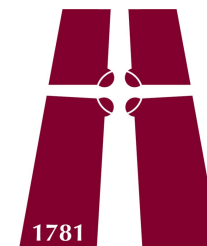


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Let's Pray For

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

>>Poke Run Presbyterian Church, Apollo, Pete Goetschius, Pastor
District 1

>>United Presbyterian Church, Latrobe, John Simpson, Interim Pastor
District 2

>>Reunion Presbyterian Church, Mt. Pleasant, Chuck MacPherson, Moderator
District 2

>>Marion Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon, Robert Prinkey, Commissioned Pastor
District 3

>>Rehoboth Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon, Donald Glunt, Pastor
District 3

>>Second Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, Art Moffat, Temporary Supply; Carole Isley Corey, Moderator
District 4

>>Westmont Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, Rene' Whitaker, Interim Pastor
District 4

Contact Us

Book of Common Worship



The PC(USA) Church Store is offering an electronic edition of the new *Book of Common Worship* and it is on sale - \$10 off.

[Click here](#) to see the electronic version and other options for the

Book of Common Worship.

Pine Springs Camp Weekends

Nothing takes the place of a full summer camp season, but Pine Springs Camp is giving families an opportunity to spend a weekend at PSC by offering four July & August weekends when families can rent out one of the Camp's *Creekside Cabins*. [Read more...](#)



2020/2021 Presbyterian Planning Calendars



The Presbytery will be doing a bulk order for the 2020/2021 Planning Calendars. Calendars begin in September again this year. Due to a price increase, the bulk order rate per calendar will be \$10.50 this year. If you would like to get in on

the bulk rate deal please complete [the form](#) and email it or mail it with your payment to the Presbytery office. The deadline for orders will be August 13, 2020 in order to have them for distribution at the September Presbytery meeting. Thank you!

2019 Minutes and Register Reviews

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Communicate the Word...

Carry on the Work...

Change the World...

Together

RESOURCES FOR CONGREGATIONS

[PCUSA list of resources](#)
<https://www.sba.gov>
<https://covid19.arcchurches.com/>
<https://www.vanderbloemen.com/blog/details-of-care-act>
<http://www.capincrouse.com>

PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION--ONLINE GIVING

Handouts are available through the Presbytery [website pages](#). To enroll or find out additional information, please refer to the [Presbyterian Foundation website](#).

Redstone Pastor Information

[Weekly Zoom Pastor Check-In](#) Wednesdays at NOON - virtual food and fellowship

[Redstone Pastors Facebook Group](#)

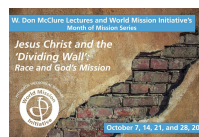
Redstone Emergency Grants and Loans

IS YOUR CHURCH SUPPORTING A MINISTRY TO VULNERABLE PEOPLE THAT

With the Pandemic situation and the inability to schedule in person meetings for the 2019 minutes reviews, Clerks of Session can do one of two things to have the 2019 Minutes and Register reviewed for the church. You can either drop off your session minutes book and register at the Presbytery office and Skip will review them; or you can get in touch with your COM liaison to have them meet with you personally to do them for you. If you drop them off at the office it will take longer to have them reviewed and returned. If you need to know who your liaison is, please call the Presbytery office at 724.837.6737.



PTS World Mission Initiative Conference



This October, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary's World Mission Initiative Conference is joining hands with the seminary's McClure Lectures for a month of free, **online**, Wednesday evening presentations. **RECOGNIZING RACISM** - "Jesus Christ and the Dividing Wall: Race and God's Mission" is this year's World Mission Initiative Conference. For 2020 the conference will move on-line. Please consider joining in, wherever you might log in! <https://www.pts.edu/wmi-conference>

Is God Calling You??

If you are a Ruling Elder who God might be calling to preach or become more involved in pastoral service, Redstone Presbytery (along with Washington, Kiski, Pittsburgh, and Upper Ohio Valley) will be continuing our training program for the preparation of possible "Commissioned Ruling Elders" for the future. New students may begin in the fall of 2020. The program is designed to be both classroom and hands-on experiences and you will receive training and mentorship that will help you grow as a leader in Christ's Church. If interested, please contact Skip Noftzger (Executive Presbyter) at 724.837.6737.



