

This week's Redstone happening
May 1, 2025



This week we are praying for the following congregations:

District 1 Churches

Grace Community Presbyterian Church, Lower Burrell, Owar Ojulu, Pastor
Puckety Presbyterian Church, Lower Burrell, Brian Kilbert, Pastor

District 2 Churches

Maplewood Presbyterian Church, Greensburg, Steve LaSor, Pastor
Westminister Presbyterian Church, Greensburg, Jennifer Frayer-Griggs, Pastor

District 3 Churches

First Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon, Rick Sweeney, Interim Pastor
Harmony Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon, Glenn Hart, Commissioned Pastor

District 4 Churches

Bethel Presbyterian Church, New Florence, James Sunseri, Commissioned Pastor
Trinity Presbyterian Church, New Florence, Sara Sadler, Pastor

~From Interim Executive Presbyter~

Barbecue on the Beach

One of the most inspiring stories of the risen Christ was his appearance to seven of the apostles on the shore of the Sea of Tiberias in John 21. Peter was there and was moved to go fishing one night. Failing to catch anything, he and his boatmates heard a voice coming from the shore, asking them whether they had had any success in their venture. Hearing



that they had none, this mysterious figure on the beach directed them to fish on the other side of their boat. With their immediate success, John (“the one Jesus loved”) was moved to declare, “It is the Lord!” Hearing this, Peter plunged into the waters to meet Jesus: the others hauled in the one hundred fifty-three fish and brought them to the shore.

Clearly perplexed, the apostles accepted Christ’s invitation to eat the breakfast meal he had prepared for them from their catch. None of them asked him who he was. Ultimately, he shared the food in a way that echoed his last earthly supper. Then, he called and commissioned Peter to understand the next chapter of their lives as his followers: in short, “Love me by feeding my sheep.” It would be a difficult life,

but it would be an ever-transforming life, modeled by the basic action of fishing.

To me, this is a reassuring message to us. It’s reassuring because it shows that our cause is a basic one: we are to love (offer agape love, that is, self-giving love) and to nurture (empower those around you through your genuine care for them). Basic does not mean “easy,” but it does mean clear and to the point. Without loving and nurturing one another, community falls apart and our cause fails. The hope borne by the resurrection is that the very opposite it possible: weak and vulnerable communities can be renewed; and failures and become the launchpads for new, fruitful directions.

When I was a child of eight years old, my family moved from Swissvale to the farm community of Fremont in northwestern Ohio. One of the rituals we shared with several other families were barbecues at Crane Creek State Park on the shore of Lake Erie. Many Memorial and Labor Days began with breakfast on that shore. It was a mixture of riding the waves, games of bocce and touch football, delicious food prepared on the grills, and favorites food prepared beforehand. Mixing with people we knew and those who were new to us. It was a time of renewal, enabling us to be ready to face the world again. It was a type of an Easter event: surprise and joy defeating grief; love for one another spread to those who barely us; and trust in the possibilities to come. May this be the resurrection Spirit that guides through this season!

Peace in Christ,
Lon Weaver

~Presbytery News~

IPLF Final Spring Workshop

Spring 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, May 3, 2025 - Church as Community Resource

Meeting Location: Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, 480 PA-519, Eighty Four, PA 15330

Conference Room in Washington Presbytery

Instructor: Rev. Erica Harley

The zoom login information is:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/7248330340?pwd=gpnK4liH8GsZGOXApZLISyM18vgsVV.1>

Meeting ID: 7248330340
Password: IPLF

Please contact the Presbytery office if you plan on attending in person or by Zoom
724-837-6737, secretary@redstonepresbytery.org



Commission Service

The Rev. Patrick Ewing will be Commissioned as the Pastor of the Third Presbyterian Church, Uniontown, on Sunday, May 4, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.

Dinner to follow after the service. Please RSVP to Linda Malaspino in the church office (724-438-2529).

Please join the Presbytery in welcoming Rev. Ewing to the Third Presbyterian Church family.



ANNOUNCEMENT LOOP FOR PRESBYTERY MEETING

The May meeting of Presbytery will be on Tuesday, May 27, 2025 In Person and via ZOOM videoconferencing and at the Puckety Presbyterian Church in Lower Burrell beginning at 6:00 p.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 by Monday, May 19, 2025

Thank you!



