



# 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

- ❖ Wednesday, October 11, 10:00 AM, Administrative Assistant/Financial Administrator Training, Corry Church
- ❖ Thursday, October 12, 8:30 AM, Venango/Forest Pastor's Gathering, Oil City, First Church
- ❖ Tuesday-Wednesday, October 17-18, Committee on Ministry meeting, Olmsted Manor, Ludlow, PA
- ❖ Thursday, October 19, 9:00 AM, Christian Education, Corry
- ❖ Thursday, October 19, 4:30 PM, Administrative Committee meeting, Presbytery office
- ❖ Thursday, October 19, 6:00 PM, Trustees, Presbytery office
- ❖ Tuesday, October 24, 12:00 PM, Presbyterian Foundation Small Church Form Annual Update, Westminster Church, Erie
- ❖ Tuesday, October 24, 3:00 PM, Coordinating Committee meeting, Ripley
- ❖ Monday-Tuesday, October 30-31, Committee on Preparation for Ministry and Committee on Ministry training, State College

❖ All upcoming events can be found on the Presbytery websites [Important Dates](#)

## \*RESOURCE CENTER REVIEW

Everyday Faith Drawing Near to His Presence  
Orr, Katie



"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."

## Prayers to those affected by the recent string of hurricanes

Please pray for those affected by the recent hurricanes to hit the United States. Are you wondering what you might be able to do to help? The Presbytery Disaster Assistance fund is already making plans to help the Presbytery communities that have been devastated by this weather. You can [Click Here](#) to learn more about ways to give or you can mail a monetary donation to the Presbytery office at 2816 Elmwood Avenue. Erie PA 16508.

## 2017 Church Leadership Conference

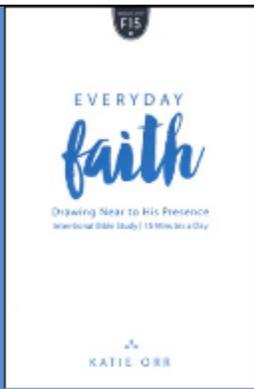
Graham Standish will be hosting our Leadership event for elders and deacons at **Penn State Behrend College** (Smith Chapel) on **Saturday, November 4**. Cost for the day will be \$15 per person, including continental breakfast, beverage service, and box lunch. All elders and deacons are encouraged to come, and bring their pastors along if possible! Contact Rev. Dave Edmunds (814-397-1861) or Rev. Charlie McClung (814-504-7635) For more information about the event and about Graham himself [Click Here](#).

## Wiggles n Worship New Date and Time

The interactive worship service for children 5 years and under is continuing this fall with a **new date and time!** Children, along with their parents, can attend at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church at 32nd and Greengarden every **Thursday** from **4-5pm**. Pastor Kristen from Mount Calvary and Pastor Emily from First Presbyterian in Waterford look forward to worshipping with you!

## \*October is Pastor Appreciation Month!!

October is recognized by many congregations as Pastor Appreciation Month. Have you made plans to honor your pastor? How about a 'thank you' note? Or a reception after worship? How about offering thanks to God at the time of the morning prayer for your pastor? The options are endless. Consider



Everyday Faith, a quick and easy-to-use four-week study, will help you discover how to draw near to God's presence. As you explore Hebrews 11, you will discover that as you draw near to Him, His presence will give your faith new life and

meaning. Designed for those who are pressed for time but crave more from their devotional and study time, Everyday Faith offers a unique format that takes as little as 15 minutes a day. While the time may be short, the structure of this study provides a relevant and lasting approach to study Scripture as you work through the FOCUS process each week. This book is available for check out at the Resource Center. Phone 814 868-4891, ext. 5 or email [elaine@pbylakeerie.org](mailto:elaine@pbylakeerie.org). 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, October 24, 3:00 PM, Ripley

#### Presbytery meetings

what you can do TODAY to honor your pastor.

