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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, February 28, Terms of Call due to the Presbytery office
- ❖ Tuesday, March 5, 2:00 PM, Nominating Committee, Meadville
- ❖ Monday, March 11, 2:00 PM, CPM Meeting, Edinboro
- ❖ Tuesday, March 12, 1:00 PM, Futuring Team, Titusville
- ❖ Tuesday, March 12, 4:00 PM, Committee on Ministry, Titusville
- ❖ Thursday, March 14, 8:30 AM, Venango Pastor's Gathering, First Church, Oil City
- ❖ Thursday, March 14, 12:30 PM Erie Pastor's Gathering, New Hope
- ❖ Tuesday, March 19, 1:00 PM, Mission and Social Witness committee Meeting, Corry
- ❖ Tuesday, March 19, 2:00 PM, Congregational Life Meeting
- ❖ Thursday, March 21, 9:00 AM, Spiritual Formation Committee, Conference Call
- ❖ Thursday, March 21, 4:30 PM, Administrative Committee, Presbytery office
- ❖ All upcoming events can be found on the Presbytery websites [Calendar](#)

*RESOURCE CENTER REVIEW

Final Words: From the Cross



"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."

*"Better Together—PW of Lake Erie & Ghana"

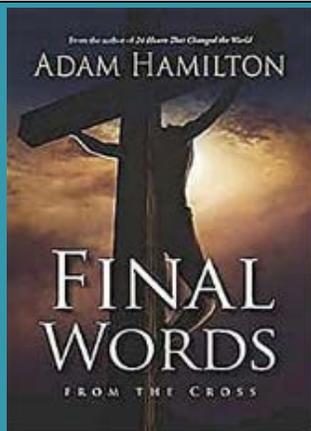
The Presbyterian Women of Lake Erie will be hosting their Spring Gathering at Titusville Presbyterian Church, 216 N. Franklin St. Titusville, Pa 16354. On Saturday, April 6th from 9:00 am– 1:30 pm. Bill, Jean & Doug will share highlights about their travels to Ghana and our Partnership with the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Ghana. You will learn how the Presbytery of Lake Erie and Chosen IMA, Erie are collaborating with the EP Clinic Wapuli in an endeavor called "Labors of Love". Ruth is a Mission Co-worker for the PCUSA in Ghana. We will connect with Ruth and have a live update about her work in Ghana. Child care is available with advance reservations. Cost for lunch is \$6. All Presbyterian women are welcome. Reservations can be made by calling 814-827-3665.

*Future Church Symposium with Dr. Leonard Sweet

Pastor Jordan Rimmer and Northminster Presbyterian Church are excited to announce the first ever Future Church Symposium. Spend a day with author, teacher, and futurist Leonard Sweet and consider where the culture is going and what the church of the future needs to look like. This takes place Saturday, April 27th from 9am-4pm at 2434 Wilmington Rd. New Castle, PA 16105. Cost is \$35 and lunch is included. Westminster College has agreed to sponsor \$10 of every participant who signs up from the Synod of the Trinity! Just type in the promo code ilovewestminster (one word, no spaces, all lowercase) and get the event with lunch for only \$25. [Click Here](#) to register.

Girard Update

First Presbyterian Church of Girard continues to thank the churches in the presbytery for their prayers and support (financial and otherwise). Design work is being done on the footprint and layout of the new building, which is planned to be one level and will house the community food pantry that currently is in an old house next to the church. The demolition of the former building will commence the week of March 4 and will take a few weeks. The



Hamilton, Adam
Final Words
from the Cross is
a reflective,
devotional study
where Adam
Hamilton
examines
Christ's dying
hours and his
final words as
seen and heard

through the eyes and ears of those who stood near the cross. The DVD contains seven teaching sessions featuring Hamilton providing fresh insights. In the last session, a postscript so that classes have the option of a seventh session on Easter Sunday, he moves beyond the cross to Jesus' words to the disciples on the road to Emmaus and to those who were witnesses to the Resurrection.

The enclosed Leader Guide will facilitate small-group discussion about the DVD.

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

Tuesday, April 2, 1pm, Polk

Tuesday, June 4, 1pm, Conneaut Lake

Tuesday, August 27, 1pm, Corry

Tuesday, October 29, Time & site pending

Presbytery meetings

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

lead article in the Erie Times News on February 20 was about the Girard congregation. If you missed the article you might want to check it out!

