

Presbytery Meeting Summary November 19, 2019

The Beaver-Butler Presbytery held a stated meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 19, 2019 in the **New Bethlehem Presbyterian Church, Aliquippa**, where the **Rev. Randall Clow** serves as Pastor. Our **Moderator, Rev. Randall Clow**, and **Vice Moderator, Rev. Bill Mumaw**, presided over the meeting. **Elder Diane Meaner, Clerk of Session** of the **New Bethlehem** church welcomed the presbyters. To remember our faith heritage from early Scot immigrants, as well as a fellowship opportunity, the presbyters were invited to wear kilts or tartans, if practical. Several did so, including our Moderator.

The Presbytery's **opening worship** was led by **Rev. Clow**. After a reading of Luke 1:31-33, 46-49 the **New Bethlehem church youth** creatively portrayed the birth, life (teachings and miracles), crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus to a recording of the song, *Mary, Did You Know?* An **offering of \$449.25** to support the Mission Causes Budget was gathered while the **New Bethlehem church choir** sang.

Checks for Capital Access Program **grants of \$2,000.00** each were presented to the elder commissioners representing the **Covenant Presbyterian Church, Butler** (to assist with trees, gutter cleaning and property repairs from water damage), and the **Mount Chestnut Presbyterian Church, Butler** (to assist with their multi-year project to install a prayer path). **Capital Access Grants will continue to be available in 2020** while funds are available.

It was noted that our own **Rev. Dr. Judy Angleberger** was elected as the new **Moderator of the Synod of the Trinity**.

ACTIONS TAKEN:

- Agreed to the following ecclesiastical matters:
 - ✓ Approved the **Minutes** of the September 24, 2019 stated Presbytery meeting.
 - ✓ Received the Report of the Stated Clerk, the **Rev. David Byers**.
 - ✓ Received the **Treasurer's Report** for January-September 2019.
 - ✓ Approved the **Report of the Coordinating Team** in the form of Minutes.
- Elected the following persons to serve as **Commissioners** and Alternates to the **224th General Assembly** which meets next summer:
 - Rev. Dr. Mary Kitchen**, Teaching Elder Commissioner
 - Rev. Dr. Judy Angleberger**, Teaching Elder Alternate Commissioner
 - Mr. Wayne "Chip" McCoy** (member of New Bethlehem), Ruling Elder Commissioner
 - Mr. Kevin Vosler** (member of First/Darlington), Ruling Elder Alternate Commissioner
- Approved a **Combined Budget for the Presbytery (Administrative and Mission budgets) for 2020**.
- **Rev. William C. Mumaw** (Pastor, Center church, Slippery Rock) was elected and installed as **Moderator of Presbytery** for 2020. **Elder Judy Lipsak** (North Sewickley Presbyterian Church, Ellwood City) was elected and installed as **Vice Moderator** for 2020.
- Elected a slate of persons to fill the Presbytery's structure. (A complete list of those elected is available through the Presbytery's office or website.)
- Approved the service of **Rev. George Richard (Rick) Vogeley** as **part-time Interim Pastor** and Moderator for the **White Oak Springs Presbyterian Church**. Rev. Vogeley will remain a member of Shenango Presbytery while serving in this capacity.

- Approved **receiving Rev. A. David Paul** (a member of Missouri River Valley Presbytery) for membership in Beaver-Butler Presbytery, if the way be clear. The way becomes clear if/when a call to him to serve as **pastor** is made by vote of the **Calvin Presbyterian Church, Zelianople**.
- Granted the status of **Honorable Retirement** to **Rev. John Thomas Tuft** effective 12/01/19.
- **Validated the ministries** of:
 - ✓ **Rev. Connie Dunn** as a Chaplain for Hospice Visiting Nurses Association, Butler
 - ✓ **Rev. Andrew (Andy) Shaffer**, as a Staff Chaplain at Shadyside Hospital, Pittsburgh
 - ✓ **Rev. Dr. Graham Standish** as the Executive Director of the Samaritan Counseling, Guidance, Consulting Center, Sewickley.
- Learned that the Ministry and Vocation Committee, acting on behalf of the Presbytery, has:
 - ✓ Approved the request of the **Park Presbyterian Church, Beaver**, to **form a Pastor Nominating Committee**.
 - ✓ Granted **waivers of rotation** for Elders for the **Buffalo Presbyterian Church, Sarver**, and the **First Presbyterian Church, New Brighton**.
 - ✓ Approved the **Part-time Transitional Pastor Relationship** between **Rev. Dr. Judy Angleberger** and the **Vanport Presbyterian Church**, and appointed her as Moderator effective November 1, 2019.
 - ✓ Approved an **updated Pulpit Supply List**.
 - ✓ Appointed **Rev. C.F. Hoffman** as **Moderator** of the **Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church, Darlington**.

OTHER INFORMATION OF NOTE:

- During the meeting an impressive presentation was provided on the mission trip to Nepal by many members of the Plains Presbyterian Church. For more information, contact Elders Ron Carter or Bob Young of the Plains church.
- Significant time during the meeting was invested in gathering input from the presbyters on the changing nature, needs and culture of our presbytery.
- The presbyters shared fellowship while enjoying an array of refreshments prepared and served by members of the New Bethlehem Presbyterian Church.
- The **schedule of stated Presbytery Meetings for 2020** is as follows:

Saturday, January 25	10:00 a.m.	Old Union, Mars (Lunch served)
Tuesday, March 24	6:00 p.m.	Park, Beaver
Tuesday, May 26	6:00 p.m.	Concord, Baden
Tuesday, July 28	6:00 p.m.	Vanport, Vanport
Tuesday, September 22	4:00 p.m.	Host Church Needed (Dinner served)
Tuesday, November 17	6:00 p.m.	Highland, Slippery Rock

Churches willing to host the September 2020 Presbytery meeting are requested to contact the Presbytery office.

- A total of 114 persons attended the meeting, which adjourned with prayer at 8:15 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

The next stated meeting of Beaver-Butler Presbytery will be at **10:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 25, 2020 at the Old Union Presbyterian Church, Mars**, where **Rev. Dr. Peter deVries** serves as Pastor.