

This week's Redstone happening
June 19, 2025



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 Presbyterian Church, West Newton, Karen Kifer, Commissioned
Pastor
Sewickley United Presbyterian Church, West Newton, Glenn Hart,
Commissioned Pastor*

District 3 Churches

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

District 4 Churches

*Second Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, Art Moffat, Temporary Supply
Westmont Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, Ben Nti, Pastor*

~From Interim Executive Presbyter~

Together and On Our Own

Yesterday evening, we welcomed author, theologian, and mentor Thomas Bandy to the presbytery to introduce his latest book, *Pilgrim Band*, to the Redstone community. His book has a richness and depth that leads readers to awaken our senses to the ways we can continue to experience the incarnations of God in our individual lives. Further, it describes the way those experiences can be shaped within



communities where we can grow to mentor one another in “our shared quest for meaning and purpose.” Dr. Bandy recorded the meeting so that it will soon make it available to Redstone Presbytery. As we make our ways through the summer, we will have three more gatherings to proceed through the rest of the book to discern what it offers to our ministries as we enter the Fall: again, at the core of the book is our personal and collective walks in our relationship to the Holy Spirit.

This personal and collective pattern is present in many meaningful ways. When I watch reels on *Facebook*, I’m attracted to ones that display that interaction: perhaps its plays in sports that required both the skills of individuals combined with the teams as a whole that bring individual talents together that determine their success or failure; perhaps it is the interaction of human beings and other forms of life where I am inspired by folks who work to ensure the existence of all of life or ashamed by deadly human behavior that destroys life; or perhaps it is a popular musician who seems fully engaged with the other musicians or makes powerful connections with the audience. The one and the many are important in all of these scenarios.

One of the classic texts is one of the readings of the lectionary this weekend: the story of Elijah’s flight from Jezebel (I Kings 19). It’s a classic example of sense-deadening fear that can mislead us. Elijah believed that he was completely alone. He was utterly wrong. Yes, his strength and courage before Jezebel and Ahab were crucial. However, the God of the universe was on his side, admonishing him to cease his escape into the mountains, and – on top of that – he had allies numbering in the thousands and leaders ready to accept their call to action and service for the purposes of God.

Our pilgrimage in Christ’s service echoes that: we are individually gifted, but we are never alone as we exercise those gifts. On this pilgrimage, we are simultaneously one and together, anticipating the regular presence of God’s incarnation – “God-with-Us” – as we make our way.

Peace in Christ,
Lon Weaver

~Presbytery News~



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!



IPLF PROGRAM

Wanting to learn, grow in faith, and serve the Lord in Ministry?
Wondering whether God might be calling you to preach or to another way of serving the church?

Classes start on August 9, 2025 with Introduction to Reformed Theology with Instructor: Rev. Dr. Martin Ankrum

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.

For more Information about the program and Enrollment, Please Contact Karen Gray at the Presbytery Office 724-837-6737 or secretary@redstonepresbytery.org



IPLF Fall Workshops

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, August 9, 2025 - Boundaries and Ethics in Church Leadership

Meeting Location: TBA

Instructor: Michelle Snyder

[Click Here to view the Full Schedule](#)

The zoom login information is:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/7248330340?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/7248330340?pwd=gpnK4liH8GsZGOXApZLISyM18vgsVV.1)

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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

**Early Bird Registration is Currently Open!
Secure your Spot Today before you miss it.**

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.

The Wee Kirk Conference will be here soon!
Register online today to receive the discount.

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

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

PRE-KIRK

Rev. Jim Farrer invites members of Redstone Presbytery to Laurelville Retreat Center on Monday, October 13, 2025 from 1-4pm. Jim will address a variety of topics like Jesus' model for reaching younger generations and bringing about change and resurrection.

There is not cost for this Workshop. Please either call or email Jim to rsvp - 814-659-8151 - revup1@verizon.net



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 order to have them for distribution at the September meeting. Thank 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.

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



Presbyterian Youth Triennium 2025

July 28th - July 31st, 2025

Kentucky International Convention Center -
Louisville KY

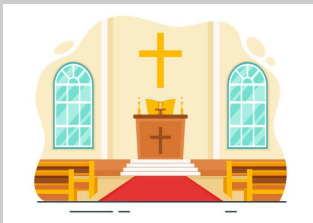
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) welcomes thousands of its high school age youth and their adult youth workers for four days of worship, recreation, bible study, outreach and faith formation all around the theme of "As If We Were Dreaming." Registration for Triennium is now open. More information is available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

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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.

~Events at our Churches~

The Masontown community kitchen will be open Tuesday, June 24, 2025 from 4 to 5:30 PM. The meal is hot turkey sandwiches with gravy, parsley potatoes, green beans, 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

The Summer Chamber Music Series

at historic

Unity Chapel

114 Chapel Lane, Latrobe, Pennsylvania 15650

Beo String Quartet

Thursday, June 26 – 7:30 pm

Quartet: Violin - Violin - Viola - Cello
www.beostringquartet.com

Trio Granato

Thursday, July 17 – 7:30 pm

Trio: Flute - Harp - Cello

Keys of Brass

Thursday, August 14 – 7:30 pm

Quintet: Trumpet – Trumpet – Horn – Trombone - Tuba

General admission - \$15. All donations benefit the Westmoreland Youth Symphony Orchestra Program. For more information please call 724-537-3631 x15 or 724-837-1850.

unitycemeterychapel.org

latrobepc.org

Underwritten by the Charles F. and Mary Esther Sawyer Music Fund
of the

The Latrobe Presbyterian Church



Unity Chapel is handicap accessible: parking, entrance and restroom.
The chapel is air-conditioned.



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 19th 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.

~From Outside Redstone Presbytery~



THE FRED ROGERS INSTITUTE CONFERENCE- June 20-21. 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

Young Adult Environmental Justice Advocacy Network

A faith-based network for Presbyterians and their friends, ages 18-35, advocating for creation and climate justice

Join us!

bit.ly/PECYANetwork



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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CONFERENCE - September 13th from 8:30AM-4:30 PM, Geneva College. If you are a woman in Chaplaincy, Pastoral Care, or serving in a similar capacity, then you're invited to join us at the 3rd Annual Women of Chaplaincy and

Pastoral Care Conference! Learn more about the event and featured speakers at

www.pawomenchaplains.net/news.

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

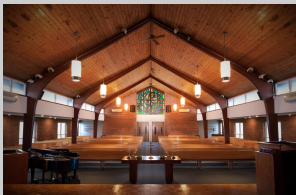


SAVE THE DATE: MESSY CHURCH SEMINAR -

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.](#)

~Employment Opportunities~



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.



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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