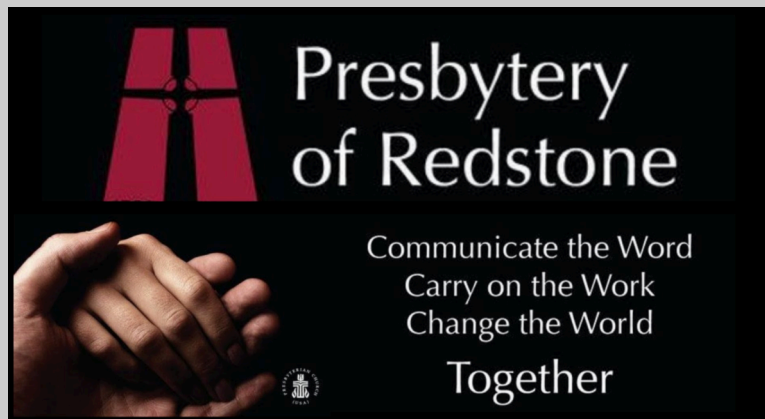


This week's Redstone happening February 5, 2026



This week we are praying for the following congregations:

District 1 Churches

Congruity Presbyterian Church, New Alexandria, Cliff Foster, Pastor
United Presbyterian Church, New Kensington, Rebecca Siddle, Covenant Pastor

District 2 Churches

Latrobe Presbyterian Church, Derek Campbell, Pastor
Latrobe United Presbyterian Church, Ron Durika, Pastor

District 3 Churches

First Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon, Rick Sweeney, Interim Pastor
Harmony Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon, Glenn Hart, Commissioned Pastor

District 4 Churches

Westmont Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, Ken Foust, Interim Pastor
Pleasant Grove Presbyterian Church, Ligonier, Steve Hospodar, Temporary Supply

~From Interim Executive Presbyter~



“Discernment and the Undivided Life”

In his marvelous book, *A Hidden Wholeness*, Parker Palmer invites us to live lives where our outer world is creatively aligned with our inner world. The image he uses is a narrow piece of paper, one you could use in a paper chain. He calls one side of the paper our onstage self: the part that we offer to the world. The other side is our backstage self, known little by others.

Palmer asserts that there are four phases in the relationship between our inner and outer worlds. In phase one – our early selves in which we express our full selves – backstage and onstage strongly connect with each other as “the freshly minted

human being” (p. 40) which brings its entire self to the world. The paper is not necessary for this phase: everything’s visible.

However, in phase two, we begin to separate our backstage from our onstage selves. Thus, the paper is balancing on its edge, dividing the vulnerabilities of the inner world from the threats of the outer, keeping our backstage from enlightening our onstage selves.

In stage three, our inner world has a yearning for connection with the outer world, developing a center, expressed by a circle formed by taping the ends of the paper together. In the fourth – and final – phase, we retape the connection. Rather than a simple circle, we loosen the tape and turn one edge over so that you can form what is known as a Moebius strip. In this shape, when you move along one side of the curve, you discover that you alternate between its inside as well as its outside: the internal and external are connected. We have the choice to nurture a creative or destructive life, the inner and outer world shaping the ultimate path we pursue in our lives.

Discernment rooted in the Holy Spirit can be a powerful force in our personal and social lives, when you see it through the Moebius strip. In Black History Month, I’m celebrating an example of the creative expression of it in the story of the Highlander Folk School, established in eastern Tennessee by Myles Horton, a student of the Christian ethicist, Reinhold Niebuhr. There, countless people are trained to struggle for justice. There, people crucial to the Civil Rights Movement learned important skills. Both Rosa Park and Martin Luther King, Jr., were trained there in the art of nonviolent resistance. The abilities to stand against violent hatred racists did not come out the blue. Dozens upon dozens of participants in the movement nurtured their backstage selves for their onstage lives of peaceful, courageous resistance. They continue to do so today.

Preparing his mind and will for the path to the cross, Jesus gave assuring encouragement to his apostles, “Let not your heart be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me” (John 14:1). We can have a powerful impact on our communities, strengthening our lives along the Moebius strip, encouraged by the Spirit, discerning the way empowered by Christ. May we do so!

**Peace in Christ,
Lon Weaver**



~Presbytery News~



Enrichment Day 2026
Saturday, February 7, 2026
Westmont Presbyterian Church

Each year, Redstone Presbytery sponsors an "Enrichment Day." This is an opportunity for training and education for Members, Deacons, Elders and Pastors of any all congregation.



Pre-Presbytery Meeting

The dates for the 2025 Session Minutes Reviews are:

February 7, 2026 - Westmont, Johnstown; 11:15 a.m. as part of Westmont's Leadership Training

March 24, 2026—First, Irwin; 4:30 p.m. Pre-Presbytery Meeting

April 22, 20256 – 6:30 p.m. Redstone Presbytery Center

May 26, 2025 – Congruity, New Alexandria; 4:30 p.m.



Statistical Reporting

Clerks of Session may now submit their 2025 statistical reports until February 20, 2026.

