

This week's Redstone happening
August 29, 2024



This week we are praying for the following congregations:

District 1 Churches

United Presbyterian Church, New Kensington, Rebecca Siddle, Covenant Pastor

Poke Run Presbyterian Church, New Apollo, Pete Goetschius, Pastor

District 2 Churches

United Presbyterian Church, West Newton, John Manon, Pastor

Derry Presbyterian Church, Larry Armstrong, Covenant Pastor

District 3 Churches

Rehoboth Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon, Don Glunt, Pastor

Calvin Presbyterian Church, Brownsville, Kristen Emrick, Pastor

District 4 Churches

United Presbyterian Church, Bolivar, James Sunseri, Commissioned Pastor

Colver Presbyterian Church, Robert Sheehan, Moderator

~GA Commissioner Reflections...~

A Reflection on My Experience at General Assembly in Salt Lake City – Andrew Wirt

Not everything we did at the 226th General Assembly changes our Book of Order, spends money, or requires churches to do something. You might ask then, “Why is it important?” Remember, even though we

are shrinking, the PCUSA still represents over 8,500 churches and over 1 million members. We have a lot of influence. The PCUSA has a presence in both Washington, DC, and the United Nations, advocating for the policies and positions discussed at GA. When the PCUSA speaks at GA, it makes waves throughout the world. This year, we promoted a paper titled "More Than Knowledge and Training" that addresses the purpose and value of a college or university education and the rising cost of higher education and student indebtedness (this one came through my committee, Christian Formation). We spoke against the use of prolonged solitary confinement (recognized as a form of torture by the UN) and voiced support for removing the 13th Amendment's exception that permits those who are convicted of a crime to be enslaved. We discussed the threat of climate change and debated appropriate responses. We called for action so that children may live free from gun violence. I was moved by the ways the GA followed the calling of Jesus by drawing attention to and speaking up for "the least of these."



~Presbytery News~



Board of Pensions

Employee Agreements enrollment begins
August 29 - October 4, 2024

*** For continuing pastors, the default is the "Transition" Plan (TPP), but if the pastor and church want to change to the Congregation Pastor Plan (CPP), the employer will need to call the Board of Pensions to change the plan.

***For individual consultation, please call BOP Liaison Emily Chudy (EChudy@pensions.org or 215-356-82270 or EP Skip Noftzger.

2024/ 2025 Planning Calendars

are available and can be picked up at the Presbytery Office if you would like your copy before the Presbytery Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 24, 2024 @ 10am at Pine Springs Camp. Office Hours are Monday - Thursday 9am - 2pm.



2024-2025 Presbyterian Planning Calendar

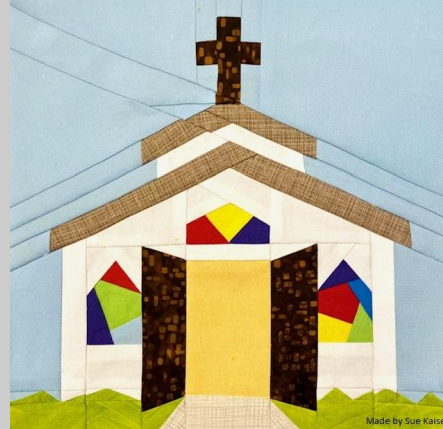




The Mission Network of the Presbytery of Redstone

will be sponsoring a
“Mission Fair” again for our
congregations at the
September Presbytery
Meeting at Pine Springs
Camp. We are asking you to
prepare to share local,
regional, national or
international projects in which
your church is engaged or
supports. You will have the
opportunity to display any
objects, flyers, information,
etc. at a exhibit table before
and during the Presbytery
gathering. The meeting is from
10am to 3pm so bring your
display early for everyone to
see. Plan now for what you
would like to share about
where God has led you in
mission.

Please email Karen Gray
(secretary@redstonepresbtery.org)
or call the office (724-837-6737)
if you plan on showing your
Mission Projects



Thank You to our Congregations and
Individuals who are participating in
providing quilt squares that represent any
or some of the mission areas of the
church.

Redstone Presbytery has been blessed
for your willingness to help
All of your time and talents you willingly
shared as we quilt a beautiful
masterpiece!

Please plan on turning in your
finished squares no later than
Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at
the Presbytery Meeting hosted
by Pine Springs Camp.

Pray for the Congregation of the Week (Facebook)

Each week a different ministry of one of our
congregations is featured on the Presbytery
Facebook page
(<https://www.facebook.com/PresbyteryofRedstone>) Look for your friends and colleagues
in ministry and intercede on their behalf with
the Lord for what God has called them to be
and do.

WEE KIRK 2024 October 14-16, 2024 Laurelville Retreat Center Mt. Pleasant, PA

Registrations are open! Don't miss this
important opportunity for learning,
renewal and retreat. For this year's
brochure, listing all the
seminars/workshops, their leaders,

and the schedule.
Go to wee-kirk-ne.org

Are you a Ruling Elder who is interested in Learning and Growing in you Faith even more?

Is God Possibly Calling you to Preach?

