

Greetings,
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The Lake Erie Breeze

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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, May 11, Venango pastor's gathering, First Church, Oil City
- ❖ Friday, May 12, 9:30 AM, Synod gathering, Crestfield
- ❖ Monday, May 15, 2:00 PM, Congregational Life Committee, Corry
- ❖ Tuesday, May 16, 10:00 AM, Worship Committee, Corry
- ❖ Thursday, May 18, 9:00 AM, Christian Education Committee, Corry
- ❖ Thursday, May 18, 4:30 PM, Administrative Committee, Presbytery office
- ❖ Thursday, May 18, 6:00 PM, Trustees meeting, Presbytery office
- ❖ Tuesday, May 23, 1:00 PM, Mission and Social Witness Committee, at CHOSEN offices
- ❖ Tuesday, May 30, 3:00 PM, Coordinating Committee, North Shenango



"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."

*Garland's 200th Anniversary

Garland will be holding a celebration in honor of their 200th Anniversary. Festivities will be from June 16th through June 25th. There will be food, fun, and music as they travel through the years displaying what the church was like over these past 200 years. Please see attachment for more specifics.

*Emmanuel Presbyterian Rummage Sale

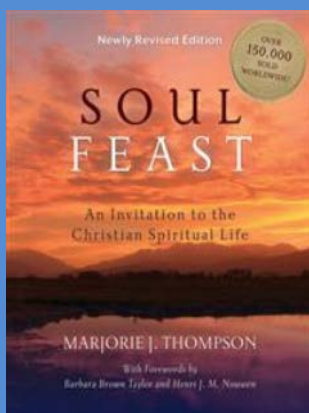
Emmanuel Presbyterian's Women's Association will be holding their annual rummage sale Friday, June 2 from 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM and Saturday June 3, 2017 from 8:30 to 12 Noon at 3520 Perry Street. Please stop by and support the Women's Association. All items left over will be donated to the Veterans Miracle Center Erie

*Endeavor History

Roger Snyder, CRE and his wife took some time and elbow grease and cleaned up the church! He posted a picture of one of the old class rooms online and led to a picture from a 1912 men's group. People started wondering about their Great or Great Great Grandparents who may have gone there. God, with perhaps some help from all of the Endeavor Saints,

- ❖ Thursday, June 1, 12:30 PM, Erie County pastor's luncheon, Girard
- ❖ Monday, June 5, 2:00 PM, Nominating Committee, Conference Call
- ❖ Tuesday, June 13, 4:00 PM, Committee on Ministry, Titusville
- ❖ Tuesday, June 20, 4:00 PM, Presbytery meeting, First Church, Meadville
- ❖ Friday, July 22-29, New Wilmington Mission Conference, Westminster College

*RESOURCE CENTER REVIEW



Soul Feast Anniversary Edition An Invitation to the Christian Spiritual Life

Thompson, Marjorie J.

This spiritual classic continues to be a best-seller, as thousands each year accept Marjorie Thompson's invitation to the Christian spiritual life. Offering a framework for understanding the spiritual disciplines and instruction for developing and nurturing those practices, "Soul Feast" continues to be a favorite for individual reflection and group study. Now engagingly redesigned to appeal to contemporary spiritual-seekers and repackaged for easier use in study and reflection. This book is available for check out at the Resource Center. Phone 814 868-4891, ext. 5 or email elaine@pbylakeerie.org. Hours are 9-1 Monday and Tuesday and 9-12:30 Wednesday and Thursday.

Mission Trip Opportunities!

Two mission trip opportunities are currently open to neighboring Presbyterian Churches. Consider participating in one (or both!!):

1. The Presbytery of Lake Erie is hosting a mission trip to address flood recovery in West Virginia on July 16 to 22. An attachment is included in this

is using this to strike a familiar chord in the hearts of many! Thank you Roger for sharing this story with us.



