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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, March 28, 9:15 AM, Missional Church conversations, Corry
- ❖ Sunday, March 31, 3:00 PM, Installation of Rev. Hwa Sung Ryu as pastor of the Cochranon and Hartstown Churches, at Cochranon
- ❖ Tuesday, April 2, 1:00 PM, Coordinating Committee, Polk
- ❖ Thursday, April 4, 10:00 AM, Big Event planning, First Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, Erie
- ❖ Thursday, April 4, 2:00 PM, Nominating Committee, Meadville
- ❖ Monday, April 8, 2:00 PM, CPM Meeting, Edinboro
- ❖ Tuesday, April 9, 10:00 AM, Secretary/Financial Administrator training, Presbytery office
- ❖ Tuesday, April 9, 4:00 PM, Committee on Ministry, Titusville
- ❖ Thursday, April 11, 8:30 AM, Venango pastor's gathering, Oil City, First
- ❖ Thursday, April 11, 12:30 AM Erie Pastor's Gathering, Fairview
- ❖ **All upcoming events can be found on the Presbytery websites [Calendar](#)**

*RESOURCE CENTER REVIEW

Walking with Jesus through the Old Testament Devotions for Lent
Stroble, Paul On a seven mile journey from Jerusalem to Emmaus, the resurrected Jesus captivated two travelers with stories from the Old Testament pointing to his life and death. Walking with Jesus through the Old Testament invites readers to embark on this journey with Christ throughout the



“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.”

You are Invited



The Presbytery of Lake Erie

Requests the pleasure of your company to celebrate

The Installation of
The Reverend Hwa Sung Ryu
as

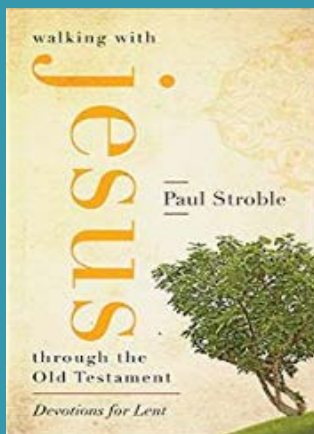
Pastor of the
Hartstown Presbyterian Church
and
First Presbyterian Church Cochranon

On
Sunday, March 31st
at 3:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church Cochranon
109 Smith Street
Cochranon, PA

Light refreshments will be served following the service.

Please RSVP at cochranonpresby@yahoo.com
or call the church at (814) 425-3764



Lenten season. Stroble imagines what Jesus would have said to his companions and guides readers along the way with forty-six devotions referencing the Old Testament. A prayer and a set of "digging

deeper" activities are also included to help readers engage with each reflection on a personal level. Readers will ultimately come to the Easter celebration with a fuller understanding of God's promise fulfilled by Jesus' death and resurrection.

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 2019:

For planning purposes the Coordinating Committee and Presbytery meetings have been announced for 2019:

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, Oil City 1st
- Saturday, September 21, 10am, Warren
- Saturday, November 23, 10am, Elmwood

***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

***Good Friday Men's Communion Breakfast**

Belle Valley Presbyterian Church, 1694 Norcross Road will be hosting a Men's Communion Breakfast on April 19th at 6:30 am to 7:45. Cost: \$12 per person (\$6 for kids under 12; kids under 5 free). Breakfast includes scrambled eggs, sausage, mini-pancakes, danish, fresh fruit, coffee, juice, milk. Followed By: Brief Devotion w/Communion. RSVP by April 15th to Dave Edmunds, 397-1861!! ALL WELCOME!!

***Book of Confession pre order**

The Presbytery is looking to make a large order of the Book of Confessions. It includes the text of twelve confessional documents, including the Confession of Belhar. The cost will be \$10; we can save you shipping. Please let Melinda in the office know by May 1st if you would like to place an order, adminasst@pbylakeerie.org

***Annual First Day of Fish Season BBQ**

Garland Presbyterian Church will be hosting their Annual First Day of Fishing Season Chicken BBQ at 4926 Route 27 in Garland on April 13th Noon until sold out. The BBQ includes: 1/2 BBQ Chicken, Baked Beans, choice of Macaroni Salad, Potato Salad or Baked Potato, Roll. \$10.00 for full dinner, \$6.00 for chicken only.

Good news from the Board of Pensions

At the mid-March meeting of the Board of Pensions it was announced that an experience apportionment of 3.6% was approved for all Honorably Retired pastors. And the same amount of money was added to the pension credits of those who are currently serving as pastors. This aids in supporting the retirement income of those who have served in the church under Board of Pension coverage.

More Good Financial News from the Court System

A case has been weaving its way through the court system on whether the tax benefit of a housing allowance or manse should be continued for religious leaders. A recent court decision continues this tax benefit – which helps churches stretch their dollars a bit further. This is good news for the churches of Lake Erie Presbytery – and far beyond.

Swiss Dinner in Harborcreek

Swiss Steak Dinner at Harborcreek Presbyterian, 6724 Buffalo Road on Saturday, April 13th serving family style from 4:30-7pm. Includes Swiss Steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, apple sauce, bread, beverages & pie. Prices: Adults \$11, Children 6-12 \$5 and under 6 Free. Take Outs are also available. 899-1031

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

the churches of this presbytery. Pray without ceasing for these partners in ministry.

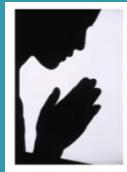
March 31
Fairview, Church of the Cross
Rev. Drew Himes, Pastor
Rev. David Oyler
General Presbyter

April 7
Linesville and Franklin, Rocky Grove
Rev. Rachel Johns, Temporary Supply Pastor
Rev. Lyta Seddig (HR)

April 14
Endeavor
Commissioned Pastor, Roger Snyder
Co Moderator of 222nd General Assembly
Rev. Cindy Kohlmann & Elder Vilmarie Cintron-Olivieri

*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

more information.”

Camp Lambec Summer 2019

Registration is available for the Summer 2019 camping season. Camps range from Music, Mission, Wet and Wild, and Family. There is something for everyone. [Click here](#) to visit their website and register for camp, see what they have to offer, and so much more.

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) 3/20, 3/27, 4/3, 4/10, and 4/17.

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

undergo this upgrade.

Please remember to visit our website at:

<http://www.pbylakeerie.org>



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lowercase) and get the event with lunch for only \$25. [Click Here](#) to register.

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.

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

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. [March 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: [The Labyrinth, A Prayer Practice for All Ages](#) 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](#)