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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, December 6, 10:00 AM, Worship Committee, Conference call
- ❖ Thursday, December 13, 8:30 AM, Venango pastor's gathering, Oil City, First
- ❖ Thursday, December 13, 12:30 PM Erie County Pastor's luncheon
- ❖ Thursday, January 3, 9:30 AM, Warren/McKean/Potter County pastor's gathering, First Church, Warren
- ❖ Thursday, January 3, 1:00 PM, Nominating Committee, First Church, Meadville
- ❖ Tuesday, January 8, 4:00 PM, Committee on Ministry, Titusville
- ❖ Tuesday, January 15, 1:00 PM, Mission and Social Witness, First Church, Meadville
- ❖ Thursday, January 17, 9:00 AM, Spiritual Formation, Conference Call
- ❖ Thursday, January 17, 4:30 PM, Administrative Committee, Presbytery office
- ❖ Tuesday, January 22, 2:00 PM, Congregational Life, Conference call
- ❖ Tuesday, January 29, 12:30 PM, Coordinating Committee, New Hope Church, Erie
- ❖ Thursday, January 31, 9:15 AM, Missional Church Conversations, Corry
- ❖ All upcoming events can be found on the Presbytery websites [Calendar](#)

## \*RESOURCE CENTER REVIEW

Names for the Messiah An Advent Study



"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."

## \*Delivery of Emails

Some of the outgoing Presbytery emails are being lost in cyber space or forwarded in to many spam folders. To insure delivery of the weekly eNews and other important information please save the Presbytery email [adminasst@pbylakeerie.org](mailto:adminasst@pbylakeerie.org) in your contacts. If you cannot receive attachments please contact Melinda in the Presbytery office.

## Educator of The Year Keith Sundberg

The Presbytery of Lake Erie and the APCE is pleased to announce the selection of Keith D. Sundberg as the 2019 ENRICH Educator of the Year. Keith will be recognized and his ministry celebrated on Friday, February 8, at the Awards Celebration Dinner during the **2019 Annual Event in Galveston, Texas**. Also during the Awards Dinner, APCE will present the SUSTAIN, EMPOWER and CONNECT Awards and recognize Educator Certification recipients. For more information and to register for the Annual Event, click [here](#). Please also check out the link below for the APCE Newsletter featuring Keith. Congratulations Keith and thank you for all that you do for our youth.

## \*News from Church of the Cross – Rev. Drew Himes

"It has been a busy few months for mission at Church Of The Cross. We completed the Crop Walk, raising an amazing \$11,200 for hunger. Shortly after this we held our semi-annual Rummage Sale and collected over \$6,000 which was doubled by previous funds and sent to missionaries in the Dominican Republic to help with transportation needs. Not long after this, we collected 75 Thanksgiving meal kits for Erie City Mission. Currently, we are in the midst of a collection competition for men's and women's socks and underwear to be given out at Our Neighbors Place Shelter housed at First Church of the Covenant. God is doing amazing work through COTC!"

## \*Church Safety Seminar

Wayside Presbyterian Church will host a FREE Church Safety Seminar. The event is Saturday, December 1, 9 – 11 am at 1208 Asbury Rd in Erie. How do



## Brueggemann, Walter

In Isaiah 9:6, a divine utterance is given to us using four royal titles- Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace. Names for the Messiah ponders each

royal designation and how the people understood it then, how Jesus did or did not fulfill the title, and how Christians interpret Jesus as representative of that title

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 2018:

Coordinating Committee meetings  
2019 to be announced

Presbytery meetings  
2019 to be announced

## \*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.

Nov. 25  
Cooperstown  
Commissioned Pastor Diane Whitman  
Rev. John Dietz  
Moderator of the Coordinating Committee

Dec. 2

we prepare so we are safe in times of emergency in the church? It is not something we normally think about, or want to think about. It is important that we are prepared to act wisely and with care so that everyone is safe. This seminar is especially for ushers, those who wish to serve as ushers, staff members, elders, deacons and trustees, and anyone else who wishes to know how to be helpful in an emergency. Please make known your intention to attend by email to Katie at [wpc@wayside-erie.org](mailto:wpc@wayside-erie.org).

## 6th Annual Everyone Wins Used Toy Sale

The Utica Presbyterian Church will be hosting the "6th Annual Everyone Wins Used Toy Sale" on Saturday December 1st at the Galloway United Methodist Church in Franklin. The regular sale will be from 9AM until 12PM. From 12 to 1PM all toys will be half price. We will be closed from 1 to 2PM for lunch. At 2PM, the doors will open once again and all toys will be FREE! Anyone who needs them will be able to come and get toys free of charge, without filling out any applications or meeting income requirements. At 3PM, the doors will be closed and any remaining toys will be donated to local charities. **TOY DONATIONS NEEDED!!!** Any new or gently used toys, sports equipment, books, games, and puzzles, will be gratefully accepted at the Galloway church Thursday November 29th from 4 - 8PM and Friday November 30th from 12 - 8PM. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!** Volunteers are needed during donation hours to sort and price toys. We will be there Friday evening until all the toys are ready to go. Any amount of time spent volunteering is greatly appreciated! The proceeds for this toy sale will benefit the Venango County Family Service and Children's Aid Society Shelter for Domestic and Sexual Abuse.

