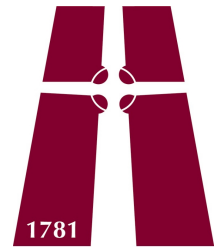


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Let's Pray For:

>Congruity Presbyterian Church, New Alexandria, Cliff Foster, Pastor
District 1

>United Presbyterian Church, New Kensington, Wendy Keys, Pastor
District 1

>Level Green Presbyterian Church, Trafford, Geoff Rach, Pastor
District 2

>Sewickley Presbyterian Church, West Newton, Edward Gray, Moderator
District 2

>Dunlap's Creek Presbyterian Church, Merrittstown, Aleda Menchyk, Moderator
District 3

>New Salem Presbyterian Church, Bill Wiegand, Commissioned Pastor
District 3

>Pleasant Grove Presbyterian Church, Ligonier, John McClure, Moderator
District 4

>Bethel Presbyterian Church, New Florence, Jim Sunseri, Commissioned Pastor
District 4

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Upcoming Events...

October 2019 through May 2020 - [Soup for the Soul Community Luncheon](#) - Apollo, Poke Run

February 15, 2020 - [A Service for Wholeness - Apollo, Poke Run](#)

February 16 - March 29, 2020 - [Seven-Week Study on Christian Responses to Addition - Delmont](#)

February 23, 2020 - [Spaghetti Dinner - New Alexandria, Community](#)

July 9-11, 2020 - [PW Summer Synod Gathering](#)

Click on the links above for more information
on any of the upcoming events

2020 Pastor's Retreat

The 2020 Pastors Retreat - "Coming to Our Senses" will be held on April 19-20, 2020 (after Easter) at Pine Springs Camp. The retreat will begin Sunday evening and continue through Monday morning and afternoon. The cost is \$40 for an overnight stay and \$25 for a commuter attendee. Contact Laura Blank for more information at laurabblank@gmail.com.

Description: How heavy is grace? What is the smell of faith? Can you hear love? What does faith taste like?

Presbyterians have a complex relationship with our senses, particularly regarding their role in our faith. Yet our senses provide fruitful avenues for teaching and worshiping. During this retreat, we will explore how our senses impact our faith through scripture and hands-on activities (as well as activities for ears, eyes, mouths and noses). In addition to using our senses, we will draw from social sciences and history to uncover the reasons that our senses are so important in faith formation.

Derek and Erin Davenport, Directors of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary's Miller SYI will share insights from the Institute's work with congregations, youth, and college students to create multisensory experiences for people of all ages. Participants will have the chance to engage with artifacts from the Kelso Museum of Near Eastern Archaeology and will leave with practical ideas for experimenting with multisensory ministry.

Brief, two-line Bio:

The Rev. Derek R. Davenport, ThM and The Rev. Erin M. Davenport, LSW are the Directors of the Miller Summer Youth Institute at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Erin is also a licensed social worker,

and Derek also serves as the Parish Associate Pastor for Discipleship at Sewickley Presbyterian Church.

Communicate the Word...

Carry on the Work...

Change the World...

Together

Next 2020 Presbytery Meeting

**Tuesday, March 24, 2020
6:00 to 9:00 p.m.**

Third Presbyterian Church, Uniontown

Next Presbytery Council Meeting

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

This meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Presbytery office

Some Scholarship Information

>>Thanks to a generous grant from the Central Mission Endowment Fund of St. Philip Presbyterian Church in Houston, PAM is delighted to offer more scholarships for our 2020 Worship and Music Conferences at Montreat. These St. Philip/CMEF Scholarships are available to large groups, small groups, and individuals too! In addition to the conference registration fee, these scholarships can cover lodging, meals, and - for large groups - even travel costs! If you would like more information or would like to apply, please visit www.presbysmusic.org/montreat-registration and click on Scholarships.

