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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
- ❖ Saturday, January 5, 9:30 AM, Elder Training, Church of the Cross
- ❖ Tuesday, January 8, 4:00 PM, Committee on Ministry, Titusville
- ❖ Saturday, January 12, 9:30 AM, Elder Training, Warren First
- ❖ 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](#)



"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."

*Deadline for Year-end Payments

Reminder that all year end payments need to be received by the Presbytery office by January 7th. If you have any questions please call the office 814-868-4891 prior to the deadline.

*Pancake Breakfast

Elmwood Avenue Presbyterian Church will be holding a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday December 9th from 10:30 to 12 noon. The church is located 2816 Elmwood Avenue. They will be serving pancakes, sausage, juice, and coffee. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children 12 and under.

*Elder Training Made Available at Two Locations:

Has God called you to serve as an elder in your church for the very first time? Or are you a currently serving elder but would like to 'brush up' on what it means to be a spiritual leader in your congregation? If so, you are invited to a morning of elder training. This training might be especially helpful in congregations where there are only 1 or 2 new elders in any given year. This will allow you to:

- look at some of the Biblical responsibilities;
- explore Book of Order expectations;
- come to know some neighboring elders who are engaging leadership in their congregations;
- have the opportunity ask questions and ponder this calling in your life.

Two identical training events will be held:

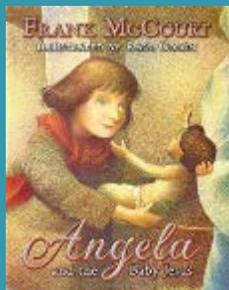
Saturday, January 5, 9:30 AM, Presbytery wide elder training, Church of the Cross, Erie

Saturday, January 12, 9:30 AM, Presbytery wide elder training, First Church, Warren

All are welcome! New elders! And experienced ones! Contact administrative assistant Melinda Wingenbach (adminasst@pbylakeerie.org) if planning to attend (though you would be welcome even if you don't register.)

*RESOURCE CENTER REVIEW

Angela and the Baby Jesus McCourt, Frank



This wonderful Christmas story is based on an incident from the childhood of Frank McCourt's mother, Angela. When six-year-old Angela sees the Baby Jesus in the Christmas crib at the church near

her house, she feels very sorry for him. He looks happy enough but she wonders why he has no blanket to keep him warm. So Angela decides to take the Baby home with her, when no one is looking, and make him more comfortable.

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 2018:

Coordinating Committee meetings

Wednesday, January 30, 12:30, New Hope
Tuesday, April 2, 1pm, Polk
Tuesday, June 4, 1pm, Conneaut Lake
Tuesday, August 27, 1pm, Corry
Tuesday, October 29, Time & site pending

Presbytery meetings

Saturday, February 16, 10am, TBD
Tuesday, April 30, 3pm, Titusville
Tuesday, June 25, 3pm, TBD
Saturday, September 21, 10am, Warren
Saturday, November 23, 10am, TBD

*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

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 in your contacts. If you cannot receive attachments please contact Melinda in the Presbytery office.

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. Let's put the weekly eNews to good use sharing all the amazing things that the Presbytery of Lake Erie has to offer.

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 November 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, 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 to be added to the eNews list. [Job Opportunities around the Synod](#)

*Association of Presbyterian Church Educators

Weekly newsletter from the APCE: [Visual Reflection for Advent: Thorvaldsen's Christ](#) 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 the presbytery office to be added to the list!

Josh Heikkila Newsletter

Josh continues to be a valuable member of our Lake Erie Ghana Partnership.

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.

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

Dec. 16
Conneaut Lake
Sam Heagy, Preaching
Rev. Jim McCormack (HR)

Dec. 23
Bradford, First
Rev. Katherine Randall and
Rev Rob Klouw, Co-pastors
Rev. Christopher Fujii (HR)

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>



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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](#)

*Prayer Concerns

- Rev. Anita Bernhardt began serving Emmanuel Presbyterian Church
- 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.
- 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:

- 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.