[Link to Access the System](#)

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Presbytery Office.

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, February 14, 2026 - Spiritual Formation for Church Leaders

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

Instructor: Rev. Susan Stewart

[Click Here to view the Full Schedule of the Spring 2026 Workshops](#)

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

It's time again for interested churches and leaders to partner with Pittsburgh Theological Seminary to educate pastors. PTS encourages large and small congregations from all denominations to apply TODAY to be field education sites for the next school year, September-May.

If you would like to apply, please go to: <https://www.pts.edu/field-education-supervisor-form>. Questions about the program? Email swashburn@pts.edu.



Notes: An application does not guarantee a student. We do not offer summer field education.



Sudan aid is still needed! With our mission personnel gone, more than ever we entrust care for the starving and war-inflicted people to our partners in the Sudan/South Sudan Presbyterian Church. Please keep Rev. Thomas, Rev. Barnaba, Rev. Philip and others in your prayer and donate generously.

~Events at our Churches~



The Masontown community kitchen is celebrating 20 years serving meals . The menu will be pasta with meat sauce, salad, homemade desserts, and Panera breads on Tuesday, February 10, 2026 from 4 to 5:30 PM. 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 Kathy 724-317-8623 or Frank 724 366-4721



The Masontown monthly Food bank will be held Wednesday, February 11, 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

Please join us for our monthly free

Community "Soup for the Soul" Luncheon

AND BRING A FRIEND!!!!

2nd Wednesday of the Month

October through May

Doors open at 11:30am

Soup's on at NOON!



Poke Run Presbyterian Church
1091 Poke Run Church Rd.
(up from the intersection of Rt. 366 and Rt. 66)
724-327-5563

October 8, 2025	January 14, 2026	April 8, 2026
November 12, 2025	February 11, 2026	May 13, 2026
December 10, 2025	March 11, 2026	

**SHROVE TUESDAY – FAT TUESDAY
PANCAKE DINNER**



CONGRUITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
136 FENNELTOWN ROAD, NEW ALEXANDRIA, PA

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026

4-7pm

ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKES, EGGS, SAUSAGE, FRUIT AND BEVERAGE

MARDIS GRAS THEME

SILENT AUCTION BASKETS

ADULTS \$10.00 --- CHILDREN 6-12 \$5.00

CHILDREN UNDER 6 FREE

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT REDSTONE TEAM MISSION TRIP

Tickets are available at the door or

Contact the church for reservations 724-668-7740

**Saturday,
February 21
7:00p.m.**

**Level Green
Presbyterian Church
105 Olive Drive
Trafford, PA 15085**

**Let It Shine
Blacklight Puppetry**

This fast paced production will appeal to all ages.
Escape the winter doldrums with a night of
entertainment performed by the
Bethel UMC Blacklight Puppet ministry.
Cookies & Hot chocolate will be served.



Sharing God's love through puppets, song, and special effects.
Let It Shine will put a smile on your face, a song in your heart, and
make you laugh out loud with their unique Blacklight ministry.
Blacklight Puppetry requires complete darkness.
Free of Charge. Donations accepted.

Pajama Night

Kids and Adults
(Optional)
Come and enjoy the show
in your favorite pajamas.
A Pajama Party with the Puppets.


The Level Green Presbyterian Church invites the community to escape the winter doldrums and join them for a fun night of entertainment on Saturday, February 21, at 7:00p.m. The church will be hosting a Let It Shine Blacklight Puppet Show in their sanctuary.

The Let It Shine program is performed by a team of youth and adults from the Bethel United Methodist Church Blacklight Puppetry ministry. The group's purpose is to share God's love through puppets, song, and special effects. Their program has been described as a show that will put a smile on your face, a song in your heart, and make you laugh out loud.

The upbeat puppet show is a fast paced production featuring music and unique blacklight special effects that will appeal to all ages. The group has been sharing their Blacklight Puppetry ministry with communities for over twenty years. Since the show does require complete darkness it is only able to be performed during the winter months.

The evening will also be a Pajama Party Night with the Puppets. Both kids and adults will have the optional choice to come and enjoy the show wearing their favorite pajamas. Cookies, hot chocolate, and refreshments will be served after the program in the fellowship hall. The evening is free of charge. Donations will be accepted.

GOD DISCOVERY EVENT



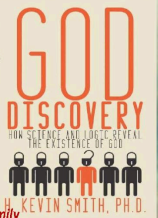
A special invitation!
On Sunday, February 22, 2026 at 3:00 PM
Place:
Rehoboth Presbyterian Church
442 Rehoboth Road
Belle Vernon, PA 15012

Dr. Kevin Smith

You are invited to attend the God Discovery presentation of fascinating information from science, archeology, Bible facts and prophecies that reveal the existence of God.

Dr. Smith is the author of **God Discovery: How Science and Logic Reveal the Existence of God**, a book written from his years of logically examining faith against the backdrop of science.

Come and be encouraged. Invite friends, neighbors, & family – including youth who will get a different perspective on some topics and views held in our times.



