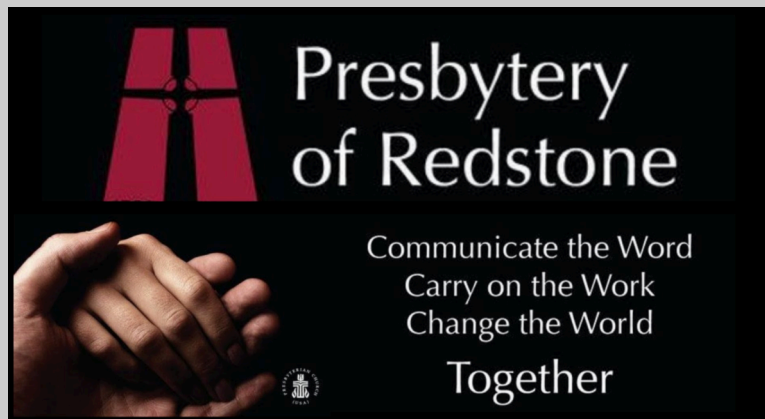


This week's Redstone happening March 5, 2026



This week we are praying for the following congregations:

District 1 Churches

Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church, Murrysville, Curtis Paul, Pastor; Travis Webster, Associate Pastor

Union Presbyterian Church, Murrysville, Bob Ruefle Pastor

District 2 Churches

Derry Presbyterian Church, Glenn Larry Armstrong, Covenant Pastor

First Presbyterian Church, Greensburg, Martin Ankrum, Pastor

District 3 Churches

First Presbyterian Church, Fairchance, Molly Hall, Moderator

Mt. Washington Presbyterian Church, Farmington, Josh Scully, Moderator

District 4 Churches

Cresson Presbyterian Church, Alice Tondora, Pastor

Ebensburg Presbyterian Church, Robert Sheehan, Moderator

~From the Interim Executive Presbyter~



“At War...Again”

I recently asked a congregation where I preached to raise their hands if they were veterans (two or three did so) and, then, to raise their hands if they knew veterans of war (most of them raised their hands). Given our return to war, soldiers are on my mind and, perhaps, on many of yours.

My stories of soldiers begin with my Uncle Phil from Clyde, PA who left his steel mill job to serve in World War I. As part of a flame-throwing unit, he was psychologically maimed by war, never returned to the mill, and took another path of life (he lived until the 200th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. My brother-in-law, David, served in the Vietnam War: within months,

he was physically maimed by war. He had a more personally gratifying career – ten years as a county sheriff, then chief of Illinois' Secretary of State police, but dying too early at the age of 56, something we believed to be the consequence of the war. When we entered into ministry, I met the wife of a veteran of the 1990-91 Gulf War: she came to talk, seeing whether I could meet with him; she begged him to talk to me or someone else; he wasn't ever able to do so. Several years into our ministry in Minnesota, we knew of many veterans who were in the service during our country's two efforts to bring about regime change: in Iraq (2003-2011) and in Afghanistan (2001-2021). One of these folks experienced their service in a way that had a profound and dangerous impact on their life. Thankfully, they sought out a range paths of support. However, it was not the same for eight members of their unit: they took their lives upon their return home.

As I observed children climbing into their buses as I drove to the office today, it led me to recall the reports of 186 children and teachings killed in Iran, as well as 111 more wounded. Yesterday evening, a youthful reporter on one of the news-as-entertainment networks responded to a videotape of the first sinking of an "enemy" warship (Iran's) by a torpedo launched by a naval submarine (of the U.S.), saying something like, "Wasn't that cool!" A much more experienced reporter from a serious news source chuckled when someone characterized the average age of the Iranian leading council as "deceased" because they are in their senior years. These are the people on the Iranian side over against the Israeli and U.S. councils of war that are together committing our species' perpetual sin – and crime – of war. This is the organized violence of war that is, again, grinding away at the international community. It is neither an amusement park ride nor a late-night talk show.

