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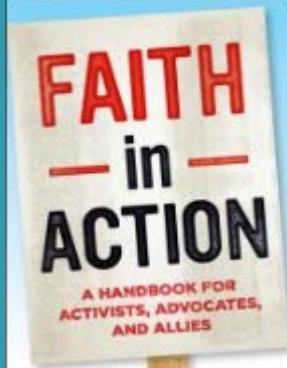
Headlines for old items will be in red.

*Upcoming Events

- ❖ 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, Corry
- ❖ Tuesday, August 21, 2:00 PM, Congregational Life, Corry
- ❖ Thursday, August 23, 5:30 PM, Preaching Seminar, Corry
- ❖ Monday, August 27, Committee on Preparation for Ministry, 1:00 PM, Edinboro
- ❖ Tuesday, August 28, Coordinating Committee, 3:00 PM, Corry
- ❖ Thursday, August 30, 5:30 PM, Preaching Seminar, Corry
- ❖ All upcoming events can be found on the Presbytery websites [Calendar](#)

*RESOURCE CENTER REVIEW

Faith in Action: A Handbook for Activists, Advocates, and Allies
The Faith in Action Writing Collective
You want to make



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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."

*Congratulations!! Generous Giving!! Generous Hearts!!

August 14 was a **red letter** day for Presbyterian Churches in Erie County. Seven Presbyterian Churches participated in Erie Gives. Nearly \$225,000 was generated for ministry through gifts to these seven congregations. In addition to the money given, there will be a 'match' of money which will likely generate another \$12,000 or \$14,000 combined to the participating churches. A total of 36 congregations were among the 381 non-profits who participated in Erie Gives. By 'Amount Given' to churches the Presbyterian congregations were 1st, 4th, 5th, 6th, 13th, 23rd and 26th in gifts given. On the list of 'By Number of Donors' the Girard Church was second among the 36 churches with a total of 114 donors. Presbyterians, and many others, stepped forward to make a difference in the life of the Girard Church! And Wayside Church was third in total number of donors to churches. The Kingdom of God has been built through your gifts! Thank you!

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 the fire. For more information and ways that you can help please follow [this link](#) to our website. More information from Rev. Vitiello is available on the Synod website, [click here](#). The PCUSA has also written a nice piece about Girard [here](#). Your continuing prayers are deeply appreciated.

*One thousand Cherry Pies in 5 Days

the world better. This book can help. Faith in Action offers quick dives into a range of topics, from racial justice to environmental concerns, from LGBTQIA equality to Native people's rights, from women's equality to disability rights, from mass incarceration to immigration. Each topic includes informative visuals and data, as well as practical suggestions for what you can do to make a difference in your community. Created by contributors with varied experiences in activism, faith, policy, and social change, Faith in Action will deepen your perspectives on important issues. This book will give you the knowledge, tools, and confidence to make a real impact - to step out into the world and be an activist, advocate, and ally. Faith in Action is the book for you if you are ready to make a real difference

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.



This annual tradition of baking at the First Presbyterian Church of North East, PA, generates in the neighborhood of \$8,000 in profit that goes toward everything from its youth mission trips to purchasing eggs for its food pantry to supporting refugees in Erie. Occurring every year in July since 1979 in conjunction with the North East Firemen's Cherry Festival, the congregation molds 200 pies each morning of the festival, Monday through Friday, in their church kitchen, and then bakes them in the afternoon so that they're fresh in their stand that evening. They sell for \$10 apiece, which is slightly cheaper than other stands at the festival but also assures that they are sold out by the end of the week. Check out the full story from the Synod [HERE](#).

Preaching Seminar Starts August 23rd

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.

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

***Ghana Visitors**

Thank you for your prayers. Two of our three Ghanaian friends received approval for their visas. Rev. Vincent Dagadu and Mr. Anthony Atsu will be visiting Lake Erie Presbytery from Sept. 23 - Oct. 4. They will be available for Sunday Morning Services or for a gathering with your congregation or small group. Please be thinking about ways you may participate in meeting or hosting our Ghanaian Partners. Rev. Emmanuel Amey and his wife Caroline will also be visiting during that time period. Our Ghana Partnership team is beginning to prepare the itinerary for our guests. Please contact Donna Cammarata at 814-873-4860 or the Presbytery Office if you have some suggestions or would like to schedule something.

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

August 26
Garland
Commissioned Pastor Tim Olsen
Children of Lake Erie Pastors

September 2
Polk

Rev. Larry Myers, Temporary
Supply Pastor
Rev. Craig Cashdollar (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 make every effort to update/correct the

*Theological Education Sunday resources are available

Theological Education Sunday is celebrated each September in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). This year, Theological Education Sunday is officially set for September 16, but you may celebrate theological education any time that is appropriate for you and your congregation. [Find the resources you need](#). You will find links to bulletin inserts, a sample liturgy (based on the September 16 Lectionary) and other tools that help tell the story of how theological education enriches the ministry of pastors and the lives of congregations. You may download any or all of these, or order printed versions from the Presbyterian Foundation and have those shipped to you.

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.

Our Partners, Our Friends; from Lake Erie to Ghana

The latest news 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.

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

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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Track' for new pastors and commissioned pastors. This can be a great learning opportunity. [Check it out!](#) Scholarships are available in the Presbytery Office.

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!

Mission and Per Capita Report

To read the July 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 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.

Presbyterian Historical Society

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