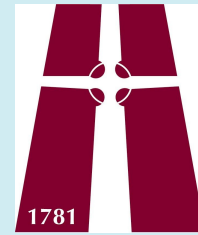


Presbytery of Redstone eNews

August 25, 2022



Please pray for...

District 1 Churches

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

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

District 2 Churches

~~First Presbyterian Church, Jeannette, Dawn Sherwood, Pastor

~~Latrobe Presbyterian Church, Derek Campbell, Pastor

District 3 Churches

~~Palmer Community Presbyterian Church, Adah, Laura Blank, Moderator

~~First Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon, Mary Kay Glunt, Pastor

District 4 Churches

~~Revloc Presbyterian Church, David O'Hara, Commissioned Pastor

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

Reflections on General Assembly 225
From Judy Carl, Elder, Ebensburg Presbyterian Church

General Assembly is the meeting held every two years by the Presbyterian Church USA (PCUSA) to conduct all the business of our denomination. It includes policy, financial business, and addressing issues in the world and in our congregations, presbyteries, and synods. I was nominated and appointed as a commissioner from the Redstone Presbytery. Every commissioner is assigned to a committee, and they consider resolutions from Presbyteries, Synods, and Committees of Presbyterian Mission Agency (PMA) and the Office of General Assembly (OGA).

In March, I learned that I was on the committee Addressing Violence in the USA. Before going to Louisville, I participated in training and read materials about the resolutions that we would tackle. Anxiety, fear, excitement, humility, sense of purpose, and strangely – joy and peace all raced through me. I began to view the world around me a little bit differently. Praying and discussing the issues surrounding violence in our country with friends and acquaintances helped to clarify them. Ebensburg Presbyterian Church and Redstone Presbytery were particularly supportive. They aided me as I considered, what does God want for us?

My husband and I drove to Louisville in June, and I attended the committee meetings for several days. Coming from a small church, our meetings are usually informal, so I had to get used to the very formal parliamentary procedure at GA. Participating in an in-person

meeting using computers for voting and communicating and having all of it live-streamed was a new experience. We had worship at the beginning and prayer at the end of each meeting and it really helped us focus.

The full General Assembly met on Zoom from July 5-9 to consider and vote on resolutions from the nineteen committees of GA 225. Imagine several hundred commissioners and advisory delegates trying to discuss points, make motions and vote in zoom sessions that started with worship at 10 AM and plenary sessions that went on till after 11 PM several days. If you want to see information about the resolutions passed and what else was happening at GA, check out the link: [Homepage-225th General Assembly](#)

The daily worship services streamed online are particularly inspiring, terrific music and messages each day.

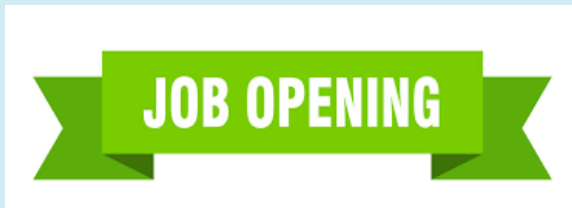
As the Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, II, Stated lerk of the PCUSA, said, "Stop worrying and put your mind on the work. God will take care of you, God will take care of us, and God will take care of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Dare to be different, dare to struggle, and yes, dare to believe that all we go through, there's still a God who never fails, who never forsakes, who never leaves us alone."



REDSTONE CHURCHES UPCOMING EVENTS

- Third Tuesday each month - [Food and Fellowship](#) - First Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon
 - Wednesdays - [AA Meetings](#) - Union Presbyterian Church, Murrysville
 - [Blood Drives](#) - Third Presbyterian Church, Uniontown
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- 8/27/2022 - ["Lap the Church"](#) - New Salem Presbyterian Church
 - 9/9-10/2022 - [Fall Rummage Sale](#) - Union Presbyterian Church, Murrysville

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



Puckety Presbyterian Church, Lower Burrell is looking for a Music Ministry Specialist to provide organ and/or piano and/or keyboard music for weekly & occasional services.

Time & Compensation: \$23/hr. *Average* of 7 hours/wk. Paid bi-weekly (*see below*)

Responsibilities:

- The Music Ministry Specialist (after MMS) is responsible for providing the music at the worship services held on Sunday mornings, and some other additional services (please inquire in full position description)
- The MMS should be prepared to play music that is a blend of various types (traditional, modern, contemporary).
- The MMS shall be available for midweek Choir rehearsals (typically Thursdays from 6:30 to 7:45 pm from early Sept. to mid-May) to help with vocal parts and accompany choir for worship services.

Compensation: Starting salary of \$8,200/yr. (*average* of 7 hrs./week - includes personal practice time at whatever location the candidate prefers):

For "Sunday only" weeks (no choir) - \$150/week

For "Choir rehearsal + Sunday" weeks - \$185/week

Paid bi-weekly through Direct Deposit

Submit inquiries and resumes to: kelly@pucketychurch.org

Call 724-339-1323 for more information.

