

This week's Redstone happening  
**June 05, 2025**



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

*District 1 Churches*

*Congruity Presbyterian Church, New Alexandria, Cliff Foster, Pastor  
United Presbyterian Church, New Kensington, Becca Siddle, Covenant  
Pastor*

*District 2 Churches*

*Latrobe United Presbyterian Church, Jeannette, Ron Durik Pastor  
Reunion Presbyterian Church, Sue Washburn, Covenant Pastor*

*District 3 Churches*

*First Presbyterian Church, Dunbar, Norma Prina Murphy, Moderator  
Laurel Hill Presbyterian Church, Dunbar, William Weightman,  
Commissioned Pastor*

*District 4 Churches*

*First Presbyterian Church, Cresson, Alice Tondora, Pastor  
Ebensburg Presbyterian Church, Danielle Kendig, Covenant Pastor*

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~From Interim Executive Presbyter~

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**The Power of the Small**

This week we received a desperate call from a woman who was seeking a lost marriage certificate. It turns out that decades ago a pastor had overlooked the final task of an officiating Minister: submitting to the county the official paperwork verifying that they had performed the marriage. The woman who called us was seeking a Real ID that would permit her to take an important trip: without that information, she couldn't obtain the ID. One small omission put her into a bind. What followed was amazing.



I talked to a clerk in the Register of Wills of the appropriate county and discovered that they could issue a marriage certificate based on the evidence of a church’s record that someone had officiated at the marriage. I called the church’s Clerk of Session who scoured the church’s register and found the names, date, and officiant for the marriage. I communicated the information they discovered to the same clerk at the Register of Wills I had spoken to before who was ready to create the certificate. I called the woman seeking the certificate to ensure that she would quickly get to the office of the Register of Wills. An hour later, I received an email message from her in upper case letters: “SHE CAME IN AND I GAVE HER THE CERTIFICATE (NO CHARGE) AND I PRINTED

ANOTHER NECESSARY DOCUMENT AT NO CHARGE. SHE WAS SO VERY THANKFUL.” Now, it was possible for her to gain the Real ID for the trip to come. A series of simple actions turned despair into hope and joy.

Too often we underestimate the impact of small actions. An African proverb says, “If you think you are too small to make a difference, try sleeping in a closed room with a mosquito.” At the point of highest tension in his ministry (I Kgs. 19:12), Elijah discovered that God’s works are often not present in the overwhelmingly powerful but in the “a still small voice” (RSV) or “a sound of sheer silence” (NRSV). People come into our lives with many, many challenges. Often, the meaningful responses are basic, humble, simple, and – in that – surprisingly powerful!

Peace in Christ,  
Lon Weaver

~Presbytery News~



## IPLF Open House

Saturday, June 14, 2025

10:00 AM 12:00 PM

Emmanuel UP Church

480 Pennsylvania 519Eighty Four, PA, 15330United States ([map](#))

The Inter-Presbytery Leadership Formation (IPLF) is a collaborative program among presbyteries to train, educate, and prepare those called to serve as Ruling Elders in particular pastoral service.

[Event Bulletin Insert](#)



## Planning Calendars 2025-2026

The Presbytery will be doing a bulk order for the 2025/2026 Planning Calendars. Calendars begin in September again this year. The bulk order rate per calendar will be \$11.25 this year. If

you would like to get in on the bulk rate deal please

complete the [order form](#) and email it or mail it with your

payment to the Presbytery office. [The deadline for orders will be August 4, 2025](#) in



## What Story Will Your Legacy Tell?

Every gift tells a story. What will yours say?

At the Presbyterian Foundation's Day of Learning on Thursday, June 26, we invite you to explore how your values, your faith, and your generosity can come together in a lasting legacy.

In the workshop "Your Legacy, Your Story," you'll hear from Rev. Sandra Moon and Karl Mattison as they guide you through ways to align your giving with the story you want to tell. Whether you're a church leader looking to encourage legacy giving in your congregation or someone discerning your own philanthropic path, this session will provide practical tools and spiritually grounded inspiration.

You'll learn how to:

- Connect your story of faith with your giving goals
- Use planned giving tools that express your values
- Inspire others to think generously and faithfully about the future

This session is part of a powerful lineup that also includes:

- How to tell the story of your church with Robyn Davis Sekula
- Stewardship as Story with Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelley

The entire Day of Learning is online and free, and designed to help you and your congregation nurture a deeper culture of generosity and sustainability. Register now and take part in this meaningful day.

## Register Today

Can't make it at that date and time? Sign up anyway, and we'll send you a link to the recordings following the event. Looking forward to being with you!



## Vacation Bible School

The Vacation Bible School Season is here!

[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](mailto:secretary@redstonepresbytery.org).

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

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Early Bird Registration is Open!

# Wee Kirk

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huge impact.

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.

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## PENTECOST OFFERING

April 21-June 8. The Pentecost Offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world. Psalm 71 testifies that a foundation of faith established during childhood helps ensure lifelong faith and

service. The patterns and lessons established during these formative years continue to bear fruit throughout a person's life. By receiving the Pentecost Offering, you are nurturing the faith of children, youth, and young adults. [Learn more and support.](#)

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## 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](mailto:secretary@redstonepresbytery.org).

