



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from our staff to everyone in the Lackawanna Presbytery! As we light each Advent candle we are reminded that the light, like the dawn after the longest night, glows brighter and brighter. Some of our churches have invited everyone to their special services listed below, in case you are visiting in their neighborhoods. Our office will be closed starting Friday until January 2, so we also send you off with a reminder of upcoming due dates and many wishes for joy in your holy-day season.*

Blue Christmas Services on Friday, December 21:

7:00 PM - FUPC Lackawanna Valley in Peckville

7:00 PM - Community Service at Wyoming PC

Christmas Eve Services on December 24:

5:00 PM - Family Service at FPC Hawley

7:00 PM - Candlelight and Communion Service, Dunmore PC

7:00 PM - Service and Reception, Providence UPC in Scranton

7:00 PM - Candlelight Service, Wyoming Valley PC in Wilkes-Barre

7:30 PM - FUPC West Pittston and Wyoming PC joint Candlelight Lessons and Carols Service at Wyoming PC

8:00 PM - Candlelight Lessons and Carols Service at FPC Hawley

8:00 PM - Candlelight Communion Service at FPC Jessup

8:00 PM - Candlelight Lessons and Carols Service at FUPC Lackawanna Valley in Peckville

DECEMBER 31 - [Shared Mission Pledge Form](#) DUE

DECEMBER 31 - [Applications for Presbyterian Youth Triennium](#) DUE

JANUARY 11 - Presbytery books close for 2018 payments

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](#)

AND even more is going on...

Around the Presbytery:

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: The list resumes in January (and is posted on our website!) *Please keep all of our churches 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.

- 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!

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