

Presbytery of Redstone eNews

September 7, 2023



Please pray for...

District 1 Churches

~~First Presbyterian Church, Avonmore, Lynn Mance, Commissioned Pastor

~~Delmont Presbyterian Church, Anthony Catullo, Interim Pastor

District 2 Churches

~~Sewickley Presbyterian Church, West Newton, Karen Kifer, Commissioned Pastor

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

District 3 Churches

~~Tent Presbyterian Church, Uniontown, Jeff Smith, Commissioned Pastor

~~Third Presbyterian Church, Uniontown, Molly Hall, Moderator

District 4 Churches

~~Colver Presbyterian Church, Owar Ojulu, Pastor

~~Cresson Presbyterian Church, Alice Tondora, Pastor



REDSTONE CHURCHES UPCOMING EVENTS

- [Cabbage Roll Dinner and Bake Sale](#) - September 9, 2023 - 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. - Leisenring Presbyterian Church
- [Congregational Depression Awareness Program](#) - September 17, 2023 - 12:30 p.m. - First Presbyterian Church, Johnstown (to register online - [click here](#))
- [Michael Facciani Concert](#) - September 17, 2023 - 6:00 p.m. - First Presbyterian Church, Johnstown

- Tuesday, Every Other Month - [Blood Drives](#) - Third Presbyterian Church, Uniontown
- Mondays - Nar-Anon Meetings - First Presbyterian Church, Johnstown - 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesdays - [AA Meetings](#) - Union Presbyterian Church, Murrysville
- 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.

September Presbytery Meeting

The next meeting of Redstone Presbytery will be on Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Latrobe Presbyterian Church. If you have an announcement you would like included in the announcements loop at that meeting, please email the information directly to: redstonestories@gmail.com by Tuesday September 19, 2023. Thank you!



Addiction Ministry Network Project for National Recovery Month

Each September is designated as National Recovery Month throughout the U.S. where stories of addiction recovery are shared and celebrated. The month is intended to help individuals make the difficult decision about entering treatment.

The Addiction Ministry Network in cooperation with the HOPE IN A BAG Project are once again joining together to provide support to individuals who are entering treatment and we are asking your congregation to participate in this project. Making the choice to enter treatment for addiction is a big

step. Unfortunately, many people try to “get clean” without the simple things like soap, razors, or a toothbrush. The Addiction Ministry Network of Redstone Presbytery is sponsoring a presbytery-wide collection by asking congregations to contribute some or all the items listed below and bring them to our Presbytery meeting on September 26 in Latrobe.

Your congregation can decide to concentrate by supplying a small or large amount of two or three of the items below or you can collect multiple sets of all the items. Either decision your congregation makes will be a blessing to this project. In recognition of National Recovery Month, we ask you to bring the items you have collected to the Presbytery meeting in Latrobe on September 26. Attached is a [bulletin insert](#) to share with your congregation.

Please consider donating the following items for recovery:

Small bible ~ Pens and pencils ~ Journals ~ Playing Cards ~ Daily Devotionals, old copies are fine, i.e., Upper Room, Daily Bread ~ Shampoo/Conditioner
Toothbrushes ~ Toothpaste ~ Deodorant ~ Razors ~ Feminine hygiene products
Soap/Body wash ~ Dental floss ~ Nail clippers ~ Q-tips ~ Small blankets
Hardtack candies

For further information or assistance, e-mail redstonetogether@gmail.com

The Redstone Mission Team has been approved for a mission work trip to St. Alban's, WV from October 22 - 28, 2023. If you would be interested in being a part of this trip, please

contact Phyllis Frye for more information -
pfrye1234@windstream.net or 724.468.3740.



Thanks to Jan Pride Mills, Chair of the Latrobe Area Hospital Aide Society (LAHAS) Shoe Drive, the Avonmore Presbyterian Church was once again fortunate to help in this mission project. We helped in 2021 and created our own "sole drive". At that time LAHAS gathered a total of 6,828 pounds of shoes and made a profit of \$2,681.20 that was distributed back to Excelsa Heath to support its many ventures.

