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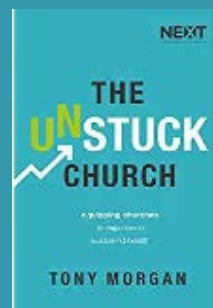
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## \*Upcoming Events

- ❖ Thursday, January 24, 10 AM, Worship Committee, Conference Call
- ❖ Tuesday, January 29, 12:30 PM, Coordinating Committee, New Hope Church, Erie
- ❖ Thursday, January 31, 9:15 AM, Missional Church Conversations, Corry
- ❖ Wednesday, February 6 –February 8, APCE Annual Event, TX
- ❖ Thursday, February 14, 8:30 AM, Venango Pastor's Gathering, Oil City First
- ❖ Thursday, February 14, 12:30 PM, Erie County Pastor's Gathering, TBA
- ❖ Thursday, February 14, Annual Statistics are due
- ❖ Saturday, February 16, Presbytery Meeting. Westminster
- ❖ Thursday, February 28, Terms of Call due to the Presbytery office
- ❖ All upcoming events can be found on the Presbytery websites [Calendar](#)

## \*RESOURCE CENTER REVIEW

Unstuck Church, The: Equipping Churches to Experience Sustained Health Morgan, Tony



Acclaimed church leader, blogger, founder and chief strategic officer of The Unstuck Group, Tony Morgan unpacks the lifecycle of a typical church, identifies characteristics of each phase, and provides practical next steps a church can take to move



"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."

## 2019 Clergy Retreat

The Retreat for Clergy and Commissioned Ruling Elders of the Presbyteries of Western New York & Lake Erie will be held February 25 – 27 from noon to noon in Dunkirk New York. They will focus on The Myth of Powerlessness Courage for Faithful Action in the Face of Uncertainty featuring, David LaMotte an award-winning songwriter and author. Please RSVP by February 11<sup>th</sup>.

## \*Pub Theology

Elmwood will host a "Pub Theology" event at Coach's Sports Bar & Grille (W. 38th and Elmwood Ave.) on February 4th @ 8pm. This is a "no holds barred" evening of informal conversation about faith and religion--any question is permissible, all doubters are welcome! This is a "Judgment-Free Zone." Share a draught, a slice of pizza, and a question or topic of discussion that you thought were previously off-limits in "church circles"! All will be heard, and all will be respected!

## Ecumenical Unity Service

Inter-Church Ministries of Erie County is sponsoring its annual Ecumenical Unity Service. Each year, the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated in cities and towns across the nation and around the world. This year's local celebration will be held on Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 2:30 pm at St. James AME Church, 236 E. 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Erie, PA. For more information, please call Inter-Church Ministries at (814) 454-2411.

## Seeking Music Director

First Presbyterian Church of Warren is looking for a dynamic, creative leader or leaders for their Music Ministry. They have a Sanctuary Choir and a Scotland Handbell Choir that require music selection, rehearsal and worship service direction as well as accompaniment. Available is a grand piano and a 1956 Casavant Pipe Organ. For additional information, please contact Lynn Sears, Personnel Chair at (814)730-9479 or [thesears4@msn.com](mailto:thesears4@msn.com). A résumé

towards sustained health.

Regardless of the stage in which you find your church, it carries with it the world's greatest mission to "go and make disciples of all the nations . . ." With eternity at stake the Church should be doing most everything within its power to see lives changed forever. The Church should strive for the pinnacle of the life cycle, where they are continually making new disciples and experiencing what Morgan refers to as "sustained health."

The Unstuck Church is a call for honest an assessment of where your church sits on the life cycle, and a challenge to move beyond it.

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

Tuesday, January 29, 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, Westminster  
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 well as beyond. The eNews will carry the prayer list which has also been distributed to the churches of this presbytery. Pray without ceasing for these partners in ministry.

Jan. 27  
Titusville

may be sent to the above email address or to First Presbyterian Church 300 Market St. Warren, PA 16365 Attn: Lynn Sears

### **Great Job!!**

Early in January more than 40 elders from 10 congregations gathered for elder training. Leadership will likely only rise to the level of the individual faith and training of the elders involved. Great job to those who participated. Keep an eye out for other training opportunities in the future!

### **Pew Cushions Needed**

The Presbyterian Church of Kane is looking for a few good used pew cushions. If you can help, please contact the office by email at [presbykane@verizon.net](mailto:presbykane@verizon.net) or by phone at (814)837-6960.

### **It's time for Annual Reports again**

The GA online statistical program located at <http://oga.pcusa.org/stats> has officially opened for the season. Clerks will use the same "user name" and "password" as they have used the past few years. The deadline for entering your statistical information is February 14, 2019. If you have forgotten your user name and password, please call or email the Presbytery office.

**\*WOW! 14 Churches have completed entering their Annual Statistics, 6 others have started them. Thank you everyone for working so hard to get these done. Remember if you have any questions or need help please ask Melinda in the office.**

### **Presbyterian Youth Triennium**

Get ready for the 2019 Presbyterian Youth Triennium-a gathering held every three years for high school age students in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Youth from all churches (across the sponsoring denominations) come together for this life changing, life giving, and faith growing gathering! Five days that helps grow a younger generation of active Presbyterians. Five days that shape the leadership gifts and deepen the discipleship awareness for a generation who are already achieving a strong presence in this church and this world! Find out more at [www.presbyterianyouthtriennium.org](http://www.presbyterianyouthtriennium.org) or contact your local registrar Britney Knight at 814-456-4243 x 112 or [Britney.knight@firstcovenanterie.org](mailto:Britney.knight@firstcovenanterie.org)

### **\*Cooperstown Presbyterian Workday**

In an effort to lower their energy costs, and with



the guidance of one of their youthful, more tech-savvy members, they have purchased and are currently installing LED lighting to replace old fluorescent fixtures in the fellowship hall. Here's the crew at work.



### **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

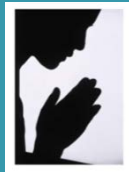
Rev. Vaughan Smith, Pastor  
Rev. Susan Wonderland  
Transitional Executive, Synod of the Trinity

Feb. 3  
First Church of the Covenant, Erie  
Rev. Chris Weichman, Pastor  
Elaine Garts  
Resource Center Director

Feb. 10  
Erie-Wayside  
Rev. James Bernhardt, Pastor  
Rev. Keith Sundberg, Associate Pastor  
Melinda Wingenbach  
Administrative Assistant

### \*Prayer Concerns

- Please remember Ruth Brown, she is just north of Yendi. While the US Embassy in Ghana has issued a warning, the Chairman of the National Peace Council of Ghana says this "should not create fear and panic".
- Let us take a moment to pray for peace on earth. So many hearts and homes, communities and countries are in need of God's Peace.
- 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!

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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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 Great Financial News!!!

Giving figures have been finalized for 2018. And you all did a great job of supporting ministry in your local communities as well as being supportive of your connections at presbytery and beyond! Outstanding! A total of 99.1% of total per capita income was received. 56 out of 58 congregations were able to fulfill a 100% pay up for Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly! Thank you! And the General Mission Giving from congregations and individuals also exceeded expectations. The General Mission Giving goal for 2018 had been \$146,880. A total of \$151,630 was received – 103.2% of the goal. In both cases every single dollar will go to support their intended purposes. You make a difference in the Kingdom of God – locally, regionally, globally. Thank you!

### \*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. [January 2019](#) 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: [Baptism: Gods sign and seal](#) 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. If you would like to receive his newsletters, check out this website.

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/missionconnections/the-rev-joshua-heikkila/>

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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](#)

### \*In Memory:

- Rev. Charles Harvey McClung, Jr, father of Rev. Charles Harvey McClung III, New Hope Church, died in early December. He was 96. He and his wife had been married for 72 years. A minister member of Philadelphia Presbytery, he had served churches in Pennsylvania and New York. In addition he earned a PhD in Religious Education which led him to teach Christian Education at Beaver College, now Arcadia University. Services to honor the life of Rev. McClung, Jr. were held on December 12 at Rydal Park, Pennsylvania.
- Continue to pray with Rev. Vincent Dagadu, presbytery moderator in the Upper Northern Presbytery, Ghana, and partner with Lake Erie Presbytery in sharing Good News. Vincent's mother died in November, 2018. And on December 20 his father died quite unexpectedly while working in the fields. This has been a double burden of sadness. In Ghana, funeral services are often delayed for weeks or months in order to prepare for the large number of people who attend. The funeral for Vincent's mother has been scheduled for February 2019. Over 800 are expected. Vincent's parent were strong faith leaders in their church and community. And as Vincent shared, "they deeply loved one another".

