

This week's Redstone happening
October 16, 2025



This week we are praying for the following congregations:

District 1 Churches

Puckety Presbyterian Church, Tony Brian Kilbert, Pastor
First Presbyterian Church, Murrysville, Ed Gray, Pastor

District 2 Churches

First Presbyterian Church, Jeannette, Dawn Sherwood, Pastor
Latrobe Presbyterian Church, Derek Campbell, Pastor

District 3 Churches

Mt. Washington Presbyterian Church, Farmington, Josh Scully,
Moderator
Little Redstone Presbyterian Church, Fayette City, Josh Scully,
Commissioned Pastor

District 4 Churches

Bethany Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, Robert Sheehan, Moderator
First Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, Doug Stevens, Moderator

~From Interim Executive Presbyter~



"Understanding Defeats Division"

Recently, I met the tense eyes of a driver at a local intersection: my direction had the red light; he had the right to go; but, he was totally confused about where to go, whether to turn or go straight. Anyone new to a community knows that predicament! Instead of giving in to my impatient-driver-attitude, I was fully with him: "You can do it! And I'll give you time to do it!"

The spirit of help and encouragement can be a powerful one. Robyn and I are focused on one room of our new house: more accurately, we're

having the room worked on. I'm the gopher for a fellow who's working on one part of the project, and we're having a contractor address the other part, thanks to a couple of incredible realtors who have been the source of go-to experts along the way. They are not only empathetic: they are paths to resolving issues. It's the gift of community rather than leaving us in our ignorance.

Yesterday, we witnessed that same spirit when we traveled to Laurelville at the conclusion of this year's Wee Kirk. Robyn has been a friend of Byron Berger and his wife, Beth (the proprietors of Hearts and Minds bookstore that supplies books for the event) for over forty years. The day before, Robyn heard the news that they would have to pack up their wares hours before they had expected. So Robyn and I drove down yesterday to help with the packaging. When we arrived, we saw at least a dozen others joining in the packing process. A three-hour job became a one-hour task through the power of community.

Our country is especially in need of that collective, communal spirit: division over government policies that started at the top has trickled its way into local communities and into our households. Division is winning over community: even within the body of Christ. There is an old saying that says, "Never talk about religion, politics, or money in mixed company." I don't know if that works for "mixed company," but it's not the way of Christ. The problem is that we have not learned how to lift up voices in ways that respect another and invites them into the discussion. In the book of Proverbs we are taught that "rash words are like sword thrusts, but the tongue of the wise brings healing (12:18)," and "a word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in leaves of silver (25:11)." It isn't that we shouldn't talk about matters of importance. It's that we need to learn how to do so. To be clear, I'm not encouraging debates; rather, I'm seeking understanding. Understanding isn't about winning. Understanding is about engaging and respecting and creating community, something close to a sacrament for it follows the example of Christ's repeated effort to understand others. With that, perhaps we will shed our confusion of division and embrace the community of the Body of Christ.

What do you think?

Peace in Christ,
Lon Weaver

~Presbytery News~



Dear friends,
Have you ever wanted to walk in the footsteps of the Reformers?
We invite you to watch a new short video from the Presbyterian Foundation that takes you inside the International Museum of the

Reformation in Geneva, Switzerland. This beautifully filmed piece (appx. 6 minutes) offers a glimpse into the heart of the Reformation and invites us to reflect on how faith, courage, and conviction shaped the church 500 years ago, and continue to shape us today.

[Click Link to Watch the video](#)

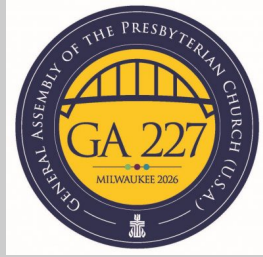
This video is ideal for use in your church:

- As a moment for reflection during worship
- As part of a Christian education class
- Or to introduce a conversation about our Reformed heritage

We hope you'll not only enjoy watching this video, but also share it with your congregation, during worship, Sunday School, or other study group. It's a meaningful way to celebrate our Presbyterian identity and remind ourselves of the

enduring power of faith to transform lives and communities.
With gratitude for your ministry,

Presbyterian Foundation
www.presbyterianfoundation.org



Youth Adult Advisory Delegate To General Assembly to the 227th General Assembly of PC(USA). June 22 - July 2, 2026 in Milwaukee, WI. A YAAD, or Young Adult Advisory Delegate, is a young person between the ages of 18 and 23 who is elected by a presbytery of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to serve on their General Assembly.

