

This week's Redstone happening
September 04, 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

*Derry Presbyterian Church, Larry Armstrong, Covenant Pastor
First Presbyterian Church, Greensburg, Martin Ankrum, Pastor*

District 3 Churches

*Rehoboth Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon, Don Glunt, Pastor
Calvin Presbyterian Church, Brownsville, Kristen Emrick, Pastor*

District 4 Churches

*Patton Presbyterian Church, Alice Tondora, Pastor
Revloc Presbyterian Church, David O'Hara, Commissioned Pastor*

~From Interim Executive Presbyter~

“Making it Safe”

“But now more than ever the word about Jesus spread abroad; many crowds were gathering to hear him and to be cured of their diseases. Meanwhile, he would slip away to deserted places and pray (Luke 5:15-16).”

Since arriving in Redstone Presbytery in February, I've learned some of the patterns and habits of people in southwestern Pennsylvania. Given the amount of travel I do, the behaviors of drivers have drawn my attention, in particular. In my first five months living in an apartment on the Kemp Road



ridge in Crabtree, looking out at the Laurel Mountains in the distance, I learned about the Rte. 119 Grand Prix. There is a good bit of aggressive driving by people going to work and truckdrivers carrying their loads to a range of destinations in the first hours of the workday. In Greensburg, I discovered that Otterman and Pittsburgh Streets seem to function as in-town bypasses that many drivers use to simply get through town and on their ways elsewhere. On the other hand, in my travels to the far corners of the presbytery, from Colver and Johnstown in the north, to Uniontown, Smock, and Lake Lynn in the south, drivers weave their ways between four-lane and two-lane paths, knowing and pushing the limits to meet their destinations.

Once we moved into our new home on Center Street in Greensburg, a different mindset was apparent. Just as you turn onto a good number of residential streets, you see the sign, “Watch Children.” That gets your attention. The unleashed flurry of the other places I described is generally replaced with a different spirit, one that gently admonishes us to embrace our responsibility for the young ones: the two little girls selling lemonade on the corner on Labor Day; the younger children playing a street or two away from our own, whose high squeals delight us; and the older boy who has lost his temper for a reason unknown to me, but cooled down by patient adults in his household.

Even though I drive a lot, I’m not a fan of driving: thus, I thank God for the beauty of so many places in Cambria, Somerset, Fayette, and Westmoreland Counties in my travels. When I’m at my best, I keep this question in mind: “Am I driving like a drag racer or am I making it safe for everyone I encounter on streets and roads?” When I manage to do that, I’m asking the bigger question: “Am I living my life today in ways that make my presence a refuge – a safe place – for the people I encounter and the places I live?” When Jesus faced the multiple, broken situations of life in his time, he provided that refuge to those he encountered, strengthened and empowered by a life of prayer. If Jesus needed that to be a healer, so do we.

Peace in Christ,
Lon Weaver

~Presbytery News~



**ANNOUNCEMENT LOOP FOR
PRESBYTERY MEETING**

The September meeting of Presbytery will be on Tuesday, September 23 2025 In Person and via ZOOM videoconferencing at the West Hempfield Presbyterian Church, Irwin 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 Tuesday, September 16, 2025. **Thank you!**

**CALLING ALL MUSICIANS!
PLEASE RESPOND BY SEPTEMBER 9!**



Please join us at the **September 23 presbytery meeting (West Hempfield Presbyterian Church, Irwin)** for a **pop up choir and instrumental ensemble**. Help us proclaim the Word through music and art, and enjoy the beauty of making music together! **All are welcome!** (Even if you haven't dusted off your instrument in years!)

Please email (secretary@redstonepersbytery.org) or call (**724-837-6737**) the presbytery office to sign up.

Let our meeting design team know your instrument/vocal part so we can send you music in advance.

We will have a **brief rehearsal at 5:15 PM** prior to the meeting.

Please join us!



Soup Sale

Redstone Mission Team will hold it's 4th Soup Sale on **Saturday September 20th**. The soup will be made on Friday and it can be picked up (**between 10am - noon**) at Congruity Presbyterian Church, 136 Fennelton Road, New Alexandria, **Orders must be in by September 14th**.

[Attached is the Order Form with Soup Flavors](#)

You can also place your order by calling the church office - 724-668-7740.

