

Presbytery of Redstone eNews

June 29, 2023



Please pray for...

District 1 Churches

- ~~Union Presbyterian Church, Murrysville, Bob Ruefle, Pastor
- ~~Community United Presbyterian Church, New Alexandria, Len Morgan, Commissioned Pastor

District 2 Churches

- ~~Level Green Presbyterian Church, Trafford, Geoff Rach, Pastor
- ~~Sewickley Presbyterian Church, West Newton, Karen Kifer, Commissioned Pastor

District 3 Churches

- ~~Tyrone Presbyterian Church, Dawson, Norma Murphy, Moderator
- ~~First Presbyterian Church, Dunbar, Norma Murphy, Moderator

District 4 Churches

- ~~Patton Presbyterian Church, Alice Tondora, Pastor
- ~~Revloc Presbyterian Church, David O'Hara, Commissioned Pastor

REDSTONE CHURCHES UPCOMING EVENTS

- [PW Synod Spring Gathering - "Do Everything in Love" - July 10-12](#) - Penn Stater Hotel and Conference Center, State College - [Registration Form and Workshop Descriptions](#)
- [Car Cruise - July 29, 2023](#) - West Hempfield Presbyterian Church, Irwin
- [Christmas in July Craft/Vendor Show - July 29, 2023 - 9:30 to 2:00](#) - First Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon - Outside booths available at \$25.00/each



- [Tuesday, Every Other Month - Blood Drives](#) - Third Presbyterian Church, Uniontown
- [Mondays - Nar-Anon Meetings](#) - First Presbyterian Church, Johnstown - 6:30 p.m.
- [Wednesdays - AA Meetings](#) - Union Presbyterian Church, Murrysville
- [First and Third Tuesday each month - BOUNTIFUL BLESSINGS](#) - North Huntingdon, New Hope - 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- [Biweekly Tuesdays - Masontown Community Kitchen](#) - 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Click on each link listed above for more information on these events



Presbytery Office Hours

The Presbytery office will be closed Monday, July 3rd and Tuesday, July 4th for the Independence Day holiday. Also, the Administrative Assistant will be on vacation the weeks of July 3rd and July 10th and the EP will be in and out of the office during

those two weeks as well. Please call in advance of your visit to ensure a staff member will be present before making the trip to the office.



**CELEBRATING 75 YEARS AND COUNTING
AT PINE SPRINGS CAMP
CALVIN HAYS LOG CHAPEL REDEDICATION AND
PRESBYTERY JOINT WORSHIP AND PICNIC
JULY 16, 2023; 10:00 a.m.**

After some much-needed repairs, we want you and your congregation to join together in a shared worship service and picnic as the Calvin Hays Log Chapel is rededicated.

You and Your Congregation Are Invited
Bring your lawn chairs!

**Come prepared to worship God
and fellowship with one another.**

Let us know how many to expect.
secretary@redstonepresbytery.org

724.837.6737

Rev. Owar Ojulu will be coordinating a vision trip to Gambella, Ethiopia August 1-10, 2023. If you or someone from your church is interested

in participating, please reach out to him for details - ojh3o@yahoo.com or (507) 304-5958



The Nominating Committee of Redstone Presbytery is looking to fill some vacancies among various committees. If you are a Ruling Elder

interested in serving with the Presbytery, or if you have questions about serving, please contact Skip Noftzger, Executive Presbyter at 724.837.6767 or executive@redstonepresbytery.org.

Addiction Ministry Network Project for National Recovery Month

Each September is designated as National Recovery Month throughout the U.S. where stories of addiction recovery are shared and celebrated. The month is intended to help individuals make the difficult decision about entering treatment.

The Addiction Ministry Network in cooperation with the HOPE IN A BAG Project are once again joining together to provide support to individuals who are entering treatment and we are asking your congregation to participate in this project. Making the choice to enter treatment for addiction is a big step. Unfortunately, many people try to “get clean” without the simple things like soap, razors, or a toothbrush. The Addiction Ministry Network of Redstone Presbytery is sponsoring a presbytery-wide collection by asking congregations to contribute some or all the items listed below and bring them to our Presbytery meeting on September 26 in Latrobe.

