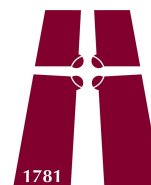


# Presbytery of Redstone eNews

## May 5, 2021



Please pray for...

### District 1 Churches

>>Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church, Murrysville, Curtis Paul, Pastor; Travis Webster, Associate Pastor

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

### District 2 Churches

>>Reunion Presbyterian Church, Mt. Pleasant, Russ Baird, Commissioned Pastor

>>New Hope Presbyterian Church, North Huntingdon, Brenda Barnes, Pastor

### District 3 Churches

>>Laurel Hill Presbyterian Church, Dunbar, William Weightman, Commissioned Pastor

>>First Presbyterian Church, Fairchance, Jim Gear, Moderator

### District 4 Churches

>>Colver Presbyterian Church, Owar Ojulu, Pastor

>>First Presbyterian Church, Cresson, Alice Tondora, Moderator



### MORE THAN A TAG LINE

More than eight years ago, I began my service in the Presbytery of Redstone. At that time, I was struck by the “brand” or mission of the presbytery in the lines, *“Communicate the Word, Carry on the Work, Change the World... Together!”* They were, and are, ambitious words intended to inspire, to motivate, and to challenge our collective identity. As we have walked this journey together, the adventure has taken many twists and turns. There have been disappointments in our

failures. Sometimes those resulted in dismissal of congregations or the ending of a ministry chapter with the dissolution of a church or an ongoing conflict that threatens to consume the church from within.

Yet, in the midst of our own failures, God has been present. The grace and mercy of the Lord who brings life out of death continues to do the very same in our lives and in our communities of the resurrected One. Sometimes, in the midst of it all, we may miss it. God’s reign is still made known in our lives together.

It is not merely because we believe the gospel or even that our behavior exhibits the character and values of the gospel. It is not even that together we belong to the gospel, one with another. All those things and more are apparent. But what is seen “when we have eyes to see” is that together we are becoming the gospel, the embodiment of Jesus’ words and work in renewing God’s world. By the power of the promised one who was sent to lead, to guide, to comfort, we are being formed to live into that resurrection which is our hope not only for a distant future, but for a present reality.

Today, just as much as when I began, we are called to become those good news people. Whether by our words and by our actions, by our identity both as congregations and

as a presbytery, we are called to *"Communicate the Word, Carry on the Work, Change the World... Together!"* More than a "tag line," it signifies our guiding purpose. Yet, as I have always noted, it assumes a preface. It is grounded in an unmentioned assumption that all such activity occurs only by the grace of our God. No communication, no work, no change that rings forth God's kingdom will take place other than by God's grace at work in and through us. Today, may we hear that call of grace to us. May we sense our identity and God's purpose together, not only as individuals, but as congregations, as a presbytery as the very body of Christ.

Redstone@Home just opened up a part-time Spiritual Care Coordinator (Chaplain) position within the Fayette County division. This position would be responsible for the spiritual well-being for 10 to 20 hospice residents at any given time, mostly in facilities but also in their individual homes. The role is part-time, and the days will vary, based on client caseload. It will be guaranteed 20 hours per week and will likely be a non-exempt or hourly position. The interdisciplinary team (IDT) meets on Wednesdays currently, under the direction of Dr. Sean Conley, and attendance for that meeting on a bi-weekly basis would be required. Benefits would include paid-time off and IRS mileage reimbursement for mileage. If you are interested in this position, [click here](#) to apply.



Pine Springs "Encourage a Staff Member" With moving forward with plans to host summer camp in 2021, an important role for many churches is to both pray for and encourage a summer staff member. Your church can "adopt" one of these staff members by contacting Greg Davis ([greg@pinesprings.org](mailto:greg@pinesprings.org)) and noting the congregation and the contact person's information.

The 2020 Session Minutes and Church Register review dates have been set as follows:

- Tuesday, May 11, 2021 - 5:00 p.m. - Redstone Presbytery Center
- Tuesday, May 25, 2021 - 5:00 p.m. - First Presbyterian Church, Greensburg (pre-Presbytery meeting)



## Announcements

The May 25, 2021 Presbytery meeting will be held in the same way as the previous meeting with most participants primarily through Zoom and the option for any platform participants or those without internet access to be "in-person" at the First Presbyterian Church in Greensburg. The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. If you have an announcement that you would like included in the announcement loop that will be presented that day please submit them directly to [redstonestories@gmail.com](mailto:redstonestories@gmail.com) by May 11, 2021. Thank you!

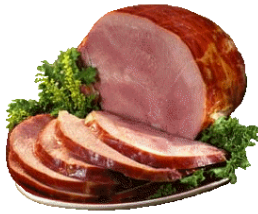
The Inter-Presbytery Leadership Formation, a joint ministry of Redstone, Washington, Upper Ohio Valley, Kiskiminetas, and Pittsburgh Presbyteries, are again offering workshops this spring. The next workshop in the series is:



- May 15, 2021 - Shared Leadership in Ordered Ministries: Ruling Elders and Teaching Elders, and How We Lead Together

These workshops are FREE and will be offered from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. via Zoom video conferencing. If you want to attend this workshop, please RSVP to [Bobbie](#) at Redstone Presbytery and let her

know and she will forward you the login information.



