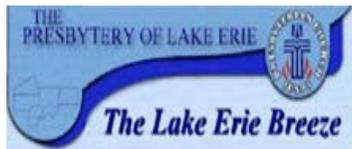


Greetings,
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The Lake Erie Breeze

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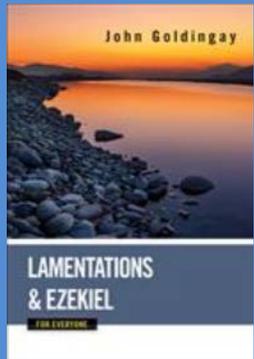
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*Upcoming Events

- ❖ Thursday, July 13, 8:30 AM, Venango Pastor's Gathering, Oil City, First Church
- ❖ Friday, July 22-29, New Wilmington Mission Conference, Westminster College
- ❖ Thursday, August 3, 12:30 PM, Erie Pastor's Gathering, Emmanuel Church
- ❖ Thursday, August 10, 8:30 AM, Venango/Forest Pastor's Gathering, Oil City, First

*RESOURCE CENTER REVIEW

Lamentations and Ezekiel for Everyone



by John Goldingay
In the Old Testament for Everyone series, Old Testament scholar John Goldingay addresses Scripture from Genesis to Malachi in such a way that even the most challenging passages are explained simply and



“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.”

*Erie Presbyterians Network

Six of the Erie area Presbyterian Churches have banded together to improve their web presence. They have all been working very hard to create new web sites that offer more information about their church, staff, and the call to serve God. You can check out the new look at <http://presbyteriannetwork.com/>.

*Spread the Word

The Presbytery office wants to do its part and help spread the word about the happenings within the 58 churches in the Presbytery. Please email Melinda, adminasst@pbylakeerie.org, with upcoming events and exciting news.

*The Reformation Anniversary Approaches

Interesting article about the Reformation. Check it out as you consider how to honor this anniversary in your church.
<http://wrcr.ch/news/wrcr-joins-declaration-to-overcome-reformation-divisions>

concisely. The series is perfect for daily devotions, group study, or personal visits with the Bible. In this volume on Lamentations and Ezekiel, Goldingay explores these two prophetic books. Lamentations is considered one of the most tragic books in the Bible, with graphic and blunt language about the destruction of Jerusalem at the hands of the Babylonians and the people's feelings of loss and despair amid God's silence. Ezekiel contains the prophet's thoughts after a tumultuous political time that saw many taken away from their homes and sent into exile. Where is God, Ezekiel asked, and what must we do for God to return? This book is available for check out at the Resource Center. Hours are 9-1 Monday and Tuesday and 9-12:30 Wednesday and Thursday.

Mission Trip Opportunities!

Mission trip opportunities currently open to neighboring Presbyterian Churches. Consider participating:

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, August 29, 3:00 PM, Girard

Tuesday, October 24, 3:00 PM, Ripley

Presbytery meetings

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**

"Rivers and Tides. Working with Time" film screening

You are invited to attend the Documentary Film Screening of Artist Andy Goldsworthy's "Rivers and Tides. Working with Time" on Thursday, July 13 at 5:30 pm at First Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, 250 W. 7th. Promises to be an evening of thoughtful reflection of Water Justice issues. Complementary light refreshments will be provided. A flyer is attached with complete details.

Congregational Sustainability Forum

It's been nearly two years since the conclusion of our Congregational Sustainability Forum series in which many churches participated. It is time for an Update Forum this autumn. **This is especially designed for churches that participated in this Presbyterian Foundation event hosted previously but all are welcome.**

Co-sponsored by the Presbyterian Foundation and your Presbytery, and hosted by Westminster Presbyterian Church, information will be shared on the most recent trends in American Protestantism, especially those affecting smaller congregations. We'll discuss what this means to us and how congregations are responding to build and maintain vibrancy in their own faith communities.

We'll send reminders, of course, but we encourage you to mark your calendar now:

Tuesday, October 24: 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

*Westminster Presbyterian Church, 3642 West 26th Street, Erie
A light lunch will be served.*

Church Photos Needed

The Presbytery of Lake Erie website is getting a new look. As we work to make these changes, we would like your help. If you have a picture of the outside of your church building, please share it with us. We would like to get a photo of all 58 churches in the Presbytery. You can email pictures to Melinda @ adminasst@pbylakeerie.org.

