



Lake Erie PRESBYTERY

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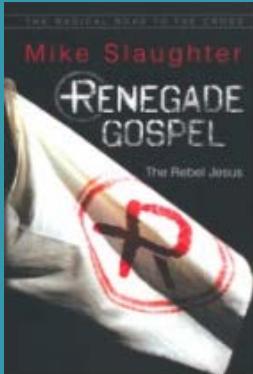
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*Upcoming Events

- ❖ Wednesday February 14, 9:00 AM, Annual Statistics are due
- ❖ Thursday, February 15, 1:00 PM, The Big Event Planning Meeting, First Covenant
- ❖ Saturday February 17, 1:30 PM, Committee on Preparation for Ministry, Redeemer Church
- ❖ Friday, February 23, 9:00 AM, Terms of Call are due to the Presbytery Office
- ❖ Saturday, February 24, 10:00 AM, Presbytery Meeting, Edinboro
- ❖ All upcoming events can be found on the Presbytery websites [Important Dates](#)

*RESOURCE CENTER REVIEW

Renegade Gospel: The Rebel Jesus - DVD



Slaughter, Mike
Be a renegade for the true Jesus. Central to the Christian faith is a man who denies all our pre-conceived notions about what God should look like. Joining his movement will mean coming to terms with the real

Jesus, the rebel Jesus. Renegade Gospel is a multi-component, all-church sermon series and study with six sessions that is perfect for Lent and Easter. This six-session DVD features pastor and author Mike Slaughter bringing his edgy, powerful style to bear on this important topic. The book Renegade Gospel and Leader Guide are also available.

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"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."

*Annual Statistics ARE DUE TODAY

Has your church completed entering them online? **Fifty Three of our churches have already entered in their statistical report online (91%)**. WAY TO GO! Can we reach 100% this year? They are due today. If you need help entering in your churches statistics please contact Melinda in the presbytery office, 814-868-4891 Ext 3 or adminasst@pbylakeerie.org.

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.

*Confirmation Curriculum

The Christian Education Committee is wondering if your church might be interested in discussing a joint effort on Confirmation. You can reach out to any committee member or contact Melinda in the presbytery office. adminasst@pbylakeerie.org. [New Curriculum](#) coming soon from the PCUSA, check it out.

- A word from your Christian Education Committee Moderator.
 - Friends, this has been an excellent research project over the last few years. Their final reports are starting to be shared. This can be a guide for knowing if you are on track with other PCUSA churches. Peace to you, Keith Sundberg [Click Here](#)

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.](#)

The Resource Center is staffed Monday & Tuesday, 9 a.m.– 1 p.m. and is open Wednesday and Thursday, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. It is located in Elmwood Avenue Presbyterian Church, 2816 Elmwood Avenue, Erie. Phone: 814 868-4891 ext. 5; Email: elaine@pbylakeerie.org Stop in or check online on the Presbytery website to find something to suit your needs

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, 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. 18

Meadville, Redeemer Church

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

Feb. 25

Nickleville Church

Rev. Darrell Knopp, Temporary Supply Pastor
Rev. Gary Larson (HR)
Rev. Terry Purvis Smith (HR)

March 4

Erie Belle Valley and Elmwood Avenue

Rev. Dave Edmunds, Temporary Supply Pastor
Marsha MacKinnon
Presbytery Webmaster

The Big Event: Discovering Joy Right Where You Are

March 10th the First Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, 250 West 7th Street Erie, will be hosting The Big Event 2018. Keynote speaker David Hansen will add to a day filled with learning and worship. Registration begins at 9 with the option to choose your morning and afternoon workshops. Registration is available online at www.pbylakeerie.org. You can [Click here](#) for more information and to register by mail.

***One Great Hour of Sharing Update**

The season of giving to the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is rapidly approaching. As your church considers faithful giving to this special offering in the Easter season it may be helpful to a bit of how your neighbor churches participate in this offering. In Lake Erie Presbytery:

- 43 out of 58 congregations received this offering in 2017 (an increase from 41 churches in 2016).
- Lake Erie Presbytery gave slightly above the national average per member OGHS. The denominational average was \$3.76. Lake Erie Presbytery, on average, gave \$3.80 per member.
- The Mill Village Church gave the highest amount per member; Tidioute was second; Kane third.
- A total of 8 congregations – Fairview, Harmonsburg, Kane, Mill Village, Port Allegany, Ripley, Tidioute and Tionesta – all gave more than \$10 per member.

As your church prepares to receive the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering you are encouraged to use the materials provided by the denomination and be creative! Your gifts make a difference!

First Deadline for Young Adult Volunteers

Apply before March 1st for international placement options. National site applications remain open until June 1st. Program benefits include a regular stipend, housing, transportation and [student-loan repayment options](#) throughout the duration of the service year. For more info, visit the FAQ tab at the top of the [YAV homepage](#). The 2018-19 recruitment season for the [Young Adult Volunteer program](#) is ongoing! Applications can be accessed online at youngadultvolunteers.org/apply. Also, following [@yavprogram](#) on social media is a great resource. Help plants seeds of service and spread the word!

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 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.)

*Prayer Concerns

- Joan McClung, wife of Rev. Charles McClung, New Hope, is recovering from shoulder surgery.
- 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.
- 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!

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.

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.

*Mill Village use of "Seed Money"

First Presbyterian Church of Mill Village used their \$214 to purchase supplies for their youth group. They had 20 kids that participated in youth group this year. The church had a little money left over to

Seed Money put to good use at Emlenton

The Seed Money given by the Presbytery in the amount of \$214 was used by the Emlenton Church to help purchase dignity robes. They gave the robes to those having radiation treatment for breast cancer.

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. Hands on mission work, fellowship, breakfast and registration to begin at 8:30, the event to follow at 10:00AM. Wayside Presbyterian Church, 1208 Asbury Road, Erie will be hosting this gathering you won't want to miss.

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

Please remember to visit our website at:
<http://www.pbylakeerie.org>



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***Mission and Per Capita Report**

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

***Synod of the Trinity**

The latest eNews for the Synod of the Trinity is available. [February 8th Enews](#) You can also email Mike Givler at mgivler@syntrinity.org to be added to the eNews list. [Job Opportunities around the Synod](#)

***Association of Presbyterian Church Educators**

The weekly newsletter from the APCE: [Ashes to Go](#) 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](#)