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*But the holy ones of the Most High  
shall receive the kingdom  
and possess the kingdom forever —*

*forever and ever.*

Daniel 7:18 (NRSVue)



## A Gathering of Churches

### November Presbytery Meeting

**Tuesday, November 18, 6 p.m.**

Ohio United, Aliquippa  
1236 Longvue Avenue, Aliquippa, 15001

Registration and Elder Commissioner  
Training, 5:30 p.m.

By the decision of the Coordinating Team,  
presbytery meetings will no longer be  
interactive on Zoom.

Registration for the meeting is requested via  
Email ([office@beaverbutler.org](mailto:office@beaverbutler.org)) or telephone  
(724-452-7515).

All new business and requests for items to be  
removed from the Consent Agenda must be to  
the Stated Clerk's Desk 15 minutes prior to the  
start of the meeting.

[Access meeting packet...](#)



## Ordination Service of Caroline Baker

**Saturday, November 22  
2 p.m**

Calvin Presbyterian Church  
415 E. Grandview Avenue  
Zelienople, PA

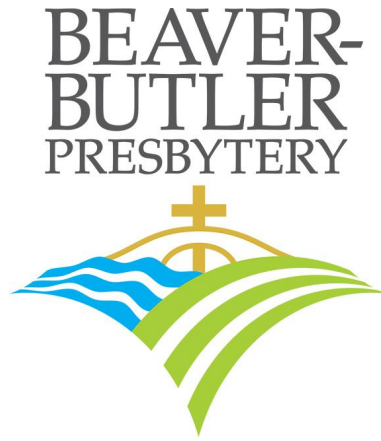
You are cordially invited to the ordination  
service of Caroline Baker to the Ministry of  
Word and Sacrament.

A reception will follow.

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

## Presbytery Meeting Hosts

Churches are needed 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.

#### Open Dates

Tuesday, March 24, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, May 26, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, July 28, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, November 17, 6 p.m.



## Instrumental Concert

### Piano, Cello, Flute, & Euphonium

Sunday, November 2, 3 p.m.

Covenant United Church  
on the Presbyterian Campus  
107 Staley Avenue, Butler

*Featuring Joseph Deibler; Gavin Nist; Taylor Pastore and Covenant Music Director, Dominico Reyes*

An Offering will be taken to benefit Covenant's Student Musician Program Donate via cash, check, credit or debit, online with [tithely.com](http://tithely.com).

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



## Brent Vernon and Sam in Concert

Saturday, November 8, 6 p.m.

Highland Church  
310 Franklin Street, Slippery Rock

A special family friendly concert with singer-songwriter, ventriloquist, and author-illustrator Brent Vernon and his pal, Sam.

All are welcome!

[Learn more...](#)

[Download and post flyer..](#)

## 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*

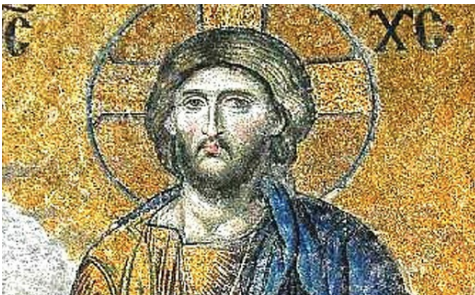
Gather with Christians from across Southwest Pennsylvania to celebrate the unity born at Nicaea. Prayer and song, teaching and conversation, and festive food and drink will all be a part of this free event open to all. Bring a group from your church!

All guests will receive a free copy of the forthcoming devotional book, *We Believe*, featuring our own Executive Presbyter, Tom Harmon.

Registration is helpful but not required.

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

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



## **Rethinking Christology for a New Mission Era**

**Lecture and Panel with Professor Edwin van Driel and the Rev. Samuel Wells**

**Thursday, November 20, 11:30 a.m.-3:45 p.m.**

Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

In Person: \$25; Online: \$10

*What do we say the Christian faith is about? What is the unique thing we find in Christianity but nowhere else?*

According to recent research, most pastors and church planters would answer these questions with "Jesus"—but find it difficult to express what difference he makes. During the event's worship and conversation, clergy and others are invited to find a deeper understanding of Christian faith and ministry.

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

## **Advent Devotionals and Resources**

*Click on the titles to access...*



### **Presbytery Resource Center**

Borrow Advent studies and devotions for adults and families. Stop in during office hours or make an appointment with ChrisAnn Goossen ([chrisanngoossen@beaverbutler.org](mailto:chrisanngoossen@beaverbutler.org)).

