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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

- ❖ Thursday, May 3, 12:30 AM, Erie Pastor's Gathering, Girard
- ❖ Tuesday, May 8, 4:00 PM, Committee on Ministry, First Church, Titusville
- ❖ Wednesday, May 9, 10 AM, Futuring Team Meeting, Corry
- ❖ Wednesday, May 9, 1 PM, Worship Committee, Conference Call
- ❖ Thursday, May 10, 8:30 AM, Venango Pastor's Gathering, Oil City
- ❖ Tuesday, May 15, 2:00 PM, Congregational Life, Corry
- ❖ All upcoming events can be found on the Presbytery websites [Calendar](#)

## \*RESOURCE CENTER REVIEW



Fresh Air: The Holy Spirit for an Inspired Life  
Levison, Jack  
Popular teacher Jack Levison brings a scholar's knowledge of Holy Spirit to a wide audience that crosses all denominational

boundaries. His new book aims to do nothing less than clarify 2,000 years of confusion on the topic of who the Holy Spirit is, and why it matters. Provocative and life-changing, Fresh Air combines moving personal anecdotes, rich biblical studies, and practical strategies for experiencing the daily presence of the Holy Spirit. Fresh Air will unsettle and invigorate readers poised for a fresh experience of an ancient, confusing topic..



"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."

## \*Presbytery Website

Have you checked out the Presbytery website lately? [www.pbylakeerie.org](http://www.pbylakeerie.org)  
A lot of things have been updated and added. Check out the church listings. We are trying to offer as much information about all 58 Churches as possible, even pictures. If you notice your church might be missing some information or have a picture to share please call or email Melinda in the office, [adminasst@pbylakeerie.org](mailto:adminasst@pbylakeerie.org)

## \*Simple Gifts in Concert

Fairview Presbyterian Church, 4264 Avonia Road Fairview, PA 16415 will be hosting an inspirational concert on Thursday, May 10, at 7:00 pm. Linda Littleton & Karen Hirshon, and twelve instruments bring a variety of ethnic folk styles including American reels, Irish jigs, haunting gypsy melodies, German, Balkan, Scandinavian music, original compositions, and much more. Admission is free.

## May 20: Heritage Sunday 2018

Fred Rogers: Before the Neighborhood  
Mister Rogers' Neighborhood turned 50 years old this year. The Presbytery Historical Society digitized a rare film reel of beloved Presbyterian minister Fred Rogers on The Children's Corner in time for this year's May 20th celebration. Watch the film and download our 2018 bulletin insert [here](#).

## \*Vacation Bible School

Let us help spread the word about your upcoming VBS. Share with us the dates, time and curriculum/theme. We will keep a list going in the eNews.

## Garden of Edin

The First Presbyterian Church of Edinboro "Garden of Edin" is currently featured on the Synod website in celebration of the fourth season of providing for the community. [Click Here](#) for the whole story of how the garden came to be and how the whole community has taken an interest in

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](mailto: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, June 5, 3pm, Cooperstown  
Tuesday, August 28, 3pm, TBA  
Tuesday, October 30, 3pm, Port Allegany

#### Presbytery meetings

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.

May 6  
Candidates for Teaching Elders as they pursue seminary training  
Inquirers who are under care of Lake Erie Presbytery

May 13  
Oil City, Hasson Heights and Pleasantville Rev. Jamie Fowler, Temp. Supply Pastor  
Rev. David Fugate, Validated Ministry Chaplain, Veterans Administration Hospital

May 20  
Harborcreek  
Commissioned Pastor Robin Cuneo  
Upper Northern Presbytery of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Ghana

different ways to help this garden grow.

### **Habitat Summer Build**

The Greater Erie Area Habitat for Humanity 'faith build' this summer will be the House of Renewal. The build will take place from June 5-23. Things will be a little bit different this year as this is a rehab project and we will work only half-days during the week (Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday) and either half- or full-days on each Saturday of the build. If you know of individuals or groups within your church that are interested, please pass the word along. To reserve work slots please contact the Habitat Office (454-7025) as soon as possible; as of today about half the slots are already filled.

### **Save the Date!**

The Pastor's Retreat dates have been set – February 25-27, 2019. More information will be available in the fall. For now, place the dates on your calendar. It promises to be a positive time of learning as nationally known speaker/musician/composer David LaMotte will be the speaker. More details to follow!

### **\*2018-2019 Planning Calendars**

The office will again be taking orders for the 2018-2019 Planning Calendars. The calendars are good from June of 2018 through December of 2019. Cost will be \$10. Please contact Melinda in the office (email: [adminasst@pbylakeerie.org](mailto:adminasst@pbylakeerie.org) or call: 818-868-4891 Ext 3) to order.

### **Memory Café**

On the first and third Tuesdays for the past 9 months, a small but special group of people have been coming to The Memory Café at Wayside. It is a place where individuals with memory loss and their care partners can get together with other people in a supportive and engaging environment. Rev Bernhardt speaks of seeing classic elements of church fellowship and how the Memory Café truly speaks to Waysides mission to be open-hearted, open-minded, and an open-doored community. [Click Here](#) for the full story featured in the Presbytery Outlook.