Thank you for your support. All Proceeds go toward the Redstone Mission Team.



Upcoming Mission Trip

Redstone Mission Team will be going to Canton, NC the week of October 5-11 and will be staying at the Presbyterian Church in Canton. The Mission Team will be working through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. The cost is \$20-\$25 per day per volunteer. If interested or for more information, Please contact Phyllis Frye 724-468-3740

Planning Calendars 2025-2026

are available if you placed an order. They can be picked up at the Presbytery Office if you would like your copy before the Presbytery Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 23, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m. at West Hempfield Presbyterian Church, Irwin

Office Hours are Monday - Thursday 9am - 2pm.
email: secretary@redstonepresbytery.org



Wee Kirk

small numbers. big faith.
huge impact.

**IT IS STILL NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER FOR WEE
KIRK 2025!!**

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!

Please join us and become part of this Incredible Opportunity!

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



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

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, September 13, 2025 - Polity - "More than A Rule Book" - Faithful Ordering
Meeting Location: Laboratory Presbyterian Church - 23 Manse Street, Washington, PA
Instructor: Rev. Skip Noftzger

[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



Peace & Global Witness
September 7-October 5, 2025

Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Through the

Peace & Global Witness Offering, congregations are encouraged and equipped to find and address the anxiety and discord that is prevalent throughout this broken and sinful world.

[Click here for more information on this Special Offering.](#)



Celebrate Theological Education Sunday

is officially set for September 21, 2025, but can be celebrated any Sunday in September. The Theological Education Fund is the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s best hope of ensuring the church of Christ is prepared to serve long into the future. The fund is housed at the Presbyterian Foundation and is the sole source of denomination-wide funding for seminaries from the

PC(USA)

[Resources for Celebration](#)

You can support the Theological Education Fund [easily online here](#)

~Employment Opportunity~



WE ARE HIRING!

First Presbyterian Church of Jeannette and Maplewood Presbyterian are searching for a part-time Administrative Assistant

Responsibilities :

- In office four days/week (16h/week)
- Answer phone calls
- Bulletin creation
- Bookkeeping

Qualifications:

- Knowledge of Microsoft products
- Minor bookkeeping
- Office management

CONTACT US :

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~Events at our Churches~



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**

1004 Church St, Leisenring, PA 15455



Join us for an afternoon of jazz with
Bill Carter and the Presbybop Quartet



Sunday, November 9, 2025 at 4:30 pm
First Presbyterian, 300 S. Main St., Greensburg, PA
Tickets are \$15. Available at the church.
The Quartet will also assist in the 10:00 am worship service.

~Pine Springs Camp~

WOMEN IN THE WOODS-October 3rd-4th, 2025

Kelly Miskis

SPEAKER - WORSHIP DIRECTOR - WELLNESS PRACTITIONER
Matthew 11:28

Mind

Solascriptura means that Scripture alone is authoritative for the faith and practice of the Christian. The Bible is complete, authoritative, and true. "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness" (2 Timothy 3:16).



Heart

"Turn my heart to sing your praise." Worship lays the foundation of letting Christ rule in our hearts. Because our hearts are so prone to wander, we must keep the first things first. As we open our hearts, we allow His love to fill the empty spaces, bringing healing and hope.



Body

Experiencing the Peace of Christ within our being is something we can all learn how to do. The work of the Holy Spirit dwells within us and Jesus reminds us in John 14:27 that His peace is for us. That He gives it to us. Kelly will help you learn how to navigate back to this Peace in all seasons.



Women in the Woods is a retreat designed to be physically and spiritually refreshing for women of all ages. The teaching will be incredible, and the retreat will be packed with great singing, fun, laughter and fellowship. The retreat will run from Friday to Saturday evening, culminating with a special dinner celebration. Consider a Women in the Wood retreat for you, your church, or just bring a friend and join us!

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION:
<https://www.pinesprings.org/women-in-the-woods>



OUR ANNUAL SPORTING CLAY FUNDRAISING EVENT IS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7 AT THE HIGHLANDS AT 7-SPRINGS

This is a great opportunity for those "Sporting Clay Sportsmen" to help support Pine Springs Camp. All funds help support the general operating budget of camp. It has turned into a great day of fun and great food for many and has been a great blessing to our ministry.

