



*The Lackawanna Presbytery staff and officers know we can't accomplish our everyday goal of **helping churches thrive** without **your help!** We've been calling on our commissioned elders who serve as pastors and pulpit supply to pitch in and support our ministers as liaisons for our churches. The new 2019 liaisons program will make sure that every church in our presbytery gets an annual visit from a presbytery representative who will gather information about your congregation and connect each church with support they need. Elders who have sat or are sitting on church sessions are also heartily encouraged to offer your service in this endeavor to reach out in a positive way to our neighbor Presbyterians. We still have a few slots left...if YOU are interested in serving, please put your name on the list today by contacting Marge at PoLackawanna.office@gmail.com.*

Folks who have input on how the presbytery works are also heartily encouraged to offer your service on one of our teams. It's the best way to make your ideas and opinions heard. There is a link to the Nominations Form below.

Have a friend who is interested in what's happening at the presbytery level? Pass this on to her or him.

The best way to help churches thrive is through participation! Keep a close eye on what's going on...

Around the Presbytery:

SEPTEMBER 16 - *Meet-and-Greet Brent Eelman!* Folks from ALL area churches invited to meet our Acting Transitional General Presbyter, 11:00 AM reception at FPC Montrose

SEPTEMBER 22 - Family Bowling Night and Basket Raffle at Chacko's Bowling Center, 5:30-7:30 PM, for 2nd PC Pittston, reservations 570-654-1411

SEPTEMBER 22 - Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Lackawanna at Camp Lackawanna, 8:30 AM-2:00 PM

SEPTEMBER 22 - Children and Youth Ministry Workshop, 1:00-2:00 PM, Merrill Lodge at Camp Lackawanna

SEPTEMBER 23 - Pasta Dinner and Basket Raffle to benefit Infant Care Program, dine-in or takeout, 12:00 PM-4:00 PM, Covenant PC in Scranton, tickets at 570-346-6400

SEPTEMBER 30 - *Meet-and-Greet Brent Eelman!* Folks from ALL area churches are invited to meet our Acting Transitional General Presbyter, 12:15 PM reception at Wysox PC

OCTOBER 4 - FPC Jessup celebration of 125 years of service, 10:00 AM

OCTOBER 6 - Applebee's Pancake Fundraiser and Basket Raffle, 8:00-10:00 AM, Applebee's in the Viewmont Mall, First UPC of Lackawanna Valley, Tickets 570-489-7866 or 570-254-9868

OCTOBER 6 - Rummage Sale, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM, The Institute in Wyoming, First UPC of West Pittston at Wyoming

OCTOBER 7 - *Meet-and-Greet Brent Eelman!* Folks from ALL area churches are invited to meet our Acting Transitional General Presbyter, 12:00 PM reception at FPC Carbondale. (*Our Stated Clerk will also be available for Session Minute reviews.*)

OCTOBER 13 - Presbyterian Women gathering, FPC Nicholson, 9:30 AM

OCTOBER 14 - *Meet-and-Greet Brent Eelman!* Folks from ALL area churches are invited to meet our Acting Transitional General Presbyter, 12:00 PM reception at the Presbyterian Churches of West Pittston and Wyoming at 40 Institute Street, Wyoming. (*Our Stated Clerk will also be available for Session Minute reviews.*)

OCTOBER 14 - FPC Jessup's 125th Anniversary Service, 10:00 AM

OCTOBER 16 - *Friends Helping Friends*, shopping pass discounts, Presbyterian Women of Dunmore, Boscov's Department Store in Scranton, 8:00 AM - 11:00 PM,

purchase passes at 570-343-6807 or at Boscov's September 23 and 28 from 2:00-6:00 PM

OCTOBER 21 - 125th Anniversary Service, Second Presbyterian Church of Pittston, 11:00 AM

OCTOBER 25 - Comedian and magician Brad Stine, *A Miraculous Gospel Presentation*, Wysox PC, 7:00 PM

OCTOBER 28 - Arts at First Presbyterian, Clarks Summit, *Love Songs* by Arcadia Chorale, 4:00 PM

NOVEMBER 17 - Save the date! Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Lackawanna at FPC Hawley

NOVEMBER 17 - Training for new Presbytery Liaisons Program, FPC Hawley, details TBA

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

From Our Friends and Neighbors:

TIP (Together It's Possible) hand-crafted glass fusion art created by cognitively challenged young adults at Kirkridge Retreat Center to benefit families in the Slate Belt area is now available on Etsy.

September 24-26 - *Finding What You Didn't Lose: Women at Mid-Life Who Seek to Let Their Lives Speak with Integrity and Intention*, Kirkridge Retreat Center, Bangor, PA, kirkridge.org

September 29 - Presbyterian Men's Breakfast, 9:00 AM-12:30 PM, FPC of Beaver Falls, Beaver-Butler Presbyterian Men's Network, register at larryott1952@gmail.com by September 15.

September 30 - *Annual Farm-to-Table Gala*, Stony Point Center, Stony Point, NY, 4:00-8:00 PM, stonypointcenter.org

October 8-11 - *Better Angels: Using the Power of Community to Change the World*, Montreat Conference Center, Montreat, NC, montreat.org

October 15 - Disaster Response Training by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Valley Forge PC, King of Prussia, PA, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM, register at syntrinity.org/PDA

October 15-17 - *Wee-Kirk Conference*, Montreat Conference Center, Montreat, NC, montreat.org

October 17 - Disaster Response Training by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Crestfield Camp, Slippery Rock, PA, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM, register at syntrinity.org/PDA

October 18-November 15 - *Polity and Administration*, online course, Union Presbyterian Seminary, upsem.edu/leadership-institute

October 23-24 - *Visions of Strategic Planning: Navigating the Way from Mission to Impact*, Union Presbyterian Seminary Charlotte Campus, upsem.edu/leadership-institute

October 23-November 20 - *Reformed Theology and Church History*, online course, Union Presbyterian Seminary, upsem.edu/leadership-institute

November 4 - *Big Church Night Out*, Mohegan Sun Arena, Wilkes-Barre Twp., 6:00 PM

Notes from Home:

CHURCH OF THE WEEK: Bethania Presbyterian Church in Scranton. *Please keep them in your prayers.*

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:

Committee on Ministry, Wednesday, September 12, 2:00 PM at Covenant House, Covenant PC, Scranton

Leadership Vision Team, Wednesday, September 12, 5:00 PM at Covenant House, Covenant PC, Scranton

Synod Executive Presbyter/Stated Clerk Conference, Monday-Wednesday, September 17-19, Penn State

Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Lackawanna, Saturday, September 22, 9:00 AM-2:00 PM, Camp Lackawanna

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.

THERE WILL BE NO E-NEWS NEXT WEEK DUE TO THE EP/SC SYNOD CONFERENCE.

As your fall planning begins, please remember to send event invitations to be posted in the E-News.

Contact Marge at

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