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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, August 2, 12:30 AM, Erie Pastor's Gathering, Emmanuel
- ❖ Monday, August 6, 9:30 AM, Warren/McKean/Potter County pastors gathering, First Church, Warren
- ❖ Monday, August 6, 1:30, Worship Committee, Corry
- ❖ Tuesday, August 7, 1:00 PM, Futuring Team meeting, Titusville
- ❖ Tuesday, August 7, 4:00 PM, Committee on Ministry, First Church, Titusville
- ❖ Thursday, August 9, 8:30 AM, Venango pastor's gathering, Oil City, First
- ❖ Thursday, August 16, 9:00 AM, Spiritual Formation Committee, Corry
- ❖ Thursday, August 16, 4:30 PM, Administrative/Trustees Committee, Presbytery office
- ❖ Tuesday, August 21, 1:00 PM, Mission and Social Witness, First Church, Meadville
- ❖ Tuesday, August 21, 2:00 PM, Congregational Life, Corry
- ❖ Monday, August 27, Committee on Preparation for Ministry, 1:00 PM, Edinboro
- ❖ Tuesday, August 28, Coordinating Committee, 3:00 PM, Corry
- ❖ All upcoming events can be



"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 for the Girard Church

The First Presbyterian Church has begun a new chapter of life in the face of the July 22 fire. The Session has been actively engaged in the many details following a fire. Gifts of prayer, offers of support and financial resources have poured in from a wide range of people and organizations. Your continuing prayers are deeply appreciated. One way to increase your financial gifts to the church would be through Erie Gives Day on August 14. Your gifts help to rebuild!!

*An Inquiry about Medical Coverage for Church Lay Employees

Medical coverage is a complicated conversation that is continually shifting. One pressing topic in western Pennsylvania is the best way to provide coverage for church lay employees in the midst of the tension between UPMC and other insurers. Aetna can be selected, though with additional costs. It is a complex topic, with no easy answers. However, Rev. Drew Himes, pastor at Church of the Cross and a member of the Committee on Ministry, desires to have conversation with churches that are wrestling with what to do, how to figure the best way forward, etc. If you are sorting through this issue in an effort to provide medical coverage for lay employees, you are encouraged to contact him directly at pastordrew@cotc.org.

*Marriage Seminar

The Polk Presbyterian Church will be hosting Aquila and Priscilla Marriage Seminar on Saturday August 25th. The event is from 10 am to 3 pm, lunch provided, at Polk Presbyterian Church, 729 Main St Polk PA. RSVP by August 19th. The seminar is designed to address premarital, young married, or longtime married couples who hope to make it a mixture of lecture, group discussion, and couple interaction. Interested couples can use the telephone in [brochure](#), or contact Rev. Larry Myers cell 412.417.5737, e-mail of flyfisher@nlc.net

found on the Presbytery
websites [Calendar](#)

*RESOURCE CENTER REVIEW

Six Themes in Genesis Everyone Should Know

March, W. Eugene

This study looks at the main themes in the book of Genesis. The book, as the church's Scripture, points us toward our beginnings as a human race as well as the beginnings of our faith in the God who is revealed in Genesis. This God cares and loves the creation and provides for the good of human creatures by being present with them. In this study, we learn of God's ways in the world. We find who God is in relation to those who look to God as a good and caring creator.

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, August 28, 3pm, Corry

Tuesday, October 30, 3pm, Port Allegany

Presbytery meetings

Saturday, September 29, 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.

Our Partners, Our Friends; from Lake Erie to Ghana

The latest new from the Ghana partnership can be found [here in the July Update](#). The Presbytery of Lake Erie has been doing mission work in Ghana and building friendships and special bonds along the way. Check out [this video](#) that shows just that.

Do You Need a Parent Loan for Your College Age Child?

College loans stretch family finances very thin. The Presbyterian Church (USA) is looking to make those loans a bit less expensive. Available for Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) members, the parent loan, administered through Financial Aid for Service, offers a 6 percent interest rate — a full percentage point lower than U.S. Department of Education parent PLUS loans. In 2018, Americans borrowed over \$125 million through the PLUS program and paid 4.3 percent in origination fees. The PC(USA) parent loan has no origination fees. Borrowers who enroll in the electronic bill pay transfer option receive a half-percent interest rate reduction. The deadline to apply for the PC(USA) parent loan is Sept. 1. There are no penalties for pre-payment or overpayment on the 10-year loans, which range from \$2,500–\$10,000. The PCUSA is available to discuss options. If you're planning on taking out a parent loan, consider speaking with the PUCSA. More information and an application for the PC(USA) parent loan can be found at pcusa.org/parentloan.