Vacation Bible School

The Vacation Bible School Season is just around the corner!

[Click Here](#) to view the list of churches in Redstone Presbytery that already have their plans made for this year.

Are you hosting VBS at your Church? If so, please send the information to the presbytery office or email secretary@redstonepresbytery.org.

We will publish the list in up coming eNews with the possibility of sharing resources.

Announcement

The remaining date scheduled for the 2024 Session Minutes Reviews is:



o Tuesday, May 27, 2025 — 4:30 p.m. Puckety Presbyterian Church, Lower Burrell; Pre-Presbytery.

Wee Kirk

small numbers. big faith.
huge impact.

Early Bird Registration is Open!

Wee Kirk 2025
October 13-15 - Laurelville Retreat Center

Our purpose is to inspire, equip, motivate, and encourage small Churches and to provide rest and refreshment for the Clergy and Lay Leaders of those Churches.

Register online today to receive a discount.

[Click Here](https://wee-irk-ne.org) to go to the website (<https://wee-irk-ne.org>) and view the speakers and topics.

[Click Here for the Brochure](#) that lists all the seminars/workshops, their leaders, and the schedule.



Presbyterian Youth Triennium 2025

July 28th - July 31st, 2025

Kentucky International Convention Center -
Louisville KY

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) welcomes thousands of its high school age youth and their adult youth workers for four days of worship, recreation, bible study, outreach and faith formation all around the theme of "As If We Were Dreaming." Registration for Triennium is now open. More information is available by [clicking here](#). The presbytery office has received

several flyers and promotional materials that our congregations are welcome to use. If you are interested in using these materials, please call the office or email secretary@redstonepresbytery.org.

MINISTER ID CARDS from PC(USA) are now available at the Presbytery Office. Please pick yours up when you visit the office for a meeting or if you are in the area during office hours. (Monday - Thursday 9am - 2pm)

If you have any questions, please email me or call.

Karen Gray
Administrative Operations Manager
secretary@redstonepresbytery.org - 724-837-6737 - Office

SALES TAX EXEMPT FORM FOR CHURCHES

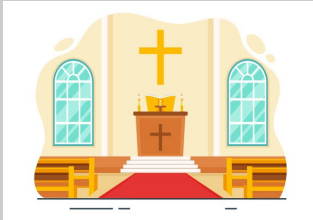
The updated 2025 sales tax exemption certificates for churches have been emailed from the Synod of the Trinity.

If your church did not receive theirs, email Synod Bookkeeper Gwenn Egresitz at gegresitz@syntrinity.org.

CORPORATE ANNUAL REPORT FILING DEADLINE

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania now requires that each corporation including not for profit corporations, file an annual report via its corporations' portal: [Business Services | An Official Pennsylvania Government Website](#). The corporation must have an account to complete the registration. If possible, use a church email address instead of an individual's personal email address to create an account. The deadline for filing is June 30th each year and failure to file in a timely manner may result in the loss of a congregation's corporate status including the right to use its name.

If you are experiencing difficulty, the most detailed instructions for this process with a list of FAQs may be found here: [Annual Reports | Department of State | Commonwealth of Pennsylvania](#). There also is brief guide here: [annual-reports-one-pager](#) and at the bottom of the page there is a website and a phone number for further questions.



Featured Congregation of the Week (Facebook)

Each week a different ministry of one of our congregations is highlighted 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.



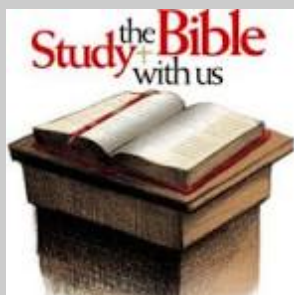
Are you a Ruling Elder who is interested in Learning and Growing in you Faith even more?