*Motor City Mission Corps

The Presbytery of Detroit through its Motor City Mission Corps Work Group is excited to offer an Internship opportunity to do meaningful work in Detroit. This is a yearlong apprenticeship for young adults with a focus on breaking down racism and building equitable community. Housing and a small stipend are provided while you serve in organizations with a reputation for making change in the city of Detroit and explore how they might be called to join God's work in the world. Find out more and download an application at <http://motorcitymissioncorps.org>. Contact Adam Delzenne at adam@detroitpresbytery.org or 248-607-4080 with any questions.

*Congratulations to Graduates in Our Pastor's Families!!

It is the season for graduations. A number of pastors in the Presbytery of Lake Erie are celebrating graduations. Take the time to extend your congratulations to them.

Evan Fowler, son of **Rev. Jamie Fowler, Hasson Heights**, graduated in December with a Bachelor of Science degree in turf science from Penn State University. Evan currently works for the Kansas City Royals in maintaining and improving the management of the turf on the major league baseball field.

Second Lieutenant Travis Jensen, son of **Rev. Brian Jensen, Meadville**, graduates from The Basic School of the United States Marine Corps.

Mary Bernhardt, daughter of **Rev. James Bernhardt, Wayside**, graduates from Elon University in NC with degrees Psychology, Spanish and Neuroscience. In August she begins graduate study toward a PhD in Cognition and Brain Science at Georgia Tech University in Atlanta. Her parents are hoping to have her at home in Erie for some of the summer.

Tyler Domske, son of **Rev. Ronee Christy, Oil City First**, graduates with his Doctor of Ministry degree from Dubuque Seminary.

Congratulations to all these graduates within our clergy families! If there are other names that should be added to this list please provide the information to Melinda Wingenbach in the presbytery office.

Camp Lambec Work Day Volunteers Needed

Camp Lambec is looking for volunteers on Saturday May 20th any time from 9:30am to 4:30 pm. They have jobs available for all skill levels. As a reminder their water is not usable and you will need to provide your own drinking water and lunch. If you are available please contact Bob Meanor @ meanor300@comcast.net by May 14th.

email with further information. Or contact Rev. Jamie Fowler (fowler676@gmail.com)

2. The Mission Committee of the First Presbyterian Church in Meadville is sponsoring a mission trip to La Gonave Hospital in Haiti. We're looking for a surgeon, a nurse anesthetist, nurses and others willing to work. The trip will be led by Helen Jacobson, who has worked at the hospital as a nurse practitioner for 14 years. It will be a week-long trip in November of 2017. Does such an endeavor interest you? Do you know someone else who might be interested? If so, please contact Mary (1-814-333-2161) at the church office.

Coordinating Committee and Presbytery meetings for 2017:

For planning purposes the Coordinating Committee and Presbytery meetings have been announced for 2017:

Coordinating Committee meetings

Tuesday, May 30, 3:00 PM, North Shenango

Tuesday, August 29, 3:00 PM, Girard

Tuesday, October 24, 3:00 PM, Ripley

Presbytery meetings

Tuesday, June 20, 4:00 PM, First Church, Meadville

Tuesday, September 19, 4:00 PM, Pleasantville

Saturday, November 18, 10:00 AM, First Church of the Covenant, Erie

***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 this year will carry the prayer list which has also been distributed to the churches of this presbytery. Pray without ceasing for these partners in ministry.

May 14
Harborcreek
Commissioned Ruling Elder Robin Cuneo
Upper Northern Presbytery of the Evangelical
Presbyterian Church, Ghana

May 21
Coudersport
Rev. Nelson "Bud" Horne (HR)
Rev. Larry Myers (HR)

May 28
Union City and Mills Village Churches

Lambec Employment Opportunities

Camp Lambec is interviewing for staff positions for the summer of 2017. Interested? Please see the attached flyer. And pass it along to young adults in your church that may have an interest. Thank you!

Piano Available to a Good Home

Ruling Elder Donna Fannin, Harborcreek, is looking for a good home for her piano as she and her husband move. It is an upright piano, in very good condition, and relatively new. If interested please contact Donna at 814-450-0669.

