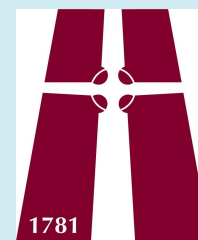


Presbytery of Redstone eNews

June 30, 2022



Please pray for...

District 1 Churches

~~Community United Presbyterian Church, New Alexandria, Leonard Morgan, Commissioned Pastor

~~Congruity Presbyterian Church, New Alexandria, Cliff Foster, 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

~~Leisenring Presbyterian Church, Anthony Marciano, Commissioned Pastor

~~First Presbyterian Church, Masontown, Eric Glisan, Commissioned Pastor

District 4 Churches

~~United Presbyterian Church, Bolivar, James Sunseri, Commissioned Pastor

~~Colver Presbyterian Church, Owar Ojulu, Pastor

The Presbytery Office will be closed on Monday, July 4, 2022 in observance of Independence Day. Normal office hours will resume on Tuesday, July 5, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.



REDSTONE CHURCHES UPCOMING EVENTS

- Third Tuesday each month - [Food and Fellowship](#) - First Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon
- [Blood Drives](#) - Third Presbyterian Church, Uniontown
- 7/28/2022 - [Beo String Quartet](#) - Latrobe Presbyterian Church

- 7/30/2022 - [Christmas in July Craft and Vendor Show](#) - First Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon
- 8/11/2022 - [Chatham Baroque](#) - Latrobe Presbyterian Church

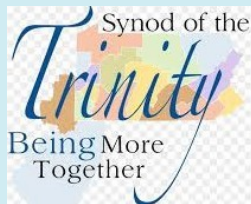
Click on each link listed above for more information on these events

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

View [schedule](#) for the churches in Redstone Presbytery



If you are planning a VBS for this summer, send your information to the [Presbytery office](#) to be included in this list.



Synod of the Trinity Begins Search for the Next Stated Clerk

With the retirement of Rev. Wayne Yost at the end of the year from the position of Stated Clerk of the Synod of the Trinity, we have begun the search for the next person who might serve in this way. Although a part time position, we know that the person fulfilling this role is important in ecclesiastical matters and in support of the ministry and mission of the Synod.

Below is a link to the position description.

<https://tinyurl.com/synodoftrinitystatedclerk>

Please consider who you might encourage to apply.

IRS INCREASES MILEAGE RATE FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2022

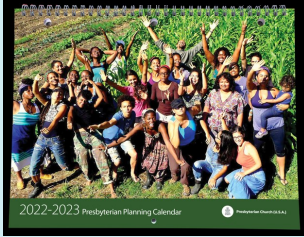
The Internal Revenue Service today announced an increase in the optional standard mileage rate for the final 6 months of 2022. Taxpayers may use the optional standard mileage rates to calculate the deductible costs of operating an automobile for business and certain other purposes.



For the final 6 months of 2022, the standard mileage rate for business travel will be 62.5 cents per mile, up 4 cents from the rate effective at the start of the year. The new rate for deductible medical or moving expenses (available for active-duty members of the military) will be 22 cents for the remainder of 2022, up 4 cents from the rate effective at the start of 2022. **These new rates become effective July 1, 2022.** The IRS provided legal guidance on the new rates in [Announcement 2022-13PDF](#), issued today.

In recognition of recent gasoline price increases, the IRS made this special adjustment for the final months of 2022. The IRS normally updates the mileage rates once a year in the fall for the next calendar year. For travel from January 1 through June 30, 2022, taxpayers should use the rates set forth in [Notice 2022-03PDF](#).

"The IRS is adjusting the standard mileage rates to better reflect the recent increase in fuel prices," said IRS Commissioner Chuck Rettig. "We are aware a number of unusual factors have come into play involving fuel costs, and we are taking this special step to help taxpayers, businesses and others who use this rate."



The Presbytery office will be doing a bulk order again this year for the 2022/2023 Presbyterian Planning Calendars. [Click here](#) to download the order form. The deadline for getting your orders in will be Thursday, August 4, 2022.

Is God calling you? If you are a Ruling Elder who God might be calling to preach or become more involved in pastoral service, Redstone Presbytery (along with Washington, Pittsburgh, Upper Ohio Valley, and Beaver-Butler) will be continuing our training program for the preparation of possible "Commissioned Ruling Elders" for the future. We are looking for elders interested in enrichment, education and training for possible preaching or commissioned pastoral service. New students may begin in the fall of 2022. The program is designed to be both classroom and hands-on experiences and you will receive training and mentorship that will help you grow as a leader in Christ's Church. If interested, please contact Skip Noftzger, [Executive Presbyter](#).



The 225th General Assembly is underway. The hybrid in-person and online format of the 225th General Assembly makes it easier than ever for Presbyterians to access committees and plenaries, which will be livestreamed via the [GA225 website](#).

PINE SPRINGS CAMP NEEDS YOUR HELP - Each Sunday, the PSC staff comes together for a time of fellowship, food, and encouragement as they gear up to welcome another group of enthusiastic campers for the week. Churches and individuals have graciously volunteered to provide the meals on Sundays to assist PSC in this rewarding ministry for camp staff. There are two Sundays still available to sponsor a meal - July 24, and August 7. There are about 55-60 people each Sunday. If your church or group might be interested in supporting the camp in this way, please email pinespringscamp@gmail.com or greg@pinesprings.org.



Alzheimer's and Dementia Family and Friends Support Group

Does your loved one have Alzheimer's or other dementia? Do you feel like others don't understand what you are going through? Would you like someone to talk to who is having a similar experience?

We are here to listen and support. Meetings are held the 4th Thursday of each month from 1:00 to 2:15 p.m. [Click here](#) for more information or to register.

PRESBYTERY FINANCIAL SECRETARY POSITION

Washington Presbytery is seeking an experienced bookkeeper for a variety of tasks described in the attachment [here](#). The position primarily involves work-from-home duties.





PEACE BREAKFAST FOR DINNER - On July 3rd at 7:00 p.m., the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship welcomes you to bring your breakfast and join them online for a conversation featuring keynote speaker Dr. Svitlana Romanko, a Ukrainian environmental lawyer. There will be learning, celebration, fellowship, a "Peace Trivia" contest, General Assembly updates, and inspiration from the keynote speaker and Peaceseeker Award recipients. [View additional details and register.](#)

Pittsburgh Prays---On July 10; 1:00-4:00 at Heinz Field, Christians around the city will gather to worship and pray for reconciliation and unity. To find out more and to register, go to pittsburghprays.com



FINDING WHOLENESS: RESOURCES FOR BEATING BURNOUT - July 14th from 2-3 p.m. Everyone feels pressure at work and the pandemic has been especially challenging for those serving in helping professions. However, if it seems like you're always stressed, exhausted, and low on motivation, it could be job-related burnout. This webinar, offered by the Board of Pensions, explores how burnout develops and factors that may be involved. In addition, participants will learn to recognize the signs of burnout, respond in productive ways, and make changes to head it off in the future. [Learn more and register.](#)

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Not only is the pilgrimage to the Holy Land a "go" for October 15-28 (note it is now 14 days!), we are expecting to have a few seminarians from Jerusalem Seminary join us, AND it is confirmed that Dr. Gerald McDermott, respected theologian and author of the book - "Why Israel Matters: Why Christians Must Think Differently about the People and the Land" - will definitely be joining us for a portion of the trip with his wife and granddaughter!



We still have some seats to spare if anyone is interested in joining Jim Farrer (814-629-5211) 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 faith and life changing experience! Click here for more [information](#) and [itinerary](#). (Pastors: Grant money may be available to you to help subsidize the cost of this from the Board of Pensions by taking it as half of a 4-week Sabbath-Sabbatical).



WEE KIRK IS COMING! October 10-12, 2022
More information will be available soon!

Amen to Action – Since 2017, "Amen to Action" has been packing meals for the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank. In 2021, the event was moved to ten different churches in the Pittsburgh region. Amen to Action will take place again this November (2022). To volunteer and participate, go to AmentoAction.org

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PRAYER RESOURCES FROM PRESBYTERIAN OUTLOOK - Kathleen Long Bostrom shares some lessons she's learned in her ministry on how to pray with others when they are sick, dying, or grieving. Bostrom writes, "The disciples asked Jesus, 'Lord, teach us to pray' (Luke 11:1), and we need to learn how to pray as well. It's not only those in church leadership who have opportunities to pray with people in time of need. The truth is, we learn to pray by praying." To read further words of counsel, [view the full article](#).

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