Lake Erie PRESBYTERY

The Lake Erie Breeze

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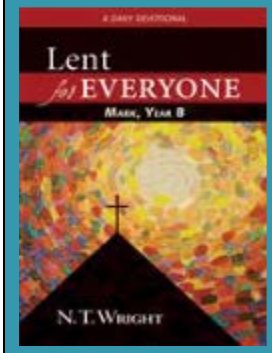
Headlines for new items will be in green and highlighted. Newer items will tend to be toward the top of the Breeze.
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*Upcoming Events

- **Thursday, February 1, 12:30 AM, Erie Pastor's Gathering, Harborcreek**
- **Monday, February 5, 2:00 PM, Committee on Preparation for Ministry meeting, Meadville, Redeemer**
- **Monday-Wednesday, February 5-7, Pastor's retreat, Dunkirk, NY**
- **Tuesday, February 13, 4:00 PM, Committee on Ministry, First Church, Titusville**
- **Wednesday February 14, 9:00 AM, Annual Statistics are due**
- **Thursday, February 15, 1:00 PM, The Big Event Planning Meeting, First Covenant**
- **All upcoming events can be found on the Presbytery websites Important Dates**

*RESOURCE CENTER REVIEW

Lent for Everyone, Mark, Year B: A Daily Devotional Wright, N.T.



Lent for Everyone: Mark, Year B will guide readers through the Lenten season with insight from popular Biblical scholar N.T. Wright. By the end of the book, readers will have been through the entirety of Mark, along with Psalm readings for each Sunday. Suitable for both individual and group study and reflection, Wright's Lenten devotional will help make Mark's Gospel your own, and your journey through Lent a period of rich discovery



"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."

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*Livestream from the Annual APCE Event

On the APCE website www.apcenet.org anyone can livestream the annual event to be help today January 31st through Saturday February 3rd. The schedule of events is available Here.

*2018 Technology Grant

In an effort to be supportive of evolving and new technology related ministries, the Administrative Committee is making technology grants available to congregations. Applications are being accepted and will be reviewed during the committee's bi monthly meetings. Click here for the application or call the office for more information.

*Pastor's Canoe Trip

Howard Gaston, former pastor at Oil City, Second Church, is again leading a wilderness canoe trip/study leave experience September 23 to October 1 in Canada. Registration is due June 1st with a $50 nonrefundable deposit. Over the years several pastors from Lake Erie have participated in this week long venture in Christian community. Check out the details.

*Eastern Region of APCE Spring Event

Save the date for David LaMotte and Jon Brown at the APCE Spring event to be held April 30th through May 2nd at the Rhodes Grove Conference Center, 7696 Browns Mill Rd Chambersburg PA. **More Info Here.** Register early as spaces are limited and scholarships are available through Melinda in the Presbytery Office. To view the available workshops Click Here

Resource Center

Did you know that the Presbytery of Lake Erie has a Resource Center with over 3500 books, videos, curriculums, etc? You can access the catalog simply by Clicking Here or by going to the Presbytery website www.pbylakeerie.org . You can even reach out to Elaine Garts, The Resource Center Director. She is available by phone 814 868-4891, ext. 5 or email elaine@pbylakeerie.org

and growth.

Coordinating Committee and Presbytery meetings for 2018:

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

Coordinating Committee meetings

Tuesday, January 30, 11am, Corry First
Tuesday, March 20, 3pm, Gravel Run
Tuesday, June 5, 3pm, Cooperstown
Tuesday, August 28, 3pm, TBA
Tuesday, October 30, 3pm, Port Allegany

Presbytery meetings

Saturday, February 24, 10am, Edinboro First
Tuesday April 24, 3pm, Bradford First
Tuesday, June 26, 3pm, Wayside, Erie
Saturday, September 22, 10am, Oil City Second
Saturday, November 17, 10am, Fairview, Church of The Cross

*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.

Feb. 4
First Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, Erie
Rev. Chris Weichman, Pastor
Elaine Garts
Resource Center Director

Feb. 11
Erie-Wayside
Rev. James Bernhardt, Pastor
Rev. Keith Sundberg, Associate Pastor
Administrative Assistant
Melinda Wingenbach

Feb. 18
Meadville, Redeemer Church
Rev. Tim Solomon, Temporary Supply Pastor
International Mission Partnership with Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Ghana

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** or by stopping in 9-1 Monday and Tuesday. The center is also open Wednesday and Thursdays from 8:30 to 12:30 (2816 Elmwood Ave, Erie PA.) Once you find what you are looking for you can stop in to pick them up, the resources can be mailed to you, or even delivered to an upcoming meetings. Let Elain help you find what you might need for your upcoming Sunday school class, session meeting, budget planning, or community involvement group.