Photographers Needed!!

The Presbytery of Lake Erie is searching for 3 or 4 volunteer photographers to help us populate the new presbytery website with pictures. Perhaps you are the 'unofficial photographer' for your congregation already. Or you would like to help out by taking pictures at a presbytery meeting or other presbytery related activity. Are you interested in learning more? Contact David Oylar (david@pbylakeerie.org) for more information. The church is strongest as we use all our gifts for the common good!

Synod, 300th Anniversary

The Synod has big news as it celebrates its 300th Anniversary. While looking at their website one will find fascinating information about the happenings around the Synod and what each Presbytery has going on. There is information about the history of each Presbytery, some back to their foundation. They have even highlighted individual churches such as our very own First Presbyterian Church of the Covenant in Erie. Please check out their video at <http://www.syntrinity.org/revealing-hope-300th/> (scroll down to the bottom of the page.) The Synod offers a lot of information and resources for individuals and churches to continue their ministry in their community.

***Good News about Your Generosity in 2017!!**

We are already 4 months into 2017! And it is good to celebrate the financial faithfulness of the congregations of Lake Erie Presbytery! At the end of April a total of \$44,111 has been received through general mission giving in the first four months of the year – about on schedule with what is anticipated. Five churches have already fulfilled their pledge for the year! Thanks! About \$11,500 is needed per month to reach the mission goal for the year. YOUR GIFTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN TELLING THE STORY OF THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST! Mission travel and energy efficiency grants are funded through your mission gifts. Children are fed and ecumenical campus ministry is engaged. Thank you!

On the per capita side there is additional good news of financial faithfulness. About \$19,100 is needed each month to meet budget expectations. During the first four months of the year a total of \$90,167 was received, including 18 churches that have already been able to fulfill their total per capita commitment for the year. This is slightly ahead of budget expectation which is normal this time of year. Thank you for your faithful support – even paying advance when possible! And thank you for making all payments before the end of the year!

Rev. Robert A. Willert, Pastor
Rev. Mary Kathryn Crom (HR)
Rev. Jim Haas (HR)

June 4
Watson Run Church
North Shenango Church
Coordinating Committee
of the Presbytery of Lake Erie

June 11
Barb Sundberg
Presbytery Financial Administrator
Lake City Church
Commissioned Ruling Elder Deb Rimmer

With Sadness...

The recent death of key former leaders has had an impact on the Presbytery of Lake Erie.

- Virginia Edwards, wife of Rev. John Edwards, died on April 3. Virginia had a keen intellect and passion for learning. Her husband was the long time pastor of the Sarah Hearn Presbyterian Church and had preceded his wife in death by 11 years. A service to honor Virginia's life was held at Wayside Presbyterian Church on April 6.

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>

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Lambec Camping Opportunities in 2017

Camp Lambec is a place for fun adventures in faith, family, and friends. If you'd like to have a great experience at camp, make new friends (and reconnect with old ones), enjoy our amenities, and grow in your faith, then choose the program that's right for you. Attached you will find information about Christian Camping ministries at Camp Lambec this summer as well as on their new website, www.camplambec.org. Check out the details. There are opportunities for both youth and family ministries!

Synod of the Trinity Grants

The Synod has recently updated their grant applications. Grants available: Peacemaking Grant; Mission Travel Grant; Student Study Grant; Partnership Grant (formally "Network"); Innovation Grant (formally the "New Initiative Grant,"); New Worshipping Communities Grant (for 2nd and 3rd level New Worshipping Communities applying for PMA funding). Applications can be found on the Synods website, <http://www.syntrinity.org/>.

Good News about Special Offerings!!

A number of churches in the Presbytery of Lake Erie receive various denominational offerings throughout the course of the year. Some churches receive one of them; some receive all four. The four offerings include:

- One Great Hour of Sharing (traditionally the largest offering)
- Pentecost Offering
- Peace & Global Witness Offering
- Christmas Joy Offering

Each offering goes to support designated ministries. More information on these offerings can be found at www.pcusa.org. In 2015 a total of \$44,188 was received for these offerings from Lake Erie Presbytery Churches. In 2016 a total of \$45,406 was received – an increase of almost 3%. Great work! Your gifts make a difference!

