

Presbytery of Redstone eNews

November 9, 2023



Please pray for...

District 1 Churches

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

~~Union Presbyterian Church, Murrysville, Robert Ruefle, Pastor

District 2 Churches

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

~~United Presbyterian Church, West Newton, John Manon, Pastor

District 3 Churches

~~Mt. Washington Presbyterian Church, Farmington, Josh Scully,
Moderator

~~First Presbyterian Church, Fayette City, Josh Scully, Moderator

District 4 Churches

~~Bethany Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, Denise Toderò,
Commissioned Pastor

~~First Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, Hyiwot Teshome, Pastor

REDSTONE CHURCHES UPCOMING EVENTS

- [Blood Drive](#) - November 9, 2023 - Westminster Presbyterian Church, Greensburg
- [Spaghetti Dinner](#) - November 18, 2023 - Poke Run Presbyterian Church, Apollo

- Mondays - Nar-Anon Meetings - First Presbyterian Church, Johnstown - 6:30 p.m.
- 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.
- Tuesday, Every Other Month - [Blood Drives](#) - Third Presbyterian Church, Uniontown
- Wednesdays - [AA Meetings](#) - Union Presbyterian Church, Murrysville
- Second Wednesday - October through May - ["Soup for the Soul" Luncheon](#) - Poke Run Presbyterian Church, Apollo
- Month of November - [Bible Study](#) - Calvin United Presbyterian Church, Scottdale

Click on each link listed above for more information on these events



NEWS FROM THE BOARD OF PENSIONS

This year's Annual Enrollment — the time when employees can make changes or elect new benefits coverage for next year — is Monday, October 23 through Friday, November 10. To help employees understand what they will need to do and how to make the best choices for their needs, the Board of Pensions shares communications leading up to, and during, Annual Enrollment. Go to pensions.org for more information.

Also, the Board of Pensions is launching a new Benefits Connect website for employers and members in early January 2024.

- Simplified, easy-to-use navigation and tools
- Secure invoice access and bill payment
- Streamlined benefits selection and management

Benefits Connect will be unavailable from November 22, 2023, to early January 2024 as we make these exciting website enhancements. To prepare for the new Benefits Connect, we encourage you to submit all year-end transactions by Tuesday, November 21.

During the time that Benefits Connect is unavailable, our dedicated team will be here to serve you:

Call or email us

800-773-7752 (800-PRESPLAN) (TTY: 711)

memberservices@pensions.org

Join us for the Saturday, November 18, 2023 Presbytery meeting that will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, Jeannette, beginning at 9:00 a.m. This will be an in person meeting and also via zoom. The packet and zoom login information will be available Thursday, November 9, 2023.



PTS VIRUTAL INFO SESSION - Join the Seminary Nov. 29 for our upcoming virtual information session to learn about our Graduate Certificate in Adaptive and Innovative Ministry. This certificate forms innovating leaders who listen to the Holy Spirit and to their communities, who convene and lead teams in discerning God's work, and who maintain individual and community practices to enable discernment in their own and their community's life across significant change. During the 60-minute Zoom session, participants will hear about our 15-month, five course, cohort-based certificate program. [Learn more.](#)

escalates in and around Israel/Palestine, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is providing humanitarian assistance through partners on the ground and through ACT Alliance. PDA has approved a solidarity grant for a hospital in Gaza and will continue supporting its partners providing humanitarian assistance. PDA's response efforts will encompass a wide array of vital humanitarian interventions including delivering crucial psychosocial support to individuals wrestling with the emotional aftermath of the warfare. To support PDA's response, designate gifts by [clicking here](#).



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

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

- 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.



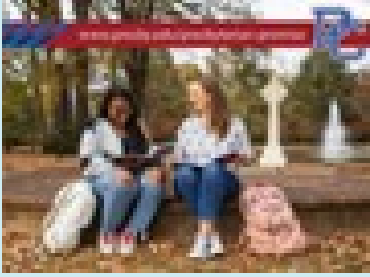
Matthew 25 Summit: An Invitation to Innovation
Join us in Atlanta, GA, following Martin Luther King Jr. weekend, January 16–18, 2024, for a first-of-its-kind event!

The Matthew 25 Summit will bring mid-councils, churches, and individuals together to explore this vision. What does it mean to eradicate poverty; how can we begin dismantling systemic racism; how will we know if we are building a vital congregation? We are offering you an invitation to innovation. A chance to dialogue, learn with, and grow with others in exploration. Featuring innovative speakers, thriving ministries, transformative workshops, and space to imagine what's next! The event cost is \$199 and includes two lunches, two dinners and conference materials. [Click here for more information and to register.](#)

2023 ADVENT RESOURCE GUIDE - The PC(USA) Store has created an [Advent Resource Guide](#) to help you prepare for the upcoming season. There are devotionals and studies for group studies, sermon inspiration, individual study, and more. The guide also includes free digital resources and excerpts from many of the featured books.



PRESBYTERIAN PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP OFFERS \$80,000 - The Presbyterian Promise Scholarship is a commitment by Presbyterian College (PC) in



Clinton, South Carolina to recognize students for their merit and affiliation with the Presbyterian Church. PC seeks to develop students academically and spiritually in this signature scholarship. Students who are members of Presbyterian churches will receive a scholarship for a minimum of \$20,000 per year for up to four years—that's an \$80,000 commitment to you. For

more information and to apply [click here](#).

Notes from the Redstone Bookkeeper

I will be closing the books for the year 2023 on Thursday, January 11, 2024. Any monies received after that date will be credited to the 2024 financial records.



Also, I have updated the Remittance Form. [Click here](#) for a copy to download and write in your remittance information. If you would like to have a "fillable" form that can be completed and then printed, please email me at the Presbytery office at redstonepresbyterybookkeeper@gmail.com and I will forward one to you. Please use this updated form when sending in your remittances to the Presbytery office. Thank you!

The [2024 First Fruits Pledge Form](#) is now available. Please complete your pledge form and return it to the Presbytery office at your earliest convenience. Thank you!



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](#).

AMEN TO ACTION 2023 FOOD PACKING EVENTS - Join with other people of faith and good will to address food insecurity in Pittsburgh at an Amen to Action 2023 food packing event. These events will take place on various dates throughout October and November in the Greater Pittsburgh Area. Volunteers of all ages are welcome. Last year, 1,000s of volunteers packed more than 1,011,000 meals for families in the area! [Learn more about ways to volunteer and donate!](#)





PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

OUT OF CHAOS, **HOPE**

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.

FREE TO GOOD "HOME" CHURCH

The Presbytery has several items at the Presbytery Center that are being offered to any church/pastor that may need/want them. There are:

- Communion ware sets
- Books - Bible, Theology, Pastoral Ministry
- Projectors (older ones with VGA connections)
- "Into the Light" Curriculum Life Recovery Workbooks and thumb drives. (this was put together by the Redstone Presbytery Addictions Ministry Network)



If you have any questions, or would be interested in any of these items, please contact the Presbytery office at 724.837.6737 or via email at secretary@redstonepresbytery.org to make arrangements to stop in for them.



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/AEdEwn8eeGVqm9w5> and tell us about where you are following God into mission.

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**

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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Together*

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