

This week's Redstone happening
October 24, 2024



This week we are praying for the following congregations:

District 1 Churches

Union Presbyterian Church, Murrysville, Robert Ruefle, Pastor
Community United Presbyterian Church, New Alexandria, Len Morgan,
Commissioned Pastor

District 2 Churches

Latrobe Presbyterian Church, Derek Campbell, Pastor
Latrobe United Presbyterian Church, Ron Durika, Pastor

District 3 Churches

Little Redstone Presbyterian Church, Fayette City, Josh Scully,
Commissioned Pastor
Springhill Furnace Presbyterian Church, Lake Lynn, Molly Hall, Pastor

District 4 Churches

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

~From Skip~

Soli Deo Gloria

In commemoration of Reformation Day, we often reflect upon those key reforms such as justification by faith or the priesthood of believers. Some of these critical reforms were summarized later in the Five "Solas" (*Solae*). Emphasizing these processes of grace, faith, Christ, and Scripture "alone" reflects their sufficiency without addition or synthesis. Yet,



the “last” of these, “**Soli Deo Gloria**” brings them together in our singular purpose in life. Whether individually or collectively as churches, the defining aim of our lives is to give God glory. In many ways, the central question that directs our thoughts, decisions and actions is: **“how is/will God glorified in this?”**

Among the shorter writings of Warfield, an article entitled “Is the Shorter Catechism Worthwhile?” illustrates the “indelible mark of the shorter catechism.” Recounting the experience of an army officer walking on the streets during a time of chaos and violence, the man observes another person approaching from the other direction and notices his calm and firm demeanor. So impressed by him that when he passes, he turns to look back only to find the other man doing the same thing. Returning to him and with no other introduction, he inquires **“what is the chief end of “man”?”** The ready response, informed by the catechism, is **“to glorify God and enjoy him forever.”** For Warfield, this demonstrates the enduring power of the catechism in shaping people.

While not denying the overall significance of catechesis, yet I think that “power” to shape us is embodied in the deliberate way the catechism begins. Opening the shorter catechism with this foundational question and response serves as a defining reminder of our purpose. Beginning with that “chief end,” all other things in life are and will be measured by it.

Upon arriving in Redstone, I introduced a call/response liturgy that begins and finishes with that **“end”** in mind. **Soli Deo Gloria! “To God alone be the glory!** Participated in this liturgy reminds us through words and repetition in order to embed it in our lives. On our lips and in our lives, we seek to embody the call of Jesus the Christ in offering all (*who we are and hope to be*) for God’s glory alone. Much like the Warfield story, we seek to have our lives defined not only in theory, but in in practice by the chief “end” of our lives as God’s people. More than just a liturgy, it is my hope that any legacy that I leave behind might be that single-minded focus of our lives together. While we can find ourselves giving great time and energy to preserving or changing faithful functioning congregations, or nurturing and shaping effective leadership, or connecting together in shared ministry callings or collective mission commitments, each of these are the means, not the ends, to the primary purpose. So we live not only by the expression, but the embodiment of Soli Deo Gloria, To God alone be the glory. May it be so. **Soli Deo Gloria!**



Please Join us to honor Rev. Skip Noftzger as we celebrate his remarkable journey and retirement after 11 years of dedicated service to Redstone Presbytery. Help us to send Skip off in style on Tuesday, November 19, 2024 at Stratigos Banquet Centre, located at 131

Colonial Manor Rd, North Huntingdon, PA 15642. The *Celebration* begins at 5:00 p.m. with Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

For more information, please contact:

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Please continue Prayers for everyone who is affected by Hurricanes Milton and Helene.

To support the Response of PDA, Designate Gifts to **DR000169**

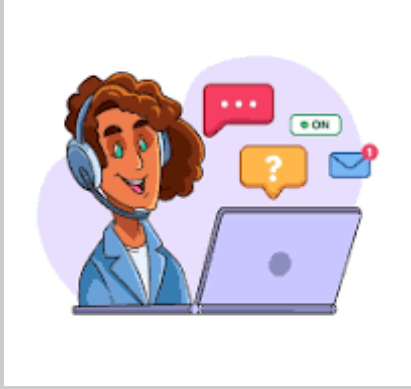
In these difficult times, we are called to respond through generosity, action and prayer - continually standing in the "GAP" to uplift our neighbors and offer hope in their journey toward recovery.

