is ready for pick-up. Please call the office before you make the trip, as Presbytery office hours will be flexible for the next several weeks.

A few extra calendars are available for \$11.50 each. Contact the office if you are interested.



Messy Church Training

Friday, September 26, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

Led By Messy Church USA

Messy Church is a form of church that is particularly welcoming to families and individuals who may not typically attend traditional church services. It emphasizes hands-on activities, creativity, celebration, and hospitality, all centered around experiencing and encountering Jesus. It's designed to be fun, interactive, and inclusive, often taking

place at times and in places that are more convenient for families.

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

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



Happy Labor Day!

The Presbytery Office will closed on **Monday, September 1** in observance of Labor Day.

The next issue of the *Weekly Update* E-newsletter will be sent on Tuesday, September 9.



Summer/Fall Hours

Please be aware that presbytery staff may not be available for the next several 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 months of August, September and October, 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

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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