

Lehigh Presbytery News

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For more than 200 years, Presbyterians have remained unwavering in this one conviction: Jesus is Lord (1 Cor. 12:3). All power, truth, and salvation rest with God alone. Today, millions of people worldwide worship in Presbyterian churches; they gather as a grateful and loved people, eager to hear Scripture and celebrate the sacraments. They gather because God has called them into community to share with one another and the world a greater love, a brighter witness, a truer faithfulness, than they could achieve alone.



Why I  **BELONG**

Presbyterians have always chiefly been a “sent” people. Today, the PC(USA) shares the gospel through the ministry of 200 mission coworkers in 75 countries working on matters of evangelism, reconciliation, and the alleviation of poverty. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance witnesses to the healing love of Christ by caring for communities in the midst of crisis. And heeding the call of the Holy Spirit, Presbyterians across the country are building up 1,001 new worshipping communities and empowering congregations to seek out new beginnings and engage their diverse communities.

Presbyterians may not agree on all things, but we do commonly stand with one another as a people saved and in service of God. Presbyterians affirm the following central commitments.

That’s why I belong.

(Click the header links to read more on each of the following items)



[The Trinity](#)

We believe in the one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Trinity is not an optional “extra” to God; it is the very nature of God as revealed to us in Scripture.

[Sources: Matthew 28:19; The Trinity: God’s Love Overflowing, lines 154–55](#)



[The Nature of God](#)

“The good news of the Gospel is that the triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—creates, redeems, sustains, rules, and transforms all things and all people.”

[Source: Book of Order, F-1.01](#)



[The Person of Jesus Christ](#)

Jesus Christ is the only savior of the world, and the true awaited Messiah.

[Sources: Acts 16:31; Book of Confessions, 5.077](#)



[Salvation](#)

“Jesus Christ is the only Savior and Lord, and all people everywhere are called to place their faith, hope, and love in him.”

[Sources: Ephesians 1:3–14; Hope in the Lord Jesus Christ, lines 155–57; see also Book of Confessions, 5.107–5.110](#)



Sacraments

We celebrate two sacraments—baptism and the Lord’s Supper—because these are uniquely instituted by Christ.

Sources: [Matthew 28:19](#); [Luke 22:19–20](#); [1 Corinthians 11:23–25](#); [Book of Confessions, 3.21](#)



Scripture

“The one sufficient revelation of God is Jesus Christ, the Word of God incarnate, to whom the Holy Spirit bears unique and authoritative witness through the Holy Scriptures.”

Sources: [John 1:1–18 and 21:24–25](#); [Book of Confessions, 9.27](#)



The Church

“Christ Jesus is the only Head of the Kirk [Church], even as it is the body and spouse of Christ Jesus.”

Sources: [Ephesians 4:15](#); [Book of Confessions, 3.16](#)



Ordination

All ordained leaders in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) publicly affirm that Jesus Christ is Savior and “acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church.”

Sources: [1 Timothy 3:1–13](#); [Book of Order, W-4.4003a](#)



Evangelism

“God sends the church in the power of the Holy Spirit . . . to tell all nations and peoples of Christ’s call to repentance, faith, and obedience.”

Sources: [Matthew 28:16–20](#); [Book of Order, W-7.2001](#)



Missional Ministry

“The Church participates in God’s mission for the transformation of creation and humanity by proclaiming to all people the good news of God’s love.”

Sources: [2 Corinthians 5:18–21](#); [Book of Order, F-1.01](#)



Stewardship

“The ways in which a believer uses God’s gift of material goods, personal abilities, and time should reflect a faithful response to God’s self-giving in Jesus Christ.”

Sources: [2 Corinthians 9:6–7](#); [Book of Order, W-5.5004](#)



Women in Ministry

We believe women and men are called to all ministries of the church.

Sources: [Joel 2:28–30](#); [Galatians 3:28](#); [Book of Order, G-2.0101](#)

Article taken from the Presbyterian Church (USA) website <http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/why-i-belong/>

Call for the June Stated Meeting of Lehigh Presbytery



The June Stated Meeting of the Lehigh Presbytery is called for **Tuesday, June 28, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.** at the **Pennside Presbyterian Church, 253 N. 25th Street, Reading, PA.** All teaching and ruling elder commissioners are asked to **register through the Presbytery office by Tuesday, June 21, 2016.** Please let us know whether you will be staying for dinner. The dinner cost

is \$8.00 per person.