CONSIDER ENROLLING IN THE INTER-PRESBYTERY LEADERSHIP FORMATION PROGRAM.

For more Information about the program and Enrollment, Please Contact Skip Noftzger at the Presbytery Office 724-837-6737 or executive@redstonepresbytery.org

IPLF FALL WORKSHOPS SCHEDULE

View the full schedule of fall Pastor and Elder Training Workshops presented by the Inter-Presbytery Leadership Formation. All workshops will be hybrid offerings by Zoom and in-person at Laboratory Presbyterian Church in Washington from 12:30-3:30 p.m.

Sudan/South Sudan Mission Partnership Network Gathering---

September 26-28, Antiochian Village---Join this gathering of those interested and engaged in Sudan/South Sudan mission partnership not only in our presbytery, but with others across the country, including visitors from South Sudan and from the Sudanese diaspora in this country. **For more information, please see flyer below or contact the Redstone Presbytery office.**



Sudan/South Sudan Mission Network Conference 2024: Partners in Sharing God's Good News

September 26-28, 2024
Antiochian Village
201 Saint Ignatius Trail,
Bolivar, PA 15923

Information on schedule to follow

Cost
includes room, meals, and conference fees beginning with Thursday dinner through Saturday breakfast

Single- \$355 per person
Double- \$280 per person
Triple- \$260 per person

Program only rate available upon request
Registration is open!



<https://shenangopresbytery.wufoo.com/forms/sudansouth-sudan-mission-network-r1y8ir1p0mj5sum>

Save the Date

Pine Springs Friend's Dinner
October 27, 2024
Where: Core Event Center, Irwin, PA
Time: 4:30pm - 7:30pm

Join Pine Springs Camp for a celebration of their ministry. The evening is a joyful event highlighting stories of faith and inspiration of how God is working through the PSC ministry. More info about registration and sponsorship opportunities coming soon.



ENERGY SAVING RESOURCES FOR CONGREGATIONS

Find out how your congregation can get both tax rebates and direct pay options for installing energy-efficiency upgrades and/or renewable energy! **Explore resources** from the presentations to the General Assembly Committee on Environmental and Climate Justice and the General Assembly plenary, as well as a full webinar posted by Presbyterians for Earth Care

~Events at our Churches~

Unity Cemetery & Chapel
250th Anniversary Celebration

Honoring Our Past, Inspiring Our Future

For more information on upcoming events:
visit unitycemeterychapel.org

Leisenring Presbyterian Church
1004 Church Street is hosting:

Cabbage Roll Dinner & Bake Sale
September 14, 2024
from 11am - 4pm

Blessing of the Pets
Saturday, September 21 @ 12Noon
Union Presbyterian Church
656 State
Route 380
Murrysville, PA 15668
724-337-3042

Treats for the animals
Please bring an item for the New Kensington
Animal Protectors.
Pastor Bob Ruefle will bless the pets.

Rummage Sale
Union Presbyterian Church
656 Route 380
Murrysville, PA 15668
724-337-3042

Friday, September 27 - 9-5
Saturday, September 28 -9-1PM

Pine Springs Camp **WOMEN IN THE WOODS** **October 4th-5th, 2024**

Women in the Woods is a retreat designed to be physically and spiritually refreshing for women of all ages. The teaching will be incredible, and the retreat will



be packed with great singing, fun, laughter and fellowship. The retreat will run from Friday to Saturday evening, culminating with a special dinner celebration. Consider a Women in the Woods retreat for you, your church, or just bring a friend and join us! [Click here for more information.](#)

~Upcoming Events Outside of Redstone Presbytery~

Henderson Leadership Conference

Celebrating 40 Years

Sept. 22-24, 2024

Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

“Faithful Resistance: Choosing Christ Over Empire”

Discounted In Person Registration for Early Career Clergy!

National elections and concerns about extremism and election-related violence can bring conflict, anxiety, and fear. How should Christians respond? Faithful resistance is the challenging work of peacemaking amid partisan polarization. With inspiring lectures, strategies for preaching across the divide, and creative exploration of what resistance can look like, this year’s Henderson Leadership Conference will equip Christians to choose the way of Christ over the empires of the world. Details and registration: <https://www.pts.edu/henderson-2024>

Enter the early career clergy discount code at checkout to receive \$25 off registration: ECC25OFF

Stewardship Kaleidoscope - Real Tools for Real Ministry

September 23-25, 2024 in Portland OR.

For more information visit

stewardshipkaleidoscope.org

2024 EVANGELISM CONFERENCE - Oct.

3-5. Registration for the 2024 Evangelism Conference, planned by Theology, Formation & Evangelism, is now open. “A Lifestyle That Exudes Justice” **Evangelism Conference will be held at the Presbyterian Center in Louisville, Kentucky. [Learn more and Register.](#)**



World Mission Initiative Conference
and W. Don McClure Lecture

Mission in the Margins:

*Lessons and Practices
from the Global Church*

Oct. 11-12, 2024
In Person and Online



www.pts.edu/WMI-conference-2024

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