**GOD
DISCOVERY**
HOW SCIENCE AND LOGIC REVEAL
THE EXISTENCE OF GOD
BY KEVIN SMITH, PH.D.

RSVP preferred but not essential
RSVP by texting/calling with number attending and name for group to
724-929-7020
Refreshments will be provided

Kevin looks forward to presenting this interesting information through visual and video media, while meeting and interacting with attendees.

For more information go to www.GodDiscoveryBanquet.com

Highlights of Presentation

Science Highlights:



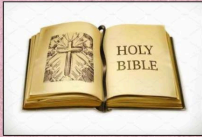
- Human DNA model with 1 foot spacing of base pairs stretches 40 times around the earth
- 20,000 different protein molecules in a human cell
- 42 million total protein molecules make up each cell


Archeology Highlights:

- Ancient Egyptian literature detail 10 plagues Moses/God unleashed on Egypt
- Strong archeological evidence at Red Sea of the miraculous crossing of around 2 million Israelites
- Egyptian tomb/temples that have etchings and other evidence indicate slave-hood of Israelites and the involvement of the God YAHWEH
- Evidence of walls of Jericho collapsing and details of Jericho's demise as told in the Bible

Bible Authenticity Highlights:

- Over 2000 prophecies have come true such as "they pierce my hands & feet" from Psalms 22 predicting Jesus's crucifixion
- Bible Old Testament almost an exact replica of Dead Sea Scrolls written circa 200 BC
- Many ancient writers contemporary to Biblical authors, (i.e., Josephus) verify authenticity of New Testament Biblical accounts.



COMMUNITY
Lenten Luncheons

The churches in the Derry Area are hosting the Community Lenten Luncheons for the season of Lent Wednesdays from Noon - 1:00 p.m.

February 25th - St. Martin's Parish
5684 Route 982
New Derry, PA 15671

March 4th - Derry United Methodist Church
311 North Ligonier Street
Derry, PA 15627

March 11th - St. Joseph's RC Church
125 S. Ligonier Street
Derry, PA 15627

March 18th - Derry Presbyterian Church
108 Presby Way
Derry, PA 15627

March 25th - Harvest Assembly Church
220 Pittsburgh Street
Derry, PA 15627

Community Maundy Thursday Service - Derry Presbyterian Church - 7:00 p.m.
Community Good Friday Service - Derry Methodist Church - 7:00 p.m.

Sacred Music Workshop

A practical workshop for Directors of Music, Organists and Pianists

Sacred Music Workshop Registration Form

The Seasons of Lent, Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter to Pentecost
Saturday, March 7th - 8:30 am until 12 noon

Cecilian Hall and St. Joseph's Chapel at Seton Hill University Main Campus
Shuttle Service from Parking Lot E
Plenty of Handi-cap parking available

A workshop for Directors of Music, Organists and Pianists with various sessions:
8:30 am - Coffee, pastries and time to connect with area colleagues. Cecilian Hall
9:00 am - St. Joseph's Chapel - Morning prayer in the beauty of the Chapel

Choral Reading Session: Michael Long

Each registered person receives a choral packet to take home including
new octavos and old gems - Unison, 2 Part Mixed, SAB and others.

Break-Out Sessions:

- Wellness for Keyboard Musicians - Jacqueline Herbein
- Organ Music for the Seasons - Ed Highberger
- Piano Music for the Seasons - Josie Merlino
- Contemporary Offerings for the Seasons - Sharon Kampe

Hymn-Playing Revisited: Michael Long - Helping your congregation to sing!

Check or money order made payable to: Seton Hill University

Questions? Contact Michael Long - mlong@setonhill.edu

\$50 Regular Registration Fee

\$40 Early-Bird Discount by Feb 8th

Registration deadline is Feb 16th




Questions?
Contact Michael Long
at mlong@setonhill.edu


[Click Here for Registration information](#)


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!


 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
Petting Zoo and availability to ride a camel
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~

Hitch a Ride with Us to a **Joyful** PW Retreat!
 Thursday, July 16-18, 2026



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



“Finding
Joy
 in the
Journey”
 Gal. 5:22
 Synod of the Trinity
 PW Gathering

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

Save the Date!!



Hosted by
 The Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Trinity
 More information to come in 2026

~Pine Springs Camp~



~From Outside Redstone Presbytery~

Luminosity Conference

March 9, 2026 - March 11, 2026

Wyndham Lake Buena Vista Disney Springs Resort



There is only a few weeks remaining before registration closes. This gathering is shaping up to be a meaningful space for learning, connection, and shared reflection.

Registration is still open at both regular and reduced pastoral rates, but February 20 will be the final day to register. Workshop availability is becoming more limited as attendees finalize their schedules, and we encourage you to register soon to secure your place.

Scholarships remain available for all participants, and additional planning resources—including travel details and meals—are available on the Luminosity website and FAQ page.

Let's dream boldly, lead wisely, and shine brightly - together.

For more information, check out the website luminosityconference.org

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