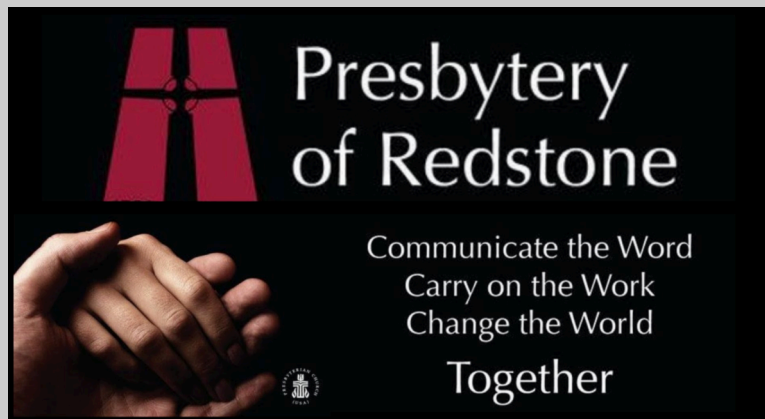


This week's Redstone happening April 2, 2026



This week we are praying for the following congregations:

District 1 Churches

Community United Presbyterian Church, New Alexandria, Len Morgan, Commissioned Pastor

Congruity Presbyterian Church, New Alexandria, Cliff Foster, Pastor

District 2 Churches

Maplewood Presbyterian Church, Greensburg, Steve LaSor, Pastor

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Greensburg, John Simpson, Interim Pastor

District 3 Churches

Little Redstone Presbyterian Church, Fayette City, Josh Scully, Commissioned Pastor

Springhill Furnace Presbyterian Church, Lake Lynn, Molly Hall, Covenant Pastor

District 4 Churches

Bethany Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, Bob Sheehan, Moderator

First Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, Danielle Kendig, Covenant Pastor

~From the Interim Executive Presbyter~



“Sharing the Gospel in the Season of Easter: Humbly and Graciously, Attentively and Repentantly”

In his final conversation with his followers in Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus sent us forth to proclaim the gospel, declaring,

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age” (28:18b-20).

Four of my music teachers during my junior and high school years were Christians. They expressed their faith in various ways. One was very extroverted, and her relationship to Christ was very new. Thus, it wasn't surprising that she was very overt and emotionally overwhelmed by her sense of Christ in her life. I sensed her joy, and that kept me from being impatient about her endless expression of her faith. The second teacher was close to the age of the first teacher. Faith was new to him, as well, and he would talk about it to a degree, but he also had a weakness for grudges. That always perplexed me: what was it that prevented him from letting go of them? The third teacher was a generation older than the first two. I knew that he regularly attended mass, but he never literally discussed his faith. However, he had a deep moral framework that he expressed in many ways, and he had an impressive ability to inspire you to play your instrument beyond your expectations, nurturing your passion for music. The fourth teacher was my piano instructor for ten years. Her faith life was a combination of the Dutch Reformed and Lutheran lines of Christianity. At times, these would make their way into her words and the ways that she faced the difficult periods of her life. Even more memorable were the conversations we had in my high school years. Then, she would share her thoughts on the range of events during the later 1960s through the later 1970s. Music was woven into the rest of life: it continues to enrich my engagement of life and faith. Four musicians...four approaches to faithfulness. Only rigid judgmentalism and self-righteousness would lead me to criticize their faith walks.

As a product of churches actively involved mission causes, the levels of sharing the gospel have been alive and ambiguous in my experience. There is always the confusion between the power of gracious, loving, and saving accomplished by Christ, on the one hand (as Karl Barth taught us in his interpretation of Romans), and our very human efforts to both walk the path of faithfulness and share our faith with others, on the other hand. The tempting confusion is to flip the two: to see sharing my faith (often by self-righteous lifestyle) as equal to Christ's saving action (repeatedly offering perpetual patience among we sinners).

With that, humility is left behind and grace is lost. Two examples can show how we can fully err in the process.

