



The Lake Erie Breeze

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Headlines for new items will be in green and highlighted. Newer items will tend to be toward the top of the Breeze. Headlines for old items will be in red.

*Upcoming Events

- ❖ Thursday, April 6, 12:30 PM, Erie pastor's luncheon, First Presbyterian Church of the Covenant
- ❖ Tuesday, April 11, 4:00 PM, Committee on Ministry, Titusville
- ❖ Thursday, April 13, 8:30 AM, Venango pastor's gathering, First Church, Oil City
- ❖ Saturday, April 22, 9:30 AM, Spring Gathering of Presbyterian Women, First Church, Meadville
- ❖ Tuesday, April 25, 4:00 PM, Presbytery meeting, First Church, Oil City
- ❖ Sunday, April 30, deadline for the Outward Mission Grant
- ❖ Tuesday, May 2, 10:00 AM, Worship Committee, Corry
- ❖ Tuesday, May 9, 4:00 PM, Committee on Ministry, Titusville
- ❖ Friday, May 12, 9:30 AM, Synod gathering, Crestfield
- ❖ Monday, May 15, 2:00 PM, Congregational Life Committee, Corry
- ❖ Thursday, May 18, 9:00 AM, Christian Education Committee, Corry
- ❖ Thursday, May 18, 4:30 PM, Administrative Committee, Presbytery office



"Empowered and guided by the Holy Spirit through Scripture, our confessions, and conscience the Presbytery of Lake Erie journeys with congregations, ruling elders and teaching elders as we live, grow, fellowship and witness to the work of God through Jesus Christ in today's changing world. Recognizing that we are called to serve all of God's children, we do this through shared prayer, worship, training, evangelism, and mission to strengthen the dynamic Body of Christ."

*Camp Lambec Open for the 2017 Season

Camp Lambec is a place for fun adventures in faith, family, and friends. If you'd like to have a great experience at camp, make new friends (and reconnect with old ones), enjoy our amenities, and grow in your faith, then choose the program that's right for you. Go to the **NEW** website for more information and to register www.camplambec.org.

*2017-2018 Presbytery Planning Calendar

Presbyterian Programming Calendar, which begin June 2017 and continue through December 2018, can be ordered through the Presbytery Office (Melinda) at a discounted cost of \$10.00 Order copies for staff, session, committee members, educators and new members. Email your orders to adminasst@pbylakeerie.org or call Melinda at 814-868-4891 Ext 3.

*Synod of the Trinity Grants

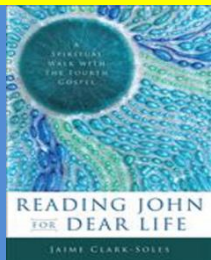
The Synod has recently updated their grant applications. Grants available: Peacemaking Grant; Mission Travel Grant; Student Study Grant; Partnership Grant (formally "Network"); Innovation Grant (formally the "New Initiative Grant,"); New Worshipping Communities Grant (for 2nd and 3rd level New Worshipping Communities applying for PMA funding). Applications can be found on the Synods website, <http://www.syntrinity.org/>.

*Men's Communion Breakfast

Belle Valley Presbyterian would like to invite the men and their sons/grandsons of your congregation to join them for a Men's Good Friday Communion Breakfast on April 14th @ 6:30am. The breakfast buffet will

- ❖ Thursday, May 18, 6:00 PM, Trustees meeting, Presbytery office
- ❖ Tuesday, May 23, 1:00 PM, Mission and Social Witness Committee, at CHOSEN offices
- ❖ Tuesday, May 30, 3:00 PM, Coordinating Committee, North Shenango
- ❖ Friday, July 22-29, New Wilmington Mission Conference, Westminster College

*RESOURCE CENTER REVIEW



Reading John for Dear Life A Spiritual Walk with the Fourth Gospel

Jaime Clark-Soles takes readers on a journey deep into the heart of John in this reading of the Fourth Gospel. This book is not simply a commentary but a spiritual companion to be read alongside the Bible. Clark-Soles provides important historical and literary insights while illuminating the dramatic characters in John and emphasizing the Gospel's unique themes and symbols. Readers will also appreciate the addition of prayers as well as questions for individual study and/or group discussion. This guide will enrich your spiritual journey while opening you up to Jesus through the words, stories, questions, symbols, and characters we encounter in John's Gospel.

