

Presbytery of Redstone eNews

February 16, 2023



Please pray for...

District 1 Churches

- ~~First Presbyterian Church, Avonmore, Brenda Barnes, Moderator
- ~~Delmont Presbyterian Church, Anthony Catullo, Interim Pastor

District 2 Churches

- ~~Sewickley United Presbyterian Church, West Newton, Glenn Hart, Commissioned Pastor
- ~~United Presbyterian Church, West Newton, John Manon, Pastor

District 3 Churches

- ~~Tyrone Presbyterian Church, Dawson, Norma Murphy, Moderator
- ~~First Presbyterian Church, Dunbar, Norma Murphy, Moderator

District 4 Churches

- ~~Bethel Presbyterian Church, New Florence, Jim 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
- [Tuesday, Every Other Month - Blood Drives](#) - Third Presbyterian Church, Uniontown
- [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.



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

“Where it Will”

In the midst of the hoopla of the Super Bowl (celebration of the



Chiefs fandom) or the awareness of unidentified flying objects being shot down, perhaps you have missed the possibility of something unique happening in Kentucky. It has been reported since earlier in the month, that there is a “revival” taking place on the campus of Asbury University. Like all “revivals in the history of the Church,” both genuine and artificial, it has elicited reactions, both skeptical and supportive, both rejection and “hopping on the bandwagon.”

Over the years, I have come to understand and appreciate all the ways that God has chosen to work in and through others that *somehow never seem to be the way I would do it*. Consequently, I have learned to reserve judgment on such occasions. There is the temptation to either celebrate God’s renewal prematurely or look for inadequacies or inconsistencies in theology or worship or practices.

The “test” of such movements as the outpouring of God’s presence and power will be evidenced in real transformation. Encounters with the living God result in renewal that transcend personal experiences to impact the world around them with and by God’s grace for God’s glory. In that way, the power of God’s reign is enacted in the world making all things new in the ways we have prayed for God’s kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven. Whether in the short term or in the long term, where the Spirit and presence of God is doing a mighty work, there will be fruit of the Spirit in a reign of love and justice transforming people and institutions.

I am reminded of the familiar conversation between Jesus and Nicodemus where he had sought out Jesus with acknowledgment and accolades only to hear that a person must be born from above to see God’s kingdom. Whether puzzled or skeptical, he questions the meaning of this “born again” talk. In Jesus’ response, I love The Message translation where it says

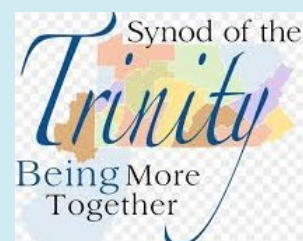
“You’re not listening. Let me say it again. Unless a person submits to this original creation—the wind-hovering-over-the-water creation, the invisible moving the visible, a baptism into a new life—it’s not possible to enter God’s kingdom...So don’t be surprised when I tell you that you have to be “born from above”—out of this world, so to speak. You know well enough how the wind blows this way and that. You hear it rustling through the trees, but you have no idea where it comes from or where it’s headed next.”

So, as we watch and pray even for our own “revival” in God’s presence may we see and look for God’s work among us near us or around the world “where the wind blows where it will.”

Rev. Skip Noftzger
Executive Presbyter/Stated Clerk

Synod of the Trinity Newsletter

[Click here](#) to view the latest news from the Synod of the Trinity.



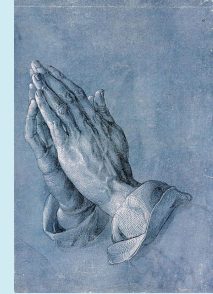


Installation Service

The Rev. Robert Ruefle will be installed as the Pastor of the Union Presbyterian Church, Murrysville, on Sunday, February 19, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. Dinner will be served after the service. Please join the Presbytery in welcoming Rev. Ruefle to the Union Presbyterian Church family.

Redstone Presbytery Healing Prayer Network

Attached is a short, *informative flyer* (click on the underlined words 'informative flyer' to open link for flyer) about the renewal of the Healing Prayer Network! We are a group of both ordained and laity alike, all who are interested in learning more about and practicing the spiritual discipline of Healing Prayer.



Donna MacArt Havrisko (dmh.1minister@gmail.com),
Jim Farrer (revup1@yahoo.com),
and I, Norma Prina Murphy (prnorma93@gmail.com)

are original members of the network, and hope to see it re-birthed for a new season of spiritual growth and practice.

Please contact us by email (above) or phone (in flyer) with any questions!

