

The Week of June 15, 2025

THE KISKI WEEKLY



From the Desk of Rev. Erin Kobs, Transitional General Presbyter

Friends,

We were talking in the office this week about how time seems to be flying by this year. I don't know about you, but it seems that just yesterday we were beginning the year in January & woke up & it is now summer time! We are quickly approaching the halfway point of 2025, which seems so wild to me. So much has happened this year - four Presbytery Gatherings, the seasons of Lent & Easter, Pentecost, lots of meetings of our commissions & teams, we had a visit from one of our friends from Rwanda. I've visited 8 churches who hosted Mandated Reporter Trainings & have trained 191 folks. A lot has been accomplished. Good work has been done. Christ has been lifted up all across our presbytery & continues to be so. It always brings a smile to my face hearing about great bible studies, programs for kids in the church & communities, people being fed through food banks, community meals & food boxes. Kiskiminetas Presbytery - we are doing the work of God as the Body of Christ.

As we go towards the second half of 2025, there is a lot on the horizon. There is a call letter going out today (Thursday, June 19th) for a Called Presbytery Gathering to be held on Saturday, July 19th for the purpose of receiving candidates for the two presbyter positions. We have two more stated gatherings in the fall (September & November). At our September gathering, there will be three different trainings being offered in the afternoon - Elder Communion Training, Treasurer Training & something we are calling BOOT (more information coming!). There is a special program in the works for October dealing with small church faithfulness (again, more information coming!). Kiskiminetas Presbytery - God isn't done with us yet! There is more work to be done as the corporate Body of Christ.

I hope you are excited about our future together. I hope you are finding meaningful ways to serve God in your communities. I hope you will be able to find ways to gather together with other congregations in our Presbytery. Friends, we are in this together. Come to the gatherings this summer & fall. Stay for the trainings in September. Sit & share a meal together at those gatherings. Reach out to one another. Support each other. Live into our calling as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Blessings,

Called Presbytery Gathering

The Presbytery of Kiskiminetas will meet for a Called Presbytery Gathering on Saturday, July 19th at First Presbyterian Church, Clarion.

The purpose is to receive the candidates for the two presbyter positions & to vote on their packages, as well as their installation commission.

There will be a meet & greet beginning at 9:00am to meet with the candidates. The meeting portion of the gathering will commence at 11:00am.

The meeting is hybrid.

[Register Here](#)

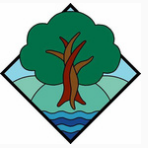


[Link to Kiski Presbytery](#)

[Link to the Synod of the Trinity](#)

Clerk of Session Corner

Here is important information for clerks of session of our congregations



Pre-Order for 2025-2027 Book of Order & Presbyterian Planning Calendars

We are currently taking pre-orders for the new Book of Order (goes into effect on July 2, 2025) & Presbyterian Planning Calendars.

Cost: \$10.00 each for Book of Order & \$12.00 each for calendars.

If your church wants to order, please email Cheryl or call her at the office by **Thursday, June 26th**.

PA Annual Report

Beginning in 2025, churches will need to complete an Annual Report with the state of Pennsylvania in order to maintain their non-profit status & tax-exempt status. **You will need to file this report by June 30th** (no cost to file). If you file after June 30th, there will be a fee. Continued non-compliance could result in your church falling out of "good standing" or even administrative dissolution by the state.

- Churches need to update their contact information & report on who their corporate officers are for their "Corporation" (i.e. president, secretary & treasurer)
- The corporate officers must be properly elected by the session (unicameral board) or Trustees (bicameral board) & documented in your minutes. If your church has not elected officers recently, you need to begin the process & duly elect them before filing the Annual Report.

How do you update your information?

- Log into the website [Business Services | An Official Pennsylvania Government Website](#)
- Fill out the necessary information. [A step by step guide for filing the report](#)

Insurance Reimbursement Fund

Does your church have Guide One Insurance?

The Presbytery has a fund to help reimburse your deductible when you have an insurance claim. This is not just claims from storm damage. If you have a claim, you can send in your information regarding your claim for the Presbytery to review. The reimbursement will be for \$500.00.

For more information, please contact the Presbytery office.

Session Record Review

If you have not had your records reviewed, please register for the following date or contact Erin to schedule a date to have them reviewed.

[Register here](#)

Remaining review

- Saturday, June 21st 11:00am at The Presbyterian Church of Punxsutawney

Information about Records

If you need record keeping supplies, check out [Cokesbury](#). They carry the archival paper & additional covers for your church register & session minute books.

The [Presbyterian Historical Society](#) in Philadelphia is where you can send your church records to be stored in their archival vault. This is important to do with your older records. In compliance with the Book of Order (G.3.0107), official records of active congregations and other records of permanent value, including registers; minutes of session, trustees, and other church groups; charters and property records; publications; and photographs. You can contact them at (215) 627-1852 or email refdesk@history.pcusa.org.



Upcoming Events Around Kiski

- Edenburg's annual **Very Berry Festival** on Thursday, June 19th from 5-8 pm. They are serving strawberry shortcake, angel food cake, assorted berry desserts, hot dogs, & ice cream. Donations will be accepted for food. Take out is available. Limited seating; bring a lawn chair. Music by Sawyer Stepp. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- Trinity's **Vacation Bible School** is from June 16th-20th (6-8:15pm). The theme is Live Out Loud: Discover How to Love Like Jesus. Children 3 years -7th grade are welcome! Preregistrations are welcome but not required. Call the church office at 724-639-3622 & leave a message with your child's name & age.
- Plumville's **Vacation Bible School, Making Waves!!** is from June 24th-26th (6-8pm), ages 4 & up. Call the church office at 724-397-2703 with any questions.
- **Apollo Community VBS, Holy Holidays!** is from July 7th-10th (5:45-8:15pm) at Boiling Springs Presbyterian Church.
- Dayton Glade Run is holding an **18 Hole Golf Scramble** on July 19th at White Oak Golf Course in Dayton. You can register teams of 4 members. Tee time is 10:00am. Registration is \$260/team (before June 30th) & \$280/team after that date. Register by contacting Sheila Wadding at sdwadding@windstream.net.

Being Neighbors

This is a new column to offer resources to other congregations or to ask for needs for your congregation!

- Are you in need of a **Music Box** to provide music for your worship services? This product was talked about at our November Presbyter Gathering by Joel Kinnard, member of the Congregation & Pastor Formation Commission. We have donations to purchase music boxes for congregations in need. Please contact Joel for more information (jrkinnard57@icloud.com).
- **Wilcox** is looking for a set of paraments for their communion table. If you have a set that you wish to donate, please contact Rachel Kreig, clerk of session (rachelkreig@hotmail.com)

Good News Board

**Have some good news to share?
Email us at statedclerk@kiskipby.org**

- **Ebenezer's** Presbyterian Women held their Birthday Offering Program on May 18th. A presentation was made by Scott Elgin from Ramps of Hope. The offering of \$282.00 was split between PW Mission & the Ramps of Hope Organization
- So overjoyed at the good things the people of **Boiling Springs** did in the wake of the storms & power outages the first week of May. Thank God for the Session that voted "yay" for a generator!
- **Trinity** is in the planning stages of a two day trip to the Ark Encounter & Creation Museum in Kentucky. They want to open it to anyone in the Presbytery who are interested. Please talk with Bonnie Davis for more information or email Trinity Church (clarksburgtrinitypres.org)
- **Trinity** had a fundraiser for World Vision during the Lenten & Easter season, they collected over \$1,500. They created a paper chain to represent the money & it wrapped around the sanctuary more than one time!

Birthdays

Pastors with June birthdays:

- June 21: Bill Starr (retired)
- June 22: Joel Kinnard (Concord Dayton & Mt. Zion)
- June 27: Sandy Atherton (Arcadia)
- June 28: Katie Ward Stear (retired)

QuickBooks

Your church use QuickBooks? Are you concerned with the rate increase? Feel free to contact Kimberly Warner, bookkeeper, at the Presbytery Office to talk about your options!

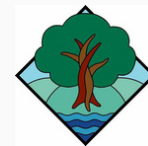
Wee Kirk Conference

The annual Wee Kirk, a small church conference, will be held on October 13th-15th at Laurelville Retreat Center in Mount Pleasant. The purpose is to inspire, equip, motivate & encourage small churches of any denomination & to provide rest & refreshment for the clergy & lay leaders like you! There will be a variety of workshops, opportunities for networking & conversations, & a chance to peruse the Hearts & Minds Bookstore. Registration for churches with up to 150 members is \$200.00 per person. If you register before August, it is \$175.00! There are brochures at the Presbytery office or you can go [online](#) for more information & to register.

Day of Learning

The Presbyterian Foundation is hosting another “free” online [Day of Learning](#) on Thursday, June 26. The theme is Storytelling – Stewardship and Generosity. Even if you are unable to attend that day, register to receive the recording and slide decks of the presentations.

Mandated Reporter Trainings



A reminder that the Book of Order does require that elders, ministers, & volunteers (Sunday school teachers, VBS workers, anyone who is working directly with children) every **36 months** (G-3.0106). This is a change from the past, when it was every 5 years, which is still the requirement for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Mandated Reporter training takes about an hour & a half. There is the option to do Zoom for these. The Zoom link will be emailed to all registered participants on **the day of the training**.

- **NEW:** Thursday, June 19th 6:00pm at Concord Presbyterian Church, Parker. **This training is in person & via Zoom.** [Register here.](#)

There will be additional training sessions offered later in the spring & early summer. Look out for those dates & locations coming soon!

If your church is interested in hosting a Mandated Reporter Training, please contact Erin Kobs, Transitional General Presbyter & Stated Clerk

2025 Stated Presbytery Gatherings

Saturday, September 13th, 10:00am, Slate Lick Presbyterian
Saturday, November 1st, 10:00am, United Presbyterian, Blairsville

Presbyterian Women Upcoming Events

Saturday, June 21st at 10 am-Northwest Regional PW Synod Gathering at Slippery Rock Presbyterian Church, 258 Slippery Rock Drive, Ellwood City, PA 16117. Cost is \$35 and includes breakfast and lunch. Register with Doreen Stiffler. Doreen625@windstream.net or call 724-525-1359

Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering will be at Ebenezer Church, (5720 Newport Rd, Clarksburg, PA 15725) in October.