The Derry Presbyterian Church, located at the corner of 108 Presby Way and North Chestnut Street, Derry, PA (724-694-5710) will be hosting a TAKEOUT ONLY Ham Dinner, Saturday, May 15th beginning at 2:00 p.m. The menu includes ham, mac & cheese, green beans, applesauce, roll and butter and dessert. The cost is \$10.00 per meal. This is TAKEOUT ONLY. PICK UP will be at the entrance of Fellowship Hall near garage and kitchen entrance. We appreciate your support!

**Redd Up Camp Workday is Saturday, May 15!** They need your help! Come help get camp ready for hosting hundreds of campers this summer. Each year this day blesses the PSC ministry and this year it will be a special blessing since it will be almost 2 years since summer campers were there! The main course for lunch will be provided and we ask that each group bring a Pot-luck item, snacks, dessert, or salad. There will be jobs for the skilled and unskilled from raking leaves, to cleaning buildings, to helping build things! If you have questions or would like to register to help please call the office at 814.629.9834 or email Greg Davis, Executive Director at [greg@pinesprings.org](mailto:greg@pinesprings.org) so they know how many people to plan for!



Rehoboth Presbyterian Church will be having a Spring Vendor Craft Show on Saturday, May 15, 2021 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Click [here](#) for more information.

Presbyterian Women of Redstone Presbytery will be having a Spring Retreat at Pine Springs Camp on Tuesday, May 18, 2021. Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. For more information [click here](#).



#### SYNOD OF THE TRINITY SPRING REGIONAL 2021 GATHERING

Synod commissioned, and other presbytery leaders (up to 6 total), are invited to gather with Rev. Jihyun Oh, Director of Mid Council Ministries, Office of the General Assembly, for the 2021 Synod Spring Regional gathering as we think critically and consider how our understanding of the image of God informs us, even transforms us, here and now. These will be zoom gatherings. Below are the dates for your region (feel free to shift if need be.)

Wednesday, May 26th - 9 a.m. to NOON, Eastern and Central Regions

Thursday, May 27th - 9 a.m. to NOON, Northwest and Southwest Regions

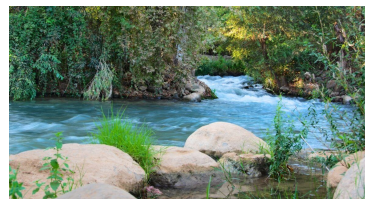
[REGISTER HERE](#)

Pine Springs Camp's Annual Golf Outing will be held on Monday, May 24. Don't miss a great day on Arnie's 'home' course in Latrobe. Call 814-629-9843 for more information. \$225 per golfer; discount if you bring your foursome.



Coming in July 2021 - **Follow Me: Biblical Practices for Faithful Living** is a thirty-six-unit curriculum based on practices Jesus did and taught us to do as faithful followers. Written for people of all ages who wish to live out their faith, this new curriculum will examine where these practices are found in the Bible and how they have been used in Christian faith then and now. Click [here](#) for more information.

**Pilgrimage to the Holy Land.** There are some openings for the October (13-25) pilgrimage which travels to both sides of the Jordan river. If you are ready to travel and wanting to go, please contact either Jim Farrer (814.659.8151) or Norma Murphy (412.427.7456) for more information.



### 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 you church too can join our Matthew 25 Initiative. See the worship and ministry resources by [clicking here](#).

A NEW DEVOTIONAL – **Psobriety: A Journey of Recovery through the Psalms**, by Jeff Dafler, features the comforting words of all 150 Psalms, paired with devotions and prayers, to support those in recovery from alcohol and substance abuse. For more information, [click here](#).



Free online events, sponsored or co-sponsored by Christian Associates:

**Saturday, May 15, 9:30 a.m. to noon: Bread for the World Hunger Advocacy Workshop and Racial Wealth Gap Simulation.** Explore the intersection of racism, poverty, and hunger, and learn how to advocate for change with our nation's leaders. Groups from the same congregation can choose to participate in the wealth gap simulation together in breakout rooms. To sign up for this free online workshop, visit <http://bit.ly/breadworkshop2021>.

**Friday, May 21, 9 a.m. to noon: Emerging with God's Grace: Care, Counseling, and Ministry after the Pandemic.** This year's online Pittsburgh Pastoral Care Conference will feature prayers and conversation to reflect on this past year and move into the future. Free registration is available at [www.pghpcc.org](http://www.pghpcc.org).

**Monday and Tuesday, May 24-25, 12:30-8:45 p.m.:** Religion and the Common Good, an online Henderson Summer Leadership Conference at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Speakers include Parker Palmer, Valarie Kaur, Richard Mouw, Carrie Newcomer, and more! Registration on a "pay what you will" basis and full schedule of workshops, worship, and keynotes at [www.pts.edu/SLC-2021](http://www.pts.edu/SLC-2021).

2021 HENDERSON SUMMER LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE AND THE J. HUBERT HENDERSON LECTURE ON CHURCH AND MINISTRY at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.



**Redstone Pastor Information**

**Weekly Zoom Pastor Check-In**

Wednesdays at NOON - virtual food and fellowship

**Redstone Pastors Facebook Group**

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