



*Happy January, Lackawanna Presbytery Friends! Time for the extra sweater, warm slippers and sweet hot chocolate! With a little (or a lot?) of snow in the forecast, we are truly feeling the brisk midwinter energy boost. SO shake out the snow shoes, dig out the sled, and don't forget to invite everyone to gather inside for more fellowship and fun...*

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## ***Around the Presbytery:***

**JANUARY 27 - Mainstreet Brass Quintet in concert, 3:00 PM, Covenant PC, Scranton**

**JANUARY 28 - Final DEADLINE for teens to register for *Here's My Heart*, Presbyterian Youth Triennium, JULY 16-20, 2019 at Purdue University. LETTER ATTACHED along with application forms from LP Triennium coordinator Martha Jordan.**

**JANUARY 31 - Applications for Stated Clerk position DUE (see Homepage for info)**

**FEBRUARY 1 - Last day to enter updated membership numbers on OGA Statistics Report. **9** churches have entered stats so far... keep 'em coming!**

**FEBRUARY 6 - *Food Insecurity: Is it possible to end hunger in the US?* presentation by food dignity advocate Clancy Harrison, 7:00 PM, FUPC West Pittston at Wyoming, at The Institute, info at presbywp.org**

FEBRUARY 15-17 - Ice Festival Events at FPC Clarks Summit, including art show, chili cafe, Creative and Performing Arts Academy of NEPA performers, violinist Mark Woodyatt concert, and student musicians; complete schedule at [fpccs.org](http://fpccs.org)

Working on 2019 church calendars? AUGUST 2 - AAA baseball with everything you asked for! Friday, fireworks and Phillies (vs. Yankees, of course!)

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## ***From Our Friends and Neighbors:***

March 9 - *The Journey of the Soul: Cultivating Stillness*, one-day retreat by Rev. Dr. Joanne Weiss, 9 AM-4 PM, Marywood University, registration due Feb. 28, info at [joanneweiss@echoes.net](mailto:joanneweiss@echoes.net)

Standing in the GAP - Give, Act, Pray - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is responding to recent storms and fires. Funds and volunteers are needed along with prayers. Visit [pda.pcusa.org](http://pda.pcusa.org) for more information.

2019 Year of Service, Presbyterian national and international Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) program, is accepting applications at [youngadultvolunteers.org](http://youngadultvolunteers.org).

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## ***Notes from Home:***

**TIME TO RECRUIT CAMP STAFF!** *Please share the ad from Camp Lackawanna Director Laurel Clapper BELOW.*

**REMINDER:** The Year-End Checklist helps churches keep up-to-date with reports and other info needed to wrap up 2018 and ramp up 2019. Just do it! See [HOMEPAGE](#) for details.

**THANK YOU!** to the 21 church session clerks who participated in the Clerks' Annual Questionnaire. You're the greatest!

**CHURCH OF THE WEEK:** Providence United Presbyterian Church, Scranton. *Please include them in your prayers.*

**STATED CLERK POSITION:** Three-year term beginning in February 2019, includes stipend and mileage reimbursement, applications due January 31. See [HOMEPAGE](#) for details.

**TEAM SERVICE OPPORTUNITY:** The Presbytery Nominations Team is seeking members of our churches who are interested in expanding their church activities

and fellowship by getting involved in the work of the presbytery. Click [HERE](#) for a form describing our teams and ready to fill in and submit to Nominations.

**CHURCH SECRETARY OPENING:** Immediate opening for flexible 15-hour-per-week position at former West Pittston church now located in Wyoming. Contact Dan Klaproth at [klaproth4@verizon.net](mailto:klaproth4@verizon.net).

**OFFICE:**

*Please call before visiting our office, because our schedule can vary due to meetings and other commitments.*

- We will check and answer voice-mail and e-mail as soon as possible.
- In case of wintry weather, the presbytery office will be advised by Scranton School District announcements.
- Please text our cell phones (267-918-4300 - Brent and 570-362-1991 - Marge) *in case of emergency.*

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*A new year is time for updates to our website. Please keep us informed about changes in your churches.*

*We really do want to know what your church is doing. Please let us help with publicity (we have hundreds of readers from all of our churches!) when something is coming up. We don't want to miss it!*

*Contact Marge at*

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**CAMP STAFF AD: Please share!**

*Do you know a student who is looking for a fun and exciting summer job? Camp Lackawanna is looking to fill a number of staff positions for the 2019 camp season. We are looking for male and female counselors (18 year or older), lifeguards, arts and craft leader, program coordinator, and more. Dates of employment are June 27-July 26. Applicants should enjoy working with children, being outdoors, and teaching campers about their faith in Jesus and the Bible. There is no better summer than a summer at camp, so spread the word about this great summer job opportunity. Applicants can apply online at [www.camplackawannafirst.com](http://www.camplackawannafirst.com). Please contact Laurie Clapper with any questions: [camplackawanna.director@gmail.com](mailto:camplackawanna.director@gmail.com)*