

This week's Redstone happening
August 7, 2025



This week we are praying for the following congregations:

District 1 Churches

First Presbyterian Church, Avonmore, Lynn Mance, Commissioned Pastor
Delmont Presbyterian Church, Tony Catullo, Interim Pastor

District 2 Churches

Latrobe Presbyterian Church, Derek Campbell, Pastor
Latrobe United Presbyterian Church, Ron Durika, Pastor

District 3 Churches

Tent Presbyterian Church, Uniontown, Jeff Smith, Commissioned Pastor
Third Presbyterian Church, Uniontown, Patrick Ewing, Covenant Pastor

District 4 Churches

Ebensburg Presbyterian Church, Danielle Kendig, Covenant Pastor
Bethany Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, Bob Sheehan, Pastor

~From Interim Executive Presbyter~

A Step Beyond "Environment"

As we hear the news of smoke from fires in the west and north, we also hear of many folks afflicted with problems with respiration in addition to the loss of property and, worse, the loss of loved ones. It echoes the tragedies of Pacific Palisades and Altadena of this past January. There, a close friend not only lost her home in the fire but – indirectly – lost much of her active older congregation whose younger family members wanted them to relocate far away – sometimes, states away – from their Palisades faith community.

As we hear news of Pittsburgh's three rivers, we



learn of their progression in purity, but still having much to do to enable them to become fully healthy water streams. In this, we see the difficulty of healing the consequences of a history of heavy industrial output, both products intended and the pollution that came with them.

If we use exclusively secular terms, these are problems we've created in the "environment" or the "biosphere" that our very lives depend on. But when we think of them in terms of our faith, we take it a step further and deeper. These are actions that have affected God's creation: "God saw everything that God made, and indeed, it was very good (Gen. 1:31a)." This is not a neutral reality we live in: we live in an existence that was created by a powerful, yet loving Being who kindly brought us into it.

When we maim it, it's the work of God that we violate. When we respect it, we embrace it with joy and respect and responsibility: stewards of an incomprehensible gift. For that reason, I'm regularly inspired by people who engage in unique, sustainable projects that respect and add to creation.

Recently, I was moved by two unique stories about respecting creation while adding to it. One was about a French wind turbine: a perfect response to those who criticize blade-based wind turbines. Rather than posing a threat to flying creatures, it is quiet, it responds to the wind, and by mere vibration, it captures the energy that it then transforms into electricity. On top of that, they're pretty to look at! The second story comes from the Netherlands. There, designers are constructing homes built to be covered by moss, what they call bioreceptive concrete. This combination changes carbon dioxide into oxygen, draws pollutants out of water and air, and cools the temperature of the dwelling.

Both of these show us that we can live in partnership with creation: not oppressors or tyrants, but fellow creatures in this amazing place we call planet earth. May we do the very same: partners of the Creator.

Peace in Christ,
Lon Weaver

~Presbytery News~



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: Laboratory Presbyterian Church - 23 Manse Street, Washington, PA
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)
[pwd=gpnK4liH8GsZGOXApZLISyM18vgsVV.1](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

Wee Kirk

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**WEE KIRK 2025 IS MORE THAN JUST ANOTHER
CONFERENCE!**

October 13-15 - Laurelville Retreat Center

Our purpose is to inspire, equip, motivate and encourage small churches of any denomination and to provide rest and refreshment for the clergy and lay leaders like YOU!

Join Us to discover how Wee Kirk can make a difference!

[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.



GROW YOUR FAITH THROUGH INTER-PRESBYTERY LEADERSHIP FORMATION (IPLF)

Are you interested in deepening your spiritual journey and biblical knowledge? The Inter-Presbytery Leadership Formation (IPLF) program offers excellent opportunities for both personal growth and leadership development. While IPLF

helps prepare Ruling Elders who feel called to become Commissioned Ruling Elders (CREs), the program welcomes all who want to grow in their faith and biblical understanding. The program features:

- Monthly Saturday workshops and courses
- In-depth Bible study
- Leadership skill development
- Specialized topics like Stewardship
- Flexible learning options

[If you would like to learn more about joining IPLF](#), Please Contact Karen Gray at the Presbytery Office 724-837-6737 or secretary@redstonepresbytery.org

IPLF is part of Redstone Presbytery's commitment to "Growing Leaders" - helping equip both current and future church leaders while supporting individual spiritual growth. Join us in this enriching educational opportunity

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 (724-837-6767) or email the Presbytery Office (secretary@redstonepresbytery.org) if interested in attending Pre-Kirk.

~Events at our Churches~

The Summer Chamber Music Series

at historic

Unity Chapel

114 Chapel Lane, Latrobe, Pennsylvania 15650

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.

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



Leisenring Presbyterian Church Bazaar

August 16, 9am-2pm

Huge Flea Market-Food-Music-
Kids Craft & Face Painting &



Leisenring Presbyterian Church Cabbage Roll Dinner & Bake Sale

September 6, 10am-3pm

\$12.00 includes Cabbage Roll,
Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll,
Dessert & Drink Eat-In or Take-Out

Chinese Auction

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~From Outside Redstone Presbytery~



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.



Fishing Differently: Ministry Formation in the Marketplace

Sept. 17, 2025

In Person, Harrisburg, Pa.

Sidney S. Williams Jr. will present on the F.I.S.H. model (Financial, Intellectual, Social, and Human Capital) and the principles of Fishing Differently® to empower leaders, pastors, and congregations to strengthen their stewardship ministries. This engaging session will address the unique challenges congregations face while uncovering untapped opportunities to reimagine their assets and align mission with resources for greater community impact. Free book included with registration. Co-sponsored by The United Methodist Foundation of Pennsylvania and The Journey Church, Harrisburg, Pa. [Learn more.](#)



Faithful and Flexible Empowering Church Leaders for Emerging Possibilities

Sept. 19-20, 2025

In Person and Online

Join us in person or online for a two-day conference designed to equip church leaders for faithful and adaptive leadership in today's rapidly changing ministry contexts. The Rev. Dr. Tod Bolsinger, senior congregational strategist and affiliate professor of leadership formation at Fuller Seminary and an influential voice on adaptive leadership in the church, will deliver this year's Henderson Lecture.

Saturday will be "Worship and Workshops" day: bring a team of people from your church to learn practical skills for leading adaptive ministry! [Registration](#)

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

Concerned about Gun Violence?

Learn Faith-Based Skills for
Gun Violence Prevention at the
Atwood Institute for Congregational Courage Harrisonburg, VA
Sept. 24-27, 2025

The Presbyterian Peace Fellowship invites you to the **Atwood Institute for Congregational Courage** at Massanetta Springs Conference Center, Harrisonburg, VA Sept. 24-27. The Institute offers continuing education for clergy and lay leaders on educational, pastoral and action steps for gun violence prevention mission with the local church.

Who should come? Lay leaders and teams, parents and grandparents, gun violence survivors, suicide prevention groups, gun owners, safety advocates, veterans, pastors, youth leaders--- people of faith who are committed to saving lives.

All denominations are welcome.

Questions? Contact gvp@presbypeacefellowship.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.](#)

CIRCLE OF TRUST RETREAT: LAURELVILLE - Oct. 19-22 at Laurelville Retreat Center. In this Circle of Trust retreat, you'll be invited to listen deeply to your own inner teacher within a trustworthy space.



Inspired by Frank Lloyd Wright's architecture and its integration of inner and outer worlds, we'll explore our own inner and outer landscapes and open pathways for greater congruence, authenticity, and flow in our lives. The retreat includes trips to Fallingwater and Kentuck Knob. There are a limited

number of spots available, so [register soon](#)

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