Our featured speaker at this meeting is **Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelley**, Ministry Relations Office of the Presbyterian Foundation **will provide tips and techniques for Stewardship Education.**

The commissioners can find the documents for the meeting on-line at

<http://lehighpresbytery.org/news-events/meetings-minutes/stated-meeting-documents/>



Transformation of Congregational Stewardship

In today's environment, the need to look at stewardship differently is not only important – it's necessary.

The Lehigh Presbytery is sponsoring an opportunity for our church leadership to learn how to transform your stewardship program to become a vital part of the life of your church, resulting in a unique and surprising gift.

This workshop will focus on the foundational issues of spirituality and leadership, providing immediately do-able steps for growing generosity and transforming congregations. This workshop will equip leaders to shift their congregants' hearts as well as their wallets.

So join us at the Presbytery meeting on June 28, 2016 where the Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelley from the Presbyterian Foundation will share this information and be able to answer your questions.

New Live Simply Resources are Available Now

Live Simply, based on Philippians 4:11, is the theme for just-released resources published by the Ecumenical Stewardship Center. Use [Giving magazine volume 18](#), Live Simply [theme materials](#), and the digital [Companion Resource](#) to create your congregational stewardship emphasis. Magazine writers include Adam Hamilton, Shane Claiborne, and Nathan Dungan. [More](#)



Peruse all of ESC resources <https://stewardshipresources.org/resources>

Summer Camp – Registration is underway

We offer week-long overnight and day-camps designed to nurture Christ-centered community based on trust, love, and a challenge to personal growth. Campers will meet new friends, play crazy games, and have an unforgettable week.



Open to rising grades 1-12. Visit our website at <http://www.kirkwoodcamp.org/camp.html> to learn about the different camps offered and to register. You can register on-line or by requesting a registration form from the camp.

For parents handbook and forms visit: <http://www.kirkwoodcamp.org/camperpayment.html>

Don't delay.....sign up today!

Kirkwood Camp, 127 Kirkwood Road, Stroudsburg, PA 18360
Phone: 570-421-8625 - Email: Kirkwood@kirkwoodcamp.org

“A Moment With Nelle Harper Lee”

If you've ever wanted to meet renowned author Harper Lee, then here's your chance....or at least about as close as you're likely to get.



Join us on **Saturday, June 11, at 2 p.m.** at the **First Presbyterian Church, 579 Main Street, Stroudsburg, PA**, when Elizabeth McDonald will perform her original one-woman show, ***“A Moment With Nelle Harper Lee,”*** directed by George B. Miller of Selkie Theatre.

In this theatrical conversation, we meet an older Harper Lee, wickedly smart and cantankerous, as she shares reflections of her hometown Monroeville, Alabama; her lawyer father; the journey of writing “To Kill A Mockingbird,” her life in New York City, and how the fame that came with her first novel changed her life.

There are colorful stories of her lifelong friendship with Truman Capote, of life on the Hollywood set of the award-winning “*Mockingbird*” film, and a glimpse into her newly re-discovered and critically reviewed novel, “*Go Set A Watchman*”, published on July 14, 2015.

Before she goes, Harper Lee opens the conversation up to the audience, taking questions - and asking a few herself! The chat is excitingly improvisational and free-flowing, changing with every performance.

“A Moment With Nelle Harper Lee” encourages exploration of the themes of social justice, racism, memory, family, and the role of the artist in public and private life. It is a fascinating, tour-de-force performance that earned Elizabeth the 2015 ABE Best Professional Actress award from the Lehigh Valley Press newspaper group.

“A Moment With Nelle Harper Lee” is being presented as a fundraiser for the Building and Organ Renovation Fund, and includes a post-show dessert reception.

Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased by contacting the church office at 570-421-7751 or emailing at stbgpres@ptd.net.



Scottish Communion Service

The First Presbyterian Church and College Hill Presbyterian Church of Easton will hold a joint Scottish Communion Service at **4:30 p.m.** on **Sunday, May 22, 2016** in the Sanctuary of the First Presbyterian Church, 333 Spring Garden Street, Easton, PA. All are welcome to attend.



Korean Street Bazaar Sunday, May 22, 2016 from 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

The Korean Church of the Lehigh Valley will be hosting a **Korean Street Bazaar**. There will be.....