### **Julie Nevel in Concert**

Fairview Presbyterian Church, 4264 Avonia Road, Fairview PA 16415 will host Julie Nevel on Saturday, October 14, 7 pm. The cost for the event is a free will offering. Julie has been ministering fulltime throughout the U.S. and abroad as a worship leader, singer/songwriter, speaker, concert artist and pianist. Her songs include "The Spirit of the Flame," inspired by the athletes of the Special Olympics, and "Step by Step," a song penned for breast cancer awareness. She recently had her first book published, "Asbury Lane: An American Love Story" based on a true story about her parents and their journey together. Julie is also the founder of the Sister to Sister Women's Conference, which she coordinates and takes to various churches and venues. [www.julienevel.com](http://www.julienevel.com)

### **Annual Harvest Dinner & Bake Sale**

The annual Harvest Dinner and bake sale will be held on Wednesday, October 18, 2017 from 4:30 - 7:00 P.M. at Fairview Presbyterian Church, 4264 Avonia Road, Fairview PA 16415. There will be specialty homemade ham loaf, or meat loaf, sides, dessert, & beverage. Cost is adults \$10, Children ages 5-12 \$5, Under 5 – free. Credit Cards accepted and take outs is available!

### **Keeping Families Connected with a yearlong Calendar**

Rev. Keith Sundberg from Wayside is taking a new approach to encourage his congregation's involvement in church activities all year long. He has compiled a yearlong calendar for Wayside that even includes next year's Vacation Bible School. Rev. Sundberg is hoping that providing advance notice will make it easier for families to include church activities in their family's plans. [Check Out Keith's Story Here](#)

### **Session Minutes Review**

Reminder each clerk of session is asked to attend one of the following regional gatherings, or send another representative from the session. Choose the one which best fits your location or your schedule.

- \* **Tuesday, October 17**    **7:00 pm**    **First United Presbyterian, Edinboro**
- \* **Sunday, October 22**    **3:00 pm**    **First Presbyterian, Warren**
- \* **Sunday, October 29**    **3:00 pm**    **First Presbyterian, Oil City**

### **Associate Church Consultant Position Advertised by the Board of Pensions**

The Board of Pensions is seeking an Associate Church Consultant for this region. If you would like more information about this position you are encouraged to contact Administrative Assistant Melinda Wingenbach in the presbytery office or to contact the Board of Pensions directly.

### **Synod of the Trinity**

The latest eNews for the Synod of the Trinity is available. [October 6th Enews: Check it Out!](#)

### **New Presbytery of Lake Erie Website**

The Presbytery of Lake Erie has been working hard on our new website. The address has not changed but many features have. Please check it out.

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.

Oct. 15  
Warren First Church  
Rev Hydie Houston (HR)

Oct.22  
Rocky Grove Avenue Church  
Rev. Rachel Johns, Temporary Supply Pastor  
Rev. George Espy (HR)

Oct. 29  
Warren Church  
Rev. Rebecca Taylor, TS  
Candidates under Care of Lake Erie Presbytery

## With Sadness...

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

- Charles W. Duryea Sr. passed away September 12, 2017. Charles was ordained as a lay minister for the Presbytery of Lake Erie. He served for the Presbytery for many years at Sugar Grove Presbyterian Church and Garland Presbyterian Church.

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](mailto: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.

[www.pbylakeerie.org](http://www.pbylakeerie.org). The members section has changed. At this time if you need to access the members only section please contact Melinda in the office, [adminasst@pbylakeerie.org](mailto:adminasst@pbylakeerie.org). As you will see we are trying to highlight upcoming church events. Please let us know in the office if there is something going on in your church community you would like us to include. We are also accenting photos of the churches. If you have not sent in a photo please do so.

## Musical Jam in Cambridge Springs

Cambridge Springs Presbyterian Church, 338 South Main Street, will be holding a Musical Jam every Thursday night starting at 6:30. All are welcome to join in just bring your favorite instrument and have fun.

## The Reformation Anniversary Approaches

Interesting article about the Reformation. Check it out as you consider how to honor this anniversary in your church [Click Here](#).

## 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, but we encourage you to mark your calendar now:

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

*Westminster Presbyterian Church, 3642 West 26<sup>th</sup> Street, Erie*

*A light lunch will be served.*

## \*Mission and Per Capita Report

To read the September report [Click Here](#)

## \*Prayer Concerns

- Pray for all affected by the recent shooting in Las Vegas.
- Pray for those affected by Hurricanes in Texas and Florida and Puerto Rico.
- Pray for the continuing conversations around racism and violence that the power of God might be brought to these difficult conversations.
- Please remember the Ghana Trip and Team in your prayers as they have returned from a successful trip in which relationship building has been strengthened. More news to follow!



Pray for wisdom to engage radical missional thought in each of our communities. The time to act for the Kingdom of God is NOW!

Please remember to visit our  
website at:

<http://www.pbylakeerie.org>



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