

Presbytery of Redstone eNews

October 6, 2022



Please pray for...

District 1 Churches

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

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

District 2 Churches

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

~~Maplewood Presbyterian Church, Greensburg, Steve LaSor, Pastor

District 3 Churches

~~Laurel Hill Presbyterian Church, Dunbar, Bill Weightman, Commissioned Pastor

~~First Presbyterian Church, Fairchance, Lee McDermott, Moderator

District 4 Churches

~~Bethel Presbyterian Church, New Florence, James Sunseri, Commissioned Pastor

~~Trinity Presbyterian Church, New Florence, Rick Sweeney, Covenant Pastor

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
- [How to Age with Grace](#) - New Hope Presbyterian Church, North Huntingdon



- [10/7/22 - Fall Festival](#) - United Presbyterian Church, New Alexandria
- [10/9/22 - Blessing of the Pets](#) - First Presbyterian Church, Jeannette
- [10/9/22 - Blessing of the Pets](#) - New Hope Presbyterian Church, North Huntingdon
- [10/10/22 - Apple Pie Sale](#) - First Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon
- [10/29/22 - "Trunk or Treat"](#) - Puckety Presbyterian Church, Lower Burrell

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



Last week in the congregation where I worshipped and preached, as part of their liturgy, the congregation recited the familiar prayer, *“Day by day, dear Lord, of Thee, three things we pray, to see Thee more clearly, love Thee more dearly, follow Thee more nearly, day by day.”* Like me, I am sure that it conjures up the tune from Godspell as I hear it in my head even as I write these words.

Three simple petitions. Three ways of invoking God’s presence and power that we might focus upon our central purpose, that greatest of commandments. As the people of God, we are called to respond to our God in ways that are tangible, “day by day.” Any grace-initiated response, whether “seeing,” “loving” or “following,” will be an expression of faith where we live out our very dependence upon our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

It made me wonder what it might to “see” God more clearly. Most times, I have convinced myself that I am going through life seeing with clarity not only myself and others, but the world around us. Yet, time and again, I can find myself surprised when someone or something turns out not to be what I “saw.” With the human tendency (sin) to rationalize all sorts of things, I have no doubt that in spite of God’s desire to reveal clearly, who and what I have “seen” may be clouded as much by my own desires and effects of others and the world around me. So, the basic petition, “to see Thee more clearly” becomes not only a daily necessity, but a prerequisite for faithful thinking and living.

To see our God more clearly..... What might be the effect of the answer to that sincere petition? Where would I notice God’s presence in and among all those areas that I take for granted? How might it alter how I understand myself and others? What impact would it have upon not only the purposes of my life, but the means by which I live “day by day?” Even more, if we share in this prayer together, will we expect to see God more clearly in God’s calling us to both in identity and in action. Are we willing to be open to see God more clearly in our congregations, in our communities, in our presbytery? I don’t always presume to know what that will mean, but I do know that any vision for ourselves, for our churches, for our presbytery that is worth having necessitates prayer. And the prayer which I hope we join together is one offered day by day, that we may see our God more clearly. Amen.

Interested in connecting with Addictions Ministry (at the call of the chair), Racial Justice and Reconciliation (1st Wednesday each month at 4:00 p.m. via zoom), Mission (2nd Tuesday each month at 11:00 a.m.), Healing Prayer Ministry (1st Thursday each month from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.)? We have a network for you. Most networks meet at the Presbytery office and are also available via zoom video conferencing. Contact the Presbytery office if you would like more information on becoming a part of any of our networks.



Employer Agreement Deadline October 7, 2022

The Board of Pensions requires that every employer who offers benefits through the Benefits Plan of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) submit an Employer Agreement. This agreement documents the benefits an employer offers its employees each year. Your Employer Agreement is available on Benefits Connect until October 7. **This is your annual opportunity to review and select the benefits you'll offer employees beginning in 2023.**

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Responding to Hurricane Ian

PDA is working with affected presbyteries and international partners to assess the aftermath of Hurricane Ian and offer resources and support. Emergency grants have been disbursed and National Response Team members are deployed. As people of faith, we stand ready to partner with presbyteries, congregations and communities to meet the immediate and long-term needs.



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To support this response, designate gifts to [DR000194](#)



Join the Presbytery and the Westminster Presbyterian Church for the installation service for the Rev.

Jennifer Frayer-Griggs, Pastor, on Sunday, October 16, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

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



Inter-Presbytery Leadership Formation (IPLF) Workshops

The IPLF workshops have begun for the Fall of 2022.

Workshops that will be offered are:

- 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.

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

Hugh Thomson Kerr Chair in Pastoral Theology Lecture - The Good Enough Pastor? Reimagining Pastoral Excellence for a Post-Pandemic Church

L. Roger Owens

Oct. 25, 2022, 4:30 p.m. ET

Online and In person

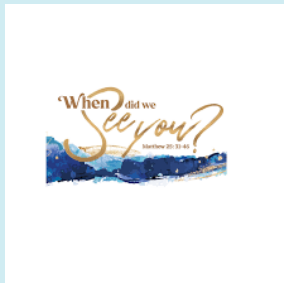
Pittsburgh Theological Seminary invites you to an installation



lecture Oct. 25, 2022, at 4:30 p.m. in Hicks Chapel. The Rev. Dr. L. Roger Owens, professor of Christian spirituality and ministry, will present the Hugh Thomson Kerr Chair in Pastoral Theology Lecture—"The Good Enough Pastor? Reimagining Pastoral Excellence for a Post-Pandemic Church"—ahead of his installation to this chair Nov. 8, 2022. This event will be in-person and online. A reception will follow the lecture. Please RSVP.
Learn

more: https://www.pts.edu/Roger_Owens_Installation_Lecture

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.



The Office of Presbyterian Youth and Triennium is excited to announce "When Did We See You?" Event Support Grants! We are reaching out to Mid Council leadership about this opportunity directly since you all know how youth ministry works in your areas.

Selected applicants will receive \$1000 to be used toward a "When Did We See You?" event.

Preference will be given to applicants who:

1. prioritize diversity, equity, and inclusion.
2. use these funds to provide scholarships for attendees in need.
3. use the new [PYT Connect resources](#) as part of their event programming.

The full grant guidelines document, including the link to apply, is attached as a PDF (in English and Spanish). You can also download it here: www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/when-did-we-see-you-event-grant-guidelines

The application deadline is November 11, 2022. Please note, your event only needs to be in the planning stage in order to apply. We know this is a quick turnaround, but there are Pentecost Offering funds available and we want YOUR kiddos to benefit.

For questions about deadlines and grant administration please contact the grant administrator, Yesenia Ayala, at Yesenia.Ayala@pcusa.org or 800-728-7228 ext. 5097.

For questions about "When Did We See You?" events, please contact Heather Leoncini, Mission Specialist for the Office of Presbyterian Youth and Triennium, at Heather.Leoncini@pcusa.org or 800-728-7228 ext. 5460.

Pastor Doug Marshall from Grace Community Presbyterian Church will be leading a Holy Land Pilgrimage in April 2023. [Click here for more information.](#)



Seeking: Organist/Pianist/Choir Director for the First Presbyterian Church of Monongahela, 609 Chess Street, Monongahela PA 15063.

Inquires concerning the position may be made through mfpc@verizon.net or 724-258-8300.

We request a cover letter, resume, and audition video.

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