- **Korean Food:** kimchi, ramen, kimbob, sweet potato chip, veggi fry, Korean pizza, corn dog, fried dumpling, fish cake, dduk bok gi; and for desert Korean ice caki, bbung ti gi, gang neng i; Drinks include seeke, boricha, coffee, and water.
- **Crafts:** origami, Korean hand fan, Korean flag, blank doll
- **Korean Games:** yutnori, gongi nori, tuho nori, badut
- **Photo booth:** take pictures with Korean Groom and Bride.
- **Music:** Gangnam Style & K-Pop
- **Raffle:** buy raffles-win prizes



Bring your family and friends. We look forward to seeing you on May 22nd for a fun filled day!

Korean Church of the Lehigh Valley
1987 Schadt Avenue, Whitehall, PA 18052 -- phone 610-799-1987

“SIMPLE GIFTS”



The First Presbyterian Church of Hokendauqua will be hosting the folk music duo **SIMPLE GIFTS** at their worship service on **Sunday, June 5, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.** Their choir will be joining this group for their anthem “O Mary Don’t You Weep” that morning. Simple Gifts is a nationally acclaimed group and you can read more about them on their website www.simplegiftsmusic.com.

All are invited to attend.

First Presbyterian Church of Hokendauqua, 3005 S. Front Street, Whitehall, PA 18052

610-264-9693 email: hokeypres@gmail.com



Saturday June 4, 2016
7 AM to 3 PM
Specials at Noon & 2 PM

Come and browse the tables and pick up some much needed items or treasures.

All proceeds from the yard sale will be divided between equally between [Westminster Village](#) (for Elder Care) and Faith Church's partners in [Riamukurwe Parish of the Nyeri, Kenya](#) (in support of the Orphanage & School).

Faith Presbyterian Church
3002 N. Second Street, Emmaus, PA 18049
610-966-5600 - office@faithchurchemmaus.org

Boundary Training



This training is sponsored by Lehigh Presbytery and will be led by Stephen R. Treat, DMin, LMFT. He is an in demand speaker and have been featured on numerous media programs. He has co-authored two books.

The **cost** for the training is **\$20.00** and includes lunch. Choose one of the following:

Monday, June 13, 2016 – 9 a.m.- 3p.m. at the Presbyterian Church of East Stroudsburg, 55 Smith Street, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301 (Registration Deadline June 1, 2016)

Monday, October 10, 2016 – 9a.m.-3p.m. at the Pennside Presbyterian Church, 253 N. 25th Street, Reading, PA 19606 (Registration Deadline September 30, 2016)

Please register through Lehigh Presbytery (610-391-9020, office@lehighpresbytery.org).

Session Minute Reading

It is time for the Annual Reading of the Church Session Minutes. Clerks of Session are required to have their Minutes examined and Rolls/Registers reviewed annually. Please feel free to attend the **one** that is most convenient for you.



1. **Saturday, May 21, 2016 from 10 a.m. – 12 noon** – Faith Presbyterian Church, 3002 N. Second Street, Emmaus, PA.
2. **Saturday, May 21, 2016 from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.** – College Hill Presbyterian Church, 501 Brodhead Street, Easton, PA.

Please bring with you your current copy of the *Book of Order*. Our method of review involves reading each other's Minutes while following a Session Minutes Examination Checklist (copy enclosed). For good stewardship of your time, **please fill these forms out in advance of our meeting and bring the copies to our meeting.**

As we asked last year, please bring the following documents **if you did not do so previously.**

1. Property deed(s)
2. **2015** Annual Report
3. Most recent directory
4. Current bylaws and standing rules
5. Current Sexual Misconduct Policy (G-3.0106)

What has Heath Rada, moderator of the 221st General Assembly, heard?



Join us on **May 26 at 7pm ET for a LIVE 90-minute webinar** with Heath Rada as he reviews what he's heard at the listening sessions he held across the denomination.

Rada will give his full report to the General Assembly in June. This webinar is an opportunity to hear a preview from him in addition to hearing some information from the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly survey and the NEXT Church survey.

The *Presbyterian Outlook* is offering this webinar at no charge so that as many Presbyterians as possible may participate in this time of discernment in the life of the PC(USA).

Click here to register <http://pres-outlook.org/2016/05/conversation-heath-rada/>

Heath Rada will present for 45 minutes and then there will be 45 minutes for questions and answers. All are welcome. Commissioners and delegates to the 222nd GA are encouraged to attend.

There is no cost to register, but please consider **making a donation to the *Presbyterian Outlook***.

