



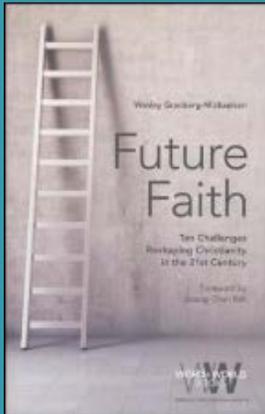
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Headlines for new items will be in green and highlighted. Newer items will tend to be toward the top of the Breeze.

Headlines for old items will be in red.

*Upcoming Events

- ❖ Thursday, August 30, 5:30 PM, Preaching Seminar, Corry
- ❖ Tuesday, September 11, 4:00 PM, Committee on Ministry, First Church, Titusville



- ❖ Saturday, September 29, 10:00 AM, Presbytery Meeting, Oil City Second

- ❖ Thursday, October 4, 10 AM, Worship Committee, Harborcreek

❖ All upcoming events can be found on

the Presbytery websites
[Calendar](#)

*RESOURCE CENTER REVIEW

Future Faith Ten Challenges Reshaping Christianity in the 21st Century

Granberg-Michaelson, Wesley

In Future Faith: Ten Challenges Reshaping Christianity in the 21st Century, author Wesley Granberg-Michaelson provides a lucid view of how the top ten winds of change blowing through global Christian faith are reshaping the practice of Christianity today. Drawing on the stories, examples, and personalities of pastors and congregations from throughout the United States, as well as those from Africa, Asia, Latin America, who are the faces of Christianity's future, Future Faith is designed to inform and empower followers of Jesus to seek new ways of becoming the face of Christ



"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."

*Hear from our Lake Erie Ghana Partner!

Rev. Joshua Heikkila, PCUSA World Mission Co-worker in Ghana, will be visiting Lake Erie Presbytery on Monday, Sept. 17, 2018.

There are two opportunities to meet and talk with him:

First Presbyterian Church Meadville, 11am – 1pm, Lunch included
890 Liberty Street, Meadville PA 16335, 814-333-2161

First Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, 5:30-7pm, Dinner included
250 W. 2th Street, Erie PA 16501, 814-456-4243

All are welcome! You'll get an update from Ghana and hear first-hand how your mission support is having an impact. Mission Committee members are encouraged to attend and report back to your congregation. Kindly RSVP to Donna Cammarata donna.camm@gmail.com 814-873-4860

*Edinboro University's and the Fairview Church Presents

Highland Games & Scottish Festival, Scotland's Harp Music in Story and Song hosted by Fairview Presbyterian Church, 4264 Avonia Road, Fairview, PA 16415. The event takes place on Friday, September 7, 2018, 7-9 pm. International harpers Seamus Gagne and Port Righ, a duo featuring harper Jo Morrison, will present an evening of traditional harp music of Scotland. *Fairview Presbyterian Church is honored to help bring a taste of the Highland Games to West County audiences.*

Request from Rev. Nicola Vitiello

To pastors who attended the clergy retreat in Dunkirk in Feb. 2018: Colleagues, I found the retreat with Rev. Ralph Hawkins to be the most helpful study leave event I have ever attended. Sadly, all my notes on handouts and yellow paper were destroyed in the church fire. Ralph has sent me all the handouts. If you have notes you took on the handouts or on other paper and would be willing to copy it and send to me I would greatly appreciate it. First Presbyterian Church of Girard, P.O. Box 106, Girard, PA 16417. Thank you.

to a rapidly changing world.

Small groups engaged in congregational nurture and growth will find in the author a welcome companion for guiding them through the multi-cultural landscape of contemporary faith.

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.

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**

***Church of The Cross Seeking Administrative Assistant**

Church of the Cross in Fairview is seeking a full-time Church Office Administrator Secretary. We're looking for someone to work Monday thru Friday from 9-4. Pay will range from \$25,000-\$29,000 plus full benefits through Board of Pensions. We're looking for someone with about three years of prior experience and who is energetic, willing to grow and be part of the COTC family. A full job description can be electronically forwarded. Please email resumes and letter of interest or request the full job description at pastordrew@cotc.org or stop by the church at 5901 Millfair Rd Fairview, PA 16415

***Erie County CROP Walk**

The annual Erie County CROP Walk will take place on Sunday, September 23rd, starting from the Beach 1 Parking Lot. The Walk raises funds to address the problems of hunger and poverty, both locally and around the world. Last year more than \$55,000 was raised. Registration begins as 12:30 p.m. and the Walk kicks off at 2:00 p.m. Walk materials - posters, sponsor envelopes, yard signs, etc. - can be picked up at Lamb of God Lutheran Church (606 E. 38th Street) or Luther Memorial Church (225 West 10th); please call ahead to make sure the church office will be open. Presbyterian churches have long been leaders in number of walkers and funds raised and, hopefully, this year will be no exception. If you have any questions, please contact CROP Coordinator, Jim Haas, at 833-2053.

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.

A Day with Tod Bolsinger

Beaver Butler Presbytery is hosting a day with Tod Bolsinger; the author of Canoeing the Mountains on September 21st. The event is from 9 to 2:30 at the Cranberry Community United Presbytery Church, 2662 Rochester Road, Cranberry Township, PA 16066. For a copy of the Flyer and more info on how to register [Click Here](#).

Ghana Mission Network Representatives Needed

We're looking for a few people to represent the Presbytery of Lake Erie at the Ghana Mission Network (GMN) Conference. It will be held in Stony Point, NY Sept. 19-22, 2018. You'll have opportunity to meet members of other PCUSA Ghana Partnerships and Ghanaian Partners for conversation, exchange and worship. [Click Here](#) for more information on the GMN and the Conference and [Click Here](#) for more on the Ghana Mission Network. If you have any interest or know someone who would be interested, please contact Donna Cammarata soon (814-873-4860 or email donna.camm@gmail.com). We can work out travel arrangements and possible scholarship money.

Camp Lambec Work Day Volunteers Needed

Camp Lambec is looking for volunteers on Saturday September 15th any time from 9:30am to 4:30 pm. They have jobs available for all skill levels. As a reminder their water is not usable and you will need to provide your own

- 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 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>

drinking water and lunch. If you are available please contact Bob Meanor @ meanor300@comcast.net .

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!

One thousand Cherry Pies in 5 Days



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 store from the Synod [HERE](#).

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

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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 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.

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.

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. [August 16th 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: [Darkness into Light in Puerto Rico](#) 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 [July 2018](#). If you haven't signed up to receive this eNews you can [Subscribe Here](#)

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