

## Presbytery Meeting Summary January 25, 2020

The Beaver-Butler Presbytery held a stated meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 25, 2020 in the **Old Union Presbyterian Church, Mars**, where **Rev. Dr. Peter deVries** serves as Pastor. Our **Moderator, Rev. William Mumaw**, and **Vice Moderator, Elder Judy Lipsak**, presided over the meeting. **Elder Jill McDonald, Clerk of Session** of the **Old Union** church welcomed the presbyters.

The meeting began with the **Annual Memorial Service**, during which **Rev. Mumaw offered a meditation** on the significance of “Remembering” in our Christian faith. The names of the ministers, elders, trustees and deacons of the church who passed away during 2019 were read, grouped by the church they served, interspersed with Scriptural promises of eternal life, and with the periodic ringing of a bell. **Communion** was also shared during this service, with **Rev. deVries** presiding at the Table. An **offering of \$609.00** for the Mission Causes Budget was gathered while **Emma Hornfeck, a soloist** from the **Old Union Presbyterian Church**, sang.

Checks for Capital Access Program **grants** were presented to the elder commissioners representing the following churches:

- \$950.00 to the **Park Presbyterian Church, Beaver** (to assist with reconditioning its weathered sign)
- \$566.00 to the **First Presbyterian Church, Beaver Falls** (to assist with installing handrails for the steps up to the chancel)
- \$2,000 to the **First Presbyterian Church, Midland** (to assist with roof repairs).

These grants were for half of the project costs, up to a maximum grant of \$2,000. **Capital Access Grants will continue to be available in 2020** while funds are available.

### ACTIONS TAKEN:

- Agreed to the following ecclesiastical matters:
  - ✓ Approved the **Minutes** of the November 19, 2019 stated Presbytery meeting.
  - ✓ Received the Report of the Stated Clerk, the **Rev. David Byers**.
  - ✓ Received the **Treasurer’s Report** for January-November 2019.
  - ✓ Approved the **Report of the Coordinating Team** in the form of Minutes.
- Approved the service of **Rev. Page Creach** as **Moderator** for the **Frankfort Springs Presbyterian Church**. She will remain a member of Pittsburgh Presbytery while serving in this capacity.
- Approved **receiving Rev. Sue Currie** (an **honorably retired** member of Redstone Presbytery) for membership in Beaver-Butler Presbytery. At this time she has no plans to serve in a pastoral relationship, and is currently attending the Old Union Presbyterian Church, Mars.
- Examined and approved **Rev. Emily Miller** (a member of Washington Presbytery) for membership in Beaver-Butler Presbytery and acceptance of a call, if the way be clear, for her to serve as **Pastor and Moderator** of the **First Presbyterian Church, Beaver Falls**. The way becomes clear upon the action of that church to call her as pastor.
- Learned that **Elder Brian Graff**, a member of **Covenant Presbyterian Church, Butler**, has **completed the Commissioned Ruling Elder training** provided through Dubuque Seminary.
- Learned that the Ministry and Vocation Committee, acting on behalf of the Presbytery, has:

- ✓ Granted **waivers of rotation** for Elders for the **Ambridge Presbyterian Church, Ambridge** (1 year), the **Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church, Darlington** (1 year) and the **Galilean Presbyterian Church, New Galilee** (2 terms).
  - ✓ Approved formation of a **Pastor Nominating Committee** by the **Jefferson Center Presbyterian Church, Saxonburg**.
  - ✓ Designated **Rev. Doug Gebhard** as a **minister-at-large** member of our Presbytery while he serves as Interim Pastor for the Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA) in Wexford, PA.
  - ✓ Appointed **Rev. Deb Crusan** as **Moderator** of the **Prospect** and **Mt. Nebo** churches.
  - ✓ Approved renewal of **CRE Gregg Hartung's** service as **pastor and moderator** for the **Crestview Presbyterian Church, Callery**
  - ✓ Approved renewal of **Rev. Dennis Burnett's** service as **Stated Supply Pastor** and **Moderator** for the **New Sewickley Presbyterian Church, Rochester**.
  - ✓ Approved the part-time **Temporary Pastoral Relationship** between **Rev. Mark Frailey** and the **Union Presbyterian Church, Clintonville**.
  - ✓ Appointed **Rev. Jim Steiner** to fill in as **Moderator** of the **North Branch Presbyterian Church, Monaca** during February and March while their regular moderator is away.
  - ✓ Conducted the **Annual Consultation** with **inquirer Kerry Dowdy**, and appointed **Rev. Jim Steiner** as his **Liaison**.
- Took several actions to begin the process of searching for our next Executive Presbyter:
    - ✓ **Approved an Executive Presbyter Job Description.**
    - ✓ **Elected the following six persons to the Executive Presbyter Search Committee:**  
 Elder Andrew Why (First/Beaver Falls), Elder Denise Hobaugh (Concord/Hooker),  
 Rev. Connie Dunn (VNA Hospice Chaplain), Lorene Winner (Old Union/Mars),  
 Rev. Jim Steiner (Mars U.P./Mars), and Rev. Nicholas Marlatt (Ohio U.P./Aliquippa)
    - ✓ Authorized the Coordinating Team to elect a **seventh person to complete the Search Committee** so it may begin its work.
  - Elected and Assigned Classes for the Chairs of Presbytery's Units and Committees as follows:
 

Coordinating Team	Rev. Dr. Judy Angleberger	2022
Finance Committee	Elder Frank Aloï	2022
Personnel Committee	Rev. Connie Dunn	2021
Administration Committee	Rev. Bob Goossen	2021
Nominating & Representation Committee	Elder Jim Ihlenfeld	2021
Ministry & Vocation Committee	Rev. Dr. Jim Moran	2022
MVC (South Area)	Rev. Nick Marlatt	2021
MVC (North Area)	Elder Tom McMeekin	2020
Collaboration, Fellowship & Youth Unit	Rev. Dr. Mary Kitchen	2020
Mission & Compassion Ministries Unit	Rev. Bob Edmundson	2020
Encouraging Churches to Flourish Unit	Rev. Dr. Graham Standish	2022

**OTHER INFORMATION OF NOTE:**

- The presbyters shared fellowship while enjoying a hot lunch featuring fried chicken prepared and served by members of the Old Union Presbyterian Church.
- A total of 134 persons attended the meeting, which adjourned with prayer at 1:46 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next stated meeting of Beaver-Butler Presbytery will be at **6:00 p.m.** on **Tuesday, March 24, 2020** at the **Park Presbyterian Church, Beaver**, where **Rev. Bob Goossen** is serving as Interim Pastor.