A dear friend of mine was in a college ministry for several years. They tell the story of being trained in evangelism on a college campus during the summer term, working in pairs. The strategy was to (a) memorize the lines you were to use to persuade the listener to convert, (b) knock on a dorm room, (c) after social niceties, direct the listeners - prospective believers - to listen until you've completed your spiel, (d) pose the culminating question, "if you were to die this night, do you know where you would go in the time to come?" followed by (e) I would like to tell you about One who could ensure your destiny in the life to come. There was a moment of deep silence, after which the person listening responded passionately with the admonition, "How dare you come into my room like this! Do you realize that my mother just died yesterday! Please leave!" My friend and their partner were crushed, weeping, and embarrassed by their ignorance in this engagement with a complete stranger in crisis, for whom they could have been a supportive, grieving, and compassionate presence in their life. Not surprisingly, my friend learned a much more gracious approach, ultimately entering pastoral ministry in which congregations learned to create communities of welcoming, hospitable, loving spirits that nurtured people who include, who treat people equally, and who see difference as marvelous and enriching. When communities do that, the impact can be incredible.

The year I graduated from seminary, a powerful film was released: *The Mission*. In its cast were Robert De Niro, Jeremy Irons, Liam Neeson, and even the pacifist Jesuit priest Daniel Berrigan. The film was based on historical events of the 1750s involving Spain and Portugal regarding their claims in South America (in particular, Paraguay), with the Jesuit order involved as well. All three had an impact on the Guarani indigenous people who arrived there more than two millennia before Europeans. While the film portrays the Guarani people as converting relatively early, indigenous beliefs continued for several generations. Further, the film ties the Jesuits to the Guarani in defending their lands from the Spanish. In fact, the Jesuits were not a factor by then. The film also didn't address the attempts of Portuguese settlers to enslave Guarani people. Nonetheless, the film gave an entry point into understanding the mixed experience of people who Christians have

sought to convert. To be frank, we need to consider the complete history of our presence throughout the world. In what ways have we been attentive to the cultures with which we've sought to share our zeal for the power of Christ: sensitively recognizing unique ways God has touched their lives; listening to the stories and histories of their cultures; and treating people with the God-given dignity that every creature – every human being – possesses and must be respected? In what ways have we failed to do so and, thus, must respect more deeply to build a more faithful future? Those are live questions that the Mission Network regularly reflects on as it negotiates its approach to identifying and responding to places of need in the world.

Francis of Assisi is said to have encouraged his followers to “preach the Gospel at all times; when necessary, do so with words.” That balance of action and words may lead us to give way to the power of the Spirit to work both within us and in spite of us. Amen.

Peace in Christ,
Lon Weaver

~Presbytery News~



He is Risen! Wishing you a joyful Easter filled with God's Blessings.

PASTOR GETAWAY RETREAT APRIL 14th; 10:00 a.m.- 2:30 p.m. PINE SPRINGS CAMP

Let's get away for a day of rest; renewal and fellowship in the beautiful setting of our camp facility. It is a great opportunity for us to be together as pastors and colleagues in this ministry that God has called us in this region of God's Church (Redstone Presbytery). Whether joining together in fun activities or seeking the solace of a walk in the woods; this is an opportunity for each of us to refocus and relax.

We will be enjoying a picnic lunch together provided by the Camp; so let us know that you are planning on being there and if you have any special dietary needs.

Call (724.837.637) or email secretary@redstonepresbytery.org to let us know you are coming

**Who is my
neighbor ? The
one who shows
mercy !**

-Jesus



**Love Enemies, Pray
for those who hurt**

- Jesus



Jesus' Yard Sayings

Communicate to your community encouraging, challenging and pithy teachings of Jesus Christ. Purchase vibrant yard signs with teachings of Jesus and the PCUSA logo for \$20 per sign. Please call or email secretary@redstonepresbytery.org

Deadline is Monday May 11th.

[Click Here for more information and sign sayings](#)



The dates for the 2025 Session Minutes Reviews are:

April 22, 2026 – 6:30 p.m. Redstone Presbytery Center

**May 26, 2025 – Congruity, New Alexandria; 4:30 p.m.
Pre-Presbytery Meeting**

IPLF Spring Workshop

Fall Pastor and Elder Training Workshops presented by the Inter-Presbytery Leadership Formation. All workshops will be hybrid offerings by Zoom and in-person from 12:30-3:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 11, 2026 - Preaching Laboratory

Meeting Location: Laboratory Presbyterian Church, 23 Manse Street, Washington, PA 15301

