

Presbytery of Redstone eNews

March 9, 2023



Please pray for...

District 1 Churches

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

District 2 Churches

~~Maplewood Presbyterian Church, Greensburg, Steve LaSor, Pastor
~~Westminster Presbyterian Church, Greensburg, Jennifer Frayer-
Griggs, Pastor

District 3 Churches

~~Mt. Washington Presbyterian Church, Farmington, Josh Scully,
Moderator
~~First Presbyterian Church, Fayette City, Josh Scully, Moderator

District 4 Churches

~~Bolivar United Presbyterian Church, Jim Sunseri, Commissioned
Pastor
~~Colver Presbyterian Church, Owar Ojulu, Pastor

REDSTONE CHURCHES UPCOMING EVENTS

- [Annual Rummage Sale](#) - March 24-25, 2023 - Union Presbyterian Church, Murrysville
- [Easter Egg Hunt](#) - April 1, 2023 - Union Presbyterian Church, Murrysville
- [Easter Egg Hunt](#) - April 2, 2023 - Puckety Presbyterian Church, Lower Burrell
- [Open MIC Night](#) - April 15, 2023 - Puckety Presbyterian Church, Lower Burrell



- 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.

March Presbytery Meeting

Join us for the Tuesday, March 28, 2023 Presbytery meeting, being held at the West Hempfield Presbyterian Church in Irwin. The meeting begins at 6:00 p.m. There will be a Session Minutes Review offered at 5:00 p.m.



PLEASE REMEMBER TO LET THE PRESBYTERY OFFICE KNOW WHO FROM YOUR CHURCH WILL BE ATTENDING THIS MEETING AND IF THEY PLAN TO ATTEND IN PERSON OR VIA ZOOM. (secretary@redstonepresbytery.org - 724.837.6737). Thank you!



Redstone Lenten Study

Space, race, and moments of grace - Thursdays 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. through March 23, 2023 at the Redstone Presbytery office.

You are invited to watch and discuss the movie *Hidden Figures*, as a way of exploring a faithful response to issues of race as a Matthew 25 Presbytery.

To register contact the Presbytery office at 724.837.6737 or via email at secretary@redstonepresbytery.org.

Sponsored by the Redstone Racial Reconciliation Task Force and hosted by Rev. Sue Washburn

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



Tell Us About God's Mission in Your Congregation - The Mission Network of Redstone Presbytery is gathering information on the local; regional and international mission projects of our congregations. Knowing and sharing this information will provide opportunities to connect together for collaboration and greater impact. Go to <https://forms.gle/AEdEwn8eeGVqvm9w5> and tell us about where you are following God into mission.

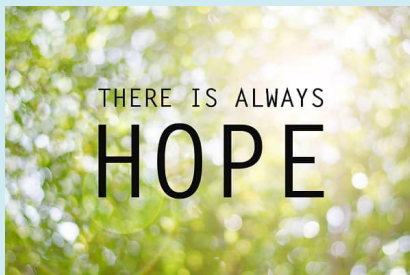
**Pastor and Elder Training Workshops
Presented by Inter-Presbytery Leadership
Formation (IPLF)**



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.



COMMUNITY SERVICE OF HOPE AND RECOVERY

Dependence in all its forms is not limited to illicit drugs and crime, but has become a problem in our society, even among those who are taking prescription drugs and may be functional in many ways. The Belle Vernon Area Ministerium and the Mon Valley Opioid

Coalition invites you to join us Sunday, March 12, 2023, 3 pm, at First Presbyterian Church Belle Vernon, as we celebrate and foster recovery from all types of dependence and life-controlling issues. Come to hear testimonies of recovery, to witness to the help you have received from God and others, and to find hope for recovery in your own life or the lives of your loved ones. Following the service we will gather in the fellowship hall for refreshments and displays by various programs and organizations. The MVOC will also have NARCAN training and distribution for members of the community, especially those who use or have a family member who uses prescription opioids.

First Presbyterian Church is located at 501 Fayette Street, Rostraver Township. For more information, call 724-929-7616. This event is open to the public. [Click here](#) for more information.



UPCOMING PROGRAMS AT PITTSBURGH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

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.

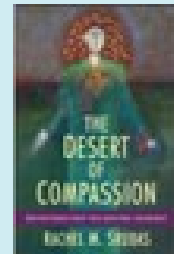
Register for the lecture, conference, or both [byclicking here](#).

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### 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

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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>



**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>

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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."

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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](#).

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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 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.](#)

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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."



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PSC GOLF OUTING MAY 22 - Come and play at the historic Latrobe Country Club to benefit Pine Springs Camp! Continental breakfast, lunch, banquet dinner, and silent auction. Your support provides hundreds of families with financial assistance to send kids to camp. [Visit the PSC website](#) for more details.

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PC(USA) 2023-2024 SCHOLARSHIP APP NOW OPEN - Applications for the 2023-24 scholarships through the Presbyterian Mission Agency are now open. The scholarships are for full-time undergraduate and seminary students belonging



to Presbyterian churches. The final deadline for the need-based aid scholarship program is May 15, 2023. [Click here to read more.](#)

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### PMA OFFERS FREE 'TREAD LIGHTLY' LENTEN CALENDAR

- The Presbyterian Hunger Program is offering Tread Lightly for Lent, a Lenten calendar with practical ideas for reducing our impact on the earth and stemming the tide of rising sea levels and severe storms. The calendar includes Scripture readings, prayers, activities, and more. [Click here to download your free copy.](#)



EAPCE ANNUAL EVENT APRIL 24-26 - The East Region of the Association of Partners in Christian Education (EAPCE) will host their Annual Spring Event featuring Rev. Dr. Rebecca L. Davis: "Creativity, Innovation, and Risk in Faith Formation" at Rhodes Grove Conference Center, Chambersburg, PA. [Check out the event flyer](#) for more information and [register today!](#)

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DEATH AND DEVASTATION IN TURKEY & SYRIA - By now you are aware of the terrible losses suffered from earthquake damage in Turkey and Syria. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance provides an avenue for you and your congregation to contribute to Christian relief efforts over there. [Click here](#) for more information on ways you can pray, take action, and give.



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