

Weekly Update for October 14, 2025

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*...says the LORD: I will put
my law within them, and I will write it
on their hearts, and I will be their God,
and they shall be my people.*

Jeremiah 31:33



Summary of September Presbytery Meeting

Beaver-Butler Presbytery held a stated meeting at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, September 23, 2025, at the New Bethlehem Presbyterian Church in Aliquippa where Rev. Randall Clow serves as Pastor. The meeting included a dinner hosted by the New Bethlehem congregation. Moderator was Elder Dennis Krebs.

[Access the summary...](#)



DEADLINE EXTENDED— Transforming Conflict into Collaboration

Informational Training Event for ALL Church Members

Sunday, October 19, 1-5 p.m.

Calvin Church
415 East Grandview Avenue, Zelienople

Sponsored by Mission and Compassion Ministry

Representatives from Common Ground, USA (CG-USA) will lead this informational training event for church leaders and members. CG-USA is a non-profit, faith-based, advocacy group dedicated to transforming the conflict present in our society today into broad-based collaboration instead.

Brief presentations from CG-USA team members, discussion around tables and—above all—sharing a catered meal, will provide ways to listen to one another and build community and understanding. We will experience what The Bible lifts up as the blessing of table fellowship and enjoy that great Western PA tradition—the Cookie Table. Each attendee/church group is encouraged to bring a dozen cookies to share!

**Reservation deadline has been extended to
Wednesday, October 15, noon** by contacting

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Breaking Bread, Building Bonds —One Book at a Time

Pastors' Lunch

Tuesday, October 21, noon

Beaver-Butler Presbytery Center

Hosted by Collaboration, Fellowship and Youth

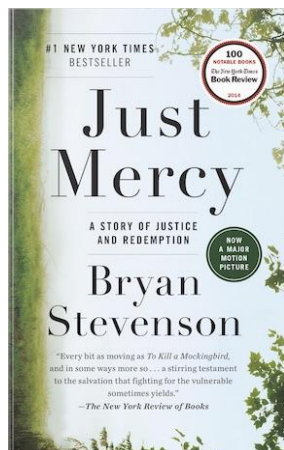
Pastors are invited to a relaxed lunch for area pastors—an opportunity to reconnect, share stories, and enjoy fellowship with those who walk a similar road.

Bring a book that has shaped your ministry or spiritual life—something that's stayed with you, challenged you, or reminded you why you do what you do.

We'll share food, wisdom, and maybe a few good titles worth passing on.

RSVP appreciated to the Presbytery Office as this is a catered event.

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Book Club Schedule Change

So more people have the opportunity to participate, the monthly Racial Reconciliation Book Club discussion group for *Just Mercy* will begin Thursday November 6 at 7 p.m. on Zoom. Other dates for this 4-month study are December 4, January 8, and February 5.

Download the revised schedule in poster form and as bulletin insert if you wish to publicize this in your church. Contact C.F. Hoffman at cfhoffman@windstream.net or his cell phone at 724-417-9626 to sign up and to receive the Zoom link.

[Download poster...](#)

[Download bulletin insert...](#)

Presbytery Meeting Hosts Needed



We are looking for churches to host the 2026 presbytery meetings. Consider joining forces with a neighboring church to share the responsibility. If your church would like to serve in this way, please let the presbytery office know.

2026 Presbytery Meetings

Saturday, January 24, 10 a.m.

Lunch
First, Monaca

Tuesday, March 24, 6 p.m.

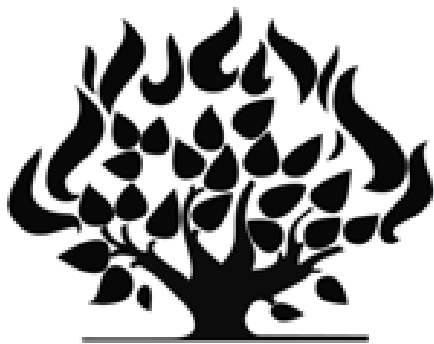
Tuesday, May 26, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, July 28, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, September 22, 4 p.m.

