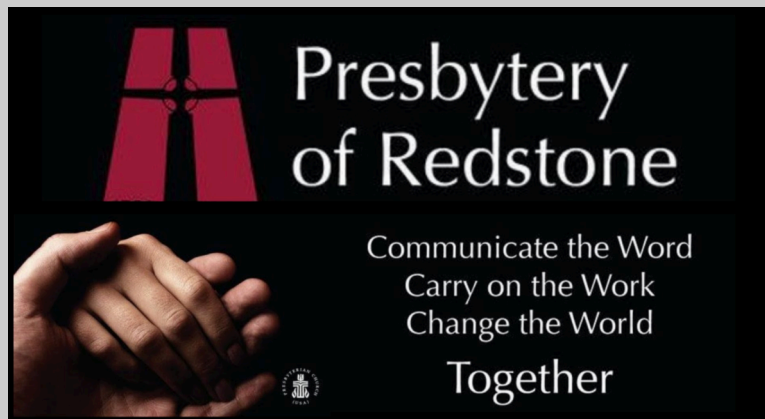


This week's Redstone happening February 26, 2026



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

Sewickley United Presbyterian Church, West Newton Glenn Hart, Commissioned Pastor
United Presbyterian Church, West Newton, Chuck MacPherson, Moderator

District 3 Churches

First Presbyterian Church, Dunbar, Jackie Eckenrod, Moderator
Laurel Hill Presbyterian Church, Dunbar, William Weightman, Commissioned Pastor

District 4 Churches

Bolivar Presbyterian Church, James Sunseri, Commissioned Pastor
Colver Presbyterian Church, Robert Sheehan, Moderator

~From the Interim Executive Presbyter~



“The Gifts of Lent”

Lent is a time of deep permission: that is, the permission that invites us to rest our minds and hearts and be nourished by the deep nourishment of the Spirit. I find it to be a time of beauty at various levels. If that beauty is something that seems to be of the Christ, it invites us to savor it. Sometimes, it is a beautiful thought. One source of that is poetry for me: it uses words but in a way that challenges us to rethink our assumptions. Emily Dickinson’s words strike me in that way. About truth, she gave us this wisdom (Poem 1129):

Tell all the Truth but tell it slant –

Success in Circuit lies
Too bright for our infirm Delight
The Truth's superb surprise
As Lightning to the Children eased
With explanation kind
The Truth must dazzle gradually
Or every [one] be blind...

What an insight for those of us who claim to be truth-seekers. If we're so heavy as to slam people with our views on the truth – hammering our perspective like a sledgehammer - forget it! We won't be heard. We can't be heard! What wisdom for a time when rhetoric is regularly used as a tool to insult and to harm.

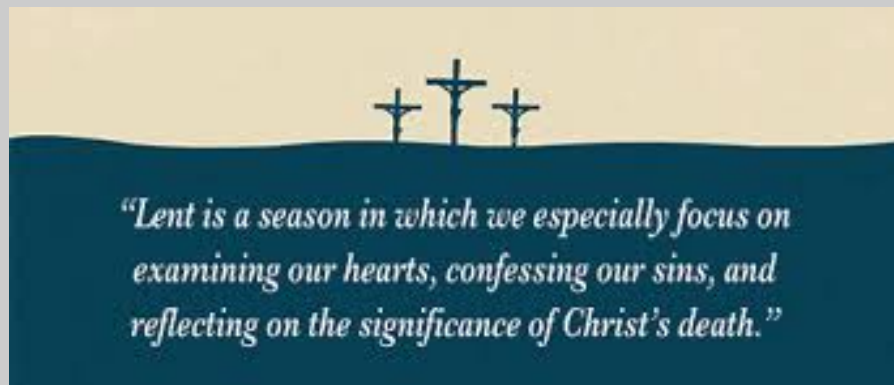
Among her more than 1,700 poems, Dickinson pointed to many images of beauty. Among them is one that she saw in the way a friend carried herself (Poem 1568):

Too see her is a Picture –
To hear her is a Tune –
To know her an Intemperance
As innocence as June –
To know her not – Affliction –
To own her for a Friend
A warmth as near as if the Sun
Were shining in your Hand.

Wow! What a friendship that must have been! One of the texts for the second Sunday of Lent this year is John 3:1-17, a source of so much substance in the faith. As I consider beauty, few words are better than the opening phrase of John 3:16: “For God so loved the world...” and pairing it with I John 4:16b, “God is love.” In the ever lengthening days of Lent, they're the two fragments I'll reflect on, opening my spirit up to the many manifestations of beauty in people - known or unknown - that I'll encounter, even as I savor Dickinson's deep, sometimes perplexing work, regularly granting us gifts of beauty.