*Job Opening in Radford

The Presbyterian Church of Radford, Radford, VA, is seeking a full time intern to direct the UKirk Ministry in the Radford University Community. He/she will work closely with the Minister as an integral part of a team ministry. For more information, or to submit resume, please contact Carol White, chair of UKirk committee, cbellinaw@gmail.com, 36 Fieldale Drive, Radford, VA 24141, 540-838-2273

Link for full job description : <https://ukirk.pcusa.org/job/31>

Preaching Seminar Scheduled for the Fall

The Committee on Ministry is offering a 10 week long preaching seminar this fall, beginning Thursday, August 23. The class will meet at the Corry Church from 5:30 to 7:00 PM. The class is designed for those who are being called upon to provide more worship leadership in their own congregation and for those who might even want to explore having their name included on the pulpit supply list of the presbytery. (For those desiring to be on the pulpit supply list there will need to be additional work completed before that would occur.) There will be a textbook and homework. There will be no cost except your transportation costs. Interested? Further questions? Contact General Presbyter David Oyler at david@pbylakeerie.org.

Wee Kirk is Just Around the Corner

Many pastors and members of Lake Erie Churches have found Wee Kirk to be a helpful event. You are encouraged to consider attending. Attached is a brochure for this event October 8-10 in Mt. Pleasant PA. Some of the presenters this year have Lake Erie connections. Also, there is a 'Timothy Track' for new pastors and commissioned pastors. This can be a great learning opportunity. [Check it out!](#) Scholarships are available in the Presbytery Office.

August 5
Sugar Grove
Commissioned Pastor Patti Orton Kuna
Board of Pensions, Regional Representative
Rev. Doug Portz

August 12
North East
Rev. Gregg Townsend, Pastor
Ministry of the Presbyterian Foundation
And Ministry Relations Officer
Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelley

August 19
Adamsville
Rev. Harry Johns, Temporary
Supply Pastor
Rev. Don Gordon (HR)



*Prayer Concerns

- Congratulations to Britney & Zach Knight on the birth of their daughter Naomi June. She was born at 1:57 a.m. on Saturday, July 14th, 2018. Naomi weighed in at 6 lbs. 14 oz. & is 21.25 inches long.
- Garen Smith, Commissioned Pastor at Port Allegany welcomed his 6th grandchild on Jun 19th. Wakefield Walker Smith and his proud parents Ezra and Heather are all doing well.
- 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:

- Ruling Elder Joanne McDowell, Second Church, Oil City, died on June 11. A service to honor her life was held on June 16. Joanne, who had grown up in the church, had served as the Clerk of Session for a number of years for her congregation. She had a great passion for the ministry of the congregation.



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

Save the Date

Beaver Butler Presbytery is hosting a day with Tod Bolsinger, the author of [Canoeing the Mountains](#). The event will take place on September 21st from 9 to 2:30 at the Cranberry Community United Presbytery Church. For a copy of the Flyer and more info [Click Here](#).

Stewardship Kaleidoscope

Transforming the Face of Generosity: will take place September 24-26 at the Hilton St Louis Frontenac. An event filled with keynote speakers, workshops, and worship experiences to renew your spirit. [Click Here](#) for more information and registration. The Mission and Social Witness Committee have \$300 scholarships available for those interested in attending the event. Please contact the office for more information.

Camp Lambec Water Project Gifts are Flowing in and Showing the Giving Nature of Our Churches

In the summer of 2016 the Camp Board began working with the Department of Environmental Protection to reconfigure the piping from the pond (the permitted water source). This project is estimated to cost \$100,000. Your presbytery wants to partner with your congregation to help, as well as double your money. Any money that is given by Lake Erie Presbytery churches now through August 31st will be matched up to \$5,000. Mark the gift as 'Lambec water project' and send to the presbytery office. As of today the Presbytery has received \$8,121.50 from churches and individuals. A check for \$13,121.50 is already being sent. Of course the more money received the better it will be! Your gifts make a difference!

Harmonsburg use of "Seed Money"

The Harmonsburg Church used their seed money to host a workshop for the community. They did a Make-It-Take It soap and lip balm workshop. Sounds like a fun way to spend time with others and get to know new people.

***If your church has not been featured please share your story with the Presbytery office. We love hearing about the great things the churches have been doing with their "Seed Money"**

Mission and Per Capita Report

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

*Newsletter of Interests

Spiritual Formation Committee

Presbytery of Lake Erie Spiritual Formation Committee is seeking to get more information out to the Presbytery. Check out the [June Issue Here](#).

Synod of the Trinity

The latest eNews for the Synod of the Trinity is available. [July 13th 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

Weekly newsletter from the APCE: [Why APCE? The Fist of a Two Part](#)

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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[Conversation](#) 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.

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