Your congregation can decide to concentrate by supplying a small or large amount of two or three of the items below or you can collect multiple sets of all the items. Either decision your congregation makes will be a blessing to this project. In recognition of National Recovery Month, we ask you to bring the items you have collected to the Presbytery meeting in Latrobe on September 26. Attached is a [bulletin insert](#) to share with your congregation.

Please consider donating the following items for recovery:

Small bible ~ Pens and pencils ~ Journals ~ Playing Cards ~ Daily Devotionals, old copies are fine, i.e., Upper Room, Daily Bread ~ Shampoo/Conditioner
Toothbrushes ~ Toothpaste ~ Deodorant ~ Razors ~ Feminine hygiene products
Soap/Body wash ~ Dental floss ~ Nail clippers ~ Q-tips ~ Small blankets
Hardtack candies



For further information or assistance, e-mail redstonetogether@gmail.com



Unity Chapel of The Latrobe Presbyterian Church, 113
Chapel Lane, Latrobe, PA 15650 - SUMMER CONCERTS

Thursday, July 20th - 7:30 pm - TRIO GRANATO
Tom Godfrey ~ Flute - Paula Tuttle ~ Cello - Marissa

Knaub-Avon ~ Harp

Thursday, August 24th - 7:30 pm - Beo String Quartet
Jason Neukom ~ Violin - Sean Neukom ~ Viola - Andrew
Giordano ~ Violin - Ryan Ash ~ Cello ~ Cello

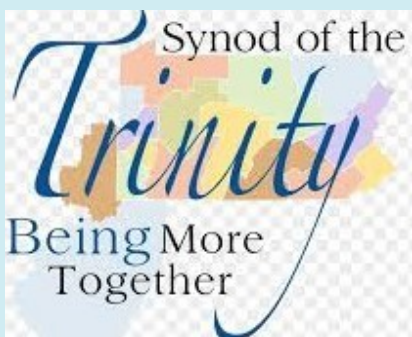
Tickets: \$15 – General Admission

All proceeds benefit the Westmoreland Youth Symphony Program

Pre-Concert performance by a Youth Symphony Member at 7:15 pm.
Post-Concert evening prayer service, 10 minutes after the concert ends.
The chapel is air-conditioned and fully handicap accessible: parking, ramp and
restroom.

For more information or questions: Michael Long, Minister of Music & Organist
music@latrobepec.org ~ 724-537-3631 X15

PSC DINNER SPONSORS NEEDED - Each Sunday,
the PSC staff comes together for a time of
fellowship, food, and encouragement as they
gear up to welcome another group of
enthusiastic campers for the week. Churches
and individuals have graciously donated funds
to provide this meal, or volunteered to make
and deliver the Sunday meals. If you or your
congregation is willing to sponsor a meal in July
for approximately 60 people, please contact the camp office at 814-629-9834.



Synod of the Trinity

[Click here](#) to read the latest newsletter from
the Synod of the Trinity.

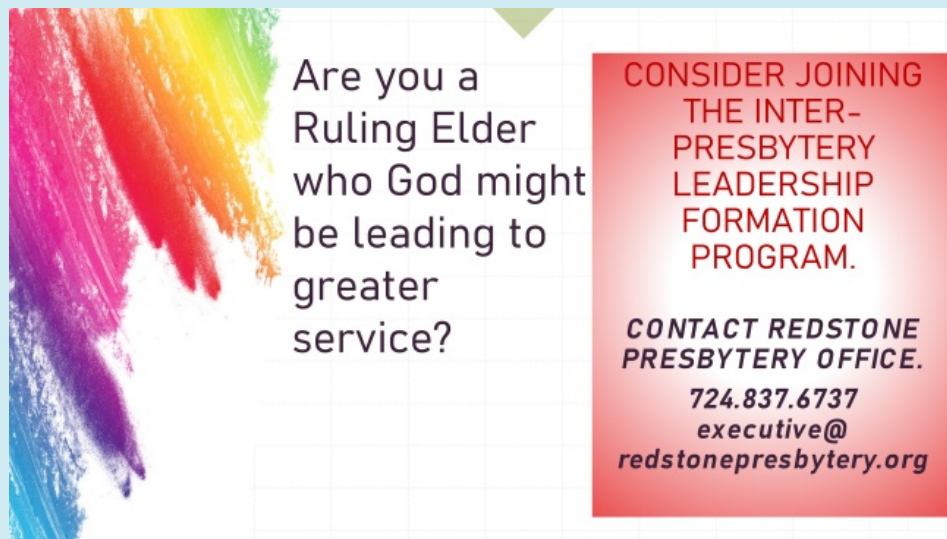
Pastor and Elder Training Workshops
Presented by Inter-Presbytery Leadership
Formation (IPLF)