Dinner
First, Beaver Falls
with First, New Brighton co-host

Tuesday, November 17, 6 p.m.



November IPLF Workshop

Pastoral Care

Saturday, November 8, 12:30-3:30 p.m.

Instructor: Rev. Sharon Woomer

This workshop will explain how, at the heart of leading the people of God, comes a responsibility to care for them by offering spiritual comfort and presence. Whether in times of crisis or everyday experiences, we should become those who offer genuine pastoral care for the journey.

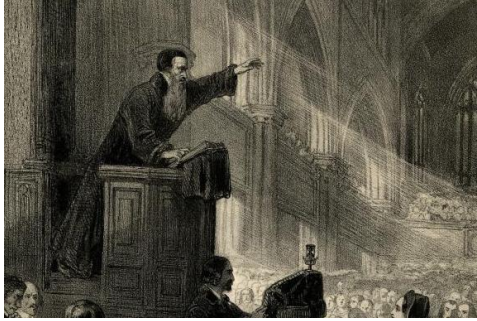
Inter-Presbytery Leadership Formation (IPLF) Elective Workshops are open and free to pastors and ruling elders who are not enrolled in the IPLF program.

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

Learn more about IPLF...

Observe Reformation Sunday

On Sunday, October 26, Presbyterians will celebrate the tradition that grounds their faith. Reformation Sunday is always the last Sunday in October, marking the occasion in 1517 when



Martin Luther posted his 95 theses on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany.

This year, the Presbyterian Historical Society is focusing on John Knox (1514-1572), a leading figure in the Scottish Reformation, with their free bulletin inserts.

[*Learn more and download inserts...*](#)



Restructured Synod Grants

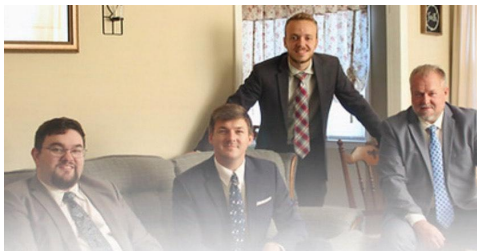
Synod of the Trinity invites you to take a look at their new grant categories which are broader and in tune to the current needs our region is facing.

The new grant categories do not have funding caps. If your application is funded, the funding amount will be based on the need demonstrated through your budget and other factors.

The application process itself has been transformed with the aim of making the process is less cumbersome and more efficient for applicants. The first step is to answer a few questions about your project or vision. Synod staff will review your submission and send you the application that best matches your needs.

[*Go to Grants webpage...*](#)

Questions? Do not hesitate to reach out to Elizabeth Connelly at econnelly@syntrinity.org.



The King James Boys in Concert

Sunday, October 26, 6 p.m.

Refreshments, 5 p.m.

White Oak Springs Church
102 Shannon Road, Renfrew

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Veterans' Dinner

November 3, 6 p.m.

Saxonburg Memorial Church Fellowship Hall
100 W. Main Street, Saxonburg

Saxonburg Memorial Church is hosting this complimentary dinner for local veterans and



their spouses.

Call the church office at 724-352-2888 by October 25 to place your reservation.

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Grants Available for Rural Historic Houses of Worship

Partners for Sacred Places announces the opening of the *Pennsylvania's Faithful Fund* which will support and preserve historic houses of worship in rural communities where they serve as crucial civic spaces—meeting places, concert venues, childcare facilities, social service providers, food pantries, and more—sometimes the only ones for miles around. Preserving these historic spaces intern can bolster rural economic resilience and provide a more stable foundation for the next generation.

Pennsylvania's Faithful Fund is actively recruiting for the first cohort of the fund, which has \$550,000 available. Grants between \$50,000 and \$100,000 will be awarded to support projects such as repair and restoration of roofs, towers, walls, and windows. Awardees will also receive training and support in project planning, community engagement, and space sharing.