### **Seventh Annual Women's Tea Dolls Around the World**

Fairview Presbyterian Church, 4264 Avonia Fairview Pa will be hosting Guest speaker Nancy Manning, member of Heirloom Doll Society. Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 pm in the Fellowship Hall, doors open at noon. There will be a Chinese Auction, vendors, sandwiches and sweets, coffee, and a variety of teas. Ticket price is \$20. For reservations, please call the church office at 814-474-3914.

### **Youth Leader Position Available**

Harborcreek First Presbyterian Church is looking for a part time Youth Leader. For more information or to apply please call the church at 814-897-1401.

### **\*Wheels for Joshua Update**

As of today, the amazing members of the Presbytery have donated \$9,901.78 and an additional \$6,400.00 from outside the Presbytery. This means that \$31,301.78 has been raised for Josh Heikkila to purchase a vehicle to continue his mission in Ghana. [Check out this link!](#) It tells the story

### \*Prayer Concerns

- Pray with Sam and Jean Heagy for healing. Sam preaches at the Conneaut Lake Church. Following worship on March 25 they were returning to their home and were involved in a serious automobile accident. Sam was released from the hospital after a few hours but his wife, Jean, was transferred to Hamot Hospital. Pray with them both for health and healing.
- 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!



### \*In Memory:

- Li Beckman, member of New Hope Presbyterian Church, died on April 27. She had also been a long time member of Sarah Hearn Church and a former president of Presbyterian Women of Lake Erie Presbytery. She was 92. Li had been devoted to church and community, as well as the mother to 7 children. A service to honor her life will be held at New Hope Church on Friday, May 4. Thanks be to God for the life and times of Li Beckman.
- Dorothy Hutzelman, mother-in-law of Committee on Ministry Comoderator Don Worthington died on March 25 at 102 years of age. A service to honor her life was celebrated at Wayside Presbyterian Church in the days following her death.



of how people in northern Ghana are partnering to help provide transportation for Josh Heikkila – just like Lake Erie Presbytery is doing!

### Montreat Youth Conferences

The Presbytery of Lake Erie is taking groups to the Montreat Youth (high school youth currently in grades 8-12) Conference July 7-14 (held at the Montreat Conference Center in Montreat, NC) and the Montreat Middle School (youth currently in grades 5 -8) Conference July 17-22 (held at Maryville College in Maryville, TN). A registration form can be found below as an attachment. For more information, including cost, please contact Katherine Randall ([revkatherinerandall@gmail.com](mailto:revkatherinerandall@gmail.com) or 814-558-4453). Even if you have just one youth, we'd love for them to join us! For more information; <http://www.montreat.org/attend/youth-young-adults/> and <https://www.youtube.com/montreatdotorg>.

### Work Mission Trip to Fayetteville , NC

The Presbytery is going on a work mission trip to Fayetteville, NC June 17<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> to aid with hurricane recovery. They are limited to 20 participants, with the cost of \$350 a person. [Click Here](#) , call Jamie Fowler at 814-673-0874, or email [fowler676@gmail.com](mailto:fowler676@gmail.com) for more information.

### Final Application Round for Young Adult Volunteer

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](#)

### \*Great News about your Sacrificial Giving

You are wonderfully faithful givers! You give of your time! You give of your compassion! You serve the cause of Christ in your community! And you also give to global witness through the Presbyterian Church. Some love statistics. And some of you don't love statistics. Statistics do not tell the entire 'story' – but they do paint part of the picture. There is much to celebrate in your faithful ministry to the global church. Below you will see some of the story of your giving in 2017:

	Number of churches contributing	Amount given
One Great Hour of Sharing	43	\$29,086
Pentecost	15	\$ 2,701
Peace and Global Witness	12	\$ 1,145
Christmas Joy	23	\$ 9,661
Hunger	1	\$ 2,272
Theological Education Fund	7	\$ 2,050
Special Offerings	6	\$ 2,273
Hurricane Relief	20	\$37,404
Total		\$86,592

Hurricanes caused enormous devastation across Puerto Rico and the United States in 2017. Your gifts to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance make a difference! Conneaut Lake, Cooperstown, Coudersport, Eastminster, Church of the Cross, Garland, Irvine and Hasson Heights all gave more than \$10 per member to Hurricane Relief. Coudersport led the way with remarkable giving of nearly \$98 per member for their 59 members. Thanks be to God for the incredible generosity of all the churches!

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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Great job! In addition to your faithful support in your local congregation, you provided nearly \$90,000 'off budget!'

### **Cochranton Church use of "Seed Money"**

Cochranton Presbyterian Church used their \$214 to help a church member share their faith with others. They helped fund a mission trip to Romania.

### **\*Seed Money put to good use at Fairview**

Fairview Presbyterian Church used the "Seed Money" of \$214 to prepare a gourmet meal. This wasn't just any gourmet meal. It was a meal for a local homeless shelter. They reached out and provided those less fortunate with a special meal of food and fellowship.

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

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

### **Synod of the Trinity**

The latest eNews for the Synod of the Trinity is available. [April 16th Enews](#)  
You can also email Mike Givler at [mgivler@syntrinity.org](mailto:mgivler@syntrinity.org) to be added to the eNews list. [Job Opportunities around the Synod](#)

### **Association of Presbyterian Church Educators**

Weekly newsletter from the APCE: [Reflecting on The Well at Burke Presbyterian Church](#) is available online. Click above link to receive 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 [April 2018](#). If you haven't signed up to receive this eNews you can [Subscribe Here](#)

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