

Redstone Presbytery – Interim Executive Presbyter Report
Submitted by Lon Weaver – May 26, 2026
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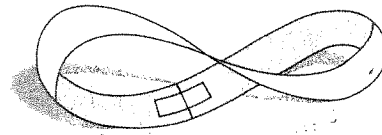
Opening Comments – Transcend and Act

- From Maya Angelou’s “Caged Bird”

A free bird leaps
on the back of the wind
and floats downstream
till the current ends
and dips his wing
in the orange sun rays
and dares to claim the sky.

But a bird that stalks
down his narrow cage
can seldom see through
his bars of rage
his wings are clipped and
his feet are tied
so he opens his throat to sing.

- Parker Palmer’s Möbius strip
A Hidden Wholeness (Hoboken, NJ:
Wiley, 2004), pp. 45-49



- **Luke 6:27-31** - “But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

Attended worship:

- Poke Run P.C. (4/26)

Preaching:

- Congruity (4/12)
- Ebensburg (4/19)
- New Kensington (5/5)
- Westminster, Greensburg (5/24)

Musician:

- Organist for Lenten Service – 1st P.C., Greensburg (3/25)
- Pinch-Hitter, Choir Accompanist (5/14)
- Organist at Sunday Worship – 1st P.C., Greensburg (5/17)

Conversations:

- Five conversations supporting pastors for a range of matters (3/13 [2], 4/30 [2], 5/13)
- Three conversations with Church Members (4/20, 4/27, 4/29)

Presbytery Gatherings/Meetings:

- Committee on Preparation for Ministry – Conversations with Chair (4/1 & 5/5)
- COM (4/9)
- Stated Clerk and COM Chair re: upcoming calls to pastorates (4/16)
- COM Sub-Committee on Examinations and Membership (4/28)
- Council (4/28)
- Correspondence with Members of Budget, Finance, and Property (4/30)
- Redstone Presbytery's Fledgling Stewardship Committee (5/11)

Denominational Entities:

- Synod-Sponsored Coaching sessions with Rev. Youngsook Charlene Kang (4/14 & 5/12)
- Newer Mid Council Leadership – Residency (*Bon Secours* Retreat and Conference Center in Greater Baltimore [5/3-5/7]) covering a range of ministry in presbytery and synod leadership
- Synod Regional Gatherings: SW Region in Morgantown, WV (5/14)

Ecumenical/Interreligious/Cultural:

- Three Christian Associates Meetings: a “We Have to Talk” interfaith event on Oppression and Immigration (4/9); and Two Bishops and Judicatory Council Gatherings (4/23 & 5/13) – a significant discussion about Christian Nationalism occurred during the 5/13 meeting.

Various Tasks/Interactions/Events:

- Completed Discernment Tools for Sessions (3/25 & 4/29);
- Completed Recap of March Presbytery Meeting (3/26);
- Traveled to Duluth, MN to lead worship music for the memorial service for our close friend David Rutford (3/26-3/30)
- Traveled to Chicago for Easter with our son, daughter-in-law, and granddaughter (4/2-4/8)
- Offered presentation for the lunch event of 1st Church Greensburg (4/14)
- Completed an essay for Christian Associates book project, *Reckoning with Antisemitism as Christians* (4/20).
- Attended the Alumni Days at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (4/21-4/22)