Presbyterian Outlook, 1 N. 5th St., Suite 500, Richmond, VA 23219

PC(USA) survey report



In the fall of 2015, the Office of the General Assembly conducted a survey to gather opinions about the PC(USA). A record number of Presbyterians responded - 3,427 to be exact. Our reporter, Leslie Scanlon, summarizes the results here: **[Shared identity: New report highlights themes and priorities identified in denominational listening effort.](#)**

<http://pres-outlook.org/2016/05/shared-identity-new-report-highlights-themes-priorities-identified-denominational-listening-effort/>



**PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER
ASSISTANCE**

OUT OF CHAOS. HOPE

In an effort to provide easier access to updated information on disaster response and recovery, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) has created a special web page that contains disaster response resources.

It is called a quiet page because the URL for this page is not published.

The address of the web page is <http://pda.pcusa.org/page/midcouncil-epda/>

2016 Presbyterian Mission Yearbook for Prayer & Study

The 120 year old *Presbyterian Mission Yearbook for Prayer & Study* has transformed to a new digital-only resource. By offering this as a free resource through our website, we are able to broaden its reach, share inspiring content in a timelier manner, and demonstrate better stewardship.

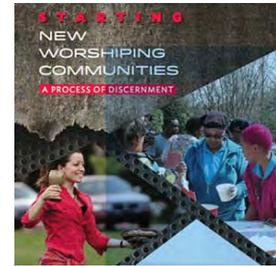
Click the link to read the daily Mission Yearbook article.





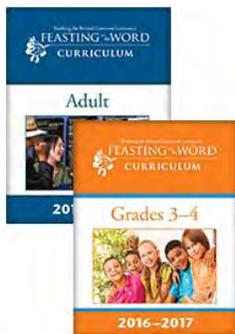
Despite all the Facebook photos of May snowfalls in the Rockies and freezing nights in the Adirondacks, SUMMER IS COMING! It happens every year just when we think we can't possibly shovel another inch of snow.

Did you know that summer is a great time for new worshipping communities? People who have been hibernating all winter venture out onto their porches and patios. They head to the city parks and ball fields. Neighbors gather for back yard barbecues. People flock to basketball courts and food trucks. It is a great time to reconnect with neighbors.



Perhaps your congregation would like to plan a fun fellowship event where you get to know your own community better. Pages 25-29 of *Starting New Worshipping Communities* will show you how. The resource is also available in [Spanish](#) and [Korean](#).

2016-2017 Curriculum Now Available.



"This is our second year using Feasting on the Word Curriculum and it is by far my favorite. It has something for everyone! The 'preparing for the session' is a great in-depth lesson for the teacher, and the lesson plan for the children is flexible so that the teacher can prepare the night before or a couple days in advance."

—Marla Huse, Sunday School Superintendent

Available in downloadable and printed formats, each **curriculum pack** includes leader guides, accessible biblical background for teachers, reproducible resource sheets, and media connections that tie the week's Scripture passage with a film, video, or Web site.

Highlights for 2016-2017

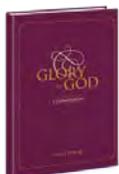
- **Small Church Plan** now available for churches with 50 or fewer in worship
- NEW printed format leader guide includes all the materials for each week in one handy book
- Expanded *Joining the Feast* resource for pastors and worship leaders with children's worship bulletins and children's sermon stories
- Seasonal pricing for ordering age levels by season—a great way to try Feasting on the Word Curriculum! View Fall 2016 [here](#).

ORDER ONLINE TODAY!

New Companion for the PC(USA) Hymnal Available from PC(USA) Store!

Glory to God: A Companion Carl P. Daw Jr.

Cost: \$75.00



Written by one of today's leading hymn scholars, the Companion explains when and why each hymn was written. Inside, readers will find several indexes as well as a CD-ROM that provides extensive biographical information on the text and tune authors. This valuable reference tool is perfect for pastors, worship planners, scholars, students, and hymn lovers. [Click here to order.](#)



APPLY to be a YAV!

The final application date for national placement in the Young Adult Volunteer program is **June 1**. YAV offers an opportunity for young adults (ages 19 to 30) to experience a year of service, from August to July, for a lifetime of change. Student loan repayment assistance is available during service.

[Spread the word and apply today!](#)

<http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/yav/>

MAY 2016

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, EASTON, PA

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." -- 1 Peter 4:10

Serving the Local Community through SHARE



First Presbyterian Church of Easton has been seeking ways to serve the local Easton community with a total population of 26,800 (2014) with 23.3% whose income is below the poverty level. Easton is a "food desert" with scattered convenience stores within its four square miles. The closest supermarket is five and one half miles away. These statistics led our Mission Team to bring the Philadelphia based SHARE Food Program to Easton. The Philadelphia Self Help And Resource Exchange (SHARE) is a non-profit organization that began in 1986.

