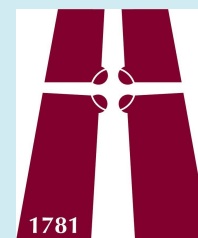


# Presbytery of Redstone eNews

## March 10, 2022



Please pray for...

### *District 1 Churches*

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

~~Union Presbyterian Church, Murrysville, Susan Washburn, Interim  
Pastor

### *District 2 Churches*

~~Derry Presbyterian Church, Marnie Russell, Covenant Pastor

~~First Presbyterian Church, Greensburg, Martin Ankrum, Pastor

### *District 3 Churches*

~~New Salem Presbyterian Church, Bill Wiegand, Commissioned  
Pastor

~~Calvin United Presbyterian Church, Scottdale, Doug Yauger,  
Commissioned Pastor

### *District 4 Churches*

~~Cresson Presbyterian Church, Alice Tondora, Pastor

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

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Join us in this call!

The Synod of the Trinity is joining forces with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to help support the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s humanitarian response to the war in Ukraine. **The Synod is pledging \$1,000 to the cause**, but we want to send more!

**The Synod will match up to \$24,000** more from any congregation or presbytery in our region that donates through our Presbyterian Mission Exchange giving platform.



Send funds to be matched by [clicking here](#). Use our "General Ministry & Mission Fund." *Include "Ukraine" in the notes section when donating. All administration fees will be covered by the Synod so your entire donation is sent to PDA.*

For more on PDA's response to the war in Ukraine, [click here](#).



Redstone Mission Team is sponsoring a Take-out-only Soup Sale on Saturday, March 19 at Congruity Church in New Alexandria. There will be vegetarian vegetable and chili (which will be gluten free) and chicken noodle (with or without onions), along with bread and cookies. The cost is \$5 for pints and \$8 for quarts. Checks may be made out to Mission Team Fund. Pick up is at the church from 12-3pm. Orders must be placed

by Sunday, March 13. To order, (see order form) please call Phyllis Frye at 724-468-3740 or Congruity Church at 724-668-7740. We thank you for your support as the proceeds will benefit the Redstone Mission Team going to West Virginia the end of April.

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## Conversations on Love in Action

March 19, 2022 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
State College Presbyterian Church, 132 W. Beaver Avenue, State College, PA 15801 - Also, on ZOOM



Have you ever thought about what God's love looks like in action? It looks like you. How you take part in actively making this world a better place. More specifically, it looks like the ways that you embody love by tangibly seeking God's justice for others. On March 19th, we will have the opportunity to speak with the Stated Clerk of the PCUSA, the Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, about how the broader church is seeking to make God's love and justice known in the world. He will be sharing his thoughts with us and taking time to ponder and answer our questions. Following this morning session and lunch together, we will break into facilitated conversations about embodied social justice issues facing our world today. You will be able to choose between conversations about racism, the LGBTQ+ community, and women. And if you are unable to be there in person, not to worry - you are still able to join in the conversation with the Stated Clerk in the morning and join in your own facilitated conversation in the afternoon. We hope you will join us as we begin to deepen our understanding of how God's love is simply in action!

**MASKS ARE REQUIRED.** Lunch is \$10 per person. Everyone is welcome.

This gathering is available in person and by ZOOM. To register for either opportunity, [click here.](#)

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After 3 postponements IT IS HAPPENING!

The pilgrimage to the Holy Land is a 'go' for October 15-27; seats are reserved on particular flights, hotels are being reserved, and we are excited!

We also have some seats to spare if anyone is interested in joining Jim Farrer (825-659-8151) and Norma Prina Murphy (412-427-7456) in this opportunity to study scripture where it happened and to walk where Jesus walked. Please prayerfully consider if God is calling you to this life and faith changing experience!

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## Women in the Woods Retreat April 1-2, 2022

It's back - the retreat you have been "pining" for at Pine Springs Camp! Join us as we gather for a weekend retreat and celebrate God's faithfulness during the past two years. We will explore some of the ways that we experienced God's presence and provision through our COVID journey through new activities, disciplines, hobbies and practices. You will be able to choose to participate in a variety of



seminars: creative, active, or contemplative. You can share your expertise or try something new! We will discuss how these things can be both good gifts and distractions for our faith journey.

