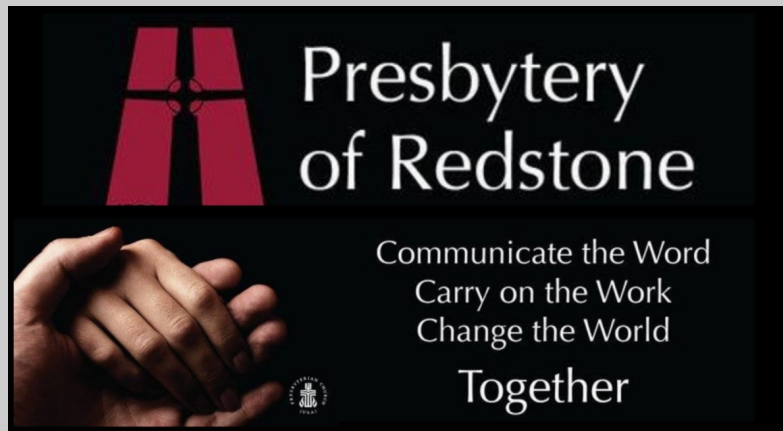


This week's Redstone happening  
**November 14, 2024**



**This week we are praying for the following congregations:**

*District 1 Churches*

*Delmont Presbyterian Church, Tony Catullo, Interim Pastor  
Grace Community Presbyterian Church, Lower Burrell, Owar Ojulu,  
Pastor*

*District 2 Churches*

*Sewickley United Presbyterian Church, West Newton, Glenn Hart,  
Commissioned Pastor  
United Presbyterian Church, West Newton, Chuck MacPherson,  
Moderator*

*District 3 Churches*

*Dunlap's Creek Presbyterian Church, Merrittstown, Lee McDermott,  
Moderator  
Calvin Presbyterian Church, Scottdale, Doug Yauger, Commissioned  
Pastor*

*District 4 Churches*

*Colver Presbyterian Church, Robert Sheehan, Moderator  
First Presbyterian Church, Cresson, Alice Tondora, Pastor*

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~From Skip~

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**IN CHRIST, ONE AND MANY**

Our community with one another consists solely in what Christ has done to both of us.... I have community with others and I shall continue to have it only through Jesus Christ....We have one another only through Christ, but through Christ we do have one another, wholly and for all eternity."(Bonhoeffer, Life Together)



In our current context, there are so many distinctions that not only identify us but threaten to divide us. Perhaps, it may be a perspective on political issues, or differences of social standing, where we live, or the interests and hobbies in which we invest our energies or even loyalties (dare I say religious commitments 😊) to particular sports teams.

Within the body of Christ, we congregate in particular communities of faith. Therein lies the problem. For as sinners forgiven and redeemed, yet our faithful transformation is far from complete. As a community of faith, we are not immune from the temptations of making absolute our identities or loyalties and bringing these divisions into our shared lives together in Christ.

Yet, as a new creation in Christ, there is only room for absolute fidelity to One, our God in Christ who sacrificed all not just for me or those with whom I agree or have common perspectives. The foundation of our unity lies not in our own choices, but in our new humanity indebted to the same Savior. Though our oneness may not be sameness, it is a commonness in Christ and becomes embodied in our love one for another. From the early work of Bonhoeffer in Life Together, the above quote has served as constant reminder to me in the midst of differences of all kinds. **“Our community with one another consists solely in what Christ has done to both of us...I have community with others and I shall continue to have it only through Jesus Christ.”**

In our world, where polarization becomes the norm and demonization the argument of choice, the testimony of the good news of Jesus Christ may shine the brightest through a community of faith where unity in the midst of differences is lived out. For by the grace of God, we can witness to a reality that does not necessarily nullify difference but transcends it. Our relationship and communion with God binds us into relationship with one another at the same time. Because our desires are often based upon self interest and choice, we acknowledge that it is not always easy. We can and do fall prey to self interest rather than looking to the interests of others. Yet, **“We have one another only through Christ, but through Christ we do have one another, wholly and for all eternity.”** The power of God’s story shaping ours will be made known not just in changed individual lives, but in transformed communities where the unity of Christ is clearly evident and the Lord God receives the glory. **In Christ, One and Many**

**Soli Deo Gloria**  
**God’s story shaping ours.**  
**In Christ, one and many;**

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~Presbytery News~

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### **ANNOUNCEMENT LOOP FOR PRESBYTERY MEETING**

**The November meeting of Presbytery will be on, Saturday, November 23, 2024 In Person and via ZOOM videoconferencing at the Community United Presbyterian Church, New Alexandria, beginning at 9:00 a.m. If you have an announcement that you**



would like included in the announcement loop that will be presented that day please submit them directly to [redstonestories@gmail.com](mailto:redstonestories@gmail.com) by Monday, November 18, 2024

Thank you!



## 2024 Annual Session Statistical Report to General Assembly

Electronic reporting to General Assembly can be submitted from December 16, 2024 to February 13, 2024.