For two hours of community volunteerism SHARE participants can purchase quality food on a monthly basis at budget friendly prices. Participants in SHARE can be from any income level; cash, checks, money orders, credit cards, SNAP vouchers and ZEBT/ACCESS cards are all acceptable forms of payment.

Our church began publicity and acting as a "host site" in October 2014. Members of our Mission Team, our pastor, our church secretary, as well as volunteers from the church have helped with taking orders and monthly distributions to participants. We started out taking "baby-steps" as we learned the process and plan to "grow" it as we continue to reach out to those who could benefit the most.

Join us in prayer...

- *that we may reach Easton's needy individuals and make new disciples through our service.*
- *for enthusiastic volunteers willing to make SHARE successful in our community.*
- *for God's guidance as we work out a few problems we have encountered.*



Regarding ruling elders: ruling elders and pastoral care

<https://www.pcusa.org/news/2016/5/16/regarding-ruling-elders-ruling-elders-and-pastoral/>

In my work as hospice chaplain, I often ask my patients and their caregivers to tell me about their circle of support; those people who are helping them get through this extremely difficult and profound time in their lives. They often talk about their faith in God, family members, and close friends, but rarely the members of their church. Sometimes I'll specifically ask them to tell me how their faith community is supporting them.

I tend to get similar responses each time I ask this question. They talk about how they have been committed to their church in the past, but lately their illness or the demands of caregiving have kept them from being active in the life of the congregation. They look at me earnestly and say, "I haven't seen them much, but I know they are praying for me."

As a chaplain, I see the problem. As a ruling elder in a PC(USA) congregation, I have been a part of the problem. When I heard that a Sunday school teacher was facing a difficult diagnosis, I worried that I would say the wrong things. When I suspected that a choir member was experiencing stress or burnout due to care giving responsibilities for an ill spouse, I wondered if my offer of support would be perceived as intrusive or offensive. I worried if it was my place to reach out to someone who had not attended church in a while. All too often, my worrying and wondering would turn into inaction.

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I consoled myself with the thought that the pastor was handling it. I let myself off the hook and allowed the term "pastoral care" lull me into thinking that it is solely the job of the pastor. But encounters with my patients taught me that pastoral care is not simply the domain of the pastor; it is our congregational commitment to one another.

One of the most powerful parts of the worship service for me is the congregational vows during the baptismal liturgy. In those vows, the congregation promises "to guide and nurture ... by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of his church" (*Book of Common Worship*, Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 1993, p. 406). The only way to live out this promise is to show up when others need us. When we practice pastoral care, we get better at it. We also learn that our relationship with Christ is nurtured and deepened in the process.

While there is certainly etiquette of illness and crisis, I've observed that people in the midst of difficult situations can overlook a well-meaning, but clumsy comment. But it is more difficult to forgive not showing up at all. The more we show up the more we learn that we do not have to say the right things; we just have to be there to listen.

One of the things I always ask God when I pray for families in crisis is that God will give insight and grace to those who surround them. I pray that the family will receive the support they need from their family, friends, and faith community. This support can take many forms: a phone call, a card, a meal, a kind word, and, perhaps most of all, a listening ear.

Recently, I witnessed a church member answer an unspoken prayer by visiting with a cooler full of water and healthy snacks for a family who was living on hospital vending machine food. May we all avail ourselves to the stirring of the Spirit and let God use us to answer someone's prayer.

Zeena Regis is a ruling elder and member of Oakhurst Presbyterian Church in Decatur, Georgia. She is a graduate of Columbia Theological Seminary and currently serves as a chaplain with Hospice Atlanta/Visiting Nurse Health System.

For more about the information provided here, please contact Martha Miller at martha.miller@pcusa.org and browse the [Ruling Elders website](#). Read this post in [한국어](#) and [Español](#).



Support Outreach at Pathways Housing Services By Donating Laundry Items



Each week, individuals and families come to **Pathways Housing Services** seeking help in stabilizing their living situation.

Caseworkers have recently received a number of requests for assistance with laundry services. **To fulfill these needs, the Lehigh Conference of Churches is seeking donations of laundry detergent (single-use pods are preferred) as well as laundry bags.**

Funds designated to cover the cost of visits to the laundromat would also be greatly appreciated. Would you consider reaching out to those in our community who struggle to make ends meet?

