

Presbytery of Redstone eNews

October 21, 2021



Please pray for...

District 1 Churches

~~Delmont Presbyterian Church,
Anthony Catullo, Interim Pastor

~~Grace Community Presbyterian
Church, Lower Burrell, Doug Marshall,
Interim Pastor

District 2 Churches

~~First Presbyterian Church, Irwin,
Ron Wakeman, Pastor

~~West Hempfield Presbyterian
Church, Irwin, Andrew Wirt, Pastor

District 3 Churches

~~Grace Chapel Presbyterian Church,
Smithfield, Molly Hall, Moderator

~~Pleasant View Presbyterian Church,
Smock, Laura Blank, Pastor

District 4 Churches

~~Cresson Presbyterian Church, Alice
Tondora, Moderator

~~First Presbyterian Church,
Ebensburg, Owar Ojulu, Pastor

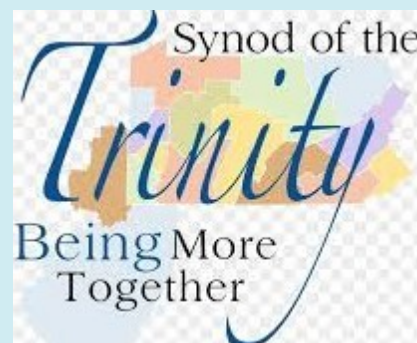
Synod Assembly Week Events! Oct. 24-27

**COVENANTAL RIGHTEOUSNESS & JUSTICE - Sunday,
Oct. 24, 7 p.m.**

The Synod Assembly kicks off with a conversation with Jimmie Hawkins, Director of the PC(USA) Advocacy Offices, Office of Public Witness & Ministry at the United Nations, who will speak on Covenantal Righteousness and Justice.

How does the incredibly rich meaning of the word "covenantal" deepen our understanding and work with this purpose? How are we challenged to live into covenantal righteousness and covenantal justice? In this time of our church and culture, it is critical for us to consider our call to live and move faithfully in our congregations and communities.

Watch on Synod's YouTube Channel (10/24)



SYNOD ASSEMBLY OPENING WORSHIP - Monday, Oct. 25, 9:30 a.m.

Synod Transitional Executive Susan Faye Wonderland will begin the 2021 Synod Assembly in opening worship. Susan will be assisted in worship with communion by Synod Co-Moderators Charles Best and Martha Jordan.

You are welcome to stay with us for other Monday morning/afternoon highlights, including an "Acknowledgement of the Land" piece that pays tribute to the Native Americans who settled in our region before us and various other reports.

CELEBRATION OF SUSAN FAYE WONDERLAND'S MINISTRY - Monday, Oct. 25, 7 p.m.
The region comes together to honor the work of Transitional Executive Susan Faye Wonderland, whose contract is ending Dec. 31.

Join us in celebrating her time and call as both an associate executive (2009-14) and transitional executive (2014-21) in the Synod of the Trinity.

Watch on Synod's YouTube Channel (10/25 pm)

ELECTION OF NEW EXECUTIVE & CLOSING WORSHIP - Tuesday, Oct. 26, 10 a.m.
A new era begins at the Synod when a candidate for the executive position is named and voted upon by the Synod commissioners. A new Synod co-moderator will also be announced on this day, and commissioners with expiring terms will be recognized. The Synod Assembly wraps up with closing worship and a ceremonial "hand off" from the transitional executive to the newly elected executive.

Watch on Synod's YouTube Channel (10/26)

SUSTAINING YOUR PASTOR FOR THE LONG HAUL - Wednesday, Oct. 27, 6:30 p.m.
Join us on Wednesday, Oct. 27, at 6:30 p.m. to hear the Rev. Dr. Graham Standish speak on "Sustaining Your Pastor for the Long Haul."
This gathering of church elders and members during Pastor Appreciation Month offers an opportunity for churches to consider how churches can minister to their pastors so that they feel renewed and restored for ministry.

[Click here to register](#)



It's Pastor Appreciation Month and the Synod of the Trinity is sponsoring an important webinar opportunity - *Sustaining Your Pastor for the Long Haul...a workshop for Congregations*, Wednesday, October 27, 2021 from 6:30

to 7:45 p.m. led by the Rev. Dr. Graham Standish, PhD, MSW, MDiv, MA and Executive Director of Samaritan Counseling. The combination of the pandemic and polarization has taken its toll on pastors. Many feel burned out, overextended and underappreciated. They're questioning their call, and some are leaving their churches or ministry altogether. This gathering of church elders and members during Pastor Appreciation Month offers an opportunity for churches to consider how churches can minister to their pastors so that they feel renewed and restored for ministry. [Register by clicking here.](#)

Puckety Presbyterian Church First Trunk or Treat

Date: Saturday October 30th

Time: 2:00 - 4:00 PM

Location: Puckety Presbyterian Church, 1009 Puckety Church Road, Lower Burrell 15068



Cost: Free!

Bring your costumed children to trick or treat from car to car in our parking lot during daylight hours. There will be games for children to play for extra treats. Your family will also be able to vote for the best decorated car.



New Hope Presbyterian Church Annual Craft & Vendor Show

Saturday, November 6, 2021 - 10:00 am until 3:00 pm.

Click [here](#) for more information.

New Hope Church Thanksgiving 2021 Baked Goods Sale

Orders are now being taken for delicious home-made baked goods. Place your Thanksgiving orders with payment on or before Sunday, November 7 (12727 Lincoln Way North Huntingdon PA 15642). Orders placed after that date can not be filled by the baker. Orders will be available on Sunday, November 21.