Proverbs 16:32 reads, "One who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and one whose temper is controlled than one who captures a city." War regularly fails these basic truths. Our starting point in such an event must be the counsel of scripture. That's why John Calvin called the Bible our "spectacles" for living faithful lives (*Institutes*, F. L. Battles translation, 1.10.1, p. 96). Calvin also knew that arrogance and the idolatrous greed for power marked nations, because human nature is "a perpetual factory of idols" (*Institutes*, F. L. Battles translation, 1.11.8, p. 108). I learned long ago from Paul Tillich that citizens are to be "seeing patriots" not "blind patriots" (*Religious Internationalism*, M.L. Weaver, p. 183). He experienced war, and he defied Nazism: thus, he called the idolatrous arrogant nations to become humble servants of God.

God help courageous people to lead us back to the path of faithful humility!

Peace in Christ,
Lon Weaver

~Presbytery News~



ANNOUNCEMENT LOOP FOR PRESBYTERY MEETING

The March meeting of Presbytery will be on Tuesday, March 24 2026 by Voice and Vote In Person at the First Presbyterian Church, Irwin or Online Viewing Only by Zoom 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 redstonepresbytery@gmail.com by Friday, March 20, 2026.

Thank you!

SPONSORSHIPS

\$10,000 PALMER LEVEL

- 3 Foursomes (total of 12 golfers)
- 12 bonus golfer packs
- 2 tee signs
- Logo on golfer gift
- Full page ad & recognition in program
- 3 foursomes at Latrobe Elks with carts after 12:00p & 3 \$40 food vouchers for food good through October 31, 2026

\$6,000 NICKLAUS LEVEL

- 2 Foursomes (total of 8 golfers)
- 8 bonus golfer packs
- 1 tee sign
- Logo on golfer gift
- Full page ad & recognition in program
- 2 foursomes at Latrobe Elks with carts after 12:00p & 2 \$40 food vouchers for food good through October 31, 2026

\$3,500 PLAYER LEVEL

- 1 Foursome (total of 4 golfers)
- 4 bonus golfer packs
- Logo on golfer gift
- Half page ad & recognition in program

TREVINO LEVELS

Please make your selection. Each includes recognition in program.

- \$2,500 Buffet Lunch
- \$1,000 Danish Buffet Pre Shotgun Start
- \$800 Hot Dog & Non-Alcoholic Drink at Turn
- \$500 Dessert
- \$300 Logo on Golfer Gift (25 available)

COMPANY LOGOS AND ADS DUE **NO LATER THAN MARCH 25** FOR INCLUSION IN MARKETING MATERIALS. ADS MAY BE SENT AS PNG FILES AND LOGOS MAY BE SENT AS SVG FILES TO MISSIONSUPPORT@REDSTONE.ORG



JOHN R. DICKSON IV SCHOLARSHIP GOLF OUTING

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2026 AT
ARNOLD PALMER'S LATROBE COUNTRY CLUB

Arnold Palmer's Latrobe Country Club **346 ARNOLD PALMER DR, LATROBE, PA 15650**

REGISTER BY APRIL 2, 2026 FOR PARTICIPATION

Payments received by April 2 qualify for early-bird payment discount!

\$225.00 / Golfer
Individual Golfer prior to April 2 (with price increasing to \$250 after that date) includes continental breakfast, shotgun start, cart, hotdog and soft drink at the turn, lunch, golfer gift, and fun!

\$900.00 / Foursome
Foursome prior to April 2 (with price increasing to \$1,000 after that date) includes continental breakfast, shotgun start, cart, hotdog and soft drink at the turn, lunch, golfer gift, and fun!



