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*Praise the LORD!
I will give thanks to the LORD
with my whole heart...*

Psalm 111:1 (NRSVue)



Transforming Conflict into Collaboration

Informational Training Event

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!

Reservations are needed by **Monday, October 13, noon** by contacting the Presbytery Office at office@beaverbutler.org or 724-452-7515.

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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

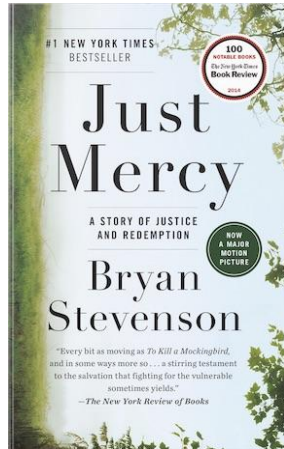
Pastors are invited to a relaxed lunch for area pastors—an opportunity to reconnect, share stories, and enjoy fellowship with those who walk a similar road.

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 5, January 8, and February 6.

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.

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A few weeks after Hurricane Helene's destruction, the Rev. Dr. Shoop pictured in the sanctuary of Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church.
(Photo by Rich Copley)

One Year Later

A Look Back at Hurricane Helene's Devastating Impact

The Rev. Dr. Marcia Mount Shoop, pastor and head of staff at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church in Asheville, North Carolina, pens an account detailing the church's unwavering response.

It's been a year since Hurricane Helene hit Western North Carolina. Different metrics are used after a natural disaster to measure its impact: the number of lives lost (248 recorded), the number of homes destroyed or damaged (some estimates as high as 200,000), the dollar amount of economic losses (in North Carolina alone estimates exceed \$54 billion), and how much it will cost to rebuild (some estimates exceed \$200 billion). Hurricane Helene's numbers are staggering, and they tell only a fraction of the story of how life changed that day in September 2024, exactly a year ago on Saturday [September 27].

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Anyway Feast

Wednesday, October 22, 6 p.m.

Kadel Dining Room
Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

Christian Associates co-sponsors the second annual event at a time when our nation feels divided. Come together across our differences to celebrate *United Against Hate Week* (October 19-25), share a potluck meal, dialogue around our tables, and raise our voices in a community singalong. People of all ages, backgrounds, and beliefs are warmly welcome. Registration is recommended.

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Garage Sale

Friday, October 24, 8 a.m.–6 p.m.
Saturday, October 25, 8 a.m.–noon

Glade Run Church
1091 Pittsburgh Road, Valencia

Benefits Mission Ministries of Glade Run

They are not be accepting electronics, upholstered furniture and exercise equipment!

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Trunk or Treat

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

Vanport Church
289 Georgetown Lane
Beaver (Vanport), PA

Vanport Church, in cooperation with Park Church, is hosting.

Festivities include hayrides, snacks & treats!

Questions? Call Vanport Church 724-774-8874

Children must be accompanied by a parent for hayride.

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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...

VANPORT AND PARK CHURCHES TRUNK OR TREAT

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

VanportChurch—289 Georgetown Lane, Beaver (Vanport), PA

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ELWOOD CITY COMMUNITY TRUNK OR TREAT

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

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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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Send event information to chrisanngoossen@beaverbutler.org. Attach flyers and brochures as PDF documents and slides as PowerPoint documents.

PRESBYTERY EVENTS

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YOUTH CORNHOLE GOLF

Beaver Butler Presbytery Youth Group Event

Sunday, October 12, 2-3:30 p.m.

Mars-Bethel Cornhole Golf—540 Route 228, Mars

NORTHEAST WEE KIRK CONFERENCE

Monday-Wednesday, October 13-15

Laurelville Retreat Center, Mt. Pleasant, PA

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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

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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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, Saxenburg

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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