Instructors: Rev. Skip Noftzger & Rev. Craig Kephart

**The last Spring Workshop will be on Saturday, May 2, 2026 -
"Church Elders and Church Money"**

Presentation and discussions on the basics of church finances for pastoral leadership. Understanding and leading in best practices finances, budgets, stewardship, benevolences and congregational offerings. Instructor: Rev. Tom Moore

The zoom login information is:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/7248330340?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/7248330340?pwd=gpnK4liH8GsZGOXApZLISyM18vgsVV.1)

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Meeting ID; 7248330340

Password: IPLF

Attention: Board of Pensions Recipients



The Board of Pensions will be hosting Benefits Regional Summits: Support for Congregational Leaders throughout April and May across the country. These summits, hosted by Executive Team members and Church Consultants will contain updates to the Board of Pensions plans and programs determined at the March 2026 Board of Directors Meeting. We encourage pastors, Personnel Committee chairs, and church business administrators to attend these informative town

halls.

We hope you will attend the Summit in Pittsburgh on Tuesday, May 5. [Please Register here:2026 Benefits Regional Summits: Support for Congregational Leaders - The Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church \(U.S.A.\)](#)

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Save the Date!

Wee Kirk 2026

October 12-14 - Laurelville Retreat Center

Early Bird Registration is Open!

Register online today to receive a discount.

[Click Here](https://wee-irk-ne.org) to go to the website (<https://wee-irk-ne.org>) and view the speakers and topics.

[Click Here for the Brochure](#)

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- 12 bonus golfer packs
- 2 tee signs
- Logo on golfer gift
- Full page ad & recognition in program
- 3 foursomes at Latrobe Elks with carts after 12:00p & 3 \$40 food vouchers for food good through October 31, 2026

☐ \$6,000 NICKLAUS LEVEL

- 2 Foursomes (total of 8 golfers)
- 8 bonus golfer packs
- 1 tee sign
- Logo on golfer gift
- Full page ad & recognition in program
- 2 foursomes at Latrobe Elks with carts after 12:00p & 2 \$40 food vouchers for food good through October 31, 2026

☐ \$3,500 PLAYER LEVEL

- 1 Foursome (total of 4 golfers)
- 4 bonus golfer packs
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- Half page ad & recognition in program

TREVINO LEVELS

Please make your selection. Each includes recognition in program.

- \$2,500 Buffet Lunch
- \$1,000 Danish Buffet Pre Shotgun Start
- \$800 Hot Dog & Non-Alcoholic Drink at Turn
- \$500 Dessert
- \$300 Logo on Golfer Gift (25 available)

COMPANY LOGOS AND ADS DUE **NO LATER THAN MARCH 25** FOR INCLUSION IN MARKETING MATERIALS. ADS MAY BE SENT AS PNG FILES AND LOGOS MAY BE SENT AS SVG FILES TO MISSIONSUPPORT@REDSTONE.ORG.



JOHN R. DICKSON IV SCHOLARSHIP GOLF OUTING

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2026 AT
ARNOLD PALMER'S LATROBE COUNTRY CLUB

346 ARNOLD PALMER DR,
LATROBE, PA 15650

REGISTER BY APRIL 2, 2026 FOR PARTICIPATION

Payments received by April 2 qualify for early-bird payment discount!

\$225.00 / Golfer

(Individual Golfer prior to April 2 (with price increasing to \$250 after that date) includes continental breakfast, shotgun start, cart, hotdog and soft drink at the turn, lunch, golfer gift, and fun!)

\$900.00 / Foursome

Foursome prior to April 2 (with price increasing to \$1,000 after that date) includes continental breakfast, shotgun start, cart, hotdog and soft drink at the turn, lunch, golfer gift, and fun!

JOIN US FOR

REGISTRATION	7:00AM
SHOTGUN START	8:00AM

- Danish breakfast
- Hotdog & beverage at the turn
- Buffet Lunch
- Putting contest with prizes
- Par 3 on Hole #4
- 50/50 ticket sale
- Silent Auction