Photographers Needed!!

The Presbytery of Lake Erie is searching for 3 or 4 volunteer photographers to help us populate the new presbytery website with pictures. Perhaps you are the 'unofficial photographer' for your congregation already. Or you would like to help out by taking pictures at a presbytery meeting or other presbytery related activity. Are you interested in learning more? Contact David Oyler (david@pbylakeerie.org) for more information. The church is strongest as we use all our gifts for the common good!



Garland's 200th Anniversary Celebration

The "Tuesday Night Irregulars" from Jamestown, NY and Warren, Pa. with Rick Hernan and company played at Garland's 200th Anniversary Celebration Wed. evening. A good time was had by all. Garland was also featured on the Synod website.

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.

July 16
Utica
Commission Ruling Elder Tina Kaye
Presbyterian Homes
"Bobbie" Gray, Director

July 23
Cambridge Springs
Rev. Tommy O'Leary, Temporary Supply Pastor
Rev. Frank Duncan (HR)

July 30
Sugar Grove
Rev. Doug Portz
Board of Pensions, Regional Representative

August 6
North East
Rev. Gregg Townsend, Pastor
Ministry of the
Presbyterian Foundation and
Ministry Relations Officer,
Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelley

August 13
Adamsville
Rev. Harry Johns, Temporary Supply Pastor
Rev. Don Gordon (HR)

With Sadness...

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

- Dick Zahner, member of the North East Church, died on June 19. In recent years he has been one of the most faithful presbyters at presbytery meetings. Some years ago he was moderator of the Bills and Overtures Committee. A former General Electric employee, he had grown up in the Westminster Church.
- Betty Horne, wife of **Honorably Retired Pastor Nelson 'Bud' Horne**, died on June 9. Betty and her husband served a lengthy pastorate at Irvine and Tidioute before moving to Port Allegany where they served many more years. A service to honor Betty's life was held on Monday, June 19 at 1:00 PM at Hurlbut Community Church on the grounds of Chautauqua Institute.
- **Rev. George Day** died on May 24. Rev. Day served as pastor of the Edinboro Church in the 1960s when they made the significant decision to relocate from downtown

Please follow the link for the whole story.

<http://www.syntrinity.org/featured/garland-church-still-percolating-after-200-years/>

Choir Robes and Hymnals available

The First Church of Bradford has approx. 30 adult choir robes; green with a cream color stole in various sizes. They also have 150+ of the blue Presbyterian Hymnals (1990). These are available free of charge. If interested contact Regina Gabriel, First Presbyterian Church Bradford, Director of Music @ rcg18@pitt.edu or @ 814-596-9321.

Wee Kirk 2017 Northeast Conference

Shenango Presbytery is hosting Wee Kirk Conference October 9-11 at the Laurelville Mennonite Church Center, Mt. Pleasant, PA. This time is filled with speakers and seminars that will prove to inspire, equip, motivate, and encourage small Presbytery churches. Applications will be available at the June 20th Presbytery Meeting or online at www.wee-kirk-ne.org. There are \$50 scholarships available through the Presbytery Office.

Loving Search for God Weekend Retreat

Fr. William Meninger, a Trappist Monk and author will lead a retreat in Erie to guide one to an elevated sense of love, insight, and experience of God. Friday September 15th. 4 pm to 8:30 pm and Saturday September 16th, 8:30 am to 8:30 pm at Mount St Benedict Monastery, 6101 East Lake Road, Erie, PA. Cost is \$95 includes program and four meals. For more information and to register: <http://www.stgeorgeerie.org/news/weekend-retreat>.

Would you Like to Attend Kaleidoscope?

Would you like to attend the national stewardship conference called Kaleidoscope but you don't have the finance to participate? If so there may be funds available through a Church Financial Literacy Grant Application. Want to know more? Contact David Oyler at david@pbylakeerie.org.