Through Funds2orgs, the collected shoes are used to support micro-enterprise vendors. The 2021 collection was sent to Haiti to assist those less fortunate.

Our current "sole drive" is now completed and we thank everyone who gave gently used or even new shoes. Together, we collected 265 pairs of shoes and today (August 29, 2023), they are on their way to LAHAS and will be added to the other donations. You made a difference by putting your hearts and sole(s) into supporting others.

1773-2023

Celebrating 250 Years

In the 1770's there were few opportunities in Western Pennsylvania for people to come together to worship God. Roving minister, like the Rev. Dr. Powers would visit the area and preach the word of God. In 1773, with Dr. Powers' help, a group come together to form a congregation of believers. However, not having the resources to build a building, they met in a tent. During the early services, settlers sat on the ground or maybe a stump. For many services they were joined by Native Americans who stood outside the tent listening to the sermons. So, with these humble accommodations, Tent Presbyterian Church was started. The first building was constructed in 1792. The current building has been in use for worship since 1832. Through pandemics, fires, explosions, and other tragedies, Tent Church has been a part of the community on the hill above Route 119. In Ecclesiastes 3:2-8, the scripture tells us that there are times to do certain things. A time to be born, a time to die, a time to plant, and a time to reap. Now, it is a time to celebrate.



Tent Presbyterian Church is having a celebration Service on September 16th, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. at the Tent. We are celebrating our history and our future.

You are invited to come join us.

4:00 p.m.: enter our historic sanctuary

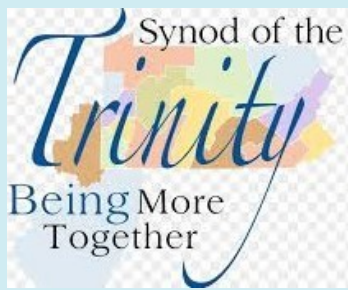
4:30 p.m. join us in a worship of celebration

After the worship service, join us in refreshments

September 17th 8:30 a.m. Bible Study

9:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship

We would like you to come join us. If you can't, please send us a message of support to jibrsmith@yahoo.com or to 275 Tent Church Road, Uniontown PA 15401. There will be a time to share thoughts during the service as well. Come and help us celebrate!!!



CELEBRATE SYNOD SUNDAY - On Sept. 17, the Synod of the Trinity invites the congregations and presbyteries within the region to celebrate the gifts and blessings that take place in our bounds throughout the year. The Synod works hand-in-hand with the ministry and mission of our presbyteries as they seek to support the witness of congregations, to the end that the church

throughout its region becomes a community of faith, hope, love and witness. Please use the bulletin insert to help tell our story and celebrate the good news that is occurring in our region!

**PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION FINANCIAL
LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**



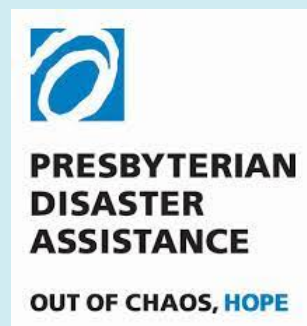
CHURCH FINANCIAL LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM - The Presbyterian Foundation's Church Financial Leadership Coaching Program is a free, 12-month coaching program for church pastors that will assist pastors in leading their congregation down the path of financial sustainability to fulfill the church's mission. The program connects pastors with individual coaches to help them gain a solid foundation in church financial literacy. Learn more.

CHURCH FINANCIAL LEADERSHIP GRANT - Grants are available through the Presbyterian Foundation to assist pastors and New Worshiping Community leaders to attend continuing education opportunities which will help them in leading their congregations toward financial and missional vitality. There is a list of pre-approved events and courses, such as the Stewardship Kaleidoscope conference, but other educational opportunities will be reviewed as well. Learn more.



