

# Presbytery of Redstone eNews

## January 12, 2023



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*

~~Reunion Presbyterian Church, Mt. Pleasant, Russ Baird, Commissioned Pastor

~~New Hope Presbyterian Church, North Huntingdon, Brenda Barnes, Pastor

### *District 3 Churches*

~~Marion Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon, Robert Prinkey, Commissioned Pastor

~~Calvin Presbyterian Church, Brownsville, Kristen Emrick, Covenant Pastor

### *District 4 Churches*

~~First Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, Hyiwot Teshome, Pastor

~~Second Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, Art Moffat, Temporary Supply

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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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## A "New" Year A "New" Time

Each year with the turning of the calendar we are tempted to believe and act as if we can move into the new space of a new year where resolutions become commitments; where dreams become expectations; and where the opportunity to begin anew becomes ours.

Recently I was reading the book by James K.A. Smith entitled "How to Inhabit Time: Understanding the Past Facing the Future Living Faithfully Now." While the philosophical perspective might prove slow going in the reading, yet the fundamental question raised is one by which we are well served; "When are we?"

Time serves as more than merely demarking our place in history or linking us to a past or a future. Smith raises the questions about how we "inhabit" time. In his reflections, he calls us into a life of contemplation and rumination. Within that time (and space), we might consider "when are we?" The answer to that question permits us to see God's work and mission not only in history, but in our present time and space. Our God is interested and engaged in the particulars of our lives and the ministries and opportunities of the congregations that God has created, nurtured, and supports.

So, as we enter into this new year, let us reflect upon that question..."when are we?" And in so doing, we pray that God's Spirit might bring us to understand God's work not so much based upon our own actions, but in response to the grace and intervention of our God. That same God, who in Jesus Christ incarnation we celebrated at Christmas and in the Pentecostal power and presence of the Spirit, entered into time among us, and with us and for us. And as we observe our "when," we will know that One who promised to be with us always is here in this space, in this time. May it be so. Amen.

Rev. Skip Noftzger  
Executive Presbyter/Stated Clerk



The Rev. Hyiwot Teshome will be installed as the Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, on Sunday, January 29, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. Please join the Presbytery in welcoming Rev. Teshome to the

First Presbyterian Church family.

The 2022 Session Minutes and Register Review Dates have been set for:

- Saturday, February 11, 2023 - 10:15 a.m. - Westmont Presbyterian Church, Johnstown (preceding Enrichment Day Event)
- Tuesday, March 23, 2023 - 5:00 p.m. - West Hempfield Presbyterian Church, Irwin (preceding Presbytery meeting)
- Tuesday, April 18, 2023 - 6:00 p.m. - Redstone Presbytery Center
- Tuesday, May 9, 2023 - 6:00 p.m. - Trinity United Presbyterian Church, Uniontown



- Tuesday, May 23, 2023 - 5:00 p.m. - Ebensburg Presbyterian Church (preceding Presbytery meeting)



Pastor and Elder Training Workshops  
Presented by Inter-Presbytery Leadership  
Formation (IPLF)

Workshops are again being offered for the Spring of 2023. Workshops include:

- Evangelism and Church Growth - January 21, 2023 - Rev. Jim Farrer, Instructor
- Forming Spiritual Leadership in Elders - February 11, 2023 - Rev. Don Coleman, Instructor
- Listening: Key to Healthy Church Leadership - March 11, 2023 - Rev. Dr. Susan Vande Kappelle, Instructor
- Disability, Healing, and the Scriptures - April 15, 2023 - Dr. Daniel Frayer-Griggs, Instructor
- After the Commission: Reflections on IPLF and Pastoral Service - May 13, 2023 - Panel of Former IPLF Students and CP's, Instructors

All workshops are from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; are FREE; and will be offered in person at the Redstone Presbytery office along with an online option via ZOOM. To register for any of these workshops, please contact Bobbie Shaffor at Redstone Presbytery at 724.837.6737 or [secretary@redstonepresbytery.org](mailto:secretary@redstonepresbytery.org).

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.



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, PO Box 361, New Alexandria, PA 15670.

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!](#)



**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,

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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. This will begin at 10:15 a.m.

Below are the workshop topics:

1. Jim Farrer and Friends - Picture Tour of the Holy Land
2. Skip Noftzger Jr. - Training for Elders and Deacons
3. Carole Corey - Dealing with Conflicts Creatively and Biblically
4. Hyiwot Teshome - Introduction and Life Story
5. Owar Ojulu - Discipleship

Click [here](#) for more information.



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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## Redstone Presbytery Mission News

- Planning a work trip to ROOT International to do some needed ceiling repairs.
- Planning a Mission trip to Webster, WV from April 16-22. Planning for a Pancake Dinner fundraiser for February 21, 2023 for this trip.



If interested in either of these trips, or for more information contact Phyllis Frye at 724.468.3740.

- Planning a Mission trip to Kentucky/coordinated with PDS to Madisonville, KY on June 10-15. Up to 38 people can attend.

If interested in this trip, or for more information, contact Derek Campbell at 724.212.6094.

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