This book, as well as several others on the Gospel of John, is available for check out at the Resource Center. Hours are 9-1 Monday and Tuesday and 9-12:30 Wednesday and Thursday. Please stop in and take a look at what the Resource Room has to offer. You may also call to make arrangements to get resources to your church.

Mission Trip Opportunities!

Two mission trip opportunities are currently open to neighboring Presbyterian Churches. Consider participating in one (or both!!):

1. The Presbytery of Lake Erie is hosting a mission

cost \$10 a person, \$8 for kids 5-12, and under 5 are free. It will be followed by a brief worship service, "At the Crossroads" Series by Rev. David Edmunds. Please R.S.V.P. by April 10th (397-1861).

*Spring Swiss Steak Dinner

First Presbytery of Harborcreek will be hosting a Swiss Steak Dinner on Saturday April 8th. They will be serving family style from 4:30 to 7 pm. Dinner will take place at the church, 6724 Buffalo Road. Cost is Adults \$11, children (6 to 12) \$5 and children under 6 are FREE. Take out is available. If you have any questions you can call the church at 814-899-1031.

*1st day of Trout Chicken BBQ

Garland Presbyterian Church is hosting their annual Chicken BBQ on April 15th. The BBQ starts at noon and goes until the food is gone. \$10 gets you 1/2 chicken, macaroni salad or baked potato, baked beans, rolls, and cookies. Chicken only is \$6. Take out is available, RR27 Garland, PA 814-563-7722.

*Good News about Special Offerings!!

A number of churches in the Presbytery of Lake Erie receive various denominational offerings throughout the course of the year. Some churches receive one of them; some receive all four. The four offerings include:

- One Great Hour of Sharing (traditionally the largest offering)
- Pentecost Offering
- Peace & Global Witness Offering
- Christmas Joy Offering

Each offering goes to support designated ministries. More information on these offerings can be found at www.pcusa.org. In 2015 a total of \$44,188 was received for these offerings from Lake Erie Presbytery Churches. In 2016 a total of \$45,406 was received – an increase of almost 3%. Great work! Your gifts make a difference!

New Wilmington Mission Conference

The New Wilmington Mission Conference is the longest-running mission conference in the United States and will take place July 22-29 at Westminster College. NWMC is intergenerational, Presbyterian-related, and youth-focused. About 1,000 people attend from over 30 states and 20 countries for a chance to connect with mission workers and hear what God is doing all over the world. This week-long conference features many well-known and engaging speakers for one low, all-inclusive price! This year's speakers include:

- **Dr. Rodger Nishioka**, Director of Adult Educational Ministries at Village Presbyterian Church;
- **Rev. Dr. Jim Singleton**, Associate Professor of Pastoral Leadership and Evangelism at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary;
- **Shane Bennett**, speaker and writer for Frontiers;
- As well as many others!

For more details or to register visit: www.nwmcmission.org

2017 VBS Reviews Available

The Resource Center does not provide VBS kit samples because of

trip to address flood recovery in West Virginia on July 16 to 22. An attachment is included in this email with further information. Or contact Rev. Jamie Fowler (fowler676@gmail.com)

2. The Mission Committee of the First Presbyterian Church in Meadville is sponsoring a mission trip to La Gonave Hospital in Haiti. We're looking for a surgeon, a nurse anesthetist, nurses and others willing to work. The trip will be led by Helen Jacobson, who has worked at the hospital as a nurse practitioner for 14 years. It will be a week-long trip in November of 2017. Does such an endeavor interest you? Do you know someone else who might be interested? If so, please contact Mary (1-814-333-2161) at the church office.

Coordinating Committee and Presbytery meetings for 2017:

For planning purposes the Coordinating Committee and Presbytery meetings have been announced for 2017:

Coordinating Committee meetings

Tuesday, May 30, 3:00 PM, North Shenango

Tuesday, August 29, 3:00 PM, Girard

Tuesday, October 24, 3:00 PM, Ripley

Presbytery meetings

Tuesday, April 25, 4:00 PM, First Church, Oil City

Tuesday, June 20, 4:00 PM, First Church, Meadville

Tuesday, September 19, 4:00 PM, Pleasantville

Saturday, November 18, 10:00 AM, First Church of the Covenant, Erie

***Prayers for Your Colleagues in Ministry**

I Thessalonians 5:17 encourage believers to 'pray without ceasing.' In your unceasing prayers for others you are encouraged to pray for your colleagues in Lake Erie Presbytery as well as beyond. The eNews this year will carry the prayer list which has also been distributed to the churches of this presbytery. Pray without ceasing for these partners in ministry.

