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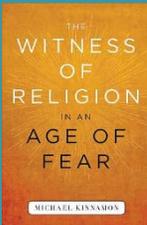
## \*Upcoming Events

- ❖ Tuesday, November 28, 1:00 PM, Mission and Social Witness, First Church, Meadville
- ❖ Tuesday, December 5, 10:00 AM, Worship Committee, Corry
- ❖ Thursday, December 7, 12:30 PM, Erie Pastor's Gathering, New Hope
- ❖ All upcoming events can be found on the Presbytery websites [Important Dates](#)

## \*RESOURCE CENTER REVIEW

The Witness of Religion in an Age of Fear  
Kinnamon, Michael

In this helpful and illuminating book, Michael Kinnamon challenges readers to consider why we find ourselves in this age of fear and what we can do about it. Drawing on support from a diversity of religious traditions and teachers, Kinnamon argues that religious faith is the best way to combat a culture of fear. He explores fear in relation to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and the American political scene, and he shares courageous examples of individuals from different religions working for peace. Perfect for individuals or group study, this book helps readers understand the manipulative power of fear and how religious beliefs call us to reject fear at all costs. A study guide is included.



## Mission Trip Opportunities!

Mission trip opportunities currently open to



“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.”

## Holiday Craft Show

Fairview Presbyterian Church, 4264 Avonia Road, Fairview PA will be holding a Holiday Craft Show on Saturday, November 18 from 10 am – 4 pm. There will be over 25 vendors, Bake Sale, 50-50, Chinese Auction, & Refreshments. The proceeds benefit the church’s 2018 Belize Mission Trip. Cost is \$2 at the door which includes 2 free Chinese Auction tickets.

## Peace Light Available

The Peace Light, a flame that is taken from the grotto in Bethlehem where tradition places Jesus’ birth will be available for pickup at the Synod of the Trinity/Presbytery offices. It will arrive in the United States the Saturday after Thanksgiving and will be in the office into December. The Peace Light is also Boy Scout initiative and the Synod would like to not only let congregations know about the possibilities of the Peace Light but also connect with any Scout Troops (boys or girls) that meet in your Presbyterian churches. If you have any information in regards to congregations that host Scout Troops, I’d appreciate any contact information you have for those churches/troops. It may also lead to that host congregation participating in the Peace Light festivities this holiday season.

## Rhythm of the Synod

You can find the Rhythm of the Synod recap of last week’s Assembly Meeting in State College [HERE](#). Feel free to share all of the good work and conversation that was had with your congregation. Also, [VIEW](#) the video conference call with PCUSA Stated Clerk J. Herbert Nelson – you can hear the singing! If you are looking for more information please contact Melinda in the Presbytery Office.

## Synod of the Trinity

The latest eNews for the Synod of the Trinity is available. [November 7th Enews: Check it Out!](#)

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

2018 dates to be decided

#### Presbytery meetings

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.

Nov. 19  
Cooperstown Church  
Commissioned Ruling Elder Diane Whitman  
Ruling Elder Cindy Swendsen  
Moderator of the Coordinating Committee

Nov. 26  
Eastminster, Erie  
Rev. Steve Morse, Temporary Supply Pastor  
Rev. Emily Rodgers Bissett  
Valid Min., Presbyterian Church, Canada

Dec.3  
Plumer Church, Oil City  
Missionaries of the PC (USA)  
Throughout the World

### **Linesville use of "Seed Money"**

Linesville Presbyterian Church used their \$214 to host a beauty pageant for special needs children and young adults ages 3 to 17. The congregation donated the formal wear and the money went to purchase crowns, tiaras, sashes and trophies for all the participants.

### **Presbytery Disaster Relief Fund helping Hurricane Victims**

You can visit the [PDA Website](#) and see how they have been reaching out to the Presbytery Communities that have been affected by the recent hurricanes. The Presbytery of Lake Erie and its 58 churches have already raised \$26,225. Please continue to pray for those affected. 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.

### **2018 Per Capita**

The 2018 Per Capita letters have been mailed out to all churches. If you have not received yours check with your pastor. Copies are available through the Presbytery office, Barb Sundberg, [bookkeeper@pbylakeerie.org](mailto:bookkeeper@pbylakeerie.org).

### **House for Rent**

The Elmwood Avenue Presbyterian Church has a house for rent. It is a two bedroom, one bath, completely remodeled house which is located next to the church building. For further information contact Lisa at 450-4920 or Cil at 440-1112.

### **Seed Money put to good use.**

The Seed Money given by the Presbytery in the amount of \$214 was used by the Presbyterian Church of Kane as an outreach to the community in the form of a free lunch to anyone, rich or poor alike. It has been held the second Tuesday of every month since its inception and serves 80-100 lunches both on the street outside the church or in our fellowship hall. It is sustainable by donations from those who use it. It has surpassed any expectation and is a huge asset to the community!

### **Application being accepted for Young Adult Volunteer Program**

The YAV program is a one-year service opportunity for young adults ages 19-30, offered through the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The benefits include a year of vocational discernment, the opportunity to live and work with the support of an intentional Christian community, time to explore their relationship with God and to live more simply. Please follow the link for more information. [Click Here](#)

### **Eastern Region of APCE Spring Event [More Info Here](#)**

Save the date for David LaMotte and Jon Brown at the APCE Spring event to be held April 30<sup>th</sup> through May 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Rhodes Grove Conference Center, 7696 Browns Mill Rd Chambersburg PA. Register early as spaces are limited and scholarships are available through Melinda in the Presbytery Office.

### **\*Mission and Per Capita Report**

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



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.

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<http://www.pbylakeerie.org>



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## \*Prayer Concerns

- George Johnson, Honorably Retired, continues to address health concerns with his eyes. After time in a Pittsburgh hospital he was home for a few days and then spent time at Hamot Hospital. Please pray with George, and his wife Connie, as he continues to deal with these issues.
- **Rev. Drew Himes** begin serving as called pastor of the Fairview – Church of the Cross. Welcome!
- Pray for Rev. Dave Edmunds who is recovering from surgery after a car accident.
- 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!

## With Sadness...

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

- Rev. Stephen Cahoon passed away on October 21, 2017. Steve served the Harborcreek Church from 2008 to 2013. Stephen and his wife Marie lived with their daughter in northern Virginia. Steve was ordained in September 1987, having just achieved 30 years of ordained ministry. The majority of his ministry was celebrated within the bounds of Beaver-Butler Presbytery prior to his arrival at Harborcreek. A service to honor Rev. Steve Cahoon's life is tentatively scheduled for December 2; we will share more information as it becomes available. Condolences can be sent to Marie Cahoon, 92 Eisentown Dr., Lovettsville, VA 20180.
- Rev. Sue Montgomery lost her brother, Chuck, in accident on his farm in Virginia in late October. Your prayers in this time of unexpected grief are deeply appreciated.
- Rhonda Klink, long time treasurer for the Hartstown Church, died after a battle with cancer. Her husband, Tom, had recently served on the presbytery Administrative Committee.