



It's that time of year in the Presbytery of Lackawanna for updates, updates, updates! Within the next few weeks we'll be updating teams, officers, contacts, documents and postings on our website and anywhere else we look for information. We thank you for your patience, and remind you to please send YOUR updates (if you haven't already) so we can get it all up and running. In the meantime, watch for a special e-mail including the in-demand Year-End Checklist for Churches AND information on the Annual Statistics Report season, which begins next week and runs through February 1.

Around the Presbytery:

DECEMBER 8 - Breakfast with Santa, 9:00-11:00 AM, Covenant PC in Scranton for Infant Care Program, tickets at 570-346-6400

DECEMBER 8 - Cookie Walk and Victorian Tea Luncheon, *part of Hawley community celebration*, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM cookie purchases, 11:00 AM-2:00 PM luncheon, FPC Hawley, information and reservations 570-226-4835

DECEMBER 9 - H Trio and Family, Christmas concert and refreshments, 3:00 PM, First Welsh PC, Edwardsville

DECEMBER 15 - Christmas Cookie Sale, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM pick-up, FUPC Lackawanna Valley in Peckville, orders to 570-254-0868 or 570-489-7866 by December 9

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

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

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

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.

June 16-30 - *A Place at the Table: Thinking Theologically about Hunger and Poverty*, free program for high school students, Monmouth College, IL, applications due January 1 at monmouthcollege.edu.

Notes from Home:

CHURCH OF THE WEEK: Langcliffe Presbyterian Church in Avoca. *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 Klaproth at klaproth4@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.

CALENDAR:

Leadership Vision Team, Wednesday, December 5, 5:00 PM, Covenant House, Covenant PC, Scranton

Budget and Finance Team, Tuesday, December 11, 11:00 AM, Covenant House, Covenant PC, Scranton

Camp Lackawanna Team, Tuesday, December 11, 6:00 PM phone conference

*Committee on Ministry, Wednesday, December 12, 2:00 PM, Covenant House,
Covenant PC, Scranton*

*Leadership Development Team, Wednesday, December 12, 2:00 PM, Covenant House,
Covenant PC, Scranton*

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.*
- *In case of wintry weather, the presbytery office will be advised by Scranton School District announcements.*
- *The office will be closed December 21-January 1. Please use our cell phones (267-918-4300 - Brent and 570-362-1991 - Marge) **in case of emergency.***

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!

Contact Marge at

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