

Presbytery of Redstone eNews

November 29, 2023



Please pray for...

District 1 Churches

- ~~United Presbyterian Church, New Kensington, Becca Siddle, Covenant Pastor
- ~~Poke Run Presbyterian Church, Apollo, Pete Goetschius, Pastor

District 2 Churches

- ~~Westminster Presbyterian Church, Greensburg, Jenn Frayer-Griggs, Pastor
- ~~First Presbyterian Church, Irwin, Doug Rehberg, Interim Pastor

District 3 Churches

- ~~Leisenring Presbyterian Church
- ~~First Presbyterian Church, Masontown, Eric Glisan, Commissioned Pastor

District 4 Churches

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

REDSTONE CHURCHES UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 1-3, 2023 - [40th Annual Festival of the Nativity](#)- First Presbyterian Church, Johnstown
- December 2, 2023 - [Christmas Nativity Display](#) - Calvin United Presbyterian Church, Scottdale
- December 9, 2023 - [Christmas Soup and Bake Sale](#) - Leisenring Presbyterian Church

- 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

[Click on each link listed above for more information on these events](#)



Bobbie will be out of the office beginning Thursday, November 30, 2023, through and including Monday, January 1, 2024; and will return to the office on Tuesday, January 2, 2024. Emails and everyday administrative duties will be caught up on at that time.

During the time that she is away, in case of emergency, please contact the Executive Presbyter, Skip Noftzger, at 724.833.0340 or executive@redstonepresbytery.org. Although he would be able to receive phone calls and emails, due to his schedule, Skip may or may not be in the office. If you would desire to stop

by the office, please call ahead before making a trip out.

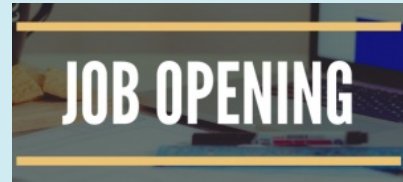
The office will be closed beginning Monday, December 18, 2023 through and including Monday, January 1, 2024 for the Christmas and New Year holidays.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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?*

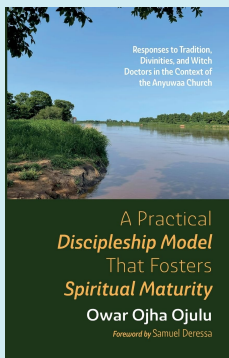


The Presbytery of Redstone will be beginning a search for a new Administrative Operations Manager. Stepping into this part-time role in February 2024, the Administrative Operations Manager will assist the Executive Presbyter/Stated Clerk in managing and directing day-to-day activities of the Presbytery 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
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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 First Presbyterian Church in Avonmore church hadn't done for several years. 23 Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes began their journey around the world in mid November. 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.



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.

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.



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.](#)



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 Presbytery office at 724.837.6737 or via email at secretary@redstonepresbytery.org to make arrangements to stop in for them.



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 :

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Word...*

Carry on the Work...

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Together

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