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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, September 20, 5:30 PM, Preaching Seminar, Corry
- ❖ Thursday, September 27, 5:30 PM, Preaching Seminar, Corry
- ❖ Saturday, September 29, 10:00 AM, Presbytery Meeting, Oil City Second
- ❖ Thursday, October 4, 10 AM, Worship Committee, Harborcreek
- ❖ Monday, October 8, 2:00 PM, Committee on Preparation for Ministry meeting, Edinboro
- ❖ Thursday, October 11, 8:30 AM, Venango Pastor's gathering, Oil City, First
- ❖ Thursday, October 11, 12:30 PM, Erie pastor's gathering, Belle Valley
- ❖ Tuesday, October 16 – October 17, COM Retreat, Olmsted Manor
- ❖ Thursday, October 18, 9:00 AM, Spiritual Formation Committee, Corry
- ❖ Thursday, October 18, 4:30 PM, Administrative Committee, Presbytery office
- ❖ Sunday, October 21, 4:00 PM, Session Minutes Review, Rocky Grove
- ❖ Tuesday, October 23, 7:00 PM, Session Minutes Review, Edinboro
- ❖ Sunday, October 28, 4:00 PM, Session Minute Review, North Warren
- ❖ All upcoming events can be found on the Presbytery websites [Calendar](#)

*RESOURCE CENTER REVIEW

Way of Life: A Study Based on The Great

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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."

*Leading a Church through Transformation Classes

Churches face continual transition. This 'Leading a Church through Transformation' is a short three week course that would provide more insights for churches engaging this important conversation. It will build on Unglued Church and other missional conversations, presented by a very effective teacher. Consider participating! The Rev. Graham Standish presenting at Sewickley Presbyterian Church on October 24, 31 and November 7th from 9 to 11:30. [Click Here](#) for more info.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Training

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is providing training and shared conversation on the best way to respond in the face of both natural disaster and public violence. Topics will include disaster preparedness, human caused disasters as well as immigration issues. The closest location for this training will be at Camp Crestfield, near Slippery Rock, but there are also other locations across our Synod. A couple of people are planning to attend from Lake Erie. Might you have an interest this topic? If so, contact the presbytery office so you can link up with others who are planning to attend. See the attached flyer for more information.

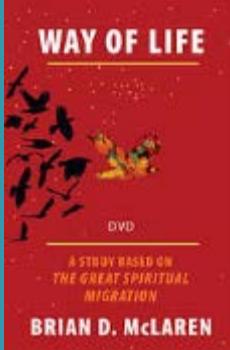
*Presbytery of Western PA Disaster Assistance Training

Presbytery of Western PA will be hosting 2 PDA guest speakers on October 21, 22 and 23. Susan Krehbiel will hold a workshop on Refuge Welcome and Rev. James Kirk will discuss Public Violence and Human Caused Disasters. For more detailed information [Click Here](#).

Joshua Heikkila recently purchased his new vehicle!

Many thanks to all who contributed and helped to make this possible. You are





Spiritual Migration

McLaren, Brian

The study Way of Life will help groups approach and engage the spiritual, theological, and missional proposals in Brian McLaren's book The Great Spiritual Migration. The four-session DVD features teaching sessions with

author Brian McLaren and others in a conversational approach. The video segments are approximately 10-12 minutes each and when combined with the introduction and three sections of the book, make an ideal four-week group study. A Leader's Guide and Participant Guide are included. The book, *The Great Spiritual Migration*, is also available.

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, 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.

now a tangible part of all his travels and his ministry. With a safe, reliable vehicle, Josh will now be able to connect more regularly and more often with church leaders, congregations and communities, enhancing many missions, ministries and partnerships throughout Ghana. Lake Erie Presbytery took the initiative and provided the incentive for raising funds. Over half of the \$33,000 donated came from within Lake Erie Presbytery. Your participation in securing "Wheels for Josh" is most significant and appreciated. Josh would very much like to express his gratitude personally to the members and congregations in Lake Erie Presbytery.

*Fall Rummage Sales within the Presbytery

- Friday, September 21st 9am-4pm and Saturday, September 22nd 9am-1pm, Fairview Church will be holding their annual fall rummage sale. They are located at 4264 Avonia Road, Fairview, PA. Stop and check out the bargains.
- Friday and Saturday, September 28th and 29th, Westminster will be holding their annual rummage sale. They are located 3642 West 26th St., Erie. There will also be a bake sale both days and a \$2 bag sale will begin on Saturday at 1 p.m. till closing at 3. The sale times will be 8 a.m. to noon on Friday and 9 a.m. till 3 on Saturday.
- Annual Fall Rummage Sale at New Hope Presbyterian Church on Friday and Saturday, September 28th and 29th from 9:00 am until Noon on both days. They are located at 5440 Washington Ave. Erie.
- First Presbyterian Church of Warren annual rummage sale will be held Friday October 5th from 9-5 and Saturday October 6th from 9 - 12. They are located at 300 Market St. Warren PA.

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.

Wayside Fall Convocation

Wayside Presbyterian Church will be hosting Rev. Ruth Everhart on October 6-7 at 1208 Asbury Road. Since 2002, Wayside's Convocations try to live up to their mission statement that All are Welcome and accepted as they are. Offering subjects needed in North West PA, to provide a forum for open discussion about #Me Too, #Church too: First Steps for a Faithful Response. For more info and to register [click here](#) for the brochure.

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.

Sept. 23
New Hope Church, Erie
Rev. Charlie McClung, Pastor
Rev. Lyta Seddig (HR)

Sept. 30
Tionesta
Rev. Tom Guerdat (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.
- 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:

- A Time of Sadness...
As friends and colleagues of Rev. Rick Cepris and his wife Lyn, you are invited to pray with them in a time of sadness. Rick's son, Fred, died during the night of September 4. He was 39.



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>

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.

Mission and Per Capita Report

To read the August 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. [September 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: [Torches and Candles](#) 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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