



*We've been talking about downsizing in the Lackawanna Presbytery recently. My husband Jim and I did it nine years ago this month, and we know there is a lot to consider. We wanted a space cozy enough for just the two of us, but flexible enough to embrace visits from three grown sons, four 80-plus parents, seven siblings, and all the SOs, nieces, nephews and grandchildren that come with them (thankfully, not all at once!) We needed someplace easier and cheaper to maintain than our previous family home. We also chose to live within walking distance of our basic necessities and near public transportation for going the extra mile.*

*Many of our churches are undergoing similar transformations...the need to be efficient and conscientious, to achieve economical maintenance, all while remaining open to extended church family and the community around them. It involves thoughtfulness, creativity, and an attitude of gratitude to use what we have to build a future. We may be downsized, but there is still great potential in the Presbytery of Lackawanna if we work together.*

*SO...share your events, attend others', offer your talents, support those who offer theirs, and be a part of what's going on...*

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

**NOVEMBER 11 - All-Church Recital, Arts at First Presbyterian, Clarks Summit,  
4:00 PM**

**NOVEMBER 17 - Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Lackawanna at FPC Hawley,  
9:00 AM-1:00 PM**

NOVEMBER 17 - Training for new Presbytery Liaisons Program, FPC Hawley, 1:00-1:30 PM following stated meeting (*for assigned liaisons only*)

NOVEMBER 18 - Dedication Service and Open House, Jackie Wolf Wing of Blough Hall at FPC Hawley, 10:00 AM service and 2:00 PM open house

NOVEMBER 24 - Christmas Concert by Making a Difference Ministries, 6:00 PM, Bennett PC, Luzerne, non-perishable food item admission

DECEMBER 8 - Cookie Walk and Victorian Tea Luncheon, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM cookie purchases, 11:00 AM-2:00 PM luncheon, information and reservations 570-226-4835

JULY 16-20, 2019 - *Here's My Heart*, Presbyterian Youth Triennium, [LETTER ATTACHED](#) FOR ALL CHURCHES from LP Triennium coordinator Martha Jordan.

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

*Synod of the Trinity [RESPONSE](#) to violence in our Pittsburgh Presbytery, with links to honoring Fred Rogers at Synod Assembly*

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

The Presbyterian Older Adult Ministries Network Autumn 2018 Newsletter is now available at [poamn.org](http://poamn.org).

November 15 - *Indigenous Liberation*, Activist Theology Books Discussion, Center and Library for Bible and Social Justice, Stony Point Retreat Center, Stony Point, NY, [stonypointcenter.org](http://stonypointcenter.org)

November 28 - Noise and Hearing Clinic, 7:00-8:00 PM, at the Institute (40 Institute Street, Wyoming), FUPC West Pittston

November 30-December 1 - 24-Hour Hymn-a-thon, 5:00 PM-5:00 PM, Troy PC

December 2 - Women's Christmas Meditation and Tea, 5:00 PM, FPC Elmhurst

December 4 - Caroling and Dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Claus, 5:30 PM, at Wesley Village with 2nd PC Pittston

2019 registrations open at Montreat Conference Center, Montreat, NC  
- *Compassionate Community*, College Conference, January 2-5; Youth

Conferences, June 2-August 3 dates available; Summer Mission Experience, summer dates available; [montreat.org](http://montreat.org)

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:***

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION** will be voted on during the November 17 stated meeting. Please go to [oga.pcusa.org/section/ga/ga223-proposed-amendments-book-order/](http://oga.pcusa.org/section/ga/ga223-proposed-amendments-book-order/) to download the amendments for your commissioners to share and discuss with your sessions.

**CHURCH OF THE WEEK:** Second Presbyterian Church of Pittston. *Please keep them in your prayers.*

**CHURCH SECRETARY OPENING:** Immediate opening for flexible 15-hour-per-week position at former West Pittston church now located in Wyoming. Contact Dan Klapproth at [klapproth4@verizon.net](mailto:klapproth4@verizon.net).

**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.

**PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S NETWORK** is seeking a representative from Lackawanna Presbytery. PMN meets twice a year in Bedford, PA. Contact [larryott1952@gmail.com](mailto:larryott1952@gmail.com).

### **CALENDAR:**

*Budget and Finance Team, Tuesday, November 13, 11:00 AM, Covenant House, Covenant PC, Scranton*

*Committee on Ministry, Wednesday, November 14, 2:00 PM, Covenant House, Covenant PC, Scranton*

*Leadership Development Team, Wednesday, November 14, 2:00 PM, Covenant House, Covenant PC, Scranton*

*Matthew 25 Team, Saturday, November 17, 12:15 PM, FPC Hawley*

### **OFFICE:**

***Please call before visiting our office, because our schedule can vary. We will check and answer voice-mail and e-mail as soon as possible.***

***Brent is on vacation November 7-14.***

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***Year-end 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!***

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