CONTACT/QUESTIONS

MISSION SUPPORT
(724) 832-8401 x 3378
MissionSupport@Redstone.org





The Cultivating Generous Congregations program hosted by the Lake Institute on Faith & Giving provides congregations and church leaders perspectives and tools to develop congregational stewardship. At a one-day seminar led by faculty from the Lake Institute (in partnership with the Indiana University School of Philanthropy), a cohort of church pastors, elders, and stewardship team members will benefit from a

theologically-rooted approach to stewardship that considers the spirituality of giving with implications for how a culture of generosity can blossom in a congregation. Participating churches will also hear up-to-date methods for generating energy and engagement around giving and move towards implementing concrete solutions in their own contexts. Cost will be determined by the number of participating churches, but all team members from each congregation will receive resource books and the opportunity for follow-up with Lake faculty. For more information on how your congregation can benefit by participating, please contact Will Scott at will@oakmontpresby.org

~Events at our Churches~



The Masontown community kitchen will be open on Tuesday, April 7, 2026 between 4 and 5:30 PM. Dinner will be pasta with meat sauce, salads, homemade desserts, and Panera breads. Located in The First Presbyterian Church, 102 W. Church Ave., Masontown PA meals are provided without charge. Donations are gladly accepted and provide for future meals. For questions or to volunteer your help, please call Deb 724- 208-4343 or Frank 724 366-4721



The Masontown monthly Food bank will be held Wednesday, April 8, 2026 from 1 to 2 PM at the First Presbyterian Church, 102 W. Church Ave., Masontown PA. New Participants may register at the Food bank. This local food mission would not be possible without the help from the many volunteers in the community. For more information or to volunteer, call Frank 724-366-4721 or Deb 724-208-4343

A purple poster for the Murrysville Cantata Choir. It features a large treble clef and musical notes in the background. The text is white and centered.

**MURRYSVILLE
CANTATA
CHOIR**

Sponsored by First Presbyterian Church of Murrysville

**SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026
4:00 PM**

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
3202 NORTH HILLS ROAD
MURRYSVILLE

The Murrysville Cantata Choir presents an Easter Cantata

**"JESUS: THE RESURRECTION OF
THE MESSIAH"**

Music by Mary McDonald Words by Rose Aspinall

No Admission Charge

A poster for the Ring Pittsburgh Handbell Concert. The background is a dark blue sky with a bright sunburst and many small stars. Several golden handbells are shown in the foreground. The text is white and centered.

We Journey, Celebrate, and Remember
Ring Pittsburgh Handbell Concert

Sunday, May 31, 2026 2pm

First Presbyterian Church
300 S Main Street
Greensburg, PA 15601

The logo for Ring Pittsburgh, featuring a handbell and the text "RING PITTSBURGH" around it.

End of School Lock-In Scheduled for May 15–16 at Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church

Murrysville, PA – Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church is excited to announce the rescheduled End of School Lock-In for middle school students in grades 6 through 8. The event will take place from Friday, May 15 at 6:00 PM through Saturday, May 16 at 8:30 AM at the church, located at 4600 Old William Penn Highway, Murrysville, PA 15668.

This overnight experience will be an evening full of fun, fellowship, worship, service activities, and a bonfire as students celebrate the close of the school year together in a safe and supportive environment. Participants will enjoy organized games, meaningful time of worship, hands-on service opportunities, and time to connect with friends old and new.

To ensure a safe and comfortable experience for everyone, girls and boys will have separate sleeping arrangements. Girls will stay in Room 203 and boys in Room 201.

Multiple male and female adult chaperones will be present throughout the evening and overnight.

The cost for the event is \$12 per student, and advance registration is required. Families can register online at:

<https://onrealm.org/NewlonsburgPres/Registrations/Info/2c190178-6b6a-47b5-8671-b3f5015acd29>

A detailed packing list is available at:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1G8ycD2jnyotil6oWgpIP5x9wM1ctWtXBEcD2Mn-LWbY/edit?tab=t.0>

For more information, please contact:

Joshua Kenst (he/his/him)

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Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church

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 **When: September 16-17, 2026**

 **Departure: First Presbyterian Church, Rostraver, PA parking lot**

 **Cost: Includes:**

Comfortable round-trip transportation

Hotel accommodations for one night


Zip Line Attractions

Discounted Admission to both Creation Museum & Ark

Encounter Possible Riverboat Cruise Dinner

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Fellowship and fun with a great group of travelers

 **Why You Should Come:**

This trip is more than sightseeing — it's a chance to grow in faith, connect with others, and experience the Bible in a whole new way. Whether you're coming with family, friends, or on your own, you'll leave with memories that will last a lifetime.

