

This week's Redstone happening
December 5, 2024



This week we are praying for the following congregations:

District 1 Churches

Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church, Murrysville, Curtis Paul, Pastor; Travis Webster, Associate Pastor

Union Presbyterian Church, Murrysville, Bob Ruefle, Pastor

District 2 Churches

Maplewood Presbyterian Church, Greensburg, Steve LaSor, Pastor

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Greensburg, Jennifer Frayer-Griggs, Pastor

District 3 Churches

Tent Presbyterian Church, Uniontown, Jeff Smith, Commissioned Pastor

Third Presbyterian Church, Uniontown, Ed Gray, Moderator

District 4 Churches

First Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, Hyiwot Teshome, Pastor

Second Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, Art Moffat, Temporary Supply

~From Skip~

**THE WORD PROCLAIMED, THE WORK
FULFILLED, THE WORLD
TRANSFORMED**

Once, I came across an internet meme with a picture of a guy scratching his head and the question posed, "Our mission statement?" His honest and humorous response was the following: "As far as I can tell, it's to look as busy as possible, regardless of how much you actually accomplish."



Perhaps there are times when those words echoed your own thoughts whether at work or even church (if we are honest). Yet, understanding our mission defines our identity not only from the past, but in the present and going forward into the future. While the particular vision and strategy may change with context and providential opportunities, nonetheless our mission abides in who we are and why we exist.

When I entered Redstone Presbytery nearly twelve years ago, I was challenged by our slogan and mission in the words..."Communicate the Word, Carry on the Work, Change the World.. Together!" Those words expressed our purpose even when taking

on different forms of ministry strategy through the years. They remain words by which we are exhorted to action. And that action is one not merely of the total of individual responsibilities, but in shared ministry and mission... together!

Inspired by this initial understanding, my only addition informally was to add the reminder qualifying such efforts would be done and only done faithfully, "by the grace of God." Consequently, in the liturgical Soli Deo Gloria, I sought to echo that missional identity, but not by the imperative challenge, but the declarative phrasing whereby we say together what we are doing, "by the grace of God. Hence, "The Word Proclaimed, The Work Fulfilled, The World Transformed."

Though they might be repeated in this call and response refrain, yet they are more than words. Countless times over the past twelve years, I have been a witness to the reality of the Lord God in our midst where the proclamation of the Word has shaped and is shaping our lives and the lives of others. I have seen firsthand the commitment of congregations and presbytery leaders alike fulfilling the work of the crucified, risen and ascended Christ in our midst. I have taken note of the signs of God's kingdom and his righteousness taking root here and there even in anticipation of a final transformation. So, more than just a challenging exhortation, they embody as well on our lips and in our lives an encouraging affirmation that in neighborhoods near and far, through us by God's presence and power there is "The Word Proclaimed, The Work Fulfilled, The World Transformed." May we continue to speak and act together in this way, because it is who and why we are the Presbytery of Redstone.

Soli Deo Gloria

God's story shaping ours.

In Christ, one and many;

coming by grace,

following in faith,

serving with love.

In neighborhoods near and far;

The Word proclaimed,

The Work fulfilled,

The World transformed,



Healing Prayer Network

Advent Prayer

Hidden God, wherever you are in your kind space, you will have to take the initiative to break through and reach us.

For we keep throwing up roadblocks of doubt, smoke screens of laziness, sound barriers of prayer, and endless ingenious excuses. Break through this heavy human wall with the blast of an embryo and with little bits of blood. Break through and join us, become one of us and shock us with your son. Yes, shock us. We need it.

From Interrobang by Norman C. Habel, Fortress Press



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 RESOURCES FROM PRESBYTERIAN MISSION - PC(USA)

Presbyterian Mission has put together a helpful list of Advent Resources. Included are Candle Lighting readings, Advent prayers, musical setting for the Lord's Supper, and more. There is also a complete service of Lessons and Carols

available to download. [View all resources here.](#)

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.



**PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER
ASSISTANCE**

OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

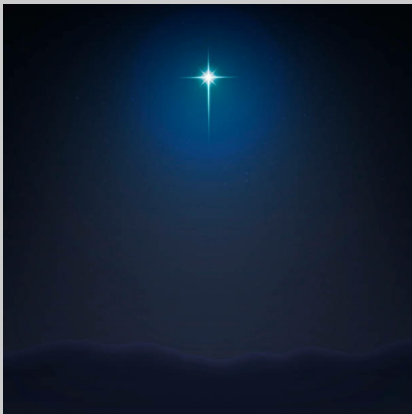
Please send your gifts to the Presbytery Office or to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance directly.



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

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 14, 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 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
or scan the QR code
Questions: 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



The Masontown monthly Food bank will be held
Wednesday, December 11, 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 or to volunteer to help, call Frank 724-366-
4721

Frank martin, first Presbyterian Church of Masontown

724-366-4721

The Level Green Presbyterian Church
welcomes the community to join them on
Friday, December 13, for their annual Live



Nativity on the front lawn of the church. Visiting with the animals will be at 6:45p.m. and the Nativity program will begin at 7:00p.m. Christmas carol singing will follow the program.

Hot chocolate, hot cider, coffee, & Christmas cookies will be served as refreshments in the Fellowship Hall. There will also be Children's

Craft areas and face painting.

Adults and older youth can help decorate a gift that will be given to a senior in the community at the Wrap a Gift area. Both children and adults are invited to get creative in the Cookie Decorating area.

Those attending are encouraged to bring a canned food item with them to support the Trafford Food Bank. The evening is free of charge.

Please dress warmly for the outdoor part of the evening. Parking is limited so carpooling is recommended

Level Green Presbyterian Church

105 Olive Drive

Trafford, PA 15085

412-372-5370

www.levelgreenchurch.org



Derry Presbyterian Church

Help Support Our Online Fundraiser!

We are fundraising with **Sarris Candies** to raise money for our organization! if you would like to help support our sale, you can go online to SarrisCandiesFundraing.com

*All Orders must be placed by 11:59 pm EST on December 15th.

Derry's Group ID # 10-1741

Click Here for Brochure with more information and how to browse a HUGE variety of holiday favorites.



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

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Change the World...

Together

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