

Presbytery of Redstone eNews

April 13, 2023



Please pray for...

District 1 Churches

- ~~Poke Run Presbyterian Church, Apollo, Pete Goetschius, Pastor
- ~~First Presbyterian Church, Avonmore, Brenda Barnes, Moderator

District 2 Churches

- ~~United Presbyterian Church, Latrobe, Ron Durika, Pastor
- ~~Reunion Presbyterian Church, Mt. Pleasant, Russ Baird, Commissioned Pastor

District 3 Churches

- ~~McClellandtown Presbyterian Church, Skip Noftzger, Interim Pastor
- ~~Dunlap's Creek Presbyterian Church, Merrittstown, Lee McDermott, Moderator

District 4 Churches

- ~~Second Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, Art Moffat, Temporary Supply
- ~~Westmont Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, Ben Nti, Pastor

REDSTONE CHURCHES UPCOMING EVENTS

- [Open MIC Night](#) - April 15, 2023 - Puckety Presbyterian Church, Lower Burrell
- [Craft/Vender Show](#) - April 15, 2023 - Union Presbyterian Church, Murrysville
- [Walk to Support Blackburn Center](#) - April 15, 2023 - West Hempfield Presbyterian Church, Irwin
- [Spring Tea](#) - April 22, 2023 - First Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon



- 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.

[Click on each link listed above for more information on these events](#)



LIVING AND BEING SENT INTO THE NEW REALITY

Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed! The familiar greeting during this Easter season is more than a spring ritual. It is more than a celebratory greeting to open times of worship. The reality of a risen Christ does not merely pay homage to a past event, testifies to the present reality (new) that has begun and is continuing until that day.

Easter changes everything. The redeeming mission of our God had come to fruition through the willing sacrifice of Jesus the Christ validated in resurrection and initiating this new reality. The very nature of our celebration of that Easter victory serves not only as a testimony of our union with a living Christ but recognizes that same mission of Jesus the Christ inaugurating a new reality continues. That mission is what we are called as well as resurrection people.

Tom Wright describes the opening of this new reality initiated with the resurrection of Jesus in the following.

“the resurrection has opened up the vista of a whole restored creation, under the saving lordship of the Messiah....And those who belong to the Messiah discover that the new creation has already infected them; the new stirrings of faith, hope and above all joy within them are the signs of this new life, new birth, so that they are simultaneously out of tune with the way of the world still is and joyfully in tune with the new world that will appear when Jesus is “revealed.”...The risen Lord will one day be seen again, as he was in the upper room, and those who now love him will find their true selves rescued from the trials that beset them in the present”

Yet even more than the personal experience of this new resurrected life, those earliest disciples (and we as well) were called into God’s mission empowered and directed by this resurrection reality. Jesus reassured his followers with his proclamation of peace. Yet, reminiscent of the origins of our first parents, he breathes upon them as he “sends” them in the same way the Father has sent Jesus. Easter, while defining the certainty of the victory, only begins the breaking out of this new reality in, through and upon God’s people and God’s world.

So, this Easter season, may the proclamation that “Christ is risen” (in its present tense) testify not only to the specific conquering of death by Jesus, but the power and presence of a living Christ in our lives. In union with this resurrected Christ, we are called to live the resurrection. In this new reality, we are commissioned as people of a living God to live this resurrection power and are sent with this same mission and the same message of forgiveness and renewal of a people and world that God has not given up.

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

Workshops are again being offered for the



Spring of 2023. Workshops include:

- 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.



The remaining dates for the 2022 Session Minutes and Register Reviews are:

- 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)
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UPCOMING PROGRAMS AT PITTSBURGH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY



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.



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.

**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 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."



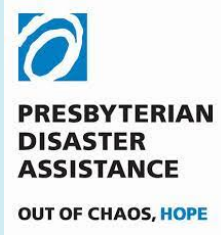
PSC GOLF OUTING MAY 22 - Come and play at the historic Latrobe Country Club to benefit Pine Springs Camp! Continental breakfast, lunch, banquet dinner, and silent auction. Your support provides hundreds of families with financial assistance to send kids to camp. [Visit the PSC website](#) for more details.



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.](#)

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.



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!](#)

Shenango Presbytery, with the financial assistance of the Carolyn Knox Foundation, will be welcoming Rev. Dr. Tod Bolsinger to their presbytery in May. Tod is a renowned thinker in leadership development and leading change specifically in the church sphere. He is a PCUSA pastor who now serves at Fuller Seminary while also traveling the world coaching and consulting. He has written 3 books on leadership: *It takes a Church to raise a Christian*, *Canoeing the Mountains*, and most recently *Tempered Resilience*.



Tod will be offering a seminar called "How Not to Waste a Crisis" on Sunday May 7th from 3-5:30 at Northminster Presbyterian Church in New Castle, PA. This should be an excellent time to talk about how to lead in these changing times. We are working on a live stream option if it is too far to travel, especially on a Sunday, and encourage you to consider a "watch party" with your leaders so you can take advantage of this opportunity within your own community. [A flyer is included with all the details.](#)

Following that leadership summit for all leaders, Tod will spend 2 days (full day 9 am- approx. 9 pm on Monday and through lunch on Tuesday) with our pastors and CREs at Villa Maria, a conference and retreat center in Villa Maria, PA to dig deeper to discuss leading in the church in these uncertain times. Commuting as well as overnight options are available, however the overnight options will be on a first come first serve basis because of the limited number of rooms available. [A flyer is included with all the details.](#)

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