### **Presbyterian Outlook—Devotional**

*Draw Near: Lighting the Advent Path with Hope, Peace, Joy & Love*

\$35.00

A digital and printable Advent devotional with daily reflections, Scripture, prayers, and children's artwork following the traditional Advent themes of hope, peace, joy, and love. Written by Outlook Editor/Publisher Teri McDowell Ott.

### **Presbyterian Outlook—Candle Liturgy**

*Wait for the Lord: An Advent Candle Liturgy*

\$10.00

Loosely grounded by the hymn "Wait for the Lord" (Glory to God #90), this booklet contains liturgy for lighting the Advent wreath on the four Sundays and Christmas Day and focuses on the themes of hope, peace, joy, love and Christ.

### **Pittsburgh Theological Seminary**

Free devotional, printable or delivered as email; Advent Resource Kit for personal use and worship

### **PC(USA) Office of Theology and Worship**

Resources for Advent including candle-lighting litanies, prayers, orders of worship and more.

### **PC(USA) Store**

2025 Advent Resource Guide—click on title or cover to go to product page; click on blue blocks to download resource samples



## **Adjust Your Clocks!**

Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 2 at 2 a.m. when we "fall back." Reminding you to set clocks back one hour to keep you from arriving early for worship!





Fra Angelico, 1420

## *Happy All Saints Day*

All Saints' Day, also known as All Hallows' Day is a Christian holy day celebrated on November 1 in honor of all the saints of the Church in many countries, such as Ireland, the United Kingdom, the United States and Canada. Thus Halloween (All Hallows' Eve) is celebrated on October 31.

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## Fall Office Hours

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.

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## Upcoming Editions of the *Weekly Update*

ChrisAnn Goossen, *Communications Assistant*, will be out of the office for surgery for several days. She will not be able to respond to email messages or to include new items in the *Weekly Update* E-newsletter during that time. We anticipate that the next edition of the *Weekly Update* will be sent on October 18.

If you have questions or items that you wish to promote, or need assistance with the Resource Center, please reach out to Barb Paff, *Office Administrator*, at [office@beaverbutler.org](mailto:office@beaverbutler.org) or 724-452-7515. We will do our best to address your concerns and communicate your events to the presbytery.

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## CHURCH EVENTS

Support and promote worship, fellowship, and fundraising events

by congregations in our presbytery.

### **FALL BAZAAR**

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

Union Church—409 Emlenton Street, Clintonville

***Download flyer...***

### **INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT FUNDRAISER—**

***Piano, Cello, Flute, & Euphonium***

**Sunday, November 2, 3 p.m.**

Covenant United Church on the Presbyterian Campus—

107 Staley Avenue, Butler

***Download flyer and post...***

### **BRENT VERNON AND SAM IN CONCERT**

**Saturday, November 8, 6 p.m.**

Highland Church—310 Franklin Street, Slippery Rock

***Download and post flyer..***

### **VETERANS' DINNER**

**November 3, 6 p.m.**

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

***Download and post flyer...***

### **HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR**

**Saturday, November 8, 9 a.m.–2 p.m.**

Plains Church Fellowship Hall (basement)—

326 Plains Church Road, Cranberry Township

***Download and post flyer...***

Send event information to [chrisanngoossen@beaverbutler.org](mailto: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**

***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 AWARENESS 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.

### **ORDINATION SERVICE OF CAROLINE BAKER**

**Saturday, November 22, 2 p.m**

Calvin Presbyterian Church—415 E. Grandview Avenue, Zelienople, PA

## 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

[Click here for information...](#)

## PRESBYTERY NEWS

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

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

[Click here for position descriptions and contact information...](#)

### Half-time Interim Presbytery Leader

Presbytery of the Western Reserve

### Church Organist/Pianist

First Church, Beaver Falls

### 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 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



### 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

**Tuesday, September 23, 4 p.m.**

Dinner

New Bethlehem, Aliquippa

**Tuesday, November 18, 6 p.m.**

Ohio United, Aliquippa

### 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 w/

First, New Brighton co-host

**Tuesday, November 17 6 p.m.**

### Beaver-Butler Presbytery Center

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### Beaver-Butler Presbytery



### Beaver-Butler Presbytery Youth



### Presbytery Weekly Update

To share announcements and news or to add names to the mailing list, contact ChrisAnn at [chrisanngoossen@beaverbutler.org](mailto:chrisanngoossen@beaverbutler.org). To access back issues, go to [beaverbutler.org/weekly-update-e-newsletter/](http://beaverbutler.org/weekly-update-e-newsletter/).

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