JOIN US FOR

REGISTRATION	7:00AM
SHOTGUN START	8:00AM

- Danish breakfast
- Hotdog & beverage at the turn
- Buffet Lunch
- Putting contest with prizes
- Par 3 on Hole #4
- 50/50 ticket sale
- Silent Auction

CONTACT/QUESTIONS

MISSION SUPPORT
 (724) 832-8401 x 3378
MissionSupport@Redstone.org



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:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/7248330340?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/7248330340?pwd=gpnK4liH8GsZGOXApZLISyM18vgsVV.1)

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Meeting ID; 7248330340

Password: IPLF

~Events at our Churches~



The Masontown community kitchen is celebrating 20 years serving meals. The menu will be meatloaf, cheesy potatoes, vegetables, homemade desserts, and Panera breads on Tuesday March 10, 2026 from 4 to 5:30 PM. Located in The First Presbyterian Church, 102 W. Church Ave., Masontown PA meals are provided without charge. Donations are gladly accepted and provide for future meals. For questions or to volunteer your help, please call



The Masontown monthly Food bank will be held Wednesday, March 11, 2026 from 1 to 2 PM at the First Presbyterian Church, 102 W. Church Ave., Masontown PA. New Participants may register at the Food bank. This local food mission would not be possible without the help from the many volunteers in the community. For more information or to volunteer, call Frank 724-366-4721 or Kathy 724) 317-8623



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

End of School Lock-In Scheduled for May 15–16 at Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church

Murrysville, PA – Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church is excited to announce the rescheduled End of School Lock-In for middle school students in grades 6 through 8. The event will take place from Friday, May 15 at 6:00 PM through Saturday, May 16 at 8:30 AM at the church, located at 4600 Old William Penn Highway, Murrysville, PA 15668.

This overnight experience will be an evening full of fun, fellowship, worship, service activities, and a bonfire as students celebrate the close of the school year together in a safe and supportive environment. Participants will enjoy organized games, meaningful time of worship, hands-on service opportunities, and time to connect with friends old and new.

To ensure a safe and comfortable experience for everyone, girls and boys will have separate sleeping arrangements. Girls will stay in Room 203 and boys in Room 201. Multiple male and female adult chaperones will be present throughout the evening and overnight.

The cost for the event is \$12 per student, and advance registration is required. Families can register online at:

<https://onrealm.org/NewlonsburgPres/Registrations/Info/2c190178-6b6a-47b5-8671-b3f5015acd29>

A detailed packing list is available at:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1G8ycD2jnyotil6oWgpIP5x9wM1ctWtXBEcD2Mn-LWbY/edit?tab=t.0>

For more information, please contact:

Joshua Kenst (he/his/him)

Director of Youth Ministry

Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church

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Murrysville, PA 15668

Email: joshua.kenst@newlonsburgchurch.org

Phone: 724-327-0061

Website: newlonsburgchurch.org



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~

2026 PW Summer Retreat/Gathering

July 16 – 18, 2026

Antiochian Village Retreat & Conference Center, Ligonier, PA

"Finding Joy in the Journey" (Gal. 5:22)



Registration & Check In begins Thursday 3:00 pm – Dinner at 5:00 pm – Opening Plenary & Keynote 6:30 pm
Gathering/Retreat ends with lunch on Saturday

Guest speaker—CeCe Armstrong, co-moderator 2024-2026
PC(USA) General Assembly

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

Registration:

Triple Occupancy Room - \$225 per person Double Occupancy Room - \$275 per person
Single Occupancy Room - \$350 per person



Registration Includes: 2 Nights hotel style lodging, 6 meals (2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners), plus snacks & beverages, conference folder, materials, Joy Room activities, PW resources; Choice of 2 workshop sessions on Friday; Worship service w/ Communion on Friday evening with Rev. CeCe Armstrong (PCUSA co-moderator 2024-2026); Optional Early morning Yoga or Prayer Circle activities (before breakfast); Evening relaxation and community activities, including Friday Movie night ("Up!") w/popcorn



Hosted by The Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Trinity
Registration Form available at: <https://www.syntrinity.org/synod-pw/> or
Contact Registrar at: jamesalcinda@gmail.com or 330-532-5747

~Pine Springs Camp~



~From Outside Redstone Presbytery~



**Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
2026 Kelso Lecture
The Evidence of Faith**

Resistance, Resilience, and the Road to Liberation