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**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)

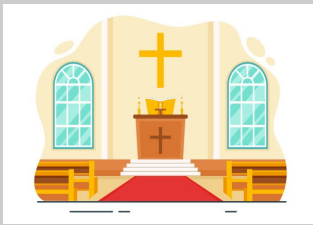
If you have any questions, please email me or call.

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## 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.

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### ~Events at our Churches~

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2025 from 4 to 5:30 PM. The meal is choice of chicken salad, or egg salad sandwich, pasta salad, homemade desserts, and Panera breads. The Kitchen is open every other Tuesday at the First Presbyterian Church, 102 W. Church Ave., Masontown PA. The dinners are provided without charge; Donations are gladly accepted and provide for future meals. This local mission would not be possible without the help of the many volunteers from the area's local churches and the community. For questions or to volunteer your help, please call Judy at 724-943-3013 or Frank 724 366-4721

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## 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

## PLAN TO ATTEND the Encore Performance!

### Unity Cemetery & Chapel Historical Program



With the goal of sharing 250 years of Unity Cemetery and Unity Chapel's history – a history that reflects the story of our nation – the program's creator and four actors will present an encore performance on Saturday, August 2, at 4 p.m. in Unity Chapel at 130 Chapel Lane, Latrobe. Admission is free and the program is appropriate for all ages. The public is invited.

Mary Lou Townsend, Latrobe Area Historical Society President, tapped her vast knowledge of local history to create the slide program that spans 1774 to the present. Mary Lou will periodically pause her narration so the audience can 'meet' several people who played a key part in local history and who are buried in Unity Cemetery.

- Sarah Taylor, who died in 1786 and whose headstone is the oldest in Unity Cemetery, will talk about the challenges her family faced in order to make a new life in the Land of Opportunity.
- Rev. Noah Hallock Gillette served Unity Church for nineteen years and then, because America's population was increasing and people were moving into towns, established the mission church on Main Street in Latrobe that became Latrobe Presbyterian Church.
- **Elizabeth 'Lizzie' Leasure Beatty**, born in 1859 and the great granddaughter of Benjamin Beatty on whose family's land the present Unity Chapel was built, will tell of 19<sup>th</sup> century lifestyles and pastimes.
- Eli Chambers represents young Americans who served in the Civil War because Americans' opinions differed enough to battle one another.

Mark your calendars now for this encore performance! Enjoy the hour-long program and then have dinner at a nearby restaurant!

Call Latrobe Presbyterian Church (724.537.3631) with questions.

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## ~From Outside Redstone Presbytery~

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### THE FRED ROGERS INSTITUTE

**The Fred Rogers Institute** will host 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**.



### NEW WILMINGTON MISSION CONFERENCE

### Thanksgiving for PCUSA Mission Co-Workers

In recognition of the call, commitment, service, and sacrifice of the PCUSA mission co-workers whose positions have been ended, the New Wilmington Mission Conference (NWMC) together with conveners of some Presbyterian Mission Networks invite you to attend a service of thanksgiving at NWMC Monday, July 21st at 7 pm,

The decision of PCUSA leadership to stop global mission sending brought mission co-workers service to an abrupt end. This evening meeting at NWMC is dedicated to expressing appreciation to them and praise to God for their faithfulness. All mission co-workers and their immediate families have been invited to attend the Conference free of charge.

Although the PCUSA has ended mission sending, God is not done calling and sending individuals throughout the world. On Monday and Tuesday (July 21st 22nd) from 1:00-4:30 pm there will be sessions dedicated to participating in God's global mission. Time will be devoted to listening to mission co-workers; sharing feelings and perspectives; and offering ideas and strategies. These discussions are intended to envision what next steps God may want us to take.

Representatives of mission networks, presbyteries and synods, congregations, and all who are committed to the mission of God are urged to attend. <https://www.nwmcmission.org/>

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## 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](http://stewardshipkaleidoscope.org)

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### SAVE THE DATE: MESSY CHURCH SEMINAR -

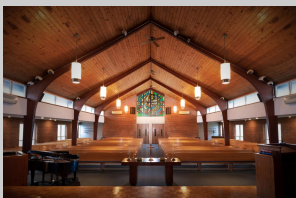
Sept. 26, 9:30AM-3:30PM at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Messy Church started in England 20 years ago as a fresh way of being church. For the past two decades, Messy Church has grown around the world

(and across the U.S.). PTS will host this in-person program to provide an intergenerational model (liturgy) that is easily adapted to a variety of contexts from small church to large, urban to suburban to rural and beyond. [Read More.](#)

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## ~Employment Opportunities~

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### Maplewood Presbyterian Church

is searching for a Part-Time Office Secretary. This will be for approximately 6 hours per week, Mondays and Fridays from 9am to noon. Additional projects may require additional hours on Mondays and/or Fridays. Hourly rate is \$16.65. Duties include: Preparing weekly bulletins, printing

monthly newsletters, answering the telephone, ordering flowers and maintaining the church calendar, and maintaining the church directory.

Basic computer skills are necessary. Familiarity with PowerChurch and Word are desired.

Interested parties should contact the church office at 724-834-4960.

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### 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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