

# Presbytery of Redstone eNews October 7, 2020



## Let's Pray For

>>Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church,  
Murrysville, Curtis Paul, Pastor  
District 1

>>Union Presbyterian Church, Murrysville,  
Sue Washburn, Interim Pastor  
District 1

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

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

>>Calvin United Presbyterian Church,  
Scottdale, Joshua Scully, Moderator  
District 3

>>Grace Chapel Presbyterian Church,  
Smithfield, Lee McDermott, Pastor  
District 3

>>Trinity Presbyterian Church, New  
Florence, Carole Isley Corey, Moderator  
District 4

>>Patton Presbyterian Church, David  
McCabe, Pastor  
District 4

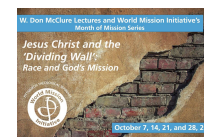
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## Installation Service

The Rev. Dawn Sherwood will be installed as the Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Jeannette on Sunday, October 18, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. **MASKS ARE EXPECTED** to be worn during this service. We welcome Dawn to Redstone Presbytery!

## PTS World Mission Initiative Conference

THERE'S STILL TIME to register yourself and your discussion group for JESUS CHRIST AND THE DIVIDING WALL: RACE AND GOD'S MISSION. Excellent help to get started (or make progress) discussing inter-racial tensions, justice, and Christian responsibility.  
<https://www.pts.edu/wmi-conference>



## Seeking the Beloved Community - Synod Online Offering

Beginning on September 27; 7:00 p.m., the Synod began offering a series of presentations of how we might consider our present issues and concerns in light of the "Beloved Community" promoted by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. In the first session (9/27), Rev. Dr. James Calvin Davis, professor at Middlebury College, author of several books including most recently, *Forbearance* (and formerly of Redstone Presbytery) will help us to consider the characteristics of the "Beloved Community." For more information - [click here](#). Presentation will be by Zoom and will be recorded for later viewing as well.

If you were unable to attend the 9/27 session (or would like to review it), below is a link to the recording that has been posted on the Synod's YouTube channel. Also, you are welcome and urged to share this link with anyone who you think might benefit from this conversation.

**Rev. Skip Noftzger**

Executive Presbyter/Stated Clerk

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Administrative Assistant/

Bookkeeper

***Communicate the Word...******Carry on the Work...******Change the World...******Together*****RESOURCES FOR CONGREGATIONS**PCUSA list of resourceshttps://www.sba.govhttps://covid19.arcchurches.com/https://www.vanderbloemen.com/blog/details-of-care-acthttp://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 Emergency Grants and Loans**

**IS YOUR CHURCH SUPPORTING A MINISTRY TO VULNERABLE PEOPLE THAT IS JEOPARDY OF NOT BEING SUSTAINED DURING THIS SEASON?**

**IS YOUR CHURCH DEVELOPING NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY (BEYOND JUST MOVING YOUR NORMAL**

Link: <https://youtu.be/jT1K3jFLC6Y>

Reminder that this series will continue into October and November, with details and registration available on the Synod's website here:

<https://www.syntrinity.org/synod/loved-community-conversations/>

- Oct. 18: Pandemic (Laurie Kraus)
- Oct. 25: Hyperpartisanship (John Welch)
- Nov. 8: Technology (Bruce Reyes-Chow)
- Nov. 15: Racism and White Privilege (tentative)

Thank you again for your interest in this conversation and we hope to see you again soon!

**IPLF Fall Workshops**

The Inter-Presbytery Leadership Formation, a joint ministry of Redstone, Washington, Upper Ohio Valley, Kiskiminetas, and Pittsburgh

Presbyteries, will be offering the following workshops this fall:

***Transforming Congregational Mission - Rev. Dr. Hunter Farrell, PTS World Mission Initiative, Instructor - October 10, 2020***

***Ethics and Boundaries - Michelle Snyder, Crow's Feet Consulting, Instructor - November 14, 2020***

***Pastoral Care - Rev. Marnie Silbert, HR Redstone Presbytery, Instructor - December 12, 2020***

All workshops are FREE and will be offered from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Redstone Presbytery office, 1004 Mt. Pleasant Road, Greensburg, PA 15601, and/or via Zoom videoconferencing. Please RSVP to [Bobbie](#) at Redstone Presbytery and let her know the workshop(s) you are interested in attending.

**Tax Exemption Certificates Update**

The State is well behind in getting all the certificates renewed. The State extended the deadline of existing certificates until December 31st. Attached is a document that churches can use until the certificate is received.

### 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.

#### Redstone Pastor Information

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

[Redstone Pastors Facebook Group](#)

#### 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](#)

The State has been sending the Synod some of the certificates which they are then forwarding to the churches. You may contact the [Business Administrator](#) at the Synod office directly to see if your certificate came in.



#### New Online Resource for Pastors



Samaritan Counseling is offering a new resource for pastors, online Worship for Pastors ([www.congregationforclergy.org](http://www.congregationforclergy.org)).

Beginning this week, they are offering weekly, 35-40 minute worship services designed specifically for the challenges pastors face in a changing world. Pastors rarely have the opportunity worship in services focusing entirely on their issues. The services offer themes, scripture, prayer, music, and sermons formed with pastors in mind, with the hope that pastors will use these services as part of a weekly discipline helping them lead churches in really difficult times.

The services can be found at [www.congregationforclergy.org](http://www.congregationforclergy.org). The worship is led by an expanding team of pastors and church leaders from different denominations who's vocations are devoted to helping pastors and churches engage in healthy ministry and mission.

#### Advent Sunday School Options

IT'S NOT TOO EARLY - to ask yourself how you'll present Advent Sunday School lessons if the authorities send us into COVID shut-down again. Or perhaps you are already planning to offer an online alternative as part of your CE programming. The Presbyterian Outlook now has Advent devotions ready for pre-order, with adult education resources - for virtual learning - coming available soon too! Find helps at [pres-outlook.org](http://pres-outlook.org). IN ADDITION - You can access the PC(USA) Advent Resource Guide [here](#).



#### PTS Offering Online Classes and Events

Pittsburgh Theological Seminary is offering a schedule of continuing education classes and events this fall and winter. Offerings include: *Claiming Pentecost: New Beginnings in a Post-Pandemic Church*; *Wise Women and Spirituality*; and *Spiritual Writing*. For more information go to <https://www.pts.edu/chronological-schedule>

>>COVID-19: [100 Ideas for Ministers and Ministries Leaders](#)  
>>[Six Strategies](#) for Shepherding the Flock While 'Socially Distanced'

### 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](#).

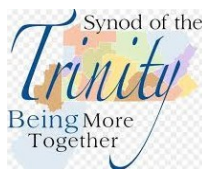


### Board of Pensions Expands Assistance Program

Access to the [Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions](#) will be expanding effective January 1, 2021 - which means more members of the Benefits Plan of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) may be eligible to receive important financial support. Through the Assistance Program, the Board of Pensions provides need-based grants to help active and retired members and their families. The program is one of the ways in which the Board promotes the health and wholeness of its members.



### Synod of the Trinity Offers Grant



The past few months have presented new needs, new missional opportunities and new relationships. Have you been challenged in new ways to partner with other denominations to live out the love of Christ in your community? Has a local ministry need emerged or been pondered during these COVID impacted times? There may be grant support available to you to carry out this important work. The Ecumenical Grant is a one-time grant of up to \$2,000 and the application deadline is November 1. For more information [click here](#).



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