

Presbytery of Redstone eNews

December 1, 2022



Please pray for...

District 1 Churches

- ~~Poke Run Presbyterian Church, Apollo, Pete Goetschius, Pastor
- ~~First Presbyterian Church, Avonmore, Ed Gray, Moderator

District 2 Churches

- ~~First Presbyterian Church, Greensburg, Martin Ankrum, Pastor
- ~~Maplewood Presbyterian Church, Greensburg, Steve LaSor, Pastor

District 3 Churches

- ~~Tent Presbyterian Church, Uniontown, Jeff Smith, Commissioned Pastor
- ~~Third Presbyterian Church, Uniontown, Molly Hall, Moderator

District 4 Churches

- ~~Trinity Presbyterian Church, New Florence, Rick Sweeney, Covenant Pastor
- ~~Patton Presbyterian Church, Alice Tondora, Pastor

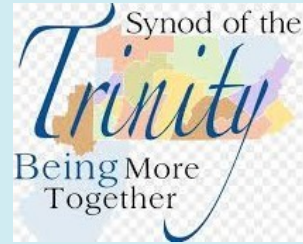
REDSTONE CHURCHES UPCOMING EVENTS



- 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
- Second Wednesday each month - October through May - [Soup for the Soul](#) - Poke Run Presbyterian Church, Apollo
- First and Third Tuesday each month - [BOUNTIFUL BLESSINGS](#) - North Huntingdon, New Hope - 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Biweekly Tuesdays - [Masontown Community Kitchen](#) - 4 to 5:30 p.m.

- 12/2-4/2022 - [Festival of the Nativity](#) - First Presbyterian Church, Johnstown
- 12/16/2022 - [Live Nativity](#) - Level Green Presbyterian Church, Trafford
- 12/17-18/2022 - ["Amahl and the Night Visitors"](#) - Trinity United Presbyterian Church, Uniontown
- 12/21/2022 - [The Longest Night, A Blue Christmas Service](#) - Union Presbyterian Church, Murrysville

NEWS FROM THE SYNOD OF THE TRINITY



Synod Executive, Forrest Claassen, has recorded his Executive's Report from the Synod Assembly and it is available on the [Synod's YouTube channel here](#). You are welcome to share this video of his reflections from year 1 with your region as you see fit.

Mike Givler, Communications Coordinator
Synod of the Trinity

The NSGP gives faith-based and nonprofit organizations, including churches, an opportunity to apply for resources to help them prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from terrorist attacks.

There have been PCUSA congregations (out of hundreds of applicants) that have successfully secured NSGP funds to make their facilities more secure.

Here are several examples of projects the NSGP funds:

- Surveillance equipment
- Physical protective measures such as fences, blast-proof windows, and concrete barriers
- Active Shooter Training
- Security Training for employees, or members/congregation

We urge you and your congregations to attend one of upcoming webinars hosted by FEMA and its Center for Faith-based & Neighborhood Partnerships. (Each webinar will present the same content.) The webinars will introduce the grant program and the application process.

You must register in advance.

When: December 8, 2022

Time: 03:00 PM ET (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://fema.connectsolutions.com/ehnjunvdpexp/event/registration.html>

When: December 13, 2022

Time: 03:00 PM ET (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://fema.connectsolutions.com/e51cutauazfn/event/registration.html>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the Adobe Connect meeting. Please check both junk/spam as some email filters may redirect the attendance confirmation email.

As always, should you have any questions or wish to discuss a potential grant application, do not hesitate to reach out to Elizabeth Connelly, econnelly@syntrinity.org.



PTS HOLIDAY JAM SESSION - On December 3, 2022 from 3:00 – 5:00 pm, there will be a Clergy Holiday Jam Session at the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary Knox Room. Come and hear some of our talented clergy, featuring Rev. Dr. Harry Cooper, Rev. Dr. Sheldon Sorge, and Rev. Dr. Asa Lee. Homemade holiday sweets will also be for sale. Please plan to attend and support the Caucus by making a year end tax deductible contribution to the National Black Presbyterian Caucus. [Read more.](#)

Inter-Presbytery Leadership Formation (IPLF) Workshops

The IPLF will be offering the last workshop for the Fall of 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.

Workshops will begin again in January of 2023. Information on those workshops will be forwarded as they become available.



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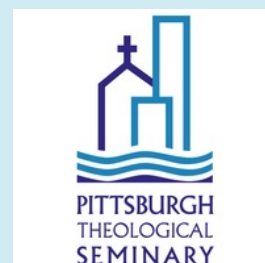
Send Resumes to The United Presbyterian Church of New Kensington, 601 Fifth Avenue, New Kensington, PA 15068-6508 Attn: Personnel Committee

'KEEP GOING' 2023 COLLEGE CONFERENCE - A special gathering for young adults and students on Jan. 2-5, 2023. What do you do when life becomes too much? Where do you find motivation? How do you make it all work? At the 2023 College Conference at Montreat, you will be encouraged to find what inspires you and be reminded that God is always by your side to help you KEEP GOING. [Registration is now open!](#)



REGISTRATION OPEN FOR APCE HYBRID ANNUAL EVENT - Unforced Rhythms of Grace, January 25-28, 2023, in Birmingham, Alabama. Join the Association of Partners in Christian Education for this opportunity to learn, connect, and renew. The event will be hybrid, offering both in person and online opportunities. Scholarships for the online option are still available. Click here to [Learn more!](#)

On January 30, 2023, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary is launching a 16-month, hybrid training and skill development program in mission leadership for the Mission or Justice Committee members, women's leaders, deacons or youth leaders, mission pastor or director in local congregations who desire to connect their church with what God is doing in the neighborhood and the world. The program is called the Graduate Certificate in Missional Leadership and includes:



- * An on-campus gathering retreat to build community and strengthen cohort members' connections and networking skills;
- * Four courses (Introduction to Missional Leadership, Leading

Congregations in Mission, an experience-based course on leading mission trips and one elective of the participant's choice). Three courses are online; the mission trip course requires six days on campus and participation in a seminary-planned mission trip; and, * Monthly online cohort roundtable gatherings with other mission leaders.

More information can be found here <<https://www.pts.edu/certificate-missional-leadership>>.

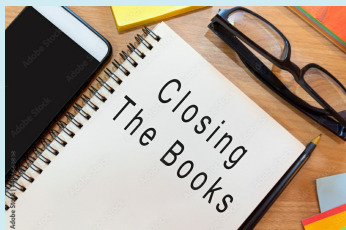


Christian Associates of Southwest PA Seeking Interfaith Research Associate

The ideal candidate for this position would be an underemployed clergy person: a bright, self-motivated, personable individual interested in spending 10-20 hours/week for the next six months or so conducting some interviews and helping analyze the results. [Click here](#) for more information.

Presbytery Holiday Office Hours

During the week of December 19-21, the Presbytery staff will be working remotely. The Presbytery office will be closed beginning Thursday, December 22, 2022 through Monday, January 2, 2023 for the Christmas and New Year holidays. Normal business hours - Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. will resume on Tuesday, January 3, 2023. The Presbytery staff would like to wish you all a very blessed Christmas and a joyous New Year!!



The Presbytery bookkeeper will be closing the books for 2022 on Monday, January 9, 2023. Please send any remaining 2022 remittances, along with any special offerings prior to that date. Any monies received after that date will be recorded in the financial records for 2023. Thank you!

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