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Complete Joy by Lauren Wright Pittman,
from *Art in the Christian Tradition*,
a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

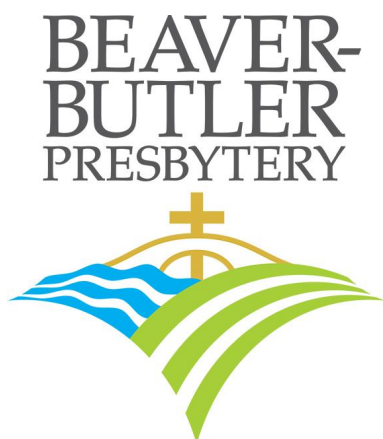
*And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and...
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.*



Summary of November Presbytery Meeting

Beaver-Butler Presbytery held a stated meeting at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, November 18, 2025, at Ohio United Presbyterian Church, Aliquippa where the Rev. James Steiner serves as Transitional Pastor. Moderator was Elder Dennis Krebs and Vice-Moderator was Rev. Brian Hauser.

[Access the summary...](#)



Presbytery Meeting Hosts

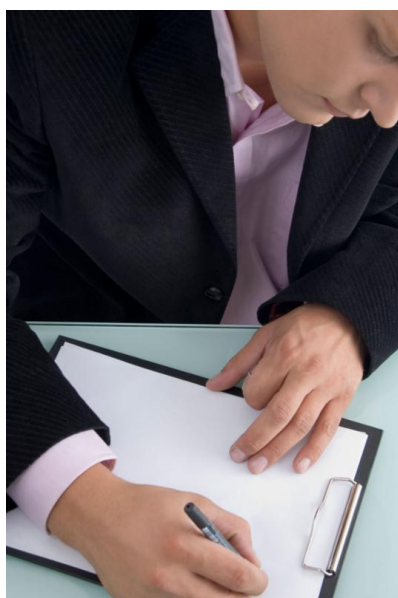
Thank you to all the churches who have agreed to host presbytery meetings in 2026.

We are looking to fill two remaining dates. 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, November 17, 6 p.m.



Year-end Report Deadlines

It is time to submit annual statistical reports and other necessary information. Please set aside the time to gather the information from various sources within your church. The workbook assists in compiling the information. Information should be tallied as of December 31, 2025.

Deadline Dates

Monday, January 5, 2026

2025 Necrology Report

Monday, February 2, 2026

Annual Statistics—complete on-line

Annual Review of Terms of Call

Directory/Elder Information

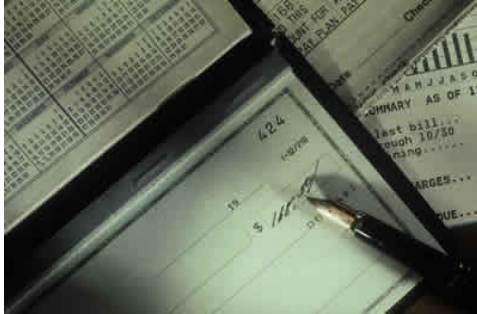
Reporting these statistics impacts not only the mission and ministry of the denomination, but also the per capita that is assessed to your

church and to our presbytery. Your call to this ministry of administration is vital to the church. Thank you for your diligence and gifts.

Return forms to Presbytery Office via Email: office@beaverbutler.org; USPS: P.O. Box 279, Zelienople, PA 16063; or FAX: 724-452-7522.

[Access letters and forms for Clerks of Session...](#)

[Access financial letters and forms...](#)



Remittance Deadline

All remittance checks intended to be posted to the 2025 fiscal year must arrive in the presbytery office no later than **Thursday, December 18**. Please include a remittance form with your check.

[Access remittance form...](#)



Registering for Spring 2026 IPLF

The next semester of Inter-Presbytery Leadership Formation (IPLF) will begin on January 10, 2026. Rev. Dr. Peter Bowers will teach the morning class of *Reformed Worship and Sacraments*. Workshops will be held in the afternoon. A flyer listing the workshops as well as a booklet with application forms and information is available on our website.

The Presbyteries of Redstone, Pittsburgh, Upper Ohio Valley, Washington, Beaver-Butler and Shenango collaborate to facilitate IPLF. IPLF is designed to prepare ruling elders for possible positions as Commissioned Ruling Elders (CREs) or Commissioned Pastors (CPs) to serve churches. IPLF also trains leaders for preaching, leading worship and various ministries, such as visitation.

Please contact the Beaver-Butler Presbytery Office as soon as possible if you are interested in registering for the spring semester. Arrangements will be made for participants to receive an orientation, books and an online account for the learning platform.

[Learn more and access documents...](#)

Christmas Joy Special Offering

Each year during the Advent and Christmas



season, we lift up past, present, and future leaders of the church and Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color through the Christmas Joy Special Offering.

50% supports the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions, which provides critical financial assistance to current and retired church workers and their families in their time of need.

50% supports Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color to provide education and leadership development.

Many resources are available to promote and find meaning in the Christmas Joy offering including bulletin inserts, videos, liturgy and worship aids, curriculum, slides, social media images and more.

[Access resources...](#)

Most congregations receive this offering on the Sunday before Christmas Eve, while many receive it throughout Advent. Churches should remit their offerings to the Presbytery Office.

[Download remittance form...](#)



Join Mission Mondays

The New Wilmington Mission Conference invites you to participate in *Mission Mondays* — a special online event on the second Monday of each month. Each session features a Mission coworker, scholar, or partner sharing stories, insights, opportunities, and updates about God's work around the world.

Join to be inspired, connect with others, and deepen your understanding of global missions. Everyone is welcome—share this invitation and join the discussion.

[Request a Zoom link...](#)



Office Hours

Regular office hours have resumed for the Presbytery

Office. Thank you for your patience during the past summer and fall months.

CHURCH EVENTS

Support and promote worship, fellowship, and fundraising events
by congregations in our presbytery.

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...](#)

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.

ASSOCIATION OF PARTNERS IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ANNUAL EVENT

Wednesday-Saturday, January 21-24, 2026

Wyndham Grand Hotel in downtown Pittsburgh, PA

ELATE (Equipping Leaders Annual Training Event)

Sunday, March 15, 2026, 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...](#)

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 after regular hours.

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

2026 Presbytery Meetings

Saturday, January 24, 10 a.m.

Lunch
First, Monaca

Tuesday, March 24, 6 p.m.
TBD

Tuesday, May 26, 6 p.m.
Mt. Chestnut, Butler

Tuesday, July 28, 6 p.m.
Trinity, Butler w/ Butler Area Churches
as Co-hosts

Tuesday, September 22, 4 p.m.
Dinner
First, Beaver Falls w/
First, New Brighton Co-host

Tuesday, November 17, 6 p.m.
TBD

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Presbytery Weekly Update

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