>>The Presbyterian Scholarship Fund offers financial assistance to students from PCUSA congregations attending Davis and Elkins College, Grove City College, Muskingum University, Washington & Jefferson, Waynesburg University, Westminster College, or The College of Wooster. Each year

Around Redstone (and beyond)

>>If you have a Sales Tax Exemption Certificate that is expiring soon and have tried to reach out to the State to see about and received no real answers - no worries. The Synod of the Trinity is in the process of renewing their certificate and after they get that done any of the ones that our churches have that are expiring soon will automatically renew. There is no need for you to be concerned about it and reach out to the State. They will not tell you much anyway. If you have any questions though, feel free to call Bobbie at the Presbytery office at 724.837.6737.

>>On Sunday, February 23, 2020 at 4 p.m., the First Presbyterian Church in Greensburg is holding a scholarship organ recital to benefit the Seton Hill Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Sacred and secular music styles provide the sound for silent film accompanist John Schwandt from the University of Oklahoma. He will be giving a traditional recital first and then will improvise accompaniment to the Laurel and Hardy 1929 film "Liberty." The 20-minute film is filled with high rise high jinks and considered among the comedic duo's best work. A \$10 donation is suggested to support grants for aspiring organists. A reception will follow the concert. For more information, contact the church at 724.832.0150.

>>Westminster College (New Wilmington, PA) has partnered with Pittsburgh Theological Seminary for a unique Summer Mission and Leadership Program for the Youth of your churches. This program will provide an opportunity for individuals and youth groups to experience ministry, mission, and study on their campus. Each participant will be enrolled in a 1-hour college credit course - Introduction to Christianity. The day will include time spent working at various mission sites such as Habitat for Humanity and others, learning about environmental issues at the college Field Station, and learning about the Amish Community. Evenings will be spent enjoying some recreation and relaxation in the area. This experience is designed to take the best of a typical work trip experience and education. Space is limited and the deadline to register for this year's program is May 15, 2020. [Click here for more information.](#)

Continuing Education Events at PTS

[Preaching a Relevant Word to a Restless People \(2/27/2020\)](#)

Donna Giver-Johnston

February 27, March 26, and April 23, 2020

Preachers may be reluctant to mention current events from the pulpit. But not speaking to the concerns people bring with them into church implicitly communications that the church - and worse, God - doesn't care. Together, we will discuss both our resistance and our sacred calling and learn ways to preach sermons that are pastorally sensitive, prophetically challenging, and particularly relevant in our world today.

one new student at each school is eligible for a \$1,200 renewable scholarship. The fund, formerly know as the Colportage scholarship, supports up to twenty-eight students each year. Students must be a member of a Presbyterian congregation in one of the following Presbyteries: Beaver-Butler, Kiskiminetas, Lake Erie, Pittsburgh, Redstone, Shenango, Upper Ohio Valley, or Washington. Applicants should seek information from their respective school's financial aid office.

[People Before Issues: Pastoral Engagement with LGBTQ Members of Your Community \(3/5/2020:3/6/2020\)](#)

Justin Lee and Ray Low

March 5, 2020, 7:00 p.m. - 9 :00 p.m. - March 6, 2020, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

In today's world, every church must deal with questions about sexuality and gender identity. But at the end of the day, these are people, not merely issues. With practical tips and real-world examples, we will discuss what you need to know to fully care for people in your community who are LBGTQ or love someone who is. Co-sponsored with the Seminary's Church Planting Initiative.

[Collective Decision Making: Beyond Robert's Rules: Online Class \(3/9/2020\)](#)

Barbara Blodgett

March 9 - April 3, 2020

Do you tire of church meetings where decision making is tedious or contentious? Are your processes indistinguishable from standard parliamentary procedures used everywhere else? Have you ever wished to try a different way? In this course you will learn decision methods that are at the same time slower and wiser, respectful and goal-oriented. You will get to experiment with consensus processes, prayerful processes, and more. The class will be self-paced and available for participants to engage with the instruction at their own convenience.



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