Their primary role is to ensure the perspectives of young adults are heard during the assembly, helping commissioners understand issues and ideas that might otherwise be overlooked.

Please share the attached **YAAD informational flyer with your young adults in your congregations. If your church has a interested candidate, please contact the Presbytery Office.**



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, November 8, 2025 - "Pastoral Care"

**Meeting Location: Laboratory Presbyterian Church - 23 Manse Street, Washington, PA
Instructor: Rev. Sharon Woomer**

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

The zoom login information is:

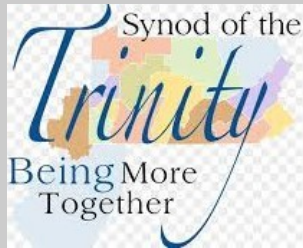
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Meeting ID; 7248330340

Password: IPLF

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



SYNOD NEW GRANT STRUCTURE UNVEILED

The Synod's new grant categories are broader and in tune to the current needs our region is facing. Additionally, the new grant categories do not have funding caps! The first step is easy; [click here](#) to answer a few questions about your project or vision.

Synod staff will review your submission and send you the application that best matches your needs. Questions? Do not

hesitate to reach out to [Elizabeth Connelly \(econnelly@syntrintiy.org\)](mailto:econnelly@syntrintiy.org)



PCUSA ADVENT RESOURCES

The 2025 PCUSA Store's Advent Resources are now available. Included are resources for study, devotion, preaching, and more. Many of the selections have downloadable samples available. [View the resources](#)

~Events at our Churches~

BONFIRE & BOOS:
A TRUNK OR TREAT EVENT
October 18th 5:00-7:00pm
Puckety Presbyterian Church
1009 Puckety Church Rd Lower Burrell PA

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT
ALL ARE WELCOME!!

Hot dogs, hot chocolate, popcorn, roast your own marshmallows, games with prizes, crafts and

TRUNK OR TREAT!!

(costumes are welcome but not necessary)

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Rehoboth Presbyterian Church
442 Rehoboth Road/Belle Vernon

Saturday, October 18th, 2025 2 PM to 6 PM
724-929-7020

\$10.⁰⁰ Large Dinner

\$ 6.⁰⁰ Small Dinner

Salad, Pasta with Meat sauce or Marinara,
Bread & Butter, Cake, & Drink

*Gluten sensitive pasta & cake
available upon request*



And, of course, there will also be one
of our Epic Bake Sales!

WEST HEMPFIELD
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Spaghetti Dinner



SAT. NOVEMBER 1, 2025 4-6:30PM

THE MEAL INCLUDES:
SPAGHETTI AND MEATBALLS, A SALAD BAR,
BREAD, DRINK, AND DESSERT

COST IS \$12 PER PERSON
\$6 FOR CHILDREN (AGE 8 AND UNDER)

*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.

**BENEFIT SHOW FOR EXPENSES INCURRED BY
ROSTRAVER KIDNEY TRANSPLANT RECIPIENT
DONALD RECHICHAR**

GOSPEL CONCERT

**Featuring Elvis
Tribute Artist
Eddie Steen**



SUN NOV 9th | 2:00 pm
HARMONY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
587 HARMONY CHURCH RD,
BELLE VERNON, PA

Adults: \$20 - Children 5-12: \$10
Children Under 5 - FREE

SEATS ARE LIMITED - ORDER EARLY !

Refreshments served after the concert

FOR INFO CALL 724-929-6438

Please join us for our monthly free

Community "Soup for the Soul" Luncheon

AND BRING A FRIEND!!!!

2nd Wednesday of the Month

October through May

Doors open at 11:30am

Soup's on at NOON!