Support the 2017 Mission Trip to Ghana

Will you be part of sending a little bit of Lake Erie Presbytery to Ghana and bringing a little bit of Ghana back home? The team will visit the Wapuli Health Clinic, the Tamale Youth Resource Centre, the Bimbila Chapel Congregation and other communities where the Ghana Partnership is engaged. The emphasis will be on building relationships, on listening, loving and learning. Are you able to give or raise funds for the expenses of the trip, for medical equipment for the Health Clinic, or for our Ghanaian Partners' participation? Contact Donna Cammarata with questions donna.camm@gmail.com 814-873-4860. Send donations to Presbytery of Lake Erie, 2816 Elmwood Avenue, Erie, PA 16508 (designate 2017 Ghana Trip).

Wiggles n Worship

There is a new and exciting interactive worship service for children 5 years and under, along with their parents at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church at 32nd and Greengarden. Every Wednesday from 2-3pm starting on June 7th. Pastor Kristen from Mount Calvary and Pastor Emily from First Presbyterian in Waterford look forward to worshipping with you!

Edinboro to their current location east of town. He served the Presbyterian Church in a multitude of ways across his years of ministry.

- Bill Sesler, long time ruling elder and Sunday school teacher at First Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, died May 22. He had a keen interest in public affairs and did a splendid job of linking his Christian faith to public action. His nephew Scott Sesler serves as co-moderator of the Administrative Committee of the presbytery.

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 will remove your name from the list.

Thank you for your patience as we seek to undergo this upgrade.

Please remember to visit our website at:

<http://www.pbylakeerie.org>



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Good News about Your Generosity in 2017!!

We are already 6 months into 2017! And it is good to celebrate the financial faithfulness of the congregations of Lake Erie Presbytery! At the end of June a total of \$65,645 has been received through general mission giving in the first six months of the year – about on schedule with what is anticipated. Seven churches have already fulfilled their pledge for the year! Thanks! About \$11,500 is needed per month to reach the mission goal for the year. YOUR GIFTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN TELLING THE STORY OF THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST! Mission travel and energy efficiency grants are funded through your mission gifts. Children are fed and ecumenical campus ministry is engaged. Thank you!

On the per capita side there is additional good news of financial faithfulness. About \$19,100 is needed each month to meet budget expectations. During the first six months of the year a total of \$120,661 was received, including 22 churches that have already been able to fulfill their total per capita commitment for the year. This is slightly ahead of budget expectation which is normal this time of year. Thank you for your faithful support – even paying advance when possible! And thank you for making all payments before the end of the year!

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

*Available for the Asking...

The presbytery office has a box of 500 'Fellowship Cups' available for the asking. The Fellowship Cup includes prefilled cups for communion along with soft wafers. Contact Melinda (adminasst@pbylakeerie.org) for more information.

*News from Our Churches and Pastors

- Only two more weeks to attend 'Oklahoma' at the Erie Playhouse! Rev. Dave Edmunds is a key member of the cast. Don't miss out!
- Ben Fugate, son of **Rev. David Fugate**, led McDowell High School's U.S. Academic Decathlon/Academic Sports League in scoring in their recent national competition. The team finished third in the large school competition. Ben is a junior at McDowell High School and also currently serving on the Pastor Nominating Committee at Church of the Cross. Congratulations!

*Prayer Concerns



- The father-in-law of **Rev. Emily Zeig Lindsey** died on June 19. Rodney Lindsey lived in Sheffield, Pennsylvania. Pray with Emily and her husband Rodney in this time of sadness.
- Andy Blauser, an active member of the Irvine congregation, died in a motorcycle accident on June 11. Please pray for his wife and two young children, along with the Irvine congregation, in their time of grieving.
- Ellie Dyke, mother of **Rev. John Dyke**, died on May 29 after a long period of declining health. Ellie had been a long time member of the Warren Church. Please remember John in your prayers in the death of his mother.
- The father of **Rev. Chuck Cammarata** died on May 28 in Pittsburgh. Please remember Chuck in your prayers as his family mourns the death of his father.
- **Jeff Fowler**, husband of **Rev. Jamie Fowler, Hasson Height and Pleasantville**, underwent chemotherapy treatments in Indianapolis, IN for several weeks this spring. They returned to Venango County in late June. Pray with the Fowler family along with the two congregations she serves as Jeff works his way toward full health.
- 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!