Nut Roll (\$10); Apricot Roll (\$10); Poppyseed Roll (\$10). Call the church (724.863.7702) to place your order with payment.



Presbyterian Woman Fall Gathering

Introduction to the 2021-2022 Horizons Bible Study - What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus by Merryll Blair with the Rev. Donna Havrisko, Honorably Retired.

November 6, 2021, First Presbyterian Church, Greensburg, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

[Click here for more information and to register.](#)

A Conversation with Pastors, for Pastors

Join us on Wednesday, November 10 at 12:00pm Eastern via Zoom for a conversation with pastors, for pastors about the pressing issues of ministry today.



The Center for Continuing Education was launched in October 2019 to enable Yale Divinity School to “reach beyond the walls” and provide educational opportunities and resources for clergy, laity and community organizations to expand and enrich ministry and lay learning - all at little to no cost. The Center is home to some existing cornerstone programs (the YDS Summer Study, the Yale Youth Ministry Institute, and the Yale Bible Study program) and is charged with creating new opportunities for theological education and enrichment in three primary categories: Faith and Contemporary Issues, Church and Nonprofit Administration, and Leadership Development. If you haven't already, we invite you to explore our websites at: <https://divinity.yale.edu/continuing-education> .

While our programs have existing curriculum, content and programming, we are continually looking to expand our resources. We want to be sure that we are focused on what is truly needed by those working in local ministry. Please join fellow clergy members to talk about

what ministry looks like in a world where we are being allowed to gather again, but the pandemic is still very much a concern. During our time together, we'll focus on the following questions:

- How have your various ministries survived this time and what do they look like this fall?
- What do you see as your most immediate challenge?
- What have you learned from the pivots required to minister to your congregation over the past 18 months?
- How can the Center for Continuing Education support you, either in terms of resources, informational/educational opportunities and/or connection to other clergy?

Register Here!

Thank you in advance for your help. We look forward to discussing these important issues with you on November 10th!



Soup for the Soul – Second Wednesday of each month (October through May). Next time will be Wednesday, November 10.

Poke Run Presbyterian Church
1091 Poke Run Church Road, Apollo, PA 15613
724.327.5563

As in the past, the doors will open at 11:30 AM and the meal will be served at noon. Things will look a little different than the last time we met together but food and Christian fellowship will still be the most important thing of the day. If you are unvaccinated, we ask that you wear a mask unless you are eating and that you socially distance from those that are not in your household.

Free Workshops Presented by the IPLF Program

- "Diseases of Despair" - November 13, 2021
- "Faith Foundations Beneath Our Presbyterian Polity" - December 11, 2021



These workshops begin at 12:30 p.m. and will be a hybrid offering by ZOOM and at the Redstone Presbytery Center. To register, contact Bobbie at Redstone Presbytery at 724.837.6737 or secretary@redstonepresbytery.org.



Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Presbyterian Mission

Contribute to:
Disaster Relief-US Hurricane
Response (DR000169)

This designated account supplements the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering to enable a significant, ongoing response to hurricanes that affect the United States. Your faithful giving is deeply appreciated.

To give by phone, call 800-872-3283. To send a check, please designate where you want your gift to go on the memo line and mail to:

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
P.O. Box 643700
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700

As the world enters its second Advent season with the shadow of the COVID-19 pandemic still looming over our shoulders, Christians are searching for devotional resources that offer space

to connect with God through prayer and reflection. Westminster John Knox Press is publishing two offerings ahead of Advent season to guide Christians in group and individual study as they draw closer to God. [Click here for more information.](#)



Welcome to our Advent 2021 resource guide! You'll find everything you need for preaching, teaching, devotion, and experiencing the season. If you are viewing this on your computer or device, you can click on any title or cover to be taken to the product

page on PC(USA) Store. Look for the dark blue blocks to download resource samples.

Follow Me Curriculum

The Presbytery has ordered small scale packages of the first three of the 36 session of the Follow Me Curriculum. These will be made available through the Resource Center. Please contact the Presbytery office if you would like to borrow these.



New Online Leader Training Helps Churches Begin or Expand Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministries, St. Louis, is now training caring ministry leaders through a live, interactive online training experience called the Bridge Leader's Training Course (BLTC). This event fully trains Stephen Leaders - the pastors, church staff, and lay leaders who begin and lead Stephen Ministry in their congregation. The BLTC draws on newly redesigned and updated Stephen Ministry resources to equip participants with the skills and know-how to lead all aspects of their

congregation's Stephen Ministry. This includes training a team of congregation members as lay caregivers (called Stephen Ministers), matching them with hurting people in the congregation and community, and offering ongoing guidance and support to Stephen Ministers as they provide one-to-one, Christ-centered care to people experiencing a wide range of life difficulties. The Bridge Leader's Training Course is delivered via Zoom to cohorts of twenty people, led by two members of Stephen Ministries' teaching faculty. Each session uses a variety of teaching methods—presentation, small- and whole-group discussions, skill practice, video, and more. The course consists of ten sessions held twice weekly for five weeks or once weekly for ten weeks. The Bridge Leader's Training Course has welcomed participants from churches across the United States and Canada, as well as from other countries including Australia, China, Germany, and Switzerland. Since the initial cohort in July 2020, more than a thousand individuals representing hundreds of congregations have completed the training from the convenience of their own home or office and are now serving as Stephen Leaders.

To learn more about Stephen Ministry, visit www.stephenministries.org or call (314) 428-2600. Additional information about the Bridge Leader's Training Course is available at www.stephenministries.org/bridge.

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