Church Cemetery



Does your church have a cemetery? If so, are you part of a cemetery association or is your session/board of trustees responsible for maintaining that cemetery? Please let me know the answer to these two questions by [clicking here](#) so I can update my records. Thank you!!

IS JEOPARDY OF NOT BEING SUSTAINED DURING THIS SEASON?

IS YOUR CHURCH DEVELOPING NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY (BEYOND JUST MOVING YOUR NORMAL MINISTRIES ONLINE) THAT YOU COULD USE SEED MONEY FOR ASSISTANCE?

IS YOUR CHURCH STRUGGLING WITH CASH FLOW DIRECTLY RESULTING FROM ABSTAINING FROM IN-PERSON WORSHIP?

As we continue this need to adapt to doing ministry and mission during this season of change, many congregations may be wrestling with not only rapid changes in worship services and ministry programs, but also in the mission initiatives of the congregation. In this COVID-19 pandemic, we are required AND have the opportunity to serve God in faithfulness in new ways. As a Presbytery, we recognize that some of these transitions to different ways of doing ministry are not without costs during this period of virtual worship and potential drop offs in regular support.

Consequently, the Presbytery of Redstone will offer short term grant and loan programs in order to aid congregations without sufficient reserves to make some of these transitions in ministry. [Click here](#) for more information.

COVID-19 RESOURCES AND HELPFUL LINKS

>>[PCUSA Resources](#) for churches and individuals
 >>From our Synod of the Trinity a variety of [helpful resources](#)
 >>Helpful links & resources from the [PCUSA Church Store](#)
 >>From the [Board of Pensions](#)
 >>COVID-19: [100 Ideas for Ministers and Ministries Leaders](#)
 >>[Six Strategies](#) for Shepherding the Flock While 'Socially Distanced'

Tax Exemption Certificates Update

The Synod of the Trinity is beginning to receive renewed tax exempt certificates for the churches and presbyteries in our region. It is estimated that it will take another 2-4 weeks before we have all of the renewed certificates from the Department of Revenue. Once they have been received, we will email them to our presbyteries, which will be in charge of forwarding them to their congregations. Reminder: the tax exempt certificates have been extended to September 30.

**2020
Tax Exemption
Renewal**

Presbyterian Association of Musicians Conference



Did you miss PAM's Worship and Music Conference? Now for the first time you can register and experience the conference after it has ended! You can view all 96 recordings of our conference content whenever you like - including Worship, Routley Lectures, Art Workshop, Concerts, Choral & Handbell Masterclasses, Programs for

Children/Youth, and much more! These recordings demonstrate what physically distant worship can look like and can help supplement your church's programming for the fall, especially during the current situation in our country. Visit www.presbymusic.org/2020conference to learn more and to register.

PTS Responds/A Conversation on Race

You're invited to join weekly webinars, [PTS Responds/A Conversation on Race](#), Wednesdays at noon through September 2.



This is the latest in the inclusion of regional judicatory leaders, and it is well worth hearing how leadership understand the work of anti-racism ecclesiastically, theologically, and socially. A recent [book](#) by a Black Lutheran pastor takes its title from the notion that the ELCA is the "Whitest Denomination in the US." As we commit to the work of anti-racism in the context of faith communities, it's crucial to keep awareness of the systemic manifestations of racism and White privilege front and center and avoid excessive focus on personal behaviors and choices. These conversations have helped explore those systemic realities. And as a community committed to the education, formation, and equipping of people for the sake of the church in the world, learning about the commitments of leadership in those same churches helps us do our work more faithfully and mindfully.

Anti-Racism Resources

The PCUSA Store is offering a useful list of Anti-Racism Resources for our congregations. Please find them by [clicking here](#).

Matthew 25 Initiative



NEARLY 500 PC(USA) CONGREGATIONS have accepted the exciting and bold invitation to become "a Matthew 25 church." Look for ideas and opportunities that your church too can join our Matthew 25 Initiative. See the worship and ministry resources by [clicking here](#).



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