The deadline to apply is **November 21**.

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



We Believe

An Ecumenical Celebration of the 1700th Anniversary of the Council of Nicaea

Tuesday, November 18, 7 p.m.

Cardinals Great Hall
Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh Pastoral Center
2900 Noblestown Road, Pittsburgh 15205

Presented by Christian Associates of Southwest Pennsylvania

Gather with Christians from across Southwest Pennsylvania as we celebrate the unity born at Nicaea. Join us for prayer and song, teaching and conversation, and festive food and drink.

This event is free and open to everyone. Bring a group from your church! All guests will receive a free copy of our forthcoming devotional book, WE BELIEVE.

Registration is helpful but not required.

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

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CANCELLED—Children's Spirituality Breakfast

This event scheduled for **Thursday, October 16, 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m.** at the McKelvey Campus Center, at Westminster College has been cancelled.

Church Trunk or Treat Events

Church parking lots will be ready for trick or treaters as they visit car trunks for Halloween treats. Come dressed in costume and ready for fun!

CONCORD CHURCH

2832 Conway-Wallrose Road, Baden

Sunday, October 19, 3-5 p.m.

Food, Photo Booth, Games

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VANPORT CHURCH

289 Georgetown Lane, Beaver (Vanport), PA

In cooperation with Park Church

Saturday, October 25, 2-4 p.m.

Treats and Hayrides

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ELLWOOD CITY COMMUNITY CHURCHES

Sunday, October 26, 4-6:30 p.m.

Pick your route and visit all four churches.

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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.

SING IN COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Saxonburg Memorial Church—100 West Main Street, Saxonburg
Rehearsals begin soon!

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CALLING CRAFTER AND VENDORS

Plains Church, Cranberry Township
Holiday Craft Fair on November 8, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

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NORTH SEWICKLEY CHURCH ADULT FALL RETREAT

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

Prayer Mountain in Darlington

Download and share brochure...

THE KING JAMES BOYS IN CONCERT

Sunday, October 26, 6 p.m.; Refreshments, 5 p.m.

White Oak Springs Church—102 Shannon Road, Renfrew

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FALL BAZAAR

Saturday, November 1, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Union Church—409 Emlenton Street, Clintonville

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VETERANS' DINNER

November 3, 6 p.m.

Saxonburg Memorial Church Fellowship Hall—100 W. Main Street, Saxonburg

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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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RACIAL RECONCILIATION AWAREMNESS BOOK CLUB

***Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson**

Zoom at 7 p.m. on November 6, December 5, January 8, and February 6.

RACIAL RECONCILIATION AWAREMNESS BOOK CLUB

Supercommunicators: How to Unlock the Secret Language of Connection

by Charles Duhigg

Zoom Group 1

7 p.m. on Wednesdays, October 29, November 19, January 28, February 25, March 25, April 29, and May 27.

Zoom Group 2

7 p.m. on Thursdays, October 30, November 20, January 29, February 26, March 26, April 30, and May 28.

ASSOCIATION OF PARTNERS IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ANNUAL EVENT

Wednesday-Saturday, January 21-24, 2026

Wyndam Grand Hotel in downtown Pittsburgh, PA

LEADERSHIP AND ADMINISTRATIVE EVENT

Sunday, March 15, 2-5 p.m.

Cranberry Community United Church—

2662 Rochester Road, Cranberry Township

Mark your calendar now for this annual training event for leaders in our congregations.

SYNOD OF THE TRINITY EVENTS

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PRESBYTERY NEWS

[Click here for news you may have missed...](#)

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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Half-time Interim Presbytery Leader

Presbytery of the Western Reserve

Church Organist/Pianist

First Church, Beaver Falls

Administrator and Ministry Support Director

Washington Presbytery

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

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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