

Presbytery of Redstone eNews

September 8, 2022



Please pray for...

District 1 Churches

~~Delmont Presbyterian Church, Anthony Catullo, Interim Pastor
~~Grace Community Presbyterian Church, Doug Marshall, Interim Pastor

District 2 Churches

~~New Hope Presbyterian Church, North Huntingdon, Brenda Barnes, Pastor
~~Level Green Presbyterian Church, Trafford, Geoff Rach, Pastor

District 3 Churches

~~Rehoboth Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon, Donald Glunt, Pastor
~~Calvin Presbyterian Church, Brownsville, Kristen Emrick, Covenant Pastor

District 4 Churches

~~Ebensburg Presbyterian Church, Owar Ojulu, Pastor
~~Bethany Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, Denise Todero, Commissioned Pastor

My reflections on GA 2022
Dawn Sherwood, Ruling Elder Commissioner

The 225th General Assembly was the second time for which I was nominated to be a GA Commissioner. Quite frankly, after serving as Commissioner for the 224th General Assembly in 2020, where we tabled much of the business for 2022, I had hoped to have the opportunity to actually vote on some of that business.

The training and videos that we watched ahead of time gave us an idea of what this GA would deem important. As I watched the Advocacy groups' reports, I realized that the work that we Commissioners will do during GA was only a fragment of the work done ahead of time.

I was delegated to be on the Finance Resource Committee. Unlike the other committees, we did not meet ahead of time, so much of our work included getting to know each other on the spot. The only person I had met over Zoom ahead of time was my fellow Worship leader, a Teaching Elder from South Carolina. We carried the overall theme of GA: From Lament to Hope, into the worship which began each session.

Our committee word smithed amendments and comments for the items that came before us that did not quite come within the bounds of parliamentary rule. Although, we debated

several items, we all showed respect for one another and the work at hand.

One takeaway that I hope we may bring to future debating within the church and out, is the concept of Equity Primes. Before voting on difficult subject matter, we considered what was right based on the group or demographic the decision was affecting, then we prayed. Equity prime may be the way for those in declining congregations to reach younger generations. This was a wonderful and powerful experience.



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

- 9/9-10/2022 - [Fall Rummage Sale](#) - Union Presbyterian Church, Murrysville
- 9/23-24/2022 - [Yard Sale](#) - Third Presbyterian Church, Uniontown
- 10/7/22 - [Fall Festival](#) - United Presbyterian Church, New Alexandria

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

Application forms for persons who wish to be considered for appointment by GA Co-Moderators, Rev. Ruth Faith Santana-Grace and the Rev. Shavon Starling-Louis, to the special entities – special committees, commission, task force, development team, and implementation team –

1. 2020 Guiding Statement Implementation Team (2022)
2. Commission to Unify the Office of the General Assembly and the Presbyterian Mission Agency (2022) (225GA Commissioners and YAADS encouraged to apply; must be ruling elder or teaching elder)
3. Funding Model Development Team (2022) - (225GA Commissioners, TSADs, YAADs encouraged to apply)
4. Special Committee on the PCUSA and Race (2022)
5. Special Committee to Revise the Standing Rules (2022) - (224GA and 225GA Commissioners and 225GA TSADs and YAADs encouraged to apply)
6. Special Committee to Write a New Confession - (2022) - (must be ruling elder or teaching elder)
7. Task Force to Explore the Theology and Practice of Ordination - (2022)



created by the Assembly this summer are now available at [the GA nominations portal here](#).

Only those who have completed and submitted an application form and for whom we have received reference forms can be considered for appointment by the Co-Moderators. The deadline for submission of applications for Special Entities is October 14, 2022.



Interested in connecting with Addictions Ministry, Racial Justice and Reconciliation, Missions? We have a network for you. Contact the Presbytery office if you would like more information on becoming a part of any of our networks.

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.



Inter-Presbytery Leadership Formation (IPLF) Workshops

The IPLF workshops have begun for the Fall of 2022.

Workshops that will be offered are:

- 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 Shaffor 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](#)



Join the Presbytery and the Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church for the installation service for the Rev. Travis Webster, Associate Pastor, on Sunday, September 25, 2022 at 3:00

p.m.

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.

World Mission Initiative of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary is dedicated to developing mission vision, nurturing missionary vocations, and cultivating missional congregations by equipping mission leaders to engage faithfully and effectively in God's intercultural mission. WMI offers opportunities and resources to serve congregations and students. This year's World Mission Initiative Conference - Missional Leadership in a Time of Disruption - will be held October 7-8, 2022. [Click here for more information.](#)



WEE KIRK IS COMING! October 10-12, 2022

The Northeast Pennsylvania region covers the lower Northeast states including Pennsylvania, Upstate New York, West Virginia, and Maryland. Established in 1991, the Northeast Pennsylvania Conference meets over three days in October. Community and radical hospitality are hallmarks of this conference, as well

as an outstanding bookstore.

We partner with Hearts and Minds Bookstore to provide access to the writings of many of our speakers. Unfortunately, they will not have a full bookstore presence at our conference this year, but Byron will be available for Zoom conversations on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

To learn more or to register, [click here](#).

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



Amen TO ACTION

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

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