

# Presbytery of Redstone eNews

## January 5, 2023



Please pray for...

### District 1 Churches

~~Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church, Murrysville, Curtis Paul, Pastor;  
Travis Webster, Associate Pastor

~~Union Presbyterian Church, Murrysville, Lynn Mance,  
Commissioned Pastor

### District 2 Churches

~~Latrobe Presbyterian Church, Derek Campbell, Pastor

~~United Presbyterian Church, Latrobe, John Simpson, Interim  
Pastor

### District 3 Churches

~~Harmony Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon, Glenn Hart,  
Commissioned Pastor

~~Rehoboth Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon, Donald Glunt, Pastor

### District 4 Churches

~~Ebensburg Presbyterian Church, Owar Ojulu, Pastor

~~Bethany Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, Denise Todero,  
Commissioned Pastor

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## REDSTONE CHURCHES UPCOMING EVENTS

- Third Tuesday each month - [Food and Fellowship](#) - First Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon
- Wednesdays - [AA Meetings](#) - Union Presbyterian Church, Murrysville
- 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.



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

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As we venture into 2023, I want to make you aware of an important opportunity for your session and congregational leadership. As leaders of



congregations where people gather not only for worship but other ministries in public settings, we desire to serve our God through preparation for all possible situations. Consequently, we want to offer you resources to prepare to respond in the event of a possible a violent critical incident

In the month of February and early March, the Committee on Ministry of the Presbytery of Redstone will be offering an introductory training for emergency preparedness and safety measures in houses of worship. Using the ALICE(Alert, Inform, Lockdown, Counter, Evacuate) model.

This program has been the leading resource for schools and houses of worship, Rev. Ed Gray will be facilitating this workshop. Rev. Gray (First Presbyterian Murrysville) has experience both in the ministry and law enforcement and is certified to offer the ALICE training within our presbytery. Both thinking through the responsibilities of preparing for safety and engaging in table-top exercises will be part of the training for a team (3-4) from your congregational leadership.

The workshop will be available in various locations around the Presbytery on the following dates/times. Members of your team might include someone responsible for the worship service, ministry programming, buildings and grounds communications and the pastor. You may choose from any one of these locations with their respective dates, but please RSVP to the Presbytery office.

February 4; 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon—Congruity Presbyterian Church, New Alexandria

February 18; 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon—Latrobe Presbyterian Church, Latrobe

February 25; 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon—Pleasant View Presbyterian Church, Smock

March 4; 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon—Westmont Presbyterian Church, Johnstown

Please let us know who from your team will be participating and in which location.

Rev. Skip Noftzger  
Executive Presbyter/Stated Clerk

Assistant Treasurer, Part-Time @ 8 to 10 Hours per Week.

Accounting Experience/Education Required. Maintain Financial Records; AP; Deposit and Post Monies; Do PR, PR Taxes, Bookkeeping, and Record Keeping.



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

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The Community United Presbyterian Church, located at 1640 Keystone Park Rd, New Alexandria, PA 15670, is seeking applicants for a part-time Church Secretary position.

Duties include (but not limited to) creating the weekly bulletin, creating the monthly newsletter, checking email, answering the phone, and taking messages from the answering machine. This job requires knowledge of Microsoft Word, Excel, listening skills, ability to maintain confidentiality and enjoys interacting with people. Hours are flexible but should be consistent. Pay is competitive.

If you are interested in being a part of a positive, family-oriented work environment, please submit a cover letter and resume to Pastor Len Morgan via email at [Elbie3@aol.com](mailto:Elbie3@aol.com) or send it to Community United Presbyterian Church,

Church Website:

<https://www.thecommunitypresbyterianchurch.yolasite.com>

Church Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/CommunityUnitedPresbyterianChurch>



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>>.



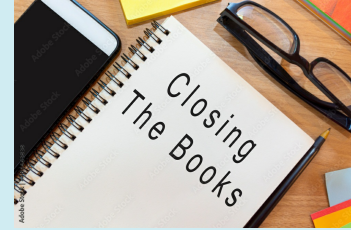
### Employment Opportunities Outside of Redstone

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.

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SEEKING PART-TIME MUSICIANS - First Presbyterian Church 1793 of Washington, PA is seeking a part-time musician or musicians to lead worship and music. Our talented, fun group of musicians who read well are looking for an applicant or applicants to fulfill part-time openings for these duties: Organist, Chancel Choir Director, Youth Choir Director, and Bell Choir Director. Inquiries may be made through [fpcwash@comcast.net](mailto:fpcwash@comcast.net). Cover letter, resume, and references are requested. Employment could begin as early as January 2023."

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!



On February 11, 2023, the Presbytery Enrichment Day program will be held at Westmont Presbyterian Church, Johnstown.

Clerk of Session Review of 2022 and Session minutes will precede the workshops.

Below are the workshop topics:

1. Jim Farrer and Friends - Picture Tour of the Holy Land
2. Skip Nofztger Jr. - Training for Elders and Deacons
3. Carole Corey - Dealing with Conflicts Creatively and Biblically
4. Hyiwot Teshome - Introduction and Life Story
5. Jim Sunseri - How the Church Can Thrive in Tough Times
6. Owar Ojulu - Discipleship

More information will be shared when times, etc. are finalized.

The PC(USA) statistical site is now open for you to post your 2022 church stats. This process must be completed online only. You will use your same login and password from last year. If you need to obtain this information, please contact the presbytery office. Reporting will remain open until February 14, 2023, but we encourage you to complete this process as soon as possible. You can [access the log-in page here](#).



PC(USA) also provides a very [helpful FAQ](#) for the reporting process.

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