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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, 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
- ❖ Thursday, May 9, 2:30 PM, Nominating Committee, Meadville
- ❖ Tuesday, May 14, 10:00 AM, Big Event planning, First Presbyterian Church of the Covenant
- ❖ Tuesday, May 14, 1:30 PM, Futuring Team, Titusville
- ❖ Tuesday, May 14, 4:00 PM, Committee on Ministry, Titusville
- ❖ Thursday, May 16, 9:00 AM, Spiritual Formation Committee, Presbytery Office
- ❖ Thursday, May 16, 4:30 PM, Administrative Committee, Presbytery office
- ❖ Thursday, May 16, 12:00 PM, Retiree's Luncheon, Church of the Covenant
- ❖ **All upcoming events can be found on the Presbytery websites [Calendar](#)**



"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."

*Project on Rural Ministry

If you are serving a rural or small town church in western Pennsylvania, northern West Virginia, eastern Ohio, or southwestern New York, then you may be eligible to participate in The Project on Rural Ministry. This is a five-year initiative that is FREE and is designed to support pastors in the ministry they are already doing. Participating pastors will benefit from a fully funded student internship, a service-learning project suited to each pastor's local context, engagement in an online networking community, fellowship with other rural and small town pastors, a chance to interact with experts in fields like ministry, social work, and entrepreneurship, and more! [Click Here](#) for more information.

*Do You Know What Benefits Your Pastor & Staff Need?

The BOARD OF PENSIONS is offering a BENEFITS CONNECTIONS event to help churches align benefits and values to the needs of their pastors and other staff. The 2019 Benefits Connections will be held on Thursday, May 2, from 10:00 AM-2:00 PM in the Knox Room at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Those who attend will learn about the latest changes to the benefit plan, the theology that shapes the plan, understanding of how the plan can be used and accessed, latest programs, and more. Register [online](#) at www.pensions.org/benefitsconnections. Registration Deadline is April 12th!

*Spring Work Days at Camp Lambec

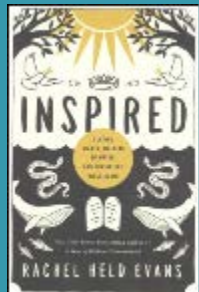
On Saturday May 4 and May 18, from 9:30am to 4:30pm. There are jobs to do for all skill levels. They are planning yard work and minor maintenance projects for May 4th and a "spring cleaning" on the cabins and buildings on May 18th. Please bring: drinking water, work gloves, and any tools that you think would be helpful for yard work. Please email Bob Meanor at meanor300@comcast.net if you are coming (and with how many people). A light lunch is provided.

Presbytery of Lake Erie Mission Trip

*RESOURCE CENTER REVIEW

Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water and Loving Bible Again

Rachel Held



If the Bible isn't a science book or an instruction manual, then what is it? What do people mean when they say the Bible is inspired? When Rachel Held Evans found herself asking these questions,

she began a quest to better understand what the Bible is and how it is meant to be read. What she discovered changed her-and it will change you too.

Drawing on the best in recent scholarship and using her well-honed literary expertise, Evans examines some of our favorite Bible stories and possible interpretations, retelling them through memoir, original poetry, short stories, soliloquies, and even a short screenplay. Undaunted by the Bible's most difficult passages, Evans wrestles through the process of doubting, imagining, and debating Scripture's mysteries. The Bible, she discovers, is not a static work but is a living, breathing, captivating, and confounding book that is able to equip us to join God's loving and redemptive work in the world.

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, June 4, 1pm, Conneaut Lake

Tuesday, August 27, 1pm, Corry

Tuesday, October 29, Time & site pending

Presbytery meetings

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 ASAP with questions or to register, 814-673-0874 OR fowler676@gmail.com

Eastern APCE Conference

Eastern APCE Conference is set for May 6th-8th at Rhodes Grove Conference Center in Chambersburg, PA. Keynote Speaker: Rev. Dr. Kathy Dawson and others will discuss Parenting: Teaching Children About Faith. Scholarships are available, [Click Here](#) for the application.

*Rummage Sale

Church of the Cross, 5901 Millfair Road Fairview, is hosting their semi-annual Rummage Sale for Mission on Saturday April 13 from 9am-3pm. All proceeds will benefit the Greater Erie Habitat for Humanity. Bag day will be held Monday April 15 from 11am-1pm. Come out for great items at even better prices!

Rummage Sale

Fairview Presbyterian Church, 4264 Avonia Road Fairview will be holding a rummage sale: Friday, April 12, 9 am – 4 pm and Saturday, April 13, 9 am – 1 pm. Donations may be brought to the church Monday, April 8 through Thursday, April 11 from 9 am until 4 pm. Come to the double doors at the north side of the addition. We do not take any electronics or appliances. Ask for a donation form for your taxes!

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 3915 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

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

April 14
Endeavor
Commissioned Pastor, Roger Snyder
Co Moderator of 222nd General Assembly
Rev. Cindy Kohlmann & Elder Vilmarie Cintron-Olivieri
April 21
Utica
Commissioned Pastor Tina Kaye
Teaching Elder, John Dietz
Moderator of the Coordinating Committee

April 28
Ripley
Commissioned Pastor Phil Johnson
Rev. Carl Hull (HR)
Rev. Joe Filer (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

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

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.

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.

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](#)

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>



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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

Mission and Per Capita Report

To read the March 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: [Partners in God's New Creation](#) 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](#)