**Poke Run Presbyterian Church
1091 Poke Run Church Rd.
(up from the intersection of Rt. 366 and Rt. 66)
724-327-5563**

October 8, 2025

November 12, 2025

December 10, 2025

January 14, 2026

February 11, 2026

March 11, 2026

April 8, 2026

May 13, 2026

~Pine Springs Camp~



Annual Friends Dinner

Sunday, October 26, 2025

4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Core Event Center - Irwin, PA

Join us for the PSC Friends Dinner on Sunday, October 26 at The Core Event Center in Irwin, PA. It will be a joyful gathering of camp friends, staff alumni, and our church families. We will hear from campers, parents, and pastors how Pine Springs Camp has encouraged them to BUILD on grace.

Since 1948 the mission of Pine Springs Camp has remained the same: that every camper, young and old, would have a vital encounter with Jesus Christ.

Come and celebrate Pine Springs Camp!

~Presbyterian Women~



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~

PRESBYTERIANS SUPPORTING CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (PSCE)

An opportunity for those interested in Christian Education. The PSCE program provides cohorts of about eight people, with a facilitator, for support, education,

and spiritual growth. The groups meet once a month for a year, and are offered a small stipend for their participation. Cohorts meet on Zoom and are made up of folks from around the country. [Additional information can be found here.](#)

Applications are due by November 30, 2025.



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](#)

RECKONING WITH ANTISEMITISM AS CHRISTIANS

2025 KICK-OFF

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21 | 7-8:30PM



St. Andrew Lutheran Church
304 Morewood Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15217

Get inspired by Christian colleagues already doing this work, then join an interactive planning session to decide how you will reckon with antisemitism and connect with Jewish neighbors this year.



Scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/reckon-25 to register.
Jews and Christians alike are welcome!

Presented by the Holocaust Center of Pittsburgh and Christian Associates of Southwest Pennsylvania
The Holocaust Center of Pittsburgh is a program of The Tree of Life

LOVE ANYWAY

feast

Uniting Our Community,
One Feast at a Time:
Building Bridges,
Breaking Barriers

Wednesday, October 22
6-8 PM

Kadel Dining Room,
McNaugher Hall Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
616 N. Highland Ave. Pittsburgh, PA 15206

Free and open to everyone!
RSVP HERE:



https://jccpgi.formstack.com/forms/love_anyway_feast_registration_2025

Join us for a potluck dinner, meaningful dialogue and an interfaith sing-a-long in celebration of United Against Hate Week. All are invited, and we encourage you to bring a friend. Come with open hearts - and if you're able, bring a dish to share!



FRED ROGERS INSTITUTE SYMPOSIUM SERIES

Supporting Children Through Divorce and Separation. Nov. 4th 12-1PM by Zoom. Join us for a conversation with educators and other child-serving professionals about what we can learn from Fred Rogers' thoughts on supporting children through divorce and

separation. [Register Here](#)



WE BELIEVE

*an ecumenical celebration of the
1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea*

Together with leaders from diverse Christian traditions, join in prayer, song, conversation, and fellowship as we commemorate this historic milestone.



Register here,
or visit casp.org/nicaea



Tuesday, November 18
7:00 pm

Cardinals Great Hall, O'Connor Hall
Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh Pastoral Center
2900 Noblestown Road, Pittsburgh 15205

Luminosity Conference 2026 is set for March 9-11 at the Wyndham Lake Buena Vista Disney Springs resort complex in Orlando, FL! This is your opportunity to



connect with pastors, church leaders, friends, and topical specialists to ignite your imagination.

Discover practical ideas and hear real-life stories that will advance your leadership and financial literacy for maximum ministry effectiveness. Enjoy time with friends, colleagues and fellow attendees as we explore the impact we can have in our ministries, communities, and the world.

Early-bird registration is now open, and grants are available for those who qualify.

For more information, check out the website luminosityconference.org

~Employment Opportunity~

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF JEANNETTE
IS HIRING!**

Part Time Admin Assistant

Responsibilities :

- In office two days/week
- Answer phone calls
- Bulletin creation
- Bookkeeping

Qualifications:

- Knowledge of Microsoft products
- Minor bookkeeping
- Office management

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Carry on the Work...

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