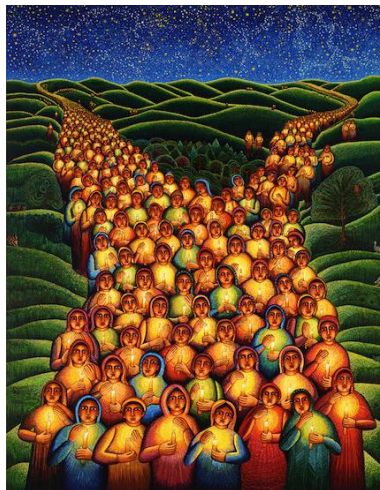


Weekly Update for November 18, 2025

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Art by John August Swanson

*"Because of the tender mercy of our God,
the dawn from on high
will break upon us,
to shine upon those who sit in darkness*

*and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace.”*

Zechariah—Luke 1:78-79 (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) 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 and important
documents...***



Out of This World Fun

Presbytery Youth Corn Hole Golf

By Diana Spencer, *Youth Leadership Connection
Coordinator*

What an out-of-this-world day it was! The
Beaver-Butler Presbytery Youth “Mars Bethel
Corn Hole Golf” event was super fun, and it
wouldn't have been possible without all of you
who showed up, played, laughed, and made it
such a memorable experience.

From the first toss to the final putt, the energy
was electric. Teams of all ages brought their
best game (and their best smiles!) to the course,
combining friendly competition with the joy of
fellowship. Whether you sank a perfect shot or
just came for the fun, every moment was filled
with laughter, encouragement, and
fellowship.



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...](#)



Spring 2026 Semester of IPLF

As we come to the end of the fall semester for Inter-Presbytery Leadership Formation (IPLF) and the Reformed Theology course, IPLF is already prepared for next semester. The course will begin on January 10 and will be *Reformed Worship and Sacraments* taught by Rev. Dr. Peter Bowers.

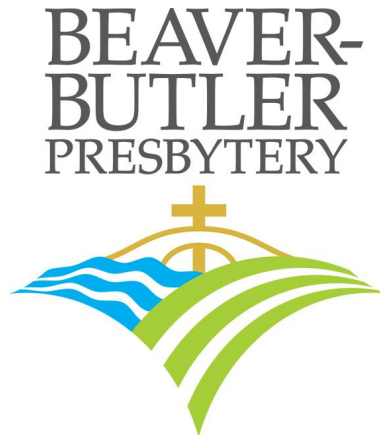
Additionally, the afternoon workshops will cover a variety of topics (required and elective). A flyer listing the Spring workshops as well as a booklet with application forms and information is available on our website.

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.

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

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.



First Presbyterian of Rutherford,
New Jersey, proves it's a small church
with a big heart.

Photo credit: Simon Raymond

Tell Your Church's Story

PC(USA) is collecting stories for the Mission Yearbook website and want to feature yours! How is God at work in your congregation right now? Whether it's a project, a transformative ministry, or a moment of spiritual growth, your story can inspire and uplift others across the Presbyterian community. Share your journey and read about others'!

[Learn more and submit story...](#)

[Go to Mission Yearbook...](#)



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).

[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



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.

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.

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

ELATE (Equipping Leaders Annual Training 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...](#)

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 November, staff availability and office hours may fluctuate. **The office will also be closed on Wednesdays**

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.

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

Tuesday, September 22, 4 p.m.

Dinner
First, Beaver Falls w/
First, New Brighton co-host

Tuesday, November 17 6 p.m.

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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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