

This week's Redstone happening
June 26, 2025



This week we are praying for the following congregations:

District 1 Churches

*Puckety Presbyterian Church, Lower Burrell, Brian Kilbert, Pastor
First Presbyterian Church, Murrysville, Ed Gray, Pastor*

District 2 Churches

*United Presbyterian Church, West Newton, Chuck MacPherson,
Moderator
Derry Presbyterian Church, Larry Armstrong, Covenant Pastor*

District 3 Churches

*Leisenring Presbyterian Church, Norma Prina Murphy, Moderator
First Presbyterian Church, Masontown, Eric Gilsan, Commissioned Pastor*

District 4 Churches

*Pleasant Grove Presbyterian Church, Ligonier, Ron Durika, Moderator
Bethel Presbyterian Church, New Florence, James Sunseri, Commissioned
Pastor*

~From Interim Executive Presbyter~



Change

Summer can become a time of meaningful change. It can be a time of change for our presbytery: thus, the Redstone Presbytery Council has begun the process of discerning our mission for the years to come. It can be a time of change in our personal lives: thus, my wife – Robyn – and I have just tendered an offer on a new home in Greensburg and the movement that brings us from Duluth, Minnesota to Greensburg, Pennsylvania. Each of you have many stories of change, sometimes wanted, sometimes not. When I think of change, I often turn to Paul's encouragement in Romans 12: "Be perpetually

transformed by the renewal of your minds so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.” To get my heart and mind around these kinds of reflection, I occasionally put my thoughts into a more poetic form, this time a poem with the title, “Change.”

“Change”
by Lon Weaver

With the action of making something different,
bringing it into a different form – reforming it –
making a new home in a different place
or in multiple places;
Facing the fear of the unforeseen through improvisation,
bartering and negotiating with the undeniable facts of history;
Trusting just enough
to bring the possible into reality,
We give birth to a new way,
out of a new hope,
where uncertainty blossoms
into miracles of grace.

Peace in Christ,
Lon Weaver

~Presbytery News~



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?>

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

Wee Kirk

small numbers. big faith.
huge impact.

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

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.

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



JUNE 30th CORPORATE ANNUAL REPORT FILING

DEADLINE - In the past, churches have filed a decennial report. 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](#). (Instructions are on the middle page under How to file an Annual Report online) 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.



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

Vacation Bible School is summer fun focused on learning the bible and building relationships!

[Click Here](#) to view the list of churches in Redstone Presbytery that have plans for July and August.

~Events at our Churches~

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



**WESTMORELAND
SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**

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~

Presbyterian Earth Care

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

An illustration showing five diverse people of various ages and ethnicities working together to care for the Earth. One person is watering a plant on a globe, another is climbing a ladder to reach a higher part of the globe, and others are holding plants or watering cans. The background features stylized clouds and a bright sun.

Thanksgiving for PCUSA Mission Co-Workers



NEW WILMINGTON MISSION CONFERENCE

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/>



WOMEN OF CHAPLAINCY AND PASTORAL CARE

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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