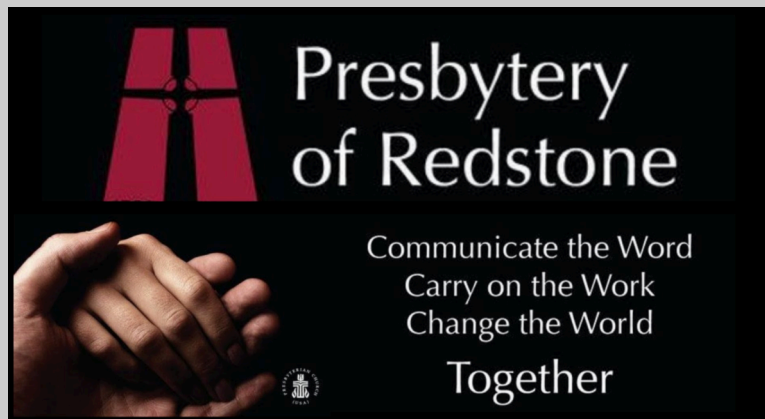


This week's Redstone happening April 16, 2026



This week we are praying for the following congregations:

District 1 Churches

First Presbyterian Church, Avonmore, Lynn Mance, Commissioned Pastor
Delmont Presbyterian Church, Tony Catullo, Interim Pastor

District 2 Churches

First Presbyterian Church, Jeannette, Dawn Sherwood, Pastor
Latrobe Presbyterian Church, Derek Campbell, Pastor

District 3 Churches

McClellandtown Presbyterian Church, Becca Abbott, Pastor
Dunlap's Creek Presbyterian Church, Merrittstown, Lee McDermott, Moderator

District 4 Churches

Pleasant Grove Presbyterian Church, Ligonier, Steve Hospondar, Temporary Supply
Bethel Presbyterian Church, New Florence, James Sunseri, Commissioned Pastor

~From the Interim Executive Presbyter~



Tough Words – Healing Words”

This month, Christian Associates of Southwest Pennsylvania is sponsoring a book project composed of submissions of its members and focusing on the topic, “Reckoning with Antisemitism as Christians.” Given the patterns of divisions and political polarizations, this is a very relevant theme to hone in on. Further, given the state of mind of our friends in the Jewish community – both here and afar – it is an especially important opportunity to reflect on the concerns of people who are dear to us.

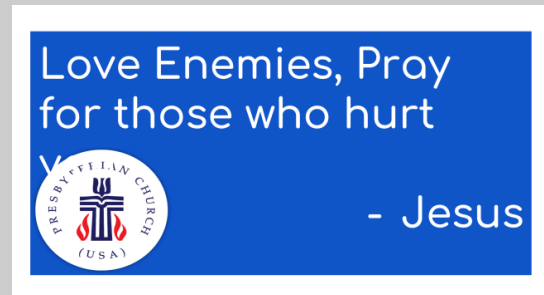
While most of the submissions to the project will be sermons, folks are free to offer memoirs or essays as well. In my case, I’m turning to my decades-long work on the fight against antisemitism in the speeches of the German-American theologian Paul

Tillich. In particular, I am drawing on thoughts he wrote for the Voice of America from March 1942 through May 1944. In that period, he wrote weekly speeches, one hundred fourteen in all. Tillich addressed a long list crimes of the Nazi terror state. In bringing his thoughts together, I'm giving attention to both the brutal, murderous policies of Nazism toward Jewish communities, as well as the attitudes of the Christian communities toward this treacherous, tyrannical cultural that began in Germany and some regions around it, but even as far as the United States and its wide range of excluding and oppressing groups of people who were not members of the White Anglo-Saxon Protestant sector of society. This continues to our day. I will submit my essay on Monday.

While this is heavy and disturbing material to reflect on, I am influenced by two thoughts. First, Paul the Apostle encourages us with these words, "So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another" (Eph. 4:25). Second, Paul Tillich stated the goal of his writing in this way in his one hundredth message: "What I have attempted, week after week, over the last two years, is to lead the German people to a new, genuine hope...It was a continuous struggle for the liberation of the German people from the enslavement to the Nazi spirit." Building each other up by truth and liberation from enslavement to evil: powerful words, transformative words, Christlike words.

Peace in Christ,
Lon Weaver

~Presbytery News~



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 – 6:00 p.m. Redstone Presbytery Center

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

IPLF Spring Workshop

Spring 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, 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

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

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

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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 \(U.S.A.\)](#)

Wee Kirk

small numbers. big faith.
huge impact.

