



October 19 through October 25, 2025



Presbytery Meeting Summary

July 29, 2025

The Beaver-Butler Presbytery held a stated meeting at 6:00 pm Tuesday, July 29, 2025, at the Vanport Presbyterian Church, Vanport, where Rev. Larry Maley serves as Moderator. The meeting was co-hosted with the Park Presbyterian Church, Beaver, where Rev. Todd Allen serves as Pastor. Moderator was Elder Dennis Krebs, Vice-Moderator Rev. Brian Hauser.

Before the meeting, training was held for new Elder commissioners (or anyone else wanting a refresher). Expect subsequent meetings to have similar training sessions.

ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE PRESBYTERY:

1. Received the Coordinating Team Minutes, June 4, 2025
2. Received the Stated Clerk's Report, May-June 2025
3. Received the Treasurer's Report – Balance Sheet & P&L May 2025
4. Approved the Presbytery Meeting minutes, May 27, 2025
5. Approved the sale of a portion of the Union, Clintonville Cemetery Property.

STATED CLERK REPORT: Randall reported that the Presbytery Minutes were reviewed by the Synod – the minutes were approved with Commendation. He thanked Assistant Clerk Jim Steiner for his efforts.

GOOD NEWS FROM THE PEWS:

- Friendship Church, Slippery Rock hosts music and fellowship the second Saturday of each month
- Several churches hosted Vacation Bible Schools – many report increases in attendance vs previous years; several churches celebrated VBS in partnership with others.
- October 12 is the next Youth Event – golf and cornhole

ENCOURAGING (AGAIN!) ONE ANOTHER IN CHRIST: Executive Presbyter Tom Harmon reminded the Presbyters about the group discussions at the May meeting, when church members (no pastors!) spoke about Spiritual Gifts present in their congregations, and efforts made by congregations to provide Christ's love, hope and healing.

The comments from the groups were assembled, analyzed, and summarized. Tom presented five takeaways:

1. There is significant energy and contributions across all churches, particularly smaller ones.
2. Lay leadership is becoming more normal, but is developing and adapting to new ways of ministry. Congregations are facing challenges with tenacity.
3. There is great diversity and continued energy in mission programming, activities, and connections to local communities.

- 4. Congregations are finding strength in being together.
- 5. Across the board, there is strong commitment to the care of children

The Presbyters gathered again in groups to discuss the following: *What is the most meaningful activity, program, person, or change (positive or negative) your church has experienced in the past three years?* Comments will again be analyzed for future reporting to the Coordinating Team.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMISSIONERS TASK FORCE: The Task Force is encouraging Pastors, Elders, and Young Persons to consider attending the 226th General Assembly, next summer in Milwaukee, WI. Committee work is done online before the Assembly, then Commissioners attend the event in late June-early July. Applications are on the BBP website, and anyone may contact a Task Force member (Judy Angleberger, Kerry Dowdy, David Paul & Kemp Clow) for additional information.

MISSION AND COMPASSION MINISTRY UNIT: At the September meeting, someone from Common Grounds U.S.A. will offer a presentation on *how to have difficult conversations*. Sunday, October 19, a Presbytery-wide event will be held

COLLABORATION, FELLOWSHIP, & YOUTH MINISTRY UNIT: Funds are available for churches wanting to collaborate with other churches in mission and ministry!

EQUIPPING LEADERS MINISTRY UNIT: Grant monies are available to attend this year’s Wee Kirk Conference at Laurelville, October 13-15, 2025.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

CT received the following...

- Rev. Mark Allio Minutes of Installation, Mt. Chestnut, Butler
- Rev. Kerry Dowdy Minutes of Ordination

Ministry & Vocation approved the following:

- Rev. Kerry Dowdy contract with Friendship, Slippery Rock
- Rev. James Swanson contract with Camp Run, Fombell
- Resignation of Gina Loebell from MVC Committee with regret
- Resignation of Rev. John Sweitzer as Covenant Pastor of Frankfort, Frankfort Springs effective June 30, 2025
- Rev. Tom Harmon to Moderate Frankfort, Frankfort Springs Session (June 30,2025 only)
- Rev. Kelley Angleberger to preach at Jefferson Center, Saxonburg, in August
- Request to form a joint Pastor Nominating Committee at Plains, Cranberry Township and Park, Zelienople