NEW PMA GRANT WEBSITE - Throughout the year, the Presbyterian Mission Agency offers more than 20 grants and scholarships ranging from \$100 to \$50,000 awarded to individuals, communities and mid councils. These opportunities can now be found on the grants webpage that centralizes all the opportunities and lists their key attributes, such as application date, eligibility and purpose. Take a look and see what your church might be eligible for!

PDA RESPONSE TO HAWAI'I WILDFIRES - In collaboration with the Presbytery of the Pacific and its leadership, PDA has been in communication with pastors in the affected communities and elsewhere in Hawai'i. PDA has already released emergency grants to meet the urgent needs of the communities and to provide immediate care. PDA affirms our commitment to accompany those affected by this disaster. As people of God, once again we are called to stand with our siblings in the "GAP" – Give, Act and Pray.



**WILL YOUR CHURCH SUPPORT DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH? - Domestic
Violence Services of Southwest PA (DVSSP) have**



requested the support of our churches for the month of October; domestic violence awareness month. They have graciously offered to provide a 'moment for mission' during worship or other church events, a bulletin insert, and other materials. If you are willing to display a yard sign, purple ribbons, and materials at your church, please contact DVSSP volunteer Susan Bosetti

at 412-680-5689 or susanbosetti@gmail.com.

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



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

- **Spiritual Formation for Church Leaders - September 9, 2023 - Rev. Matt Camlin, Instructor**
- **Being and Leading Presbyterian Polity - October 14, 2023 - Rev. Randall Clow, Instructor**
- **Boundaries and Ethics in Church Leadership - November 11, 2023 - Michelle Snyder, Instructor**
- **Learning to "Exegete" the Community - December 9, 2023 - Rev. Dr. Scott Hagley, Instructor**

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.

Are you a Ruling Elder who God might be leading to greater service?

CONSIDER JOINING THE INTER-PRESBYTERY LEADERSHIP FORMATION PROGRAM.

CONTACT REDSTONE PRESBYTERY OFFICE.
724.837.6737
executive@redstonepresbytery.org



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.

Wee Kirk 2023

Save the dates
- October 9
through 11,
2023.

Registration is
now open
online. [Click
here to
register.](#)



Wee Kirk 23

Save the dates
October 9-11
refresh and renew
with other small
church leaders

get away to
Laurelville
Retreat Center
Western PA

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Employment Opportunities Within Redstone Presbytery



Latrobe United Presbyterian Church is searching for an organist/pianist starting effective immediately. The applicant must be available for the 11am, Sunday service and the 6pm, Wednesday choir practice (no practice June, July, and August). The pay is \$100 per week. All applicants should call the church office at 724-539-8881 and leave a message with name and phone number stating their interest in this position.

The United Presbyterian Church of New Kensington, 601 Fifth Avenue, New Kensington, PA 15068, 724.339.6618 - is seeking to fill two positions.

Church Custodian.

- Job Responsibilities - Keep the building clean, attractive, and well-maintained, inside and out.
- Hours and Compensation - Monday thru Thursday for 20-30 hours/week at \$15/hour.
- Supervision - The Church Custodian works directly under the Property Committee and Head of Staff.

Contact the church for more information or if you are interested in applying.

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 Resume to The United Presbyterian Church of New Kensington,
601 Fifth Avenue, New Kensington, PA 15068-6508 Attn: Personnel Committee
Telephone: 724-339-6618



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.

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](#).

Beulah Presbyterian Church, located in Churchill, PA, is seeking a Financial Manager. The
Financial Manager of BPC provides for the overall management and reporting of the
finances for the Church and the Preschool. The Financial Manager maintains all financial
records, serves as an active member of the Finance Committee, manages the BPC's
Information Technology and various Human Resources activities. View the [full job
description](#). This is a full-time position with benefits. Interested applicants should email a
cover letter and resumé to: churchoffice@beulahpresby.org or by mail to :
Beulah Presbyterian Church, 2500 McCrady Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15235

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Word...
Carry on the Work...
Change the World...
Together*

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