***Pastor's Canoe Trip**

Howard Gaston, former pastor at Oil City, Second Church, is again leading a wilderness canoe trip/study leave experience September 22 to 30th in Canada. Registration is due June 1st with a \$50 nonrefundable deposit. Over the years several pastors from Lake Erie have participated in this week long venture in Christian community. Rev. Jamie Fowler being one of them, feel free to reach out to her with questions. [Check out the details here.](#)

***Labor of Love**

To commemorate the 50th Anniversary in 2019 of medical missions and service, Chosen is partnering with the Presbytery of Lake Erie and the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Ghana in a new endeavor called "Labors of Love". The goal of "Labors of Love" is to raise \$50,000 that will be invested in the three Health Clinics to increase and improve healthcare services to the women, children, and communities that they serve. Each of the Health Clinics has specific needs for getting to the next level of development. These include building construction, renovations, equipment, supplies, infrastructure, potable water, sanitation, staff training and support. [Click here](#) for more information.

Kane Students Raising Awareness

The Middle School/High School Sunday School class at The Presbyterian Church of Kane made a bulletin board to raise awareness in the congregation of the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program and shared what GAP (Give, Act, Pray) means. The students placed items for Gift of the Heart Clean Up Buckets on the bulletin board for church family members to purchase and donate for the project. They collected items from the congregation to fill 6 Gifts of the Heart Clean Up Buckets. They also participated in Sunday School lessons using the Faith in the Midst of Disaster curriculum. The students also talked about what GAP stands for and what it means to serve where we can Give, Act and Pray.

Summer Employment Opportunity

The Presbyterian House at the Chautauqua Institution has summer employment opportunities for college age individuals. The House accommodates around 60 guests for one week stays over the 2019 Season. Contact David Lee at dyklee1029@gmail.com for further information.

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.

Presbytery of Lake Erie Mission Trip

Sunday June 23 – Saturday June 29 the Presbytery will be heading to Kinston, N.C. area to aid in ongoing Hurricane Recovery efforts. Ages 14 & up are encouraged to join us. No previous experience required! Just bring a heart and hands willing to serve! Space is limited to 22 participants, first

'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.

March 3
Erie, Belle Valley and Elmwood Avenue
Rev. Dave Edmunds, Temporary Supply Pastor
Marsha MacKinnon
Presbytery Webmaster

March 10
Tidioute and Irvine
Commissioned Pastor Dennis Ledebur
Rev. Emmanuel Amey
Stated Clerk, Evangeline Presbyterian Church,
Ghana

March 17
Woodcock Gravel Run
Commissioned Pastor Rose Hilliard
Commissioned Pastor Cheryl Larson
Rev. Seth Agidi, Moderator of General
Assembly, Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Ghana

*Prayer Concerns

- 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). 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>

serve basis with a \$75 non-refundable deposit. Cost is \$375 per person which includes meals, housing, transportation and work materials. Please contact Jamie Fowler with questions or to register, 814-673-0874 OR fowler676@gmail.com

GREAT LAKES HOSPICE ERIE THRESHOLD CHOIR WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

Great Lakes Hospice Erie Threshold Choir sings short, quiet, comforting songs in small groups to those near the end of life's journey. If you or someone in your church family would like to learn more about this meaningful mission, please call or email Kathy Hull, (814)899-2574, hullcarl@hotmail.com.

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

"Furloughed Friends Friday"

The First Presbyterian Church of Warren 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 story was even featured on the news, [watch here](#).



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 or contact your local registrar Britney Knight at 814-456-4243 x 112 or Britney.knight@firstcovenanterie.org

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,

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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.

***Mission and Per Capita Report**

To read the January 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. [Click Here](#) for the February Newsletter.

Presbyterian Women of Lake Erie

For the latest from the Presbyterian Women [Click Here](#).

Synod of the Trinity

The latest eNews for the Synod of the Trinity is available. [February 2019](#) 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: [Grace and Gratitude in Galveston](#) 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:**

- Maria 'Happy' Haas Snively, mother of Rev. Jim Haas, [passed away on January 30. She had just recently celebrated her 100th birthday. Please pray for the Haas family.