If you have any questions about filing this report, Please contact the Presbytery Office.



Advent is a time of preparation and reflection in anticipation of the birth of Jesus Christ.

Please [Click Here](#) to view Advent Resources from the Presbyterian Mission Agency

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

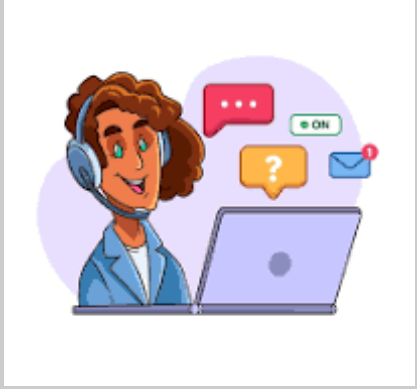
To support the Response of PDA, Designate Gifts to **DR000169**

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.



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](mailto:executive@redstonepresbytery.org)**

## IPLF FALL WORKSHOPS SCHEDULE

Fall Pastor and Elder Training Workshops presented by the Inter-Presbytery Leadership Formation. All workshops will be hybrid offerings by Zoom and in-person from 12:30-3:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 13, 2024 - More than a Rule Book - Faithful ordering  
Laboratory Presbyterian Church, Washington  
Instructor: Rev. Skip Noftzger,

**Spring 2025 IPLF Workshop Schedule**

~Events at our Churches~



The Masontown monthly Food bank will be held Wednesday, November 13, 2024 from 1 to 2 PM at the First Presbyterian Church, 102 W. Church Ave., Masontown PA.

>>>> Participants may register at the Food bank. For more information call Frank 724-366-4721



The Masontown community kitchen will be open Tuesday, November 19, 2024 from 4 to 5:30. Thanksgiving dinner will be served with homemade desserts, and Panera bread. At 6 PM following the meal, a Give Thanks service will be held in the sanctuary conducted by the Klondike clergy.

The kitchen is open every other Tuesday providing home cooked dinners. Everyone is invited to come and share the meal and Christian fellowship that is found in the dining hall of the First Presbyterian Church, 102 W. Church Ave., Masontown, PA For questions or to volunteer your help cooking, serving or cleaning afterwards please call Judy at 724-943-3013 or Frank 724 366-4721

The Beesontown Singers and  
Trinity United Presbyterian Church  
present

# A Yuletide Madrigal Feaste

His Royal Highness and Queen Wife beckon thee  
to attend a Royal Dinner with Delightful Entertainment

Trinity United Presbyterian Church  
79 West Fayette Street Uniontown, Pennsylvania

Friday, 6 December 2024 at 5:45 p.m.  
Saturday, 7 December 2024 at 5:45 p.m.

\$37.50 per Guest



Tickets: [beesontownsingers.ludus.com](https://beesontownsingers.ludus.com)  
or scan the QR code

Questions: [beesontown@gmail.com](mailto:beesontown@gmail.com)  
or text to 724-322-2728

William Dreucci, Director and Producer    Barb Slavin, Production Manager  
Brett Vanderlaan and Helen Krjehbaum, Royal Musicians.    Royal Cast, Choir and Musicians



## **Christmas Bake & Soup Sale**

Saturday, December 7, 2024 - 9 am. - 1 pm

Leisenring Presbyterian Church  
1004 Church Street  
Leisenring, PA 15455



## **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](http://unitycemeterychapel.org)

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**~Upcoming Events Outside of Redstone Presbytery~**

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# RECKONING WITH ANTISEMITISM: LISTENING TO JEWISH VOICES



Alan Iszauk



Eric Lidji



Sara Stock Mayo

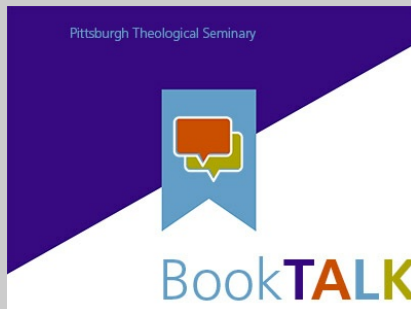
*For Christians, reckoning with antisemitism is the journey of seeing, confronting, and disrupting the ways our tradition has caused harm to our Jewish neighbors. This November, we invite Christians to learn from Jewish leaders who will share how antisemitism has affected their lives and community and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

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

**HOLOCAUST  
CENTER OF  
PITTSBURGH**



**learn more and register: [casp.org/reckoning](https://casp.org/reckoning)**



## Pittsburgh Theological Seminary Hosts Book Talk

### Upcoming Event:

**Season's Greetings: Christmas Letters from  
Those Who Were here  
with Ruth L. Boling '24**

Thurs., Dec. 5, 2024, 5:00-6:00 p.m. ET

In-Person at Barbour Library and Webinar via Zoom

For more information [Click Here](#)

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*Carry on the Work...*

*Change the World...*

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