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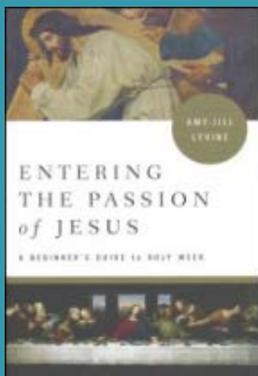
Headlines for new items will be in green and highlighted. Newer items will tend to be toward the top of the Breeze.

Headlines for old items will be in red.

*Upcoming Events

- ❖ 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



Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week
Levine, Amy-Jill
In Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week, author, professor, and biblical scholar



"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."

*Volunteers Needed

"Chosen International Medical Assistance (ChosenIMA) is currently in need of friendly, charismatic individuals who would be willing to man our front office space during daily business hours. Volunteers would greet visitors, direct them when dropping off items, assist with the distribution of home health care objects, and answer the phone. ChosenIMA is currently open Monday – Thursday from 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM and Friday from 8:00 AM to 3:00PM. Whether you would like to volunteer on a weekly or monthly schedule for a 4 or 8 hour shift, or on an as-needed basis, we can use you. Call Kristen at 814-833-3023 or email her at kristen@chosenima.org for more information."

*2019 Lenten Bible Study

Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 2320 East Lake Road, will be hosting Lenten Bible Study "Our Spiritual Ancestors" All are welcome. Classes begin at 7 and will be instructed by Rev. Stephen Morse. There is no charge, please call 814-455-7819 to RSVP. Dates: (Wednesday) 3/13, 3/20, 3/27, 4/3, 4/10, and 4/17.

*Technology help from the Presbytery

What are Phishing Scams and how to protect yourselves from them

Phishing scams send emails, social media posts, text etc. that appear to come from businesses like banks and credit card companies to trick people into sharing their financial and personal information or even downloading a virus. Here are few tips to help identify the scams. Be cautious of all emails and messages sent to you. Make sure you know who is sending you the email/message. Never click on the link unless you are 100% sure who it is from. If you are not sure, reach out to the sender by others means, phone call or text. Don't act impulsively. Always send personal and financial information from your own personal computer on your own personal Wi-Fi. If you receive any scam emails, before deleting forward it to the Federal Trade Commission at spam@uce.gov.

Amy-Jill Levine explores the biblical texts surrounding the Passion story. She shows us how the text raises ethical and spiritual questions for the reader, and how we all face risk in our Christian experience.

Entering the Passion of Jesus provides a rich and challenging learning experience for small groups and individual readers alike.

The book's six chapters include: Jerusalem: Risking Reputation; The Temple: Risking Righteous Anger; Teachings: Risking Challenge; The First Dinner: Risking Rejection; The Last Supper: Risking the Loss of Friends; Gethsemane: Risking Temptation

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 '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 10

***Important Insurance Informational Meeting**

As you know Western PA residents have a challenging situation with the regards to health care. The consent decree between UPMC and Highmark ends June 30, 2019. Unless something changes by then, this will create disruption for many residents, and in particular PCUSA pastors and staff members who work at PCUSA employers who are covered by Blue Cross Blue Shield. By now you should have received a communication from the Board of Pensions about these significant changes. If not, please contact the presbytery office for a copy of that communication. **In addition there will be an information session held on April 9th from 10:30 – noon at the Pittsburgh Presbytery Center 901 Allegheny Ave, Pittsburgh. You are encouraged to attend, or access the information afterwards, for further insight.** Your inattention to this conversation could have significant negative impact on your finances if you are not prepared for it. For further questions, access pensions.org, or call the presbytery office.

"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 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

Tidioute and Irvine
Commissioned Pastor Dennis Ledebur
Rev. Emmanuel Amey
Stated Clerk, Evangelical 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

March 24
Waterford
Rev. Chuck Cammarata and Rev. Jim Haas, T.S.
Rev. Sheldon Logan (HR)
Rev. Norma Prina Murphy (HR)

*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!

*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.



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.

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 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

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



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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

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, 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 February 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: [Intentional Intergenerational Ministry](#) 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](#)