



*Happy New Year to all of our friends in the Lackawanna Presbytery! We hope that 2019 will be NEW in many ways -- a time to look forward boldly, imaginatively and faithfully in our lives, in our homes, and in our churches. Here at the presbytery office we are working hard to keep you informed of events and activities that invite and welcome friends and neighbors to participate in our Christian lifestyle. **We depend on you to extend the welcome** by letting us know what's happening at your churches, so we can pass on the invitation, along with our usual information and reminders...*

Around the Presbytery:

JANUARY 11 - Presbytery books close for 2018 payments

JANUARY 13 - Assembling Ugly Quilts for Homeless Shelters, 12:30-2:30 PM, FUPC West Pittston at Wyoming Institute, teams welcome and materials provided, reservations at communityconnectionswp@gmail.com

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](#)**

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

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

Watch for SPECIAL EDITIONS of this E-NEWS (did you see the one about Triennium on Tuesday?) about our NEW LIAISON PROGRAM and HOW DOING YOUR STATISTICS CAN SAVE YOU MONEY!

From Our Friends and Neighbors:

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 for more information.

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

Notes from Home:

CHURCH OF THE WEEK: Wyoming Presbyterian Church. *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.

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.

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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