Peace in Christ,
Lon Weaver

~Presbytery News~



The dates for the 2025 Session Minutes Reviews are:

March 24, 2026—First, Irwin; 4:30 p.m. Pre-Presbytery Meeting

April 22, 2026 – 6:30 p.m. Redstone Presbytery Center



May 26, 2025 – Congruity, New Alexandria; 4:30 p.m.
Pre-Presbytery Meeting

IPLF Spring Workshop

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, March 14, 2026 - Occasional Services Planning
Meeting Location: Laboratory Presbyterian Church, 23 Manse Street, Washington, PA 15301
Instructor: Rev. Mark Woomer

[Click Here to view the Full Schedule of the Spring 2026 Workshops](#)

The zoom login information is:

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~Events at our Churches~



Derry Presbyterian Church Sarris Candy Fundraiser

Place your order online to
SarrisCandiesfundraising.com

Group ID# 10-1741

[Click here for the Brochure.](#)

**All orders must be submitted by Sunday, March 22, 2026 at 11:59 PM EST



The churches in the Derry Area are hosting
the Community Lenten Luncheons for the season of Lent
Wednesdays from Noon - 1:00 p.m.

February 25th - St. Martin's Parish
5684 Route 982
New Derry, PA 15671

March 4th - Derry United Methodist Church
311 North Ligonier Street
Derry, PA 15627

March 11th - St. Joseph's RC Church
125 S. Ligonier Street
Derry, PA 15627

March 18th - Derry Presbyterian Church
108 Presby Way
Derry, PA 15627

March 25th - Harvest Assembly Church
220 Pittsburgh Street
Derry, PA 15627

Community Maundy Thursday Service - Derry Presbyterian Church - 7:00 p.m.
Community Good Friday Service - Derry Methodist Church - 7:00 p.m.

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	January 14, 2026	April 8, 2026
November 12, 2025	February 11, 2026	May 13, 2026
December 10, 2025	March 11, 2026	


SAVE THE DATES - Join Us for an Unforgettable Overnight Adventure!

Imagine stepping into a world where history, faith, and wonder come alive. We're inviting you to be part of a special overnight trip to two of the most awe-inspiring attractions in the country — The Creation Museum and The Ark Encounter!


 Departure: First Presbyterian Church, Rostraver, PA parking lot

 Cost: Includes:

Comfortable round-trip transportation
Hotel accommodations for one night
Zip Line Attractions
Discounted Admission to both Creation Museum & Ark
Encounter Possible Riverboat Cruise Dinner
Petting Zoo and availability to ride a camel
Fellowship and fun with a great group of travelers

 Why You Should Come:

This trip is more than sightseeing — it's a chance to grow in faith, connect with others, and experience the Bible in a whole new way. Whether you're coming with family, friends, or on your own, you'll leave with memories that will last a lifetime.

 Reserve Your Spot Today!

Contact (724) 858-5965 or send email to llamberski@gmail.com to register. Seats are limited, so don't wait. More information to follow. Let's journey together into history, faith, and wonder — you won't want to miss it!

~Presbyterian Women~

Hitch a Ride with Us to a **Joyful** PW Retreat!
Thursday, July 16-18, 2026 

Guest speaker—CeCe Armstrong, co-moderator
PC(USA) General Assembly


"Finding Joy in the Journey"
Gal. 5:22
Synod of the Trinity
PW Gathering

**Lively Worship, Special Workshops,
Great Food, Inspirational Small-
Group Time, Spirituality Walk, Toe-
tapping music, Silent Auction,
Games, Crafts, Mission Opportunities
and More!!**

Save the Date!!

 **JOYFUL** 

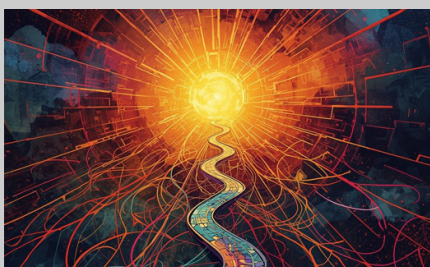
Hosted by
The Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Trinity
More information to come in 2026

PW Retreat location is at the Antiochian Village and Conference Center Outside of Ligonier in Bolivar

~Pine Springs Camp~



~From Outside Redstone Presbytery~



Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
2026 Kelso Lecture
The Evidence of Faith

Resistance, Resilience, and the Road to Liberation

March 12, 6:00 p.m.

Location: In Person, at Mt. Ararat Baptist Church (East Liberty), and Online

Key note by the Rev. William H. Lamar IV

For the Joy Set Before Us: Reflections on the Source of Resistance and Liberatory Praxis

A concert by the Hampton University Concert Choir will follow the Kelso Lecture.

[Click Here to Register](#)

~Employment Opportunity ~



Union Presbyterian Church in Murrysville/Apollo, is looking for a Youth Event Leader to lead a once a month event, after church, with fun, fellowship, prayer, and a Bible lesson. Every third or fourth event will have an outreach to the community event. The Youth Leader will provide a positive and supportive influence, foster personal and spiritual growth in Christ, leadership abilities, and community engagement with young people.

The compensation will be \$20-25 an hour, for 5 hours, of that monthly event. That includes meeting with the Pastor to plan, set-up, lead it, and clean up. There will also be mileage reimbursement. There will be a yearly review for performance, possible promotions, and raises.*

The candidate must have all three clearances for working with youth. He or she will report to the Pastor and, once a year, to the Session.

Email with inquiries and resume to pastor@unionpresbychurch.com

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