Please contact the Volunteer Coordinator **Laura Rowe** at 610-433-6421 ext. 6101 for more information or to arrange a drop off. With your help and generosity, we can continue to make a difference in the lives of those in need.

The Lehigh Conference of Churches | 610-433-6421 | 610-439-8039
[Email](#) | [Website](#)

Davidson Clergy Center – 2016 Clergy Programs

The Davidson Centre for the Professions and Davidson Clergy Center is **now taking reservations for ministers and church professionals for the upcoming 2016 Clergy Programs**, held in their new office space in Davidson, NC, conveniently located off I-77 in North Carolina on Lake Davidson. The Program is a five-day intensive session, focusing on resilience and self-care, and serving clergy and church professionals in times of transition, sabbatical, personal stress, and for ongoing career wellness. Please see our website for more information, www.davcp.com.

The Board of Pensions has graciously assisted ministers with partial tuition through their Assistance Program, and PDA has also sponsored ministers who have experienced trauma through natural or man-made disasters. We have served many ministers in the past ten years. Program dates: **July 18-22; August 1-5; August 22-26; September 12-16**

Covenant Church Seeks Minister of Music

In consultation with the pastoral staff and the Session, the Minister of Music leads the ministry of music throughout the life of the church, developing a Music Vision for the Church, blending a variety of musical styles and genres. This includes using the congregation's musical gifts as a means of and aid to worship, leading the congregation to minister to each other through music, encouraging the fellowship of individuals and groups who share an appreciation of music, and fostering musical talents and expression among all age groups within the congregation. This is a part-time position.

The Minister of Music is accountable to the Transitional Pastor, as head of staff, and to the Session through the Personnel Committee. [Click here](#) for the full description.

<http://presnb.com/2016/covenant-church-seeks-minister-of-music/>

Apply by May 31 to:

Personnel Committee, 471 Parkway Avenue, Trenton, NJ 08618 or to personnelcommittee@comcast.net.

**The Second English Presbyterian Church of Amwell
(39 Mount Airy Village Road, Lambertville, New Jersey 08530),
founded in 1754, seeks a P/T Stated Supply Pastor**

POSITION DESCRIPTION - PART-TIME STATED SUPPLY PASTOR

I. Position Title

The position title is that of a Part-Time Stated Supply Pastor, hereafter referred to as "pastor."

II. Length of Service

The length of service shall be based on a part-time weekly schedule for a period of 1 year commencing on July 1, 2016, or earlier, with an option to renew on an annual basis.

[Click here](#) to read the full position description and Mt. Airy's MIF.

<http://presnb.com/2016/second-english-presbyterian-church-of-amwell-mt-airy-seeks-pt-stated-supply-pastor/>



Upcoming Speakers at the 2016 Meetings at Lehigh Presbytery

As Lehigh Presbytery looks at creating an atmosphere for cultivating leadership skills among Pastors, Elders, and Congregational Leaders we are pleased to present these educational opportunities. Plan now to join us. (All are welcome to attend.)

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| June 28, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. | Stated Meeting of Lehigh Presbytery at the Pennside Presbyterian Church, 253 N. 25 th Street, Reading, PA.
Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelley , Ministry Relations Office of the Presbyterian Foundation <i>will provide tips and techniques for Stewardship Education.</i> |
| Sept. 27, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. | Stated Meeting of Lehigh Presbytery at the College Hill Presbyterian Church, 501 Brodhead Street, Easton, PA.
Rev. Ruth Faith Santana-Grace , Executive Presbyter of Philadelphia Presbytery will speak on <i>"Engaging in the Wilderness of Mid-Council Wanderings –the challenges, temptations, and opportunities of the journey and a new land."</i> |
| Nov. 15, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. | Stated Meeting of Lehigh Presbytery at the Community Presbyterian Church, 1755 S. Delaware Drive, Mt. Bethel, PA.
Worship Celebration and Speaker for Princeton Theological Seminary. |

PLEASE NOTE:

The phones at the Presbytery office will be answered on the following days and hours:

- Mondays – 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Tuesdays – 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Wednesdays – 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Thursdays – 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- Fridays – 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

If you call during the hours the phones are not being answered, please leave a message and someone will call you back as soon as possible. Thank you.

The Lehigh Presbytery is **closed** on **Monday, May 30, 2016** for the Memorial Day Holiday.