For further questions please call Brandy 814.720.9018 or Jeanne 814.428.1737 or Tina 814.720.7590.

## What is happening at your Church

Do you have something exciting going on at your church that you would like to share with the Presbytery? We would like to highlight what you and your congregation are doing. Do have a rummage sale, a special dinner, maybe a movie night open to the community? Has your church started a new community project? Please share these with Melinda in the office, [adminasst@pbylakeerie.org](mailto:adminasst@pbylakeerie.org). Let's put the weekly eNews to good use sharing all the amazing things that the Presbytery of Lake Erie have to offer.

## The Simple things in Life

People and the way of life have made several advances throughout the life of the Presbytery. Each church as well, deciding for their congregation what fits their needs and budget. Endeavor Presbyterian Church has been working hard on one of those. After much time the project is complete. The first running water and Restroom in the church in its 120 year history! Congratulations on a job well done.

## 2019 Terms of Call

The 2019 Terms of Call are available on the Presbytery Website. You can find them under "Resources" "Annual Reporting Information" You will find the Minimum Terms of call for 2019 as well as the Worksheets needed based on your pastoral leadership. If you have any questions please call Melinda in the Presbytery office.

## Presbytery Website

Eastminster, Erie  
Rev. Steve Morse  
Rev. Emily Rodgers Bissett  
Valid Min., Presbyterian Church, Canada

Dec. 9  
Meadville, First  
Rev. Brian Jensen, Pastor  
Missionaries of the PC (USA)  
Throughout the World

**\*In Memory:**

- **Presbyterian**  
Pastor Rev.  
Eugene Peterson,  
age 85, entered  
the church eternal



on October 22. Best known for his paraphrase of the Bible titled 'The Message', he also wrote numerous other books. His legacy touches many lives through his writing and speaking.

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.

Please remember to visit our website at:  
<http://www.pbylakeerie.org>



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More and more information is being added to the Presbytery Website. You can find out about happenings around the Presbytery, Committee Policies, and forms for the upcoming year. Please take the time to check it out.

[www.pbylakeerie.org](http://www.pbylakeerie.org)

## **Young Adult Volunteer Applications Open**

**Spread the word!** Applications for the 2019-20 Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) program open Oct. 1. All [sites](#) available. The YAV program is an ecumenical, faith-based year of service for young people, ages 19-30. Volunteers accompany local agencies faithfully working to address root causes of poverty and reconciliation. YAVs serve during the academic year, August to July. Help plants seeds of service and share!

## **Mission and Per Capita Report**

To read the October 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. Please contact Keith Sundberg, [keith@wayside-erie.org](mailto:keith@wayside-erie.org), if you would like to be added to the email list.

### **Synod of the Trinity**

The latest eNews for the Synod of the Trinity is available. [November 9th 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: [Presbyterian Older Adult Ministries Network](#) 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.

### **Ruth Brown Ghana Newsletter**

[Click here](#) for the recent newsletter. If you would like to receive her newsletters please contact Melinda Wingenbach ([adminasst@pbylakeerie.org](mailto:adminasst@pbylakeerie.org)) in the presbytery office and she will add your name to the list!

### **Josh Heikkila Newsletter**

Josh continues to be a valuable member of our Lake Erie Ghana Partnership. If you would like to support his ministry or receive his newsletters, check out this PCUSA Mission website.  
<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/missionconnections/the-rev-joshua-heikkila/>

### **Presbyterian Historical Society**

Check out the latest eNews from the historical Society [here](#). If you haven't signed up to receive this eNews you can [Subscribe Here](#)

## **This Weeks PCUSA News**

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### **\*Prayer Concerns**

- Rev. Anita Bernhardt began serving Emmanuel Presbyterian Church
- Chuck Cammarata and Jim Haas have begun serving as Temporary Supply at Waterford on a shared basis.
- Elmwood Avenue Presbyterian Church administrative assistant Gail Giacomelli fell on November 2 and broke a vertebrae requiring surgery. Please pray for a successful and speedy recovery.
- A young man, Brandon, member of Corry First, is in critical condition in Morgantown WVA hospital. Something was found in the brain. His son, Sawyer, is 1 year old, and his wife Shelby is pregnant with their second child. Please pray for the family.
- Rev. Keith Sundberg and wife Barb, Presbytery Bookkeeper, welcomed their 8<sup>th</sup> grandchild on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Josephine Susan came into this world at 9 lbs. 9oz. Baby and mom are home resting. Congratulations!
- 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!