Workshops are again being offered for the Fall
of 2023. Workshops include:



- Pastoral Care - August 12, 2023 - Rev. Becca Siddle, Instructor
- Spiritual Formation for Church Leaders - September 9, 2023 - Rev. Matt Camlin, Instructor
- Being and Leading Presbyterian Polity - October 14, 2023 - Rev. Randall Clow, Instructor
- Boundaries and Ethics in Church Leadership - November 11, 2023 - Michelle Snyder, Instructor
- Learning to "Exegete" the Community - December 9, 2023 - Rev. Dr. Scott Hagley, Instructor

All workshops are from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; are FREE; and will be offered in person at the Redstone Presbytery office along with an online option via ZOOM. To register for any of these workshops, please contact Bobbie Shaffor at Redstone Presbytery at 724.837.6737 or secretary@redstonepresbytery.org.



Are you a Ruling Elder who God might be leading to greater service?

CONSIDER JOINING THE INTER-PRESBYTERY LEADERSHIP FORMATION PROGRAM.

CONTACT REDSTONE PRESBYTERY OFFICE.
 724.837.6737
executive@redstonepresbytery.org



Upcoming Vacation Bible School

The Vacation Bible School season has begun!

[Click here](#) to view the list of churches in Redstone Presbytery that already have their plans made for this year.

Are you hosting VBS at your church? If so, please send the information to the presbytery office so we can add you to the list with the possibility of sharing resources.***

***The Community United Presbyterian Church of New Alexandria currently has several Concordia "Group" VBS programs they are hoping to give to any church that would like them. The list includes: Everest, Panda Mania, Roar, Weird Animals, Sky, Cave Quest, Kingdom Rock, Shipwrecked, Maker Fun Factory. If you would be interested in any or all of these programs, please contact the church at 724.668.7752.

Tell Us About God's Mission in Your Congregation - The Mission Network of Redstone Presbytery is gathering information on the local; regional and international mission projects of our congregations. Knowing and sharing this



information will provide opportunities to connect together for collaboration and greater impact. Go to <https://forms.gle/AEdEwn8eeGVqvm9w5> and tell us about where you are following God into mission.

Presbyterian Planning Calendars

We will be doing a bulk order for the 2023/2024 Presbyterian Planning Calendars again this year. The cost per calendar will be \$10.50 at the bulk rate. Since the calendars begin on September 1, 2023, the deadline for ordering will be August 4, 2023 in order for them to be distributed by that date. [Click here](#) for the order form.



2023/2025 Book of Order

We will be doing a bulk order for the 2023/2025 Book of Order again this year. The cost per book will be \$9.00 at the bulk rate. The deadline for ordering will be August 15, 2023. [Click here](#) for the order form.



Presbyterian Historical Society offers **NEW BLOG SERIES: AFRICAN AMERICAN LEADERS** - Each month of 2023, the Presbyterian Historical Society is bearing witness to the lives of African American leaders throughout the history of the PC(USA). They are kicking off this new series with a biography of William Lloyd Imes, pastor of St. James Presbyterian Church in Harlem, New York. [Click here to read more.](#)

**SUDAN/SOUTH SUDAN
MISSION NETWORK
CONFERENCE** 2023

**JULY 19-21
WESTMINSTER COLLEGE
NEW WILMINGTON, PA**

Mission Co-Workers

Sharon Kandel, Bob and Kristi Rice, and Shelvis and Nancy Smith-Mathers will share about trauma healing, peacebuilding, gospel and culture issues for church leaders in the South Sudan.

Mission Partner

A participant from the South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church (pending visa approval).