The Pentecost offering totaled \$5,148 in 2016 – the highest in a number of years in Lake Erie Presbytery. A total of 18 churches received the Pentecost Offering in this past year. In this presbytery Garland was the strongest giving church on a per capita basis, Warren second and Church of the Cross was third. Thanks for your gifts!

New Wilmington Mission Conference

The New Wilmington Mission Conference is the longest-running mission conference in the United States and will take place July 22-29 at Westminster College. NWMC is intergenerational, Presbyterian-related, and youth-focused. About 1,000 people attend from over 30 states and 20 countries for a chance to connect with mission workers and hear what God is doing all over the world. This week-long conference features many well-known and engaging speakers for one low, all-inclusive price! This year's speakers include:

- **Dr. Rodger Nishioka**, Director of Adult Educational Ministries at Village Presbyterian Church;
- **Rev. Dr. Jim Singleton**, Associate Professor of Pastoral Leadership and Evangelism at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary;
- **Shane Bennett**, speaker and writer for Frontiers;

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- As well as many others!

For more details or to register visit: www.nwmcmission.org

2017 VBS Reviews Available

The Resource Center does not provide VBS kit samples because of the expense involved. However, if you are interested in seeing reviews of all the programs available, the Center for the Ministry of Teaching reviews VBS kits and programs every year. They study each program then give a review including the strengths and weaknesses of each one. They list their top picks then all the other new programs and a listing of the “perennial” programs. For a free PDF of the 2017 reviews go to <https://www.vts.edu/page/center-for-the-ministry-of-teaching/publications/vbs-reviews>


*News from Our Churches and Pastors

- Ben Fugate, son of **Rev. David Fugate**, led McDowell High School’s U.S. Academic Decathlon/Academic Sports League in scoring in their recent national competition. The team finished third in the large school competition. Ben is a junior at McDowell High School and also currently serving on the Pastor Nominating Committee at Church of the Cross. Congratulations!
- **Rev. Darrell Knopp**, Emlenton, and his wife Gloria because grandparents to a new grandchild on April 24. Harper Annabelle Knopp resides with her family in the Pittsburgh area. Congratulations to Darrell and Gloria!
- **Garland Church** will be celebrating their 200th anniversary in 2017. Pray with them in this milestone moment.
- **Rev. Lee Pomeroy**, a retired United Methodist pastor, began serving as the interim pastor of the Fairview Presbyterian Church, effective March 20.
- **Rev. Greg Gillispie** began serving as the temporary supply pastor at the Edinboro Church, on March 26.
- **Rev. Rebecca Taylor, Kane Church**, concluded her service as their pastor on April 30. She has been a wonderful and affirming presence in the Kane community. **Rev. Taylor** began serving as the Temporary Supply pastor at the **Warren Church**, on May 1. Welcome to new responsibilities!
- **Rev. Timm High, First Presbyterian Church of the Covenant**, concluded his temporary supply ministry at First Covenant as of April 30. Timm has shared in significant ministry in his nearly five years at First Covenant. Thank you!
- **Rev. Chris Weichman** began serving as called pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of the Covenant on May 1. Welcome! His installation will be held June 11th.



*Prayer Concerns.

- **Jeff Fowler**, husband of **Rev. Jamie Fowler, Hasson Height and Pleasantville**, is undergoing chemotherapy treatments in Indianapolis, IN for several weeks. Jamie has taken a medical



leave to be with him. Pray with the Fowler family along with the two congregations she serves as Jeff works his way toward full health.

- Pray for Ruth Mills, wife of **Rev. Bill Mills, Honorably Retired**. Ruth continues to deal with the impact of Alzheimer's on her life, though she is resting comfortably at home.
- 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!