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](#)

~Events at our Churches~



Community Kitchen

The Masontown community kitchen will be open on Tuesday, April 21, 2026 between 4 and 5:30 PM. Dinner will be sloppy Joe sandwiches, macaroni salad, chips, 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



Spring Concert



You're Invited to an Uplifting Afternoon of Music and Joy!

Join us for a musical afternoon
with performances by the

Mon Yough Chorale



&

Indi-Anna Chorus



Sunday, April 26

1:30p.m.



Level Green Presbyterian Church
105 Olive Drive
Trafford, PA 15085



Free Admission - Donations Accepted
Doors Open at 1:00p.m.

Light Refreshments will be served following the concert



Mother's Day Weekend Diaper Drive
Benefitting Western Pennsylvania Diaper Bank

What: Diaper Drive to collect diapers and wipes (or the funds to buy them!) for families in need in Western Pennsylvania

When: Saturday, May 9 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Where: Level Green Presbyterian Church



1 in 2 families
struggle with diaper need



The region's only basic needs bank, Western Pennsylvania Diaper Bank partners with dozens of social service partners to distribute diapers, period products, and incontinence supplies to families in need. **Since 2012, we have distributed over 6.8 million diapers into our community!**



wpadiaperbank.org



We Journey, Celebrate, and Remember
Ring Pittsburgh Handbell Concert
Sunday, May 31, 2026 2pm

First Presbyterian Church

300 S Main Street
Greensburg, PA 15601





RISE AGAINST HUNGER MEAL PACKAGING EVENT

Sponsored by Community UP and Avonmore Presbyterian Church

When: Saturday, OCTOBER 3, 2026

Where: COMMUNITY UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1640 Keystone Park Road, New Alexandria, PA 15670

Why: To provide meals to fight hunger

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

We need volunteers to pack the meals

We also need donations of money and items we can sell at a Town-wide Yard Sale in June.

Donations will be accepted the week of the sale, will accept any donations except TVs, computers, large furniture and clothes

If you would like to participate or have questions

Contact---Judy Koontz 724-668-2843 or judykoontz@windstream.net



SAVE THE DATES - Join Us for an Unforgettable Overnight Adventure!

Imagine stepping into a world where history, faith, and wonder come alive. We're inviting you to be part of a special overnight trip to two of the most awe-inspiring attractions in the country — The Creation Museum and The Ark Encounter!

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

 **Departure:** First Presbyterian Church, Rostraver, PA parking lot
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 EMAIL AT GREG@PINESPRINGS.ORG

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 <small>Please send to Pine Springs Camp, PO Box 186, Jennerstown, Pa 15547 or call camp office at 814-629-9834</small>	
Church name:	_____
Contact Person:	_____
Email:	_____
Other Info:	_____

CAMP VISIT DAY

APRIL 18, 2026
10am-2pm

Take a tour and experience what a day in the life of a PSC camper looks like!

REGISTER AT PINESPRINGS.ORG/CAMP-VISITATION-DAY



CAMP CLEAN-UP DAY
Saturday, May 16, 2026

8:30am- Continental Breakfast / 1:00pm- Lunch / 3:00pm- wrap up projects

[Click here for more information](#)

~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!



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

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

Pastors' Workshop:

Growing the Church

About this Workshop

The number one issue facing the mainline church is church decline. No other issue is as critical. As our churches shrink, our voices fade and our influence wanes. Decline isn't inevitable. Our churches can grow again, but it requires changing how we lead and what we emphasize. Rooted in actual experience in significantly growing three previously declining churches and a counseling center, Dr. Graham Standish will share five emphases that can help pastors lead their churches to grow again:

1. Emphasizing spiritual experience over religious participation.
2. Church as transformational rather than preservational.
3. Becoming motivational rather than obligational.
4. Integrating others' successes.
5. Becoming a guide not a pilot.



The Rev. Dr. Graham Standish, Executive Director
The Rev. Dr. Graham Standish, Ph.D., M.S.W., M.Div., M.A. was formerly the senior pastor of Calvin Presbyterian Church in Zelenople, PA for 22 years. The church nearly tripled in size during his time there. He is an internationally known speaker and has written 20 books on congregational and/or personal spiritual transformation. The Rev. Dr. Standish has worked with clergy for over 27 years in transforming their ministries and congregations.

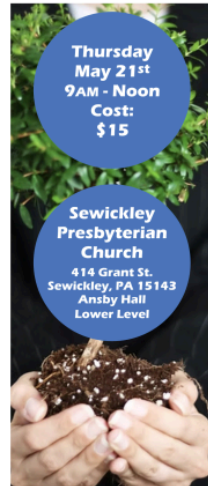
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