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 Karen Gray at the Presbytery Office 724-837-6737 or secretary@redstonepresbytery.org

~Events at our Churches~



Union Presbyterian Church, Murrysville

Bible Study: " Healing is a Choice
12 Noon

Bring you own brown bag Lunch

May 6, 2025
May 20, 2025

GLORYWAY

GLORYWAYMUSIC.COM



GLORYWAY Gospel Concert

Where: First Presbyterian Church, 511 Fayette Ave. Belle Vernon
724-929-7616

Date: Saturday, May 10th at 6 pm (EVERYONE is welcome)

Join us for an evening of beautiful gospel music. There is no admission, but the gentlemen will be collecting a free will offering and selling some of their memorabilia after the concert.

www.glorywaymusic.com



Mother's Day Weekend Diaper Drive Benefitting Western Pennsylvania Diaper Bank

What: Diaper Drive to collect diapers and wipes (or the funds to buy them!) for families in need in Western Pennsylvania

When: Saturday, May 10 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Where: Level Green Presbyterian Church



**1 in 2 families
struggle with diaper need**



The region's only basic needs bank, Western Pennsylvania Diaper Bank partners with dozens of social service partners to distribute diapers, period products, and incontinence supplies to families in need. **Since 2012, we have distributed over 6.8 million diapers into our community!**



wpadiaperbank.org



The Level Green Presbyterian Church

is hosting a Diaper Collection Drive
**Saturday, May 10, 2025,
10:00 a.m - 12:00 p.m.**

[Click Here for more information](#) on this drive - thru event that benefits the Western Pennsylvania Diaper Bank.



Rehoboth Presbyterian Church
442 Rehoboth Road/Belle Vernon

Saturday, May 17th, 2025-2 PM to 6 PM
724-929-7020

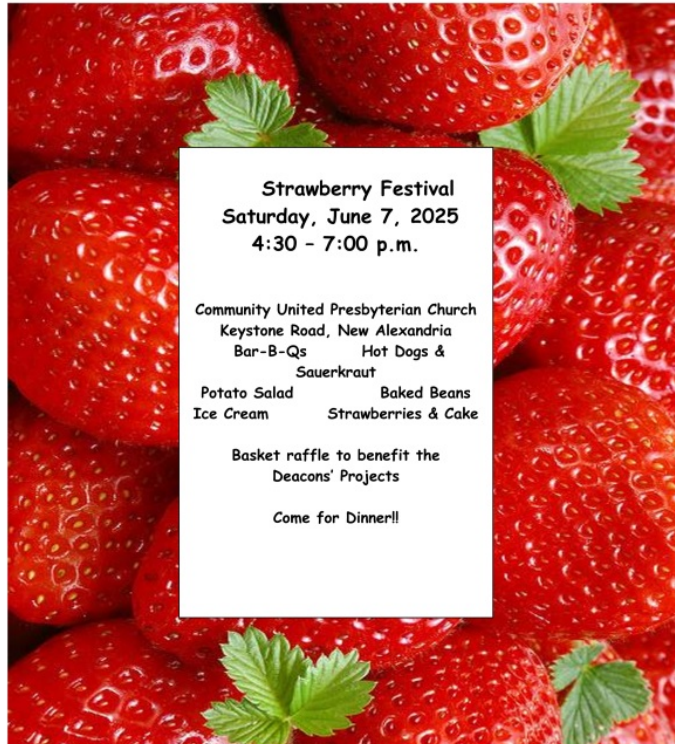
\$10.⁰⁰ Large Dinner
\$ 6.⁰⁰ Small Dinner

Salad, Pasta with Meat sauce or Marinara,
Bread & Butter, Cake, & Drink

*Gluten sensitive pasta & cake
available upon request*



And, of course, there will also be one
of our Epic Bake Sales!



Strawberry Festival
Saturday, June 7, 2025
4:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Community United Presbyterian Church
Keystone Road, New Alexandria
Bar-B-Qs Hot Dogs &
Sauerkraut
Potato Salad Baked Beans
Ice Cream Strawberries & Cake

Basket raffle to benefit the
Deacons' Projects

Come for Dinner!!



Donate Your Gently Worn, Used and New Shoes To

Latrobe Area Hospital
Aid Society

Help us raise funds for our organization by
donating your gently worn,
used and new shoes!

And don't forget to ask friends, family,
neighbors and co-workers to donate too!

Collected shoes are used to support micro-enterprise vendors.
Micro-enterprises are small businesses in developing nations.
They are typically operated by one person or family and
friends, depending on size.

WHERE & WHEN

First Presbyterian
Church of
Avonmore at
518 Indiana Ave.
Avonmore, PA

Collection Dates:

April 1, 2025
to
July 1, 2025

All kinds, dress,
boots, athletic,
slippers, sandals,
flip flops, ballet
slippers and cleats.