For more information about registration or sponsorship opportunities go to:

<https://www.pinesprings.org/sportingclays> or email greg@pinesprings.org



SAVE THE DATE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 4:30-7:30 PM FOR THE ANNUAL FRIENDS DINNER CORE EVENT ENTER, IRWIN, PA

More information is forthcoming but mark your calendars for this evening of celebrating the Pine Springs Camp Ministry. Please consider having your church be a Table Sponsor and/or providing a basket or item for our Silent Auction.

Please contact Greg for general information at greg@pinesprings.org.

If you have questions about the Silent Auction contact Ellie @ ellie@pinesprings.org



Redstone Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering
 Saturday, November 1, 9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m., includes lunch
 Bethel Presbyterian Church
 1354 Bethel Cemetery Rd, New Florence, PA



Introduction to the 2025-2026 Horizons Bible Study
Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ, by Rhshell Hunter
 with the Rev. Donna Havrisko, Honorably Retired

The Mission Project for the Fall Gathering is **FAVOR of Western PA**.
FAVOR stands for *Faces and Voices of Recovery*. Kim Botteicher,
 the director and founder of the program will be the speaker.
 favorwesternpa.org Checks should be written to FAVOR of PA.



Your contributions toward the 2025 Synod PW Mission Project will be received.



The Well – a Project of The Welcome Church The Well, located in the Philadelphia area of Pennsylvania, currently refers to the whole community of support for women who are experiencing homelessness, which is a part of The Welcome Church. In 2016, The Welcome Church founded an overnight shelter for women called "The Well", when it became apparent that there were few places where women felt safe going inside for the night. Your checks should be made out to **Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Redstone.**

Please use the tear-off registration form below.

Make check payable to: **PW of Redstone Presbytery**; please mail your registration by **Friday, October 25 so that the church can plan accordingly for the day.**
 Mail check and reservation slip to: **Rev. Susan Blank, PW Treasurer**
 4068 Bushy Run Road, Jeannette, PA 15644; 724-523-6460

2025 Redstone PW Fall Gathering
 Bethel Presbyterian Church, New Florence, PA

Church Name: _____
 Number of persons attending: _____ @ \$12.00 each = _____ amount enclosed
 Contact Person: _____ Phone No. _____
 List of Attendees: _____
 Dietary Restrictions (such as gluten-free) _____
 Please use the back if necessary



LOVE GIFT OFFERING

This unique offering is only given by PW in Redstone Presbytery to support mission trips of individuals or groups, particularly the youth, from Redstone Presbytery. It also supports a group attending the Youth Triennium. This year \$1000 was given to facilitate the youth from our presbytery participating in the Triennium in July.

All women in the local PW groups are asked to give generously once a year. The Love Gift is collected and dedicated at the Spring Retreat. This year's donation total for the Love gift is \$159. Any member of Redstone Presbytery, who is going on a mission trip, individually or with a group, may apply for funding. Please click [Application](#). It can also be downloaded from the PW link on the Redstone Presbytery's website, www.redstonepresbytery.org. Applications are to be submitted to The Moderator of Redstone PW. Please encourage groups from your church to apply for funding if they are planning a trip.

~From Outside Redstone Presbytery~



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 is open now!](#) We hope you will join us!

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.](#)

THE 2050 CHURCH

▶▶ CULTURE, TECHNOLOGY, AND ◀◀
THE CALL TO LEAD

 DR. WILLIAM CURTIS
Presenting

 DR. EDWIN VAN DRIEL
Preaching

 **Oct. 9, 2025**

 **9:30 a.m.-3:00 pm.**

 **Register:**
www.pts.edu/Pastor25


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Pastor Appreciation Luncheon



W. DON McCLURE LECTURE IN WORLD MISSION AND EVANGELISM - Oct. 21st at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Soon after Kenneth E. Bailey passed away in 2016 at the age of 85, the title of his obituary in Christianity Today captured the significance of his life in a few words: “The Scholar Who Made Jesus

Middle Eastern Again.” In the McClure Lecture this year, historian Michael Parker will discuss Bailey’s life as a Presbyterian missionary in the Middle East and the key ideas that marked his scholarly contribution. Learn more and register



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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