

Weekly Update for September 9, 2025

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*...there is joy in the presence of the angels
of God over one sinner who repents.*

Jesus—Luke 15:10 (NRSV)



Celebrate Synod Sunday

Sunday, September 21

Congregations and presbyteries in the Synod of the Trinity region are invited to celebrate the gifts and blessings that take place in our bounds throughout the year.

The Synod works hand-in-hand with the ministry and mission of our presbyteries as they seek to support the witness of congregations, to the end that the church throughout its region becomes a community of faith, hope, love and witness.

Please use these bulletin inserts to help tell our story and celebrate the good news that is occurring in our region.

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Looking Ahead to the 227th General Assembly

June 22-July 2, 2026

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

The clock is ticking toward the opening of the 227th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) next June in Milwaukee. The General Assembly planning team is working on next year's format, which will include online committee meetings and in person plenaries. Visit the 227th General Assembly site often to get the latest planning updates, deadlines, and sign up for the *On the Road to GA* monthly newsletter.

[*Go to website...*](#)

[*Sign up for On the Road to GA & Assembly News...*](#)

Apply to Serve at General Assembly

Monday, June 22–Thursday, July 2, 2026

Baird Center in Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Serving as a Commissioner or Advisory Delegate to General Assembly (GA) is a fantastic way to gain perspective on what God



is doing beyond the bounds of our local churches and Presbytery. It is inspiring to be a part of the church's historic decisions and feel the Spirit moving.

You are encouraged to consider serving as a Teaching or Ruling Elder Commissioner or Young Adult Advisory Delegate (YAAD) for the 227th General Assembly of the PC(USA).

The GA meets online and in person. Committees will work virtually from Monday-Friday, June 22-26 and travel to meet in person from Sunday-Thursday, June 28-July 2.

Deadline for submitting applications is Tuesday, September 30.

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



Simplify Your World Communion Sunday (October 5)

World Communion Sunday is a special day to gather as one body in the name of Jesus Christ all around the world.

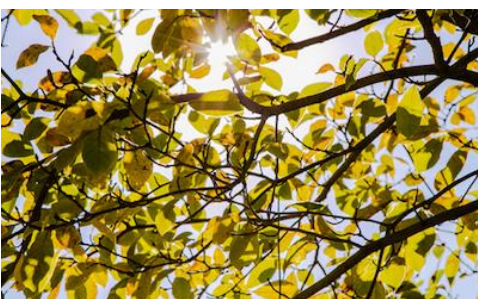
To help you plan with ease, the Peace & Global Witness Worship Liturgy is available on the Special Offerings website.

This free resource contains:

- Lectionary and daily readings
- Prayers and a call to confession
- Suggested hymns and prayers

Peace and Global Witness Special Offering and Season of Peace resources are also available.

[*Access the liturgy and other resources...*](#)



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...](#)



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 dianamermon@beaverbutler.org by Sunday, October 5.

[Download flyer...](#)



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.



Children's Spirituality Breakfast

Thursday, October 16, 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

McKelvey Campus Center, Westminster College

The Office of Faith and Spirituality at Westminster College has joined forces with Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and their Faith Forming Families Network to sponsor this educational and insightful breakfast for pastors, lay leaders or anyone in your congregations who are interested in the moral and spiritual development of children.

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

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North Sewickley Church Adult Fall Retreat

Saturday, October 18, 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m.

Prayer Mountain in Darlington

Adult members of your church are invited to gather and get away from the chaos for spiritual regeneration. Speaker, Rev. Dr. Rebecca Collins, will provide a journey into Proverbs using the ancient trials of the Israelites as a guide to the trials we are facing right now. God gives us tools for understanding and remaining faithfully strong in these trying times.

The cost for the day is \$20 which includes a catered dinner.

Contact the church office for more information at 724-752-1272 or e-mail nspc@nspreschurch.org.

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Calling Crafters and Vendors

Plains Church, Cranberry Township is looking for crafters and vendors for their annual Holiday Craft Fair on November 8, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. If you are interested, please contact the church office at 724-538-8785 or plains@zoominternet.net. Learn more at www.plainschurch.com or download the flyer.

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Become a More Welcoming Community

Font and Faith is an initiative of the The Center for Excellence in Christian Education. The vows we take at the baptismal font compel the initiative to partner with congregations, parents, and the Lilly Endowment to become welcoming worshipping communities and to nurture the faith of children through worship and prayer.

Summits provide opportunities for in-person gatherings that convene teams of congregational leaders.

Journey Groups, small communities united in a common commitment, walk together as they grow in welcoming, worshipping and praying

with children.

Additional opportunities and resources
abound for pastors, professors, artists,
seminary students and church teams.

Learn more and get engaged...



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.

CALLING CRAFTER AND VENDORS

Plains Church, Cranberry Township

Holiday Craft Fair on November 8, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

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...

NORTH SEWICKLEY CHURCH ADULT FALL RETREAT

Saturday, October 18, 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m.

Prayer Mountain in Darlington

Download and post flyer...

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...

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Beaver-Butler Presbytery Youth Group Event

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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.

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

During the months of 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

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

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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