

Presbytery of Redstone eNews

April 20, 2023



Please pray for...

District 1 Churches

~~Delmont Presbyterian Church, Anthony Catullo, Interim Pastor
~~Grace Community Presbyterian Church, Lower Burrell, Doug Marshall, Interim Pastor

District 2 Churches

~~New Hope Presbyterian Church, North Huntingdon, Brenda Barnes, Pastor
~~Level Green Presbyterian Church, Trafford, Geoff Rach, Pastor

District 3 Churches

~~New Salem Presbyterian Church, Bill Wiegand, Commissioned Pastor
~~Calvin United Presbyterian Church, Scottdale, Doug Yauger, Commissioned Pastor

District 4 Churches

~~Pleasant Grove Presbyterian Church, Ligonier, Steve Hospodar, Temporary Supply
~~Bethel Presbyterian Church, New Florence, James Sunseri, Commissioned Pastor

REDSTONE CHURCHES UPCOMING EVENTS

- [Spring Tea](#) - April 22, 2023 - First Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon
- [PW Spring Gathering](#) - "Do Everything in Love" - July 10-12 - Penn Stater Hotel and Conference Center, State College
- [Car Cruise](#) - July 29, 2023 - West Hempfield Presbyterian Church, Irwin



- 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](#)



Everything in Every Way

Time and again, the Psalms not only “ring true” in our own lives as mirroring our own feelings and expressions before God and yet in this world. Whether in moments of complaint or despair or intercession or thanksgiving, each gives words to that which is not only the experience of the Psalmist, but our own as well. We should not neglect the reading or the repeating of those poetic expressions for our own lives individually and collectively.

Yet, the psalms that we often use in our worship gatherings are those songs of praise. And, there may be a no more fitting psalm than the one that is the fitting conclusion to the Psalter. Numbered 150, you and I are called to offer first and foremost to the Lord God Almighty. In so doing, we are challenged to offer praise from his sanctuary in the heavens and on earth. We should offer praise for not only what God has done, but according to who God is. The opportunity to express that praise is enhanced and embodied through the use of a variety of instruments and movements of their day and ours. It culminates with the clarion call to “let everything that has breath praise the Lord.”

We celebrate during this Easter season and are reminded ever more clearly of our God in Jesu Christ who conquers even death. So, what better time (even though all times are appropriate) to offer praise to our God who is both creator and redeemer. What better place to sing praises than when we gather. And what better way to embody praise than through all of the instruments of string and pipe. Because of that resurrection where new breath has come, may we (everything) who have the breath of new life offer to our God the praise of our lips, our hearts and our lives in every way. Praise the Lord!



Upcoming Vacation Bible School

The Vacation Bible School season is just around the corner!

[Click here](#) to view the list of churches in Redstone Presbytery that already have their plans made for this year.

Are you hosting VBS at your church? If so, please send the information to the presbytery office so we can add you to the list with the possibility of sharing resources.

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



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

- 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.



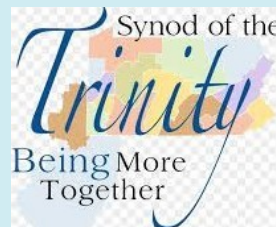
The remaining dates for the 2022 Session Minutes and Register Reviews are:

- Tuesday, 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)

News from the Synod of the Trinity

SYNOD GRANT WORKSHOPS - The Synod of the Trinity recently provided two online grant workshops that focused on helping grant-seekers with the tools and knowledge to approach funders and apply for the financial support that will push the difference-making initiatives to the next level.

The first was called "Grant-Seeking: Creating Relationships with Funders." This workshop gives you the research tools to pinpoint potential foundations and funding resources within your community and our region. The second was called "Writing the Grant: How to Start and What to Share." This workshop provides the framework and confidence to apply for a grant outside of our denomination, and will teach you how to present your case, and your church or other entity, in the most appealing and critical light.



[Click here to view the latest newsletter.](#)



The Chapel Youth Choir and Festive Ringers will present a concert at 7:30 p.m., Friday, April 28 at First Presbyterian Church of Greensburg, 300 South Main Street. Freewill donations will be received for the Montreat Worship and Music Youth Scholarship. These touring musicians are the youth ensembles from Abington Presbyterian Church in the Philadelphia area. Comprised of 6th to 12th graders

who rehearse and provide musical leadership for the 10:00 a.m. worship service in their home congregation, they will be here as part of their annual spring tour which carries a message of faith and encouragement to listeners in many different venues. Traditional anthems, mass settings, gospel arrangements, handbell pieces, and community singing mark their tour program including concerts and worship leadership in Pittsburgh, Greensburg, and Lewistown before they return to Abington for a homecoming concert.

PRINCETON FORUM ON YOUTH MINISTRY - May 2-4 in-person or online. Three days of connection and learning centered around the theme, "A Time to Heal: Trauma and Grace in Youth Ministry." This hybrid conference has been designed with youth ministers in mind as they navigate loneliness, mental health challenges and trauma of young people. After years of pandemic losses, social upheaval and seismic shifts in the church, youth workers are longing for community, renewal and care for themselves and for their ministries. More information and registration is available by [clicking here.](#)



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.

Redstone Presbytery Mission News

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



If interested, contact the Presbytery office for more information.



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](#).



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.](#)

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.



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.](#)

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.](#)

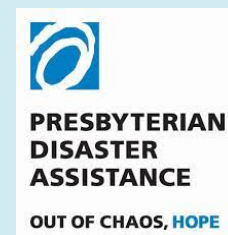


UPCOMING PROGRAMS AT PITTSBURGH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

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.

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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