*The Warm it Forward Project Clothesline went up on the front lawn Sunday, January 21, 2018



First Presbyterian Church, Bradford, initiated this multi-generational, community-wide project, Warm It Forward, to provide hats, gloves, mittens, coats, scarves, and blankets to our neighbors in the coldest part of our year. We appreciate the partnership of other groups, as we work to broaden this effort across our community and raise awareness of homelessness and poverty. Articles of warmth are placed on our church lawn on a clothesline during the coldest of months, January and on into February.

*North East use of "Seed Money"

First Presbyterian Church of North East used their $214 to add to their Sunday school program. They began to offer free breakfast to all Sunday school students. What a way to start your day, a full stomach and a positive spiritual message.

Seed Money put to good use at Edinboro

The Seed Money given by the Presbytery in the amount of $214 was used by the Edinboro Church to help strengthen the body and mind of the community. They started a community yoga class.

*Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering

Arise, Shine, Your Light Has Come. The internationally acclaimed storyteller Tracy Radosevic will be the key note speaker on April 28th. Wayside Presbyterian Church, 1208 Asbury Road, Erie will be hosting this gathering you won't want to miss.

Harsh Winter Weather

The unprecedented winter weather that has struck the presbytery is having a significant impact on roofs, gutters, downspouts and verandas across the region. Church buildings are not exempt from such damage. Our own Elmwood Avenue Presbyterian Church, were the presbytery office is located, has seen its fair share of damage. Click Here to read the story.

*Annual Statistics Time

It's that time of year again for Annual Statistics. Twenty-one of our churches have already entered in their statistical report online (36%). WAY TO GO! Can we reach 100% this year? They are due February 14th. If you need help

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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Wheels for Joshua, PCUSA Ghana Mission Co-worker

Lake Erie Presbytery is taking the lead in raising funds to provide a durable and reliable vehicle for Josh Heikkila. Josh travels extensively in Ghana and to neighboring countries of Niger, Togo and Nigeria in his work and ministries. The Presbytery has already committed an initial $5,000 and will match funds contributed within Lake Erie Presbytery (up to $5,000) and from other Presbyteries (up to $5,000). $5105.35 has already been received in donations between the Presbytery of Lake Erie and surrounding Presbyteries. Funds will be matched between now and March 31, 2018. Josh continues to be a vital partner in the Lake Erie Ghana Partnership. Will you go the extra mile to help Josh go the extra miles? Please consider contributing and/or creatively raising funds. Contributions may be sent to: 2816 Elmwood Ave, Erie, PA 16508 - *mark for VEHICLE for Josh Heikkila*

IRS Mileage rate for 2018

Beginning on Jan. 1, **2018**, the standard **mileage rates** for the use of a car (also vans, pickups or panel trucks) will be: 54.5 cents for every **mile** of business travel driven, up 1 cent from the **rate** for 2017. 18 cents per **mile** driven for medical or moving purposes, up 1 cent from the **rate** for 2017

*Mission and Per Capita Report

Year-end figures have been finalized. Check them out below! In the meantime there is very good news on the financial front. 99.9% of per capita was received – a phenomenal amount! And mission giving reached about 97.9% of the goal for the year. Outstanding work in sharing in the proclamation of the Gospel in this region!
To read the November report Click Here

*Synod of the Trinity

The latest eNews for the Synod of the Trinity is available. January 19th Enews You can also email Mike Givler at mgivler@syntrinity.org to be added to the eNews list.

*Association of Presbyterian Church Educators

The weekly newsletter from the APCE Singing Faith All Day Long is available online. Click the link above to sign up for the Enews. It's not just a great resource for spiritual formation leaders but for anyone looking to strengthen ones faith.

*Presbyterian Historical Society

Check out the latest eNews from the historical Society January 2018. If you haven't signed up to receive this eNews you can Subscribe Here

*Prayer Concerns

Pray for Nancy's safe travel, successful surgery and a complete recovery.



- Retired **CP Nancy Page** from Sugar Grove Presbyterian Church had knee replacement surgery on January 10th in Florida. Please pray for Nancy's

safe travel, successful surgery and a complete recovery.

- **Rev. 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. Rachel Johns,** Rocky Grove and Linesville, is recovering from cataract surgery.
- Pray for the continuing conversations around racism and violence that the power of God might be brought to these difficult conversations.
- Rev. Jim Moelk, Honorably Retired, is recovering at home from recent back surgery. Your prayers for him are deeply appreciated.

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