Please send your gifts to the Presbytery Office or to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance directly.



Keep in your prayers the over 1 million people in South Sudan who have been affected by rising waters. They are experiencing their worst flood season of recent years.

The Presbytery is seeking to identify a “**Tech Coordinator**” for the 5 annual “hybrid” Presbytery meetings beginning in 2025. The person must have knowledge of audio-visual equipment and be familiar with hosting and features within the Zoom workspace. The Tech Coordinator will prepare for and coordinate the Zoom and av equipment for meetings held in a variety of churches within the



Presbytery. This position will be supported with a stipend for each of the meetings. Any candidates or referral of possible people with these skills should reach out to the Staff Support committee through contacting the Executive Presbyter or Presbytery office.



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.

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.



Boundaries and Ethics in Church Leadership

Saturday, November 9, 2024; 12:30 - 3:30pm
Maplewood Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall

If it has been more than three years since your last participation in training on Boundaries and Ethics issues, It is important for all of us to continue to be

engaged in these areas. Please save the date on your calendars to attend this

For Such a Time as This – Group Spiritual Direction

You are invited to join Jenn in a time of contemplative reflection, support and encouragement for all pastors and church leaders as we navigate this stressful political season. Bring your lunch and your open heart as we seek healing for ourselves and for our divided nation.

Thursdays, September 26 - November 7

12-1 pm.

Zoom.

Meeting ID: 820 3291 0696

Passcode: hope

Email Jenn at pastorjenn@wpcgreensburg.org
for more information



The Zoom link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82032910696?pwd=o7gaatnz6SSIKs8PO9t4OhhH4MEJWU.1>

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Save the Date

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Pine Springs Friends Dinner

PATHWAYS OF GRACE

WHERE: CORE EVENT CENTER, IRWIN, PA
TIME: 4:30 TO 7:30

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.

Praying Jesus' Way

Saturday, November 9, 2024

9:30 AM to 11:30 AM
Redstone Presbytery Office
1004 Mount Pleasant Road
Greensburg, Pennsylvania 15601
Free RSVP 724 837-6737
For more information [Click Here](#)

~Events at our Churches~



Unity Cemetery & Chapel
250th Anniversary Celebration

Honoring Our Past, Inspiring Our Future

. **Lessons & Carols with Time Period Music**
December 22nd, 2024 from 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

For more information on the upcoming events: visit unitycemeterychapel.org



Puckety Church
1009 Puckety Church Road, Lower Burrell

November 2, Noon to 7pm
Faith Hall

Meal includes:

Spaghetti
Salad
Bread & Butter
Dessert
Drink

Cost:

Eat-in Ticket = \$10
Take-out Ticket = \$11

Raffle Baskets:

Win one or more of the
unique themed baskets
Tickets
5 for \$5 OR 15 for \$10

Special Quilt Raffle:

Handmade Quilt
Size (68" x 86")
Tickets \$20 each

Pre Order Tickets by contacting Debbie Artman from Puckety Church @ 724-339-1323

LOVE ANYWAY *feast*

**Uniting Our Community,
One Feast at a Time:**
Building Bridges,
Breaking Barriers

*In the days following the election, let's
come to the same table. At a time when
the world needs it most, the Love Anyway
Feast encourages us to love beyond
boundaries, differences, and
disagreements—proving that despite it all,
we can choose to love anyway.*

**Friday, November 8
6:30-8:30 pm**

**Kadel Dining Room, McNaugher Hall
Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
616 N. Highland Ave. Pittsburgh, PA 15206**

**Free and open to everyone!
RSVP HERE:**



RECKONING WITH ANTISEMITISM: LISTENING TO JEWISH VOICES



Alan Iszauk



Eric Lidji



Sara Stock Mayo

For Christians, reckoning with antisemitism is the journey of seeing, confronting, and disrupting the ways our tradition has caused harm to our Jewish neighbors. This November, we invite Christians to learn from Jewish leaders who will share how antisemitism has affected their lives and community and what they hope their Christian neighbors will come to understand about the Jewish experience.

Wednesday, November 20, 6:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

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CENTER OF
PITTSBURGH**



learn more and register: casp.org/reckoning

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