April 9
Emlenton Church
Rev. Darrell Knopp, Temporary Supply
Co-Moderators of the 222nd General Assembly
Rev. Denise Anderson and Rev. Jan Edmiston

April 16
First Church, Meadville

the expense involved. However, if you are interested in seeing reviews of all the programs available, the Center for the Ministry of Teaching reviews VBS kits and programs every year. They study each program then give a review including the strengths and weaknesses of each one. They list their top picks then all the other new programs and a listing of the Perennial programs. For a free PDF of the 2017 reviews go to <https://www.vts.edu/page/center-for-the-ministry-of-teaching/publications/vbs-reviews>

In search of "Feasting on the Word"

Kane Presbyterian is looking for someone that may have a set of "Feasting on the Word" at a discounted rate. If you know of someone please contact Anne Cleer (814-837-6960)

Information for Outdoor Ministries Opportunities this Summer!!

Attached you will find information about Christian Camping ministries at Camp Lambec this summer. Check out the details. There are opportunities for both youth and family ministries!

A Great Source for Presbyterian News!!

There is a wealth of Presbyterian news, but sometimes we don't know how to access it. Below is a link that allows you to sign up for a wealth of Presbyterian eNews. The resources for which you can sign up range from daily lectionary readings to weekly news updates a range of interesting topics to social justice and advocacy to youth and young adult ministries. Sign up for 1 or 2 or all of them! Grow your faith! Discover! Learn! Check it out at <http://www.presbyterianmission.org/newsletter-subscription/>

Spring Gathering of Presbyterian Women

April 22 provides a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the very complex issue of Middle East relationships. Gather at First Church, Meadville at 9:30 AM with other Presbyterian Women to hear from Rev. Tim Solomon as he provides his keen insights on the dynamics of regional issues. A flyer is attached that provides further information. Don't miss it!

Invitation to Participate in Easter Vigil Cantata

St. Paul's Lutheran, 3108 Sterrettania Road, Erie invites anyone in the community to participate, including Presbyterians, who may not have other Easter vigil plans on Holy Saturday. The church is hosting a community-wide Easter cantata on Saturday, April 15th at 8 PM and is amassing a choir to sing a cantata of Easter music that evening. This is the second year for this and, when they did it last year, it especially appealed to those who are unchurched or who belong to a congregation too small to have their own choir. This is an opportunity for singers and musicians to be a part of a larger choir and/or orchestra. If you would like to know more about this opportunity please access the flyer attached to this eNews.

Rev. Brian Jensen, Pastor
Rev. Emily Zeig Lindsey
Moderator of the Coordinating Committee

April 23
Ripley First Presbyterian
Commissioned Ruling Elder Phil Johnson
Rev. Carl Hull (HR)
Rev. Joe Filer (HR)

April 30
Candidates for Teaching Elders as they pursue
seminary training
Inquirers who are under care of Lake Erie
Presbytery

May 7
Oil City, Hasson Heights and Pleasantville Rev.
Jamie Fowler, Temp. Supply Pastor
Rev. David Fugate, Validated Ministry
Chaplain, Veterans Administration Hospital

With Sadness...

The recent death of a key former leader has had an impact on the Presbytery of Lake Erie.

- Virginia Edwards, wife of Rev. John Edwards, died on April 3. Virginia had a keen intellect and passion for learning. Her husband was the long time pastor of the Sarah Hearn Presbyterian Church and had preceded his wife in death by 11 years. A service to honor Virginia's life was held at Wayside Presbyterian Church on April 6.
- Ruling Elder Betty Irvin, charter member of the Wayside Church, died on February 26. Professionally she served as a nurse for many years but she was also known to many Presbyterians as the registrar at presbytery meetings in the 1980s and 1990s. She was a pleasant presence who always welcomed people in a kind fashion and an affirming smile. A service to honor her life will be celebrated at Wayside Church on March 18.