### *Weekend Offerings:*

Active: Yoga, Hiking, Target Shooting  
Contemplative: Writing/Journaling, Books or Prayer Workshop  
Creative: Baking, Crafting, Gardening, Painting  
TRENDS: Puzzles, Board Games, Dalgona Coffee, Bingo Challenge

What a great way to meet new women, enjoy good food and fellowship and foster joy and gratitude to God for something new in our lives.

Bring a friend, your sister, your Bible Study or Book Club or come solo- we have plenty of room for old and new faces. Optional Saturday night sleepover: The retreat ends at 7 p.m. on Saturday evening. You can choose to stay over an additional night for \$25 and depart Sunday morning. [Click here](#) for more information and to register. Registration deadline is March 28, 2022.



### PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!

The 2021 Session Minutes and Church Register review dates have been set.

Tuesday, March 22, 2022 - 5:00 p.m. - Rehoboth Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon. This is prior to the Presbytery meeting being held there that evening beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 20, 2022 - 5:00 p.m. - Trinity United Presbyterian Church, Uniontown

Wednesday, May 11, 2022 - 5:00 p.m. - Redstone Presbytery Center, 1004 Mt. Pleasant Road, Greensburg

Tuesday, May 24, 2022 - 5:00 p.m. - First Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon - This will be prior to the Presbytery meeting being held that evening beginning at 6:00 p.m.

I am attaching the checklists for you to prepare for this review.

[Session Minutes Checklist](#)

[Church Register Checklist](#)

### DAY OF LEARNING PLANNED GIVING

Join the Presbyterian Foundation for a free, online Day of Learning with presentations and conversations about planned giving programs and best practices for your congregation. This learning opportunity will take place on March 29 and will feature the following presentations:

Good, Better, Best: Right-sized Planned Giving Program with Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelley, Ministry Relations Officer of the Allegheny and Chesapeake Region, and Karl Mattison, Vice President for Planned Giving Resources

Having the Talk and Making the Ask with Olanda Carr, Senior Ministry Relations Officer of the East Region, and Rev. Dr. Brandi Casto-Waters of Reed Memorial Presbyterian Church in Augusta, Georgia.

TIME: Tuesday, March 29

10:00am PT/1:00pm ET - Good, Better, Best: Right-sized Planned Giving Program

1:00pm PT/4:00pm ET - Having the Talk and Making the Ask

TO REGISTER: Visit [presbyterianfoundation.org/dolregistration](https://presbyterianfoundation.org/dolregistration)

If you can't attend live, please register and we will send you the recordings for both



sessions afterwards.

For more information, please email [serving@presbyterianfoundation.org](mailto:serving@presbyterianfoundation.org).

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### From Congregational Resistance to Resourcefulness Samaritan Clergy Workshops

Two Thursday Workshops: March 31st and April 7th

Churches have always resisted change, but it's become worse due to the pandemic and polarization, leading churches into steeper decline. Frustrated pastors are changing churches and leaving ministry. Some churches are being held hostage by dysfunctional lay leaders. Yet churches have to change if we're to stave off deep decline and congregational death.

Rooted in insights from individual, group, and family systems therapy, organizational psychology, spiritual formation, and 34 years of experience in turning around and growing churches and organizations, the Rev. Dr. Graham Standish will offer pragmatic guidance for church leaders on transforming resistance into resourceful change. [Click here](#) for more information and registration.

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The Redstone Presbytery Mission group is planning a trip to Summersville, WV, April 24th through the 30th. If you would be interested in being a part of this trip or need more information, please contact Phyllis Frye, [pfrye1234@windstream.net](mailto:pfrye1234@windstream.net).



CALLING ALL WOMEN - you are invited to the Presbyterian Women's Regional Gathering. Please find more information by [clicking here](#).

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