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, September 23 4:00pm (dinner) New Bethlehem, Aliquippa

Future 2025 Presbytery Meeting
(Office to close early)
Tuesday, November 18 6:00pm Ohio, Aliquippa





Worship

- Sunday School for children 3yr.-6th grade is during worship after the children's chat
- Adult Sunday School is at 9am
- 72 were in church on Sunday, October 12

Congregational Care

- Story Time continues on Wednesdays at 9:30 or 10:30am
- Deacon's Fellowship on October 19 to Meet and Greet Pastor Jim. A variety of soups and dessert will be served
- Saturday, October 25—Ladies mark your calendars for the Women's Retreat at Raccoon State Park. See details on last page
- A visit to Beaver Elder Care is scheduled for October 28. The group leaves from the church at 1:30. They open with devotions, sing hymns and play bingo. The visit usually lasts about an hour. All are welcome! The residents really enjoy the fellowship time.

Mission

Operations

- **FALL CLEAN UP DAY** scheduled for Saturday, October 18 at 9am. We need your help to get our church looking her best when we host the Beaver-Butler Presbytery meeting on Nov. 18. There are projects for everyone! We'll be painting inside and out, weather permitting. The flower beds need attention. The nursery toys need sterilized. The pews need polished. The list goes on and on! Many hands make short work! There were whispers about donuts, too! Hope to see you there!

It's Choir time again! During this time of transition, the choir will sing twice a month for Sunday services. We will have short rehearsals after church on Sundays, beginning September 14. Join us for fun and fellowship!

We are looking for volunteers to do special music/readings on the weeks that the choir is not singing. It can be playing an instrument, singing a song, or reading a poem. Anything you would like to do to enhance our worship service. There is a Signup sheet hanging outside the choir room.



Anniversaries	Birthdays	Birthdays
Ken & Lorraine Jones 10/05	Joe Gavita 10/03	Patti Strominger 10/18
Nancy & Kevin Hribar 10/11	Greg Holsinger 10/08	Lillian Otto 10/19
Jeff & Jennifer Davis 10/16	Eleanor Pike 10/08	Calliope Hoth 10/19
Scott & Sharon neville 10/16	Shanna Rastetter 10/12	Peggy Franzese 10/20
Susan & Larry Palochak 10/23	Janis Lewis 10/13	Peggy Atwell 10/24
	Dana Gavita 10/14	Trent Nan 10/29
	Breyson Hoth 10/14	



Joys and Concerns October 12, 2025

- Diane Gennaro–Procedure on back went well. Prayers for daughter Janice who is in hospital with intestinal issues
- Jen Davis–Her sister Chris’s surgery went well but she is in extreme pain. Thank you for continued prayers as radiation sessions are scheduled in a few weeks.
- Pastor Jim–No knee surgery; brace for now
- Jeff Barth–Peggy Atwell is in Beaver Medical Center room 338, bed 1, for pancreatitis
- Christy Fouse–Her sister Lauren is in hospital with pregnancy complications
- David Kocher–The family of mary Blanchard sends thanks for all the prayers; Tim isn’t as bad as originally thought.



WOMEN'S RETREAT

Women's Retreat 2025

Date: October 25, 2025

Time: 9 am to 4 pm

Place: Raccoon State Park Rec Hall

Guest Speaker: Rev. Page Creach

She will do a talk based on the Beatitudes

In the afternoon we will be working on Mission Project

Breakfast and Lunch Provided including hot beverages and water

Please bring a notebook and Bible

Cost \$10.00 to cover the cost of Breakfast and Lunch

Checks Payable to Ohio UP Church Women's Association

Name(s): _____

Phone No./Email _____

Registrations Due by October 19th

Please contact Patti Strominger with any questions.

Call/Text: 724-494-2160 or email: pattistr@gmail.com

Spaghetti Dinner **FUNDRAISER**



NOVEMBER 8th 4-7PM

OHIO UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1236 Longvue Avenue, Aliquippa, PA 15001 (Hopewell Township)

DINNER INCLUDES:

Spaghetti, Salad, Bread, Dessert & Drink

TICKETS:

Adults - \$10

Kids 10 & Under - \$5

- CASH ONLY -

BASKET RAFFLE

Including a special opportunity for memorabilia from Pitt and Steelers player, James Conner!

Proceeds benefit Ohio United Presbyterian Church and its Missions