

Presbytery Meeting Summary November 18, Stated Meeting

The Beaver-Butler Presbytery held a stated meeting at 6:00 P.M. Tuesday, November 18, 2025, at the Ohio United Presbyterian Church, Aliquippa, where Rev. James Steiner serves as Transitional Pastor. Moderator was Elder Dennis Krebs, Vice-Moderator Rev. Brian Hauser.

ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE PRESBYTERY:

- Received the Coordinating Team Minutes, October 1, 2025
- Received the Stated Clerk's Report, September-October 2025
- Received the Treasurer's Report – Balance Sheet & P&L October 2025
- Approved the Presbytery Meeting Minutes, September 23, 2025
- Approved Racoon, Aliquippa sale of a parcel of their property
- Approved Ministry & Vocation Policies Document
- Elected slate of Nominees to serve on Committees and Ministry Units
- Elected and installed Rev. Brian Hauser as Moderator and Elder Joyce Hamilton as Vice-Moderator

GOOD NEWS FROM THE PEWS:

- Mt. Pleasant, Darlington, supports Trails Ministry, Beaver Falls, a program to help those who have been incarcerated to re-enter society; “Reuniting Families and Restoring Hope.”
- New Bethlehem, Aliquippa, Youth organized seventeen Thanksgiving Gift Baskets for community families.
- White Oak Springs, Connequenessing, continues their tradition of inviting regional and national singing groups.
- Trinity, Butler organized and effort to provide water for a Ugandan village.
- Calvin, Zelienople invites everyone to come to one of their Taizé services.

STATED CLERK REPORT: Randall Clow encouraged churches to consider hosting a Presbytery meeting in 2026.

GREETINGS FROM THE SYNOD OF THE TRINITY: Synod Executive Rev. Forrest Claassen highlighted various challenges and opportunities facing the Synod. He brought a message of hope and encouragement for the Body of Christ called the Synod.

Synod Commissioner Rev. Beth Wierman reported on her recent Synod Assembly, including the merger of Lackawanna and Lehigh Presbyteries, to form Mountain Laurel Presbytery.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMISSIONERS ELECTED:

- Minister: Rev. Dr. Peter de Vries / Alternate: Rev. Leigh Benish
- Elder: Mark Finch / Alternate Elder: Allen Kitchen
- Youth Advisory Delegate: Caroline Clow / Alternate: Kemp Clow

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE:

A. Church Anniversaries

First Presbyterian Church, Monaca – 140 Years

B. Minister Anniversaries

Brian Hauser – 10 Years

Jim Swanson, Kirk Erwin, Vicky Kennedy – 40 Years

Larry Maley – 50 Years

Richard Rowe – 60 Years

MISSION AND COMPASSION MINISTRY UNIT: M&C has granted \$2,000 for churches for mission trips. Judy noted there are now three Special Offerings: Christmas Joy, World Communion, & One Great Hour of Sharing.

EQUIPPING LEADERS MINISTRY UNIT: Grant monies are available to attend the upcoming annual meeting of the Association of Partners in Christian Education (APCE) will be held in Pittsburgh, January 21-24. Everyone is encouraged to attend the annual Leadership Training Event (ELATE), March 15, 2026, Cranberry Community U.P. Church.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

Ministry & Vocation approved the following:

- MVC Co-Chairs: Elder Denise Hobaugh and Rev. Becky Collins.
- First Presbyterian Church of Monaca waiver of rotation of one elder for one year.
- Rev. Robert Saul to retire effective October 31, 2025.
- Rev. Jean Smith renounced jurisdiction and moved membership to another denomination.
- Covenant part-time contract between Rev. Kerry Dowdy and Friendship Presbyterian Church for 12 months beginning January 1, 2026.
- Contracts between Rev. David Oyler with First, New Brighton & First, Beaver Falls
- Rev. James Steiner Transitional Pastor at Ohio, Aliquippa
- Rev. Bill Mumaw as Moderator at Concord, Hooker & North Washington beginning January
- Rev. Larry Maley, Moderator North Branch, Monaca
- Rev. Tom Harmon, Moderator Vanport, Vanport
- Rev. Kathy Hortsman, Moderator Frankfort, Frankfort Springs
- Caroline Baker (Candidate, Certified to Receive a Call), FPC Duquesne, as Covenant Associate Pastor, starting in August. Ordination service on November 22 at Calvin Church, Zelienople
- MVC Roll of Ministers
- PJC Roster

NEXT MEETING: Saturday, January 24, 2026, 10:00 AM, First Monaca (*Lunch included!*)

OTHER INFORMATION:

- There were a total of 58 participants at the meeting:
 - 26 Teaching Elders
 - 20 Ruling Elders from 17 Churches
 - 1 Corresponding Member
 - 2 Ruling Elders who are officers, CT, or Chair of a Committee or Unit
 - 9 Visitors