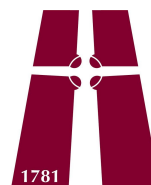


# Presbytery of Redstone eNews

## May 19, 2021



Please pray for...

### District 1 Churches

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

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

### District 2 Churches

>>Sewickley United Presbyterian Church, West Newton, Glenn Hart, Commissioned Pastor

>>United Presbyterian Church, West Newton, John Manon, Pastor

### District 3 Churches

>>Little Redstone Presbyterian Church, Fayette City, Josh Scully, Commissioned Pastor

>>Springhill Furnace Presbyterian Church, Lake Lynn, Molly Hall, Covenant Pastor

### District 4 Churches

>>First Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, Alice Tondora, Pastor

>>Second Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, Art Moffat, Temporary Supply

**A reflection by Bobbi Jo Huebner, member of Presbytery Council and Elder of First Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon**

**What a year it has been! The pandemic changed many plans that we were looking forward to such as weddings, travel, graduation and everyday activities. The weddings needed to be rescheduled or scaled back. Trips were cancelled and have not been rescheduled yet. The hardest thing to deal with was deaths that could not be mourned because of limitations.**

**In Romans 8:25 "But if we hope for what we do not see with perseverance, we wait eagerly for it." As the months went on we listened for word on the vaccine. Now that the vaccines are available and people are rolling up their sleeves, we can see the opening and lower restrictions. Can we get back to normal or maybe just the new normal?**

**What will we do with our churches? Over the last year, we have learned about Zoom and Facebook and even YouTube. We have broadcasted on the radio. We became friends with the US Postal Service as we kept in contact with our church members with a Card Ministry. There were times this past year when I felt alone and became depressed. I missed my church family. I missed going to meetings in person. Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me." Loneliness and despair are no match for our faith in Jesus Christ.**

**I have no doubt we will get back to some normalcy. Luke 1:37 "For with God nothing shall be impossible." My hope is that we can travel and celebrate. We can go to sporting events and restaurants. But most of all, I hope we can take down the barriers that keep us separated by six feet. We can remove our masks and see people smile. We can sing to the Glory of God. And we can gather together in the church and Praise God for bringing us back together once again.**

**Thanks be to God!**



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. The [packet](#) and the [appendices](#) are available by clicking each link. **Please let the Presbytery office know of the commissioners from your church that will be attending so the packet and Zoom login information can be sent to everyone that will be attending prior to the meeting.**

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

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



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.

#### 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.

With the end of this month, we will have completed another academic year of the Inter-Presbytery Leadership Formation Program. Consequently, we are beginning the identification and recruitment process for Ruling Elders who are interested in growing in their faith, knowledge and practice to serve either in commissioned roles or in their own local congregation. As a program that operates across presbyteries (Washington, Pittsburgh, UOV, Kiski), those who participate

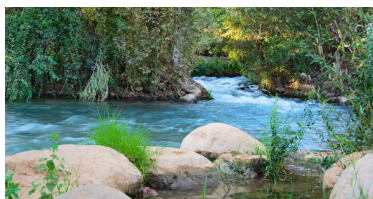


not only have a great opportunity through courses, workshops and supervised practicum experiences, but they also engage with other Ruling Elders from congregations around the region. We will be enrolling new participants to begin with the Reformed Theology course offered in August-December. If you have a Ruling Elder who God might be calling to do more to serve your congregation or the larger Church, please consider both speaking with them about participation and referring them to [Skip Noftzger](#) for more information.



The Springhill Furnace Presbyterian Church in Lake Lynn will be hosting a White Elephant Sale on Saturday, June 5, 2021. [Click here](#) for more information.

The Springhill Furnace Presbyterian Church in Lake Lynn will be hosting a Strawberry Festival on Sunday, June 13, 2021. [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](#).



Samaritan's Counseling is continuing to offer weekly online worship service designed specifically for clergy as part of their Caring for Clergy and Congregations program. They have received a lot of good feedback over the past seven months from pastors who've found it helpful in their lives and ministries, and that providentially they have touched on issues they were in the midst of struggling with. That's how the Spirit works sometimes. Here is the link for this week's service: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8uf7IR8kmDE>

### Redstone Pastor Information

[Weekly Zoom Pastor Check-In](#)

Wednesdays at NOON - virtual food and fellowship

[Redstone Pastors Facebook Group](#)

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