

Presbytery of Redstone eNews

September 14, 2023



Please pray for...

District 1 Churches

- ~~Grace Community Presbyterian Church, Lower Burrell, Doug Marshall, Interim Pastor
- ~~Puckety Presbyterian Church, Lower Burrell, Brian Kilbert, Pastor

District 2 Churches

- ~~United Presbyterian Church, West Newton, John Manon, Pastor
- ~~Derry Presbyterian Church, Larry Armstrong, Covenant Pastor

District 3 Churches

- ~~Trinity United Presbyterian Church, Uniontown, James Gear, Pastor
- ~~East Liberty Presbyterian Church, Vanderbilt, David McElroy, Commissioned Pastor

District 4 Churches

- ~~Ebensburg Presbyterian Church, Owar Ojulu, Pastor
- ~~Bethany Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, Denise Todero, Commissioned Pastor



REDSTONE CHURCHES UPCOMING EVENTS

- [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
- [Fall Rummage Sale](#) - September 22-23, 2023 - Union Presbyterian Church, Murrysville
- [Drive Through Dinner](#) - October 26, 2023 - Union Presbyterian Church, Murrysville

- 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

After a great summer, we will be gathering once more as a presbytery in September. You will want to be present for this gathering in person if at all possible. Please also remember to RSVP to the Presbytery office regarding your attendance.



- We will have the privilege of hosting Rev. Dr. Asa Lee (President of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary) as our preacher for the evening.
- The Addictions ministry network will also be receiving your collections for the "Hope in A Bag" project.

Mark your calendars and please join us for the Tuesday, September 26, 2023, Presbytery meeting that will be held at the Latrobe Presbyterian Church beginning at 6:00 p.m. Zoom options will also be available. Packet and Zoom login information will be sent next week.

Also, 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.

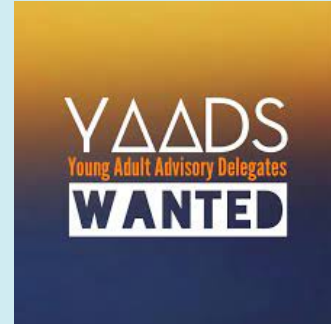
Please consider donating the following items for recovery:

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

Young Adult Advisory Delegate Nominees

The 226th General Assembly will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah for committee meetings and online plenary sessions June 25 – July 4, 2024. The Session of each church has the opportunity to nominate a young person to attend the General Assembly as a Young Adult Advisory Delegate (YADD). The person you nominate should be at least 17 years of age, but no older than 23 years of age, on June 20, 2024. The [nomination form and application](#) is attached. Please return your application to the Presbytery office by October 15, 2023. Thank you.



2022 Session Minutes and Church Register Reviews "LAST CHANCE"

If you were unable to have your session minutes and church registers reviewed at one of the scheduled meetings, this will be the last chance to have that done prior to the Stated Clerk having to submit the report to the Presbytery. Please contact your COM Liaison to make arrangements with them to have them reviewed individually. You may also drop your

books off at the Presbytery office to have them reviewed that way, if that is easier for you. If you are not sure who your COM liaison is, please contact the Presbytery office. Thank you!

First Presbyterian Church of Avonmore celebrated their 130th church anniversary. The church was founded on September 12, 1893. Following worship on September 10, the congregation enjoyed a brunch by hosting a dual celebration of the church anniversary along with a welcome to their new Commissioned Pastor Lynn Mance.



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

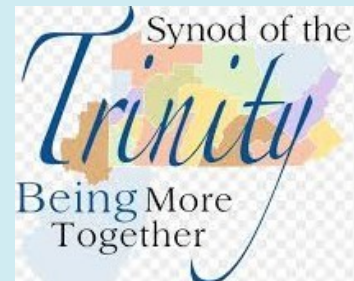
After the worship service, join us in refreshments

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 sent us a message of support to jlbrsmith@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!



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.

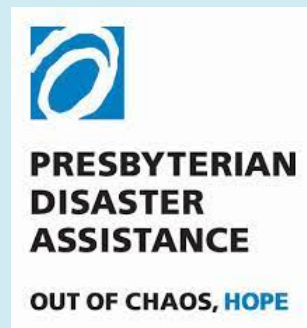
CHURCH FINANCIAL LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM - The Presbyterian Foundation's Church Financial Leadership Coaching Program is a free, 12-month coaching program for church pastors that will assist pastors in leading their congregation down the path of financial sustainability to fulfill the church's mission. 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.](#)



HENDERSON LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE - Sept. 24-26. What is the future of small congregations (the fastest growing segment of North American Christianity)? Join us for the annual Henderson Leadership Conference during which participants will attend lectures, workshops, worship, and conversations that will inspire their leadership; and receive practical, usable wisdom for giving their congregation a future. [Learn more and register.](#)

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.



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!

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

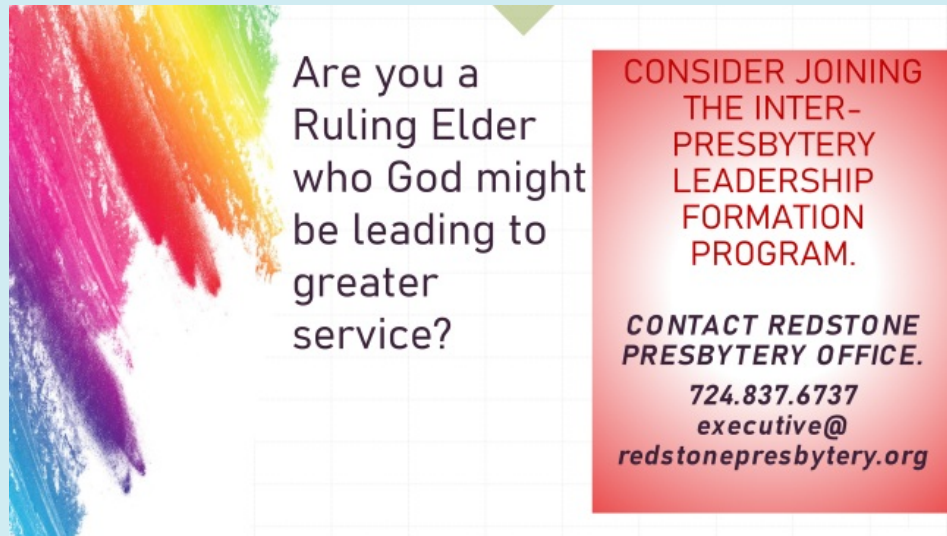


Workshops are again being offered for the Fall of 2023. Workshops include:

- **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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SAVE THE DATE
FOR THE
PINE SPRINGS CAMP
FRIENDS
DINNER
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29
3:30-6:30 PM
IN THE REFUGE DINING HALL
AT PINE SPRINGS CAMP
CAPPING OUR 75TH
YEAR ANNIVERSARY AT
THE PLACE IT ALL
BEGAN!

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:

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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