Grace and Peace,
Donna, Norma, and Jim



Celebrate the Special Offerings

The Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) offer the whole Church a way to embody Matthew 25 through the Spirit-inspired stories and gifts which place us in partnership with those who have least. By receiving all four of the Special Offerings – One Great Hour of Sharing, Pentecost, Peace &

Global Witness, and Christmas Joy – Four for Four congregations declare their connection with the ministries of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and join in the efforts of Presbyterians around the corner and around the world to share God's grace and endless love.

One way to get started on becoming a Four for Four congregation is to explore our Action Kit. This resource includes lots of information about the mission and purpose of Special Offerings, as well as inspiring ideas from congregations around the country. [Click here](#) for more information.

Redstone Presbytery Mission Committee is requesting a list of local, national, and international missions that Redstone

churches are currently engaged in. They are working on opportunities to connect churches that may possibly be engaged in some of the same mission(s). Please send your information to the Presbytery office at secretary@redstonepresbytery.org. Thank you!



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 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.

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



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

- 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.



LECTURE/CONFERENCE

KELSO LECTURE AND COMMUNITY CONVERSATION ON RACE AND FAITH - MARCH 17-18, 2023

Friday, March 17, 2023, Kelso Lecture - 7:00 p.m. ET

The Rev. Dr. Starsky Wilson, President and CEO, Children’s Defense Fund and CDF Action Council

In-person and Online
Free

Saturday, March 18, 2023, Metro-Urban Institute Conference and Closing Service

8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. ET
In-person \$25

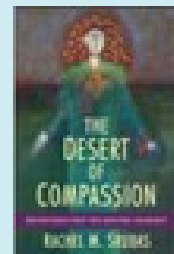
Join us for two days exploring how churches and communities can work together to facilitate anti-racism in their neighborhoods. Our conversation kicks off Friday with the Kelso Lecture, delivered by the Rev. Dr. Starsky Wilson. Metro-Urban Institute’s conference filled with workshops, a panel discussion, worship, a community lunch, and resource fair follows on Saturday. All are welcome! This event is co-sponsored by the Seminary’s Office of Continuing Education and Metro-Urban Institute.

Register for the lecture, conference, or both by [clicking here](#).

HYBRID DEGREE PROGRAMS

Pittsburgh Theological Seminary LAUNCHES HYBRID DEGREE PROGRAMS - Beginning in fall 2023, Pittsburgh Seminary will offer all its masters and certificate programs in a hybrid format—allowing PTS to be your neighborhood seminary regardless of your neighborhood location. The Seminary’s hybrid model allows students living on campus and students living at a distance to be part of one community of learning and formation. [Click here](#) to learn more about these programs.

PC(USA) LENT RESOURCE GUIDE - The 2023 Lent Resource Guide is now available at the PC(USA) store. They have book study guides, devotionals, preaching aids, and more to assist in planning for the upcoming Lenten season. Several of the books highlighted have downloadable resource samples. [Click here](#) for more information.



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

- **Tuesday, March 28, 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)**

Employment Opportunities Within Redstone Presbytery



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

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 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>



Employment Opportunities Outside of Redstone Presbytery

Redstone Presbyterian SeniorCare in Westmoreland County is seeking a fulltime hospice chaplain to serve our Redstone@Home Hospice clients across our three campuses and in the external community. <https://redstone.recruitpro.com/jobs/244865.html>

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.

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. Cover letter,

resume, and references are requested. Employment could begin as early as January 2023."

PRESBYTERY OF LAKE ERIE is seeking a Stated Clerk. The successful candidate must be an ordained Ruling Elder or Teaching Elder, will perform various administrative tasks, and be responsible for ensuring the records, roles, reports, and correspondence of the Presbytery are maintained. View the [full job description](#).

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.
- 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 any of these opportunities, contact the Presbytery office for more information.



Presbyterian Historical Society offers NEW BLOG SERIES: AFRICAN AMERICAN LEADERS - Each month of 2023, the Presbyterian Historical Society is bearing witness to the lives of African American leaders throughout the history of the PC(USA). They are kicking off this new series with a biography of William Lloyd Imes, pastor of St. James Presbyterian Church in Harlem, New York. [Click here to read more.](#)

PINE SPRINGS CAMP SPRING FUSION RETREAT APRIL 21-23 - Spring Fusion is Pine Springs Camp's retreat for campers who are in 4th - 6th grade. Campers will be learning about God, playing crazy games, singing camp songs, doing adventure activities and hanging out with new and old friends! Spaces are limited to 40 campers. [Click here to sign up soon!!](#) "Our desire is to continue to provide an amazing environment where campers can grow in their faith and have a "vital encounter with Jesus Christ."



Springhill Furnace Presbyterian Church is looking for a sign (similar to one pictured) with movable letters that they can place outside the church to announce upcoming events.

If you or your church has something you may want to pass on, please contact Pastor Molly Hall, 262-902-4500.

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