Please note: The presbytery office is seeking to complete a significant overhaul of the eNews.

1. **If you do not receive the eNews please contact** (adminasst@pbylakeerie.org). We will make every effort to update/correct the oversight.
2. **If you know of someone who you believe should be receiving this eNews you are encouraged to invite them to send along their email address.**
3. **If you no longer desire to receive the eNews please inform Melinda and she**

Connect2Christ Spring Jam

Are you looking for an exciting worship event for your youth this spring? Then mark your calendars for the Connect2Christ Spring Jam 2017 Saturday April 29th at the Franklin High School Auditorium. Our opening act is Franklin's very own Country/Blues Rock performers the HUNTER COOK BAND. Our headliner is none other than the 5 time Dove Award winning Christian Rock band AUDIO ADRENALINE! This will be an exciting event that you do not want to miss! The doors open at 4:30 and the concert starts at 6:00. Admission is FREE with the donation of at least one canned food item to benefit Youth Alternatives of Venango County. For more information please check out our website at franklinpresbyyouth.org Interested in helping? Call Tina Kaye at 814.493.3997.

Check out the Synod eNews!!

The Synod website contains a wealth of information of how God is at work in a multitude of lives. Type 'Synod of the Trinity' into your search engine and you will learn more of God's great work! Make it one of your favorites!!

*News from Our Churches and Pastors

- Sune Swart, daughter of **Rev. Jannie Swart**, had a wonderfully successful Patriot League women's basketball tournament. She was the team's leading scorer in their semi-final win over American University. In the final, against Navy, the Bucknell team was pushed to overtime but was victorious. Sune was the second leading scorer in the final. With the victory the team qualified for the NCAA tournament. Unfortunately in the NCAA tournament Bucknell lost badly to the University of Maryland but Sune ended up as the leading scorer for her team in her final college game. Congratulations!
- A dozen pastors from the Presbytery of Lake Erie joined with colleagues from Western New York Presbytery for a retreat February 6 to 8. The leadership was provided by Dr. John Burgess of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. It was a reflective, refreshing time.
- Missional church conversations continue to engage a number of pastors in this presbytery in rich fashion. Recently nearly a dozen pastors gathered for reflective discussion on the call of God in our communities in an all-day gathering in Corry. Pray with our churches to continually engage the Gospel!
- **Garland Church** will be celebrating their 200th anniversary in 2017. Pray with them in this milestone moment. Activities will take place Friday night, June 16th through Sunday, June 25th. More details to follow!
- In anticipation of the 2017 summer camping season there will be a major redesign and upgrade of the water system at Camp Lambec. Pray with the Board – and consider providing financial support – for this important endeavor! Any questions? Contact

will remove your name from the list.
Thank you for your patience as we seek to
undergo this upgrade.



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<http://www.pbylakeerie.org>

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- **Rev. Chuck Cammarata, Fairview**, retired on February 5 after 31 ½ years of serving as pastor of the Fairview Presbyterian Church. He was the longest serving pastor in one location in this presbytery. Congratulations to Chuck as he begins a new chapter in his life!
- **Rev. Lee Pomeroy**, a retired United Methodist pastor, will be serving as the interim pastor of the Fairview Presbyterian Church, effective March 20.
- On February 26 **Rev. Greg Gillispie** concluded service as temporary supply pastor in Oil City.
- **Rev. Greg Gillispie** will be serving as the temporary supply pastor at the Edinboro Church, effective March 26.



*Prayer Concerns

- Prayer for wisdom in the serious conflict in the community of Bimbilla, Ghana. A dispute among tribal leaders erupted in early February that led to the death of 10 people. Schools are closed. Business and medical care has been disrupted. Bimbilla is the community in which Rev. David Bindati was engaged in ministry.
- Pray for Ruth Mills, wife of **Rev. Bill Mills, Honorably Retired**. Ruth continues to deal with the impact of Alzheimer's on her life, though she is resting comfortably at home.
- Pray for the continuing conversations around racism and violence that the power of God might be brought to these difficult conversations.
- Pray for wisdom to engage radical missional thought in each of our communities. The time to act for the Kingdom of God is NOW!