Public Witness and Advocacy

Representatives (current and retired) from the Washington Office and US State Department will be joining us remotely.

Connecting to the Diaspora

We anticipate meeting members of the Sudanese community in Pittsburgh.

Worshipping and Praying Together

Housing options are available at Berlin Village Apartments

Registration Deadline for housing is JUNE 1

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<https://shenangopresbytery.wufoo.com/forms/ql9bo4ylogo9o1/>



UPCOMING PROGRAMS AT PITTSBURGH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY



SAVE THE DATE: HENDERSON LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE - September 24-26. This fall, Will Willimon will look forward at the future of congregations during the Henderson Leadership Conference at PTS. During this event, we'll ask: **What is the future of small congregations (the fastest growing segment of North American Christianity)?** Participants will enjoy lectures, workshops, worship, and conversations that will inspire their leadership; and receive practical, usable wisdom for giving their congregation a future. [Click here](#) for more information.

HYBRID DEGREE PROGRAMS

Pittsburgh Theological Seminary LAUNCHES HYBRID DEGREE PROGRAMS - Beginning in fall 2023, Pittsburgh Seminary will offer all its masters and certificate programs in a hybrid format—allowing PTS to be your neighborhood seminary regardless of your neighborhood location. The Seminary's hybrid model allows students living on campus and students living at a distance to be part of one community of learning and formation. [Click here](#) to learn more about these programs.



2022 Session Minutes and Church Register Reviews.

If you were unable to have your session minutes and church registers reviewed at one of the scheduled meetings, please contact your COM Liaison to make arrangements with them to have them reviewed individually. You may also drop your books off at the Presbytery office to have them reviewed that way, if that is easier for you. If you are not sure who your COM liaison is, please contact the Presbytery office. Thank you!

Wee Kirk 2023

Save the dates
- October 9
through 11,
2023.

Registration is
now open
online. [Click
here to
register.](#)

Wee Kirk 23

Save the dates
October 9-11
refresh and renew
with other small
church leaders

get away to
Laurelville
Retreat Center
Western PA

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Employment Opportunities Within Redstone Presbytery

Latrobe United Presbyterian Church is searching for an organist/pianist starting effective immediately. The applicant must be available for the 11am, Sunday service and the 6pm, Wednesday choir practice (no practice June, July, and August). The pay is \$100 per week. All applicants should call the church office at 724-539-8881 and leave a message with name and phone number stating their interest in this position.

The United Presbyterian Church of New Kensington, 601 Fifth Avenue, New Kensington, PA 15068, 724.339.6618 - is seeking a Church Custodian.

- Job Responsibilities - Keep the building clean, attractive, and well-maintained, inside and out.
- Hours and Compensation - Monday thru Thursday for 20-30 hours/week at \$15/hour.
- Supervision - The Church Custodian works directly under the Property Committee and Head of Staff.

**Employment Opportunities Outside of Redstone
Presbytery**



Redstone Presbyterian SeniorCare in Westmoreland County is seeking a fulltime hospice chaplain to serve our Redstone@Home Hospice clients across our three campuses and in the external community. <https://redstone.recruitpro.com/jobs/244865.html>

Christian Associates of Southwest PA Seeking Interfaith Research Associate - The ideal candidate for this position would be an underemployed clergy person: a bright, self-motivated, personable individual interested in spending 10-20 hours/week for the next six months or so conducting some interviews and helping analyze the results. [Click here](#) for more information.

SEEKING PART-TIME MUSICIANS - First Presbyterian Church 1793 of Washington, PA is seeking a part-time musician or musicians to lead worship and music. Our talented, fun group of musicians who read well are looking for an applicant or applicants to fulfill part-time openings for these duties: Organist, Chancel Choir Director, Youth Choir Director, and Bell Choir Director. Inquiries may be made through fpcwash@comcast.net. Cover letter, resume, and references are requested. Employment could begin as early as January 2023."

PRESBYTERY OF LAKE ERIE is seeking a Stated Clerk. The successful candidate must be an ordained Ruling Elder or Teaching Elder, will perform various administrative tasks, and be responsible for ensuring the records, roles, reports, and correspondence of the Presbytery are maintained. View the [full job description](#).

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Word...*

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