Please no shoe
boxes!

Contact

Jan Mills: 724-433-9601

Church: 724-697-4221

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Poke Run Presbyterian Church has 10 Seasons of David
C Cook (about 2.5 years) Adult Large Print
Comprehensive Bible Studies. Each set includes

between 5-8 books and most include the teachers guide. The material is free to a good
home!

Please contact the secretary, Amy Wilkinson - 724-327-5563
pokerun@graced.comcastbiz.net if you are interested.



~Upcoming events at Pine Springs Camp~

Work Day Saturday, May 10, 2025

We need your help to get camp ready for the summer!

We will have numerous work projects suitable for a variety of ages and skill levels.
More information to follow.



25th Annual Scholarship Golf Outing Monday, May 12, 2025

Mark your calendars for this day of celebration at the historic and beautiful Arnold Palmer's Latrobe Country Club!

[Click Here for the Golf Brochure](#)

"Amen Corner" Scholarship Sponsors Needed - Would your congregation or company consider supporting this year's outing by being an "Amen" Corner sponsor for \$100? This is a nod to a significant hole at the Master's Course in Augusta, GA and is placed at "the turn" at Latrobe Country Club at the outing. It is highly visible to the 125+ golfers that support this event. If interested, please contact Ellie Davis at ellie@pinesprings.org.

~From Outside Redstone Presbytery~

25th Annual Pittsburgh Pastoral Care Conference Friday, May 2, 2025 — 8am-4pm

St. Luke's the Evangelist Catholic Church
2586 Wexford Bayne Road, Sewickley, PA 15143

“MAKING THE IMPOSSIBLE POSSIBLE”

Registration is now open to Clergy, Lay Leaders, Counselors, Social Workers, and all who tend to souls.

[Click here for more information.](#)

Spring 2025 Pastors' Workshop from Samaritan Counseling May 8, 2025 from 9 AM - 12 PM

Sewickley Presbyterian Church, Ansby Hall, 414 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15143

Can CBT Skills Make You a Better Pastor? Led by the Rev. Dr. Graham Standish, PhD, Mdiv, MA, MSW. Pastors have successfully applied counseling techniques to ministry for a long time. They've used Rogerian therapy in pastoral care and family systems theory in leadership. Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) insights and skills may be even more helpful in helping us become better pastors and leaders. [Register Here.](#)

In this workshop, we'll learn how:

- Our thoughts, emotions, and behaviors interact to positively or negatively affect our leadership.
- Our core beliefs about ourselves and others can influence our reactions.
- Thought distortions can unintentionally hurt our leadership and relationships.
- Unresolved trauma responses can impact our perspectives and plans.

CBT techniques can reduce conflict and increase collaboration,... and much more.



TWO EVENTS FROM THE FRED ROGERS INSTITUTE - [The Fred Rogers Institute](#) will host two events this spring of interest to clergy and educators. The first, a symposium titled The Theology of Fred Rogers, takes place on **Wednesday, May 14 from Noon-1:00 p.m. via**

Zoom. There is no cost to register. The second event is a two day conference, The Work of Fred Rogers: A Cross-Context Conference on Fred's Legacy in Action Today. This in-person event takes place at the institute's headquarters in Latrobe, Pa. from **June 20-21.**

Stewardship Kaleidoscope - Real Tools for Real Ministry

September 22-24, 2025 in New Orleans, Louisiana

With an online virtual registration option. In-person attendees will be able to choose from dozens of workshops in addition to attending diverse plenary sessions and worship experiences.

For information on available grants through the Presbyterian Foundation to assist pastors and New Worshiping Community leaders to attend the conference, please visit <https://www.presbyterianfoundation.org/resources/church-financial-literacy-and-leadership-program/grant/>.

For more information visit stewardshipkaleidoscope.org

~Employment Opportunities~



The First Presbyterian Church of Jeannette

is searching for a Part-Time Admin assistant. This will be for approximately 8-10 hours per week. Including the following duties:

- Preparation of the Weekly Bulletin
- Running Payroll and Accounts Payable checks
- Familiarity with PowerChurch or other Church membership/accounting system is a plus

Interested parties should contact the church office at 724-523-5427

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