 **Reserve Your Spot Today!**

Contact (724) 858-5965 or send email to llamberski@gmail.com to register. Seats are limited, so don't wait. More information to follow. Let's journey together into history, faith, and wonder — you won't want to miss it!

~Presbyterian Women~

2026 PW Summer Retreat/Gathering

July 16 – 18, 2026

Antiochian Village Retreat & Conference Center, Ligonier, PA

"Finding Joy in the Journey" (Gal. 5:22)



Registration & Check In begins Thursday 3:00 pm – Dinner at 5:00 pm – Opening Plenary & Keynote 6:30 pm
Gathering/Retreat ends with lunch on Saturday

Guest speaker—CeCe Armstrong, co-moderator 2024-2026
PC(USA) General Assembly

Join us for Lively Worship, Special Workshops, Great Food, Inspirational Small-Group Time, Spirituality Walk, Toe-tapping music, Silent Auction, Games, Crafts, Mission Opportunities and More!!

Registration:

Triple Occupancy Room - \$225 per person Double Occupancy Room - \$275 per person
Single Occupancy Room - \$350 per person



Registration includes: 2 Nights hotel style lodging, 6 meals (2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners), plus snacks & beverages, conference folder, materials, Joy Room activities, PW resources; Choice of 2 workshop sessions on Friday; Worship service w/ Communion on Friday evening with Rev. CeCe Armstrong (PCUSA co-moderator 2024-2026); Optional Early morning Yoga or Prayer Circle activities (before breakfast); Evening relaxation and community activities, including Friday Movie night ("Up!") w/popcorn



Hosted by The Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Trinity

Registration Form available at: <https://www.syntrinity.org/synod-pw/> or

Contact Registrar at: jamesalcinda@gmail.com or 330-532-5747

~Pine Springs Camp~



26th Annual
Scholarship Golf Outing
Monday, May 18, 2025



Show your church's support of PSC by donating \$100 or more to our golf outing! We will recognize your church on the course and all funds will help kids come to camp!

PLEASE CONTACT GREG AT 724-961-2573 OR
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Thank you for your consideration of being an amen corner sponsor for our annual scholarship golf outing. You can email Greg Davis/Executive Director if you have any questions or to let him know that your church will be a sponsor and you can send a check when convenient! If interested in becoming a sponsor please send in a check for \$100.00 with the registration below, or contact Greg. Each sponsoring church will get their own sign placed on a prominent area of the course.

Our goal is to get at least 26 Amen Corner Sponsors this year in recognition of our 26th Annual Event!

Amen Corner Sponsor-2026 Pine Springs Scholarship Golf Outing Please send to Pine Springs Camp, PO Box 186, Jennerstown, Pa 15547 or call camp office at 814-629-9834
Church name: _____
Contact Person: _____
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Women in the
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Individuals:
\$100
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April
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2026



What is Women in the Woods?

Women in the Woods is a retreat designed to be physically and spiritually refreshing for women of all ages. The 24-hour retreat is packed with music, fellowship, excellent teaching, fun and great food – all taking place in the beautiful Laurel Highlands.

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~From Outside Redstone Presbytery~



Healing Body and Soul
2026 David S. Schaff Lectures

April 21, 2026 - In Person
First Presbyterian Church, Youngstown Ohio

April 22, 2026
Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
In Person and Online

Register: WWWPTS.EDU/Schaff-PC26



Exploring Missional Leadership (EML) is a free event led by 1001 New Worshiping Communities. It features presentations, active learning, and group discussions, introducing participants to entrepreneurial ministries and the necessary competencies. Join us and learn how to identify and cultivate potential new leaders and innovators within your congregation, and discern if that new leader may even be you!

Exploring Missional Leadership

A Path to Innovation for the 21st Century Church

Who is the EML For?

- Individuals discerning a potential call to start a new worshiping community or other new ministry.
- Pastors, ruling elders, and other church leaders seeking to foster innovation in their congregations.
- Mid council staff and leaders, including members of COM, CPM, ACT, and IMC.

Register today!



Exploring Missional Leadership is offered free of charge by the Unified Agency of the Presbyterian Church (USA) in partnership with Pittsburgh Presbytery

May 4 & 11, 2026
6pm-9pm
(dinner provided)
Pittsburgh Presbytery
901 Allegheny Ave.
Pittsburgh, PA 15233

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