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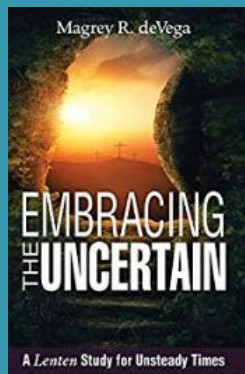
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## \*Upcoming Events

- ❖ 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, Wayside
- ❖ Thursday, February 14, Annual Statistics are due
- ❖ Saturday, February 16, Presbytery Meeting, Westminster
- ❖ Monday-Wednesday, February 25-27, Pastor’s retreat, Dunkirk, NY
- ❖ 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

Embracing the Uncertain: A Lenten Study for Unsteady Times deVega, Magrey R.



Lent to engage and wrestle with life’s uncertainties, not ignore them. The first six chapters focus on six post-Transfiguration, pre-Passion stories in the Gospels. Each of these stories are signposts in the gospel narrative, pointing down

at a world filled with uncertainty, but pointing us forward to a cross that can show us how to follow Jesus with courage, hope, and



“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.”

## \*Big Event 2020

Although March 28, 2020 seems like a long way off, it’s time to start panning the Big Event. Rev. Keith Sundberg would appreciate a few minutes of your time. The committee wants to provide meaningful and helpful workshops for the event and your input is paramount. [Click Here](#) to complete the online survey. For a paper copy, reach out to Melinda in the Presbytery office.

## 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>.

## \*“Furloughed Friends Friday”

The First Presbyterian Church hosted a dinner to give support to the government employees not currently receiving a paycheck in the community. Dinner was



potluck style, where those that could provide a dish or even a bag of chips to share. The church had roughly 14 volunteers that worked throughout the day to help serve food and set up. They had door prizes to give away as an added little bonus for the families as they enjoyed the company of such a gracious community. The store was even featured on the news, [watch here](#).



## Pub Theology DATE CHANGE

Elmwood will host a "Pub Theology" event at Coach's Sports Bar & Grille (W. 38th and Elmwood Ave.) on February 25th @ 7pm. This is a "no holds barred" evening of informal conversation about faith and religion--any

obedience. Includes discussion questions that can be used in small-group Bible study session or for personal growth.

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, 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

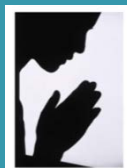
I Thessalonians 5:17 encourage believers to 'pray without ceasing.' In your unceasing prayers for others you are encouraged to pray for your colleagues in Lake Erie Presbytery as well as beyond. The eNews will carry the prayer list which has also been distributed to the churches of this presbytery. Pray without ceasing for these partners in ministry.

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

Feb. 17  
Meadville, Redeemer  
Rev. Tim Solomon, Temporary Supply Pastor  
International Mission Partnership with  
Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Ghana

## \*Prayer Concerns

- Let us take a moment to pray for peace on earth. So many hearts and



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!

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

## 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.

**\*Keep them coming, we are half way there! 32 Churches have completed or started entering their Annual Statistics. That is 55% of the Presbytery. Fun facts on how each county in the Presbytery is doing: McKean County 33%, Crawford County 53%, Venango County 54%, Erie County 65%, Warren County 66% and Chautauqua County 100%. 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)

## Sweetheart Spaghetti Supper

The youth group of North Warren Presbyterian Church will host its annual Sweetheart Spaghetti Supper on Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. to raise funds for youth doing the 30 Hour Famine to benefit World Vision. The cost is a donation. NWPC has been hosting this event for over 10 years and all in the community are invited. The church is located at 200 S. State Street in North Warren and the phone number is 723-5060 for further information.

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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## 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 you 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 has to offer.

## 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. 57 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, and 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: [Six Ways Your Church Can Say "Welcome to the Family!" at Baptism](#) 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/>

## 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:

- 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".