Pastor's Participation Medical Dues Increasing for 2023
Effective January 1, 2023, medical dues will increase 2%, from 27%

to 29%. As a result, total dues for the benefits package will be 39%, up from 37%. Directors raised the cap on the maximum annual dues amount by \$1,500, from \$33,500 to \$35,000, and on the minimum annual dues amount by \$500, from \$11,000 to \$11,500.



THE BOARD OF PENSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

The Board of Pensions and Fidelity Offer Virtual Presentation

What are the top things to do before you retire? Ask Fidelity! Join Fidelity Workplace Financial Consultant Dan McCarthy for a 30-minute, interactive, virtual presentation on important things to consider — before you retire — that may impact or influence your financial decisions. [Click here](#) for more information on how to register for this event.



Why We Need A New Kind of (Rural) Church Webinar

Small towns were once at the heart of North American life, and churches were at the heart of small towns. However, massive cultural shifts are changing rural life. This webinar will help you understand how small towns have changed and introduce you to a new approach for rural congregations. This webinar is free and perfect for church leaders longing to reach new people. You can participate live, call in or watch on-demand.

Meet your guides.

- Michael Beck is Director of Re-Missioning for Fresh Expressions US. He co-pastors a rural church in Florida and serves in a number of denominational roles for the Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church. He is the author of multiple books including *Deep Roots*, *Wild Branches* and *Contextual Intelligence*.
- Tyler Kleeberger is an appointed clergy for The Farmhouse in rural Metamora, OH of the West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church. The Farmhouse, as a new church start, comes out of this vision to reimagine the church in the hopes of reimagining its rural community

September 6, 2022 01:00 PM - [Click here to register.](#)

Inter-Presbytery Leadership Formation (IPLF) Workshops

The IPLF workshops have begun for the Fall of 2022.

Workshops that will be offered are:



- Preaching the Psalms - Rev. Dr. Jerome Creach, Instructor, Saturday, September 10, 2022
- Preaching Lab - Rev. Dr. Doug Rehberg, Instructor, Saturday, October 8, 2022
- Creative Celebrations of the Sacraments - Rev. Laura Blank, Instructor, Saturday, November 12, 2022
- Leading as a Small Church Moderator - Rev. Dr. Brenda Barnes, Instructor, Saturday, December 10, 2022

All workshops ([click here for full descriptions of workshops](#)) are FREE and will be hybrid offerings by ZOOM and in person from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Redstone Presbytery Center, 1004 Mt. Pleasant Road, Greensburg, PA 15601. To register contact Bobbie Martin at Redstone Presbytery, 724.837.6737, secretary@redstonepresbytery.org.

Mark your calendars: Sunday, Sept. 18, is Synod Sunday!

On Sept. 18, we invite the congregations and presbyteries in the Synod of the Trinity region to celebrate the gifts and blessings that take place in our bounds throughout the year.

The Synod works hand-in-hand with the ministry and mission of



our presbyteries as they seek to support the witness of congregations, to the end that the church throughout its region becomes a community of faith, hope, love and witness.

Please use these BULLETIN INSERTS to help tell our story and celebrate the good news that is occurring in our region! COLOR INSERT - B&W INSERT

PneuMatrix' webinar, "Part Time is Plenty," which actually addresses more than just part-time pastoring. It will explore many different creative options for small, struggling congregations.



This webinar is scheduled for Thursday, September 22, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

Here is the link, both for details and registration.

<https://chchurches.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/PART-TIME-IS-PLENTY-registration-flyer.pdf>

Ellie Davis from Pine Springs Camp is inviting women in Redstone Presbytery to attend the Women in the Woods Retreat from Sept.30-Oct. 1.



Attached are the brochure, bulletin insert, and poster to inform the women in your congregation of this event.



World Communion Sunday Bulletin Insert Being Offered

We have had a partnership with the South Sudan Evangelical Presbyterian Church since 2004. In anticipation of World Communion Sunday on October 2, 2022, and in connection with our brothers and

sisters in the Sudan, we will be making available a bulletin insert sometime mid to late September, for your use in your worship service. When the insert has been completed we will be sure to get it out to everyone so you can plan to include this insert in your bulletins on that day.

Redstone Mission Team has scheduled a trip to Hampdon, WV (southwestern WV, near the Kentucky border) the week of October 23-29, 2022. Cost per volunteer is \$150. If interested, contact Phyllis Frye at pfrye1234@windstream.net



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 your 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.

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, got to AmentoAction.org

Amen TO ACTION



Rev. John Morrow has books he would like to see go to a good home. They include: Interpreter's Bible (12 volume set), Biblical Review (back issues), and Biblical Archaeological Review. If you are interested in any/all of these books, please contact Rev. John Morrow at 724.547.3042, or email johnmorow@zoominternet.net.

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