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# E-News

For the week of May 23, 2018

*"Knowing the Peace, Power, and Presence of God"*

**Presbytery Meeting.** North Benton Presbyterian Church, 19070 North Benton West Road, 44449 -**June 5, 2018.** Registration to begin at 4:30 p.m. Meeting at 5:00 p.m. Highlights to the meeting include commissioning our members who are attending General Assembly: RE Beth Loesch, TE Rich Lapehn, and YAAD Lex Prindle. We will also receive TE Terri Swails and TE Adam Rodgers into membership. The offertory collection will go to help defray the travel costs of the Lebanon Mission Team. >> [Presbytery E-Packet](#)

Dinner menu includes: hot ham & cheese sandwiches, tossed salad, macaroni salad, potato salad, baked beans, and Texas sheet cake for dessert. Cost is \$8. RSVP/Regrets can be made by clicking the link below. Deadline to RSVP for dinner is Tuesday, May 29th, 3:00 p.m. Food substitution may be provided with advance notice. Dietary restrictions can be included in the comment section of the RSVP form.

## Dates to Remember

May 23 CPM Zoom Video Conference, 7:00 p.m.

Jun 5 PRESBYTERY, North Benton Church, 5:00 p.m.

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Tuesday—Friday  
9:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

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Registration and meeting will take place in the sanctuary of the church, which is on the main level of the building. Dinner will be downstairs in the fellowship hall. There are no elevators. Accommodations can be made for those unable to walk stairs. Please email [TE Herb Goetz](#) or call 330-584-5490 prior to the meeting.

### [RSVP/Regrets](#)

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**Please help!** Eastminster Presbytery is seeking a Teaching Elder reader for Ordination Exams and one alternate who can be either a Teaching Elder or Ruling Elder. Eastminster presbytery is required to provide 1 ruling elder (this position is filled), 1 teaching elder (we need one of these), and 1 alternate reader (we need one of these). **Eastminster Presbytery** is part of the **Northeast Region** that will be evaluating exams the weeks of **August 6-10, 2018** and **November 5-9, 2018**. We need to notify the Office of the General Assembly of our readers by June 30, 2018 so that they may receive training materials in a timely fashion.

As a reader, you fill a crucial role in the ordination exam process of discerning and preparing future teaching elders for the church. This process is dependent upon the presbyteries to provide gifted and committed readers to provide the evaluations of this work done by our candidates. Your efforts provide a service to our candidates, their presbyteries of care, and our congregations that is genuinely appreciated.

To be a reader, you need to commit to prepare in the week before reading begins (reviewing both general materials about the reading process and the resources specific to the exam area you will evaluate) and to commit to 10-12 hours evaluating exams during the reading period (frontloading your time in the first few days of reading as much as possible). Also, keep in mind that all reader training and exam evaluation is done completely online. You need to have reliable Internet access and basic familiarity with using websites.

If you would be willing to provide this valuable service, please contact Francie Fischer, Moderator of the CPM, [francesefischer@gmail.com](mailto:francesefischer@gmail.com).

When thinking about spiritual leadership, it is helpful to be clear about what might be meant by “spiritual.” For our purposes, “Christian spirituality” is defined as *a way of life in relationship to the God we know in Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit, so that we partner in God’s will being done on earth as it is in heaven.* Breaking down this definition is even more helpful.

**A way of life**—Christian spirituality is not just about religious feelings and inner experiences. Neither is it something that we turn on at church and off when we go out into the world. Spirituality is a way of being in the world that touches every part of who we are. It has implications for how we live with our neighbors, spend our money, vote, work, play, treat our family, and so on. In the church it moves us to concern not just for the church’s welfare but also for the welfare of our community and the world.

### Questions for thought and discussion

1. How has being a member of session affected your relationship with God?
2. Where in the life/mission of the church do you feel yourself most able to enjoy and glorify God?
3. How much of your church’s time, energy, and money are focused in helping people nurture a spiritual approach to life in the world?

To continue reading this article >> <http://www.pcusa.org/news/2018/5/15/re-ruling-elders-spiritual-leaders/>

**Beaver Creek Church Camp.** In 2018, Beaver Creek Church Camp turns 65. To celebrate this momentous occasion, there will be a party from 1-8 pm on **Saturday, June 30**. There will be swimming at the pool, hikes, games, a vesper service, and a wonderful traditional camp dinner (hot dogs, beans, chips, watermelon, and much more.) No reservations are needed, and there is no cost. Please come and join the party!

*The camp is located just outside of Calcutta. Take state route 11 south to the exit for state route 170 Calcutta. Turn left at the light at the end of the exit ramp. Proceed on State Route 170 north. At Sheetz (roughly one mile) when you must turn, turn left (staying on route 170 north.) In about a mile you will see a sign to make a right hand turn on Duke Road. In about two miles you will see a sign to take a dirt road down to the camp. The posted speed limit is 5 miles. As you are descending down a steep dirt road that is not a bad idea.*

**Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) Program. Deadline to apply for the 2018-2019 YAV program is June 1.** The Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) program is an ecumenical, faith-based year of service for young people, ages 19-30, in [22 sites](#) around the world and in the United States.

**YAVs** accompany local agencies working to address root causes of poverty and reconciliation while exploring the meaning and motivation of their faith in intentional community with peers and mentors. YAVs serve during the academic year, August to July. Program benefits during the YAV year include a regular stipend, housing, transportation assistance and student-loan repayment options throughout the duration of the service year. [Apply today!](#)



Living Waters for the World (LWW) has been a grass-roots story, having trained church teams from virtually every Presbytery in the denomination, resulting in over 900 water system installations in 25 nations, bringing clean water to hundreds of thousands. For many in the communities we serve, Presbyterians are considered the “water people”, bringing health, hope and Christ’s love in a tangible way.

This song, written to support LWW, and subsequently recorded by YouTube “super group” Cimorelli with an accompanying video showing our work in Cuba, has been something of a sensation, already surpassing 100,000 views. What is striking are the more than 800 comments on the video, almost all by young people. You are invited to share this music video with your church and especially the youth!

>>> [Thirst For Life](#)

With your help, we have an opportunity to engage our PCUSA youth to share the video, thereby raising awareness of Living Waters for the World and serving as an example of how to be the church in this time and place. Without question, more clean water will flow as a result and the song will touch many more lives.