

Presbytery of Redstone eNews

November 21, 2023



Please pray for...

District 1 Churches

~~Community United Presbyterian Church, New Alexandria, Len Morgan, Commissioned Pastor

~~Congruity Presbyterian Church, New Alexandria, Cliff Foster, Pastor

District 2 Churches

~~Derry Presbyterian Church, Larry Armstrong, Covenant Pastor

~~First Presbyterian Church, Greensburg, Martin Ankrum, Pastor

District 3 Churches

~~Little Redstone Presbyterian Church, Fayette City, Josh Scully, Commissioned Pastor

~~Springhill Furnace Presbyterian Church, Lake Lynn, Molly Hall, Covenant Pastor

District 4 Churches

~~Second Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, Art Moffat, Temporary Supply

~~Westmont Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, Ben Nti, Pastor

REDSTONE CHURCHES UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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

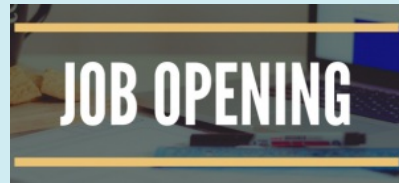


The Presbytery office will be closed on Wednesday, November 22nd and Thursday, November 23rd for the Thanksgiving holiday. Normal office hours will resume on Monday, November 27, 2023. The Presbytery staff would like to wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving!!

Are you looking to be part of God's work in Redstone?

Do you want to join in:

- *supporting congregations,*
- *facilitating shared ministry, and*
- *empowering shared mission in our region?*

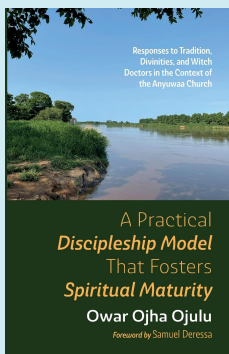


The Presbytery of Redstone will be beginning a search for a new Administrative Operations Manager. Stepping into this part-time role in February 2024, the Administrative Operations Manager will assist the Executive Presbyter/Stated Clerk in managing and directing day-to-day activities of the Presbytery office, Presbytery meetings, and committees. Expected to be approximately 20 hours/week on average, the person will work out of the Presbytery Center located in Greensburg. Because the person in this position is required to follow the governing documents of the Presbytery and the PCUSA, either prior familiarity with Presbyterian polity or a willingness to learn is essential. A more complete position description and expectations may be found by clicking [here](#).

If you are interested, please forward a cover letter and resume to:

executive@redstonepresbytery.org

**Executive Presbyter
Presbytery of Redstone
1004 Mt. Pleasant Road
Greensburg, PA 15601**



Rev. Owar Ojulu, the pastor of the Ebensburg and Colver churches in Redstone Presbytery, has written a book - "A Practical Discipleship Model That Fosters Spiritual Maturity". This book is a resource for personal inspiration/faith growth, Bible study, discipleship training, as well as for group discussions.

The lack of Biblical institution for theological studies in Gambella, has been the contributing factor to lack in-depth faith growth and Biblical understanding. Therefore, the proceeds from the book will solely support Bible school in Gambella Ethiopia, a region in the western part of Ethiopia, where Rev. Ojulu came from.

It was a great response to a mission that the church hadn't done for several years. 23 Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes began their journey around the world this past Monday, We praised God for these gifts of love that will spread God's love to young children and faraway villages by just a simple Christmas gift.



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.](#)

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.



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

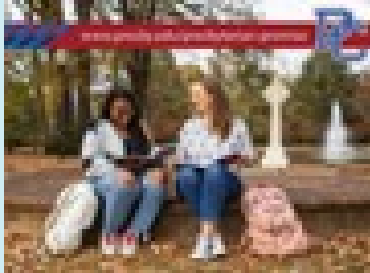
Workshops are again being offered for the Fall of 2023. Workshops include:

- **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.](#)



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 of 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.](#)

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!](#)



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.](#)

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



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**Leader Connect - The Next Gen Leader Retreat
at Crestfield ~ January 29-31, 2024**

Retreat

Crestfield's Next Gen Leader Retreat, Leader Connect, provides Next Gen leaders in our region with a time of respite and renewal at the start of the new year. The retreat is a time for leaders to connect with one another, worship together, and be refreshed through play, fellowship, inspiration, and rest. Our speaker this year, Rev. Timothy Spring is currently the interim pastor at Oakmont Presbyterian Church. Pastor Tim, a long-time, beloved pastor at his former church in the North Hills of Pittsburgh, has decades of pastoral experience, and a real passion for the next generation.

This year's music will be led by J Freyer, and activities will include: Focused Input sessions with Rev. Brian Wallace, 1:1 pastoral sessions with both Rev. Sharon Stewart and Rev. Tim, book discussion groups, and lots of fun!

Early Bird Registration ends December 1st. For more information, visit: <http://www.crestfieldcc.org/leaderconnect>.



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.

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



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 resumè to: churchoffice@beulahpresby.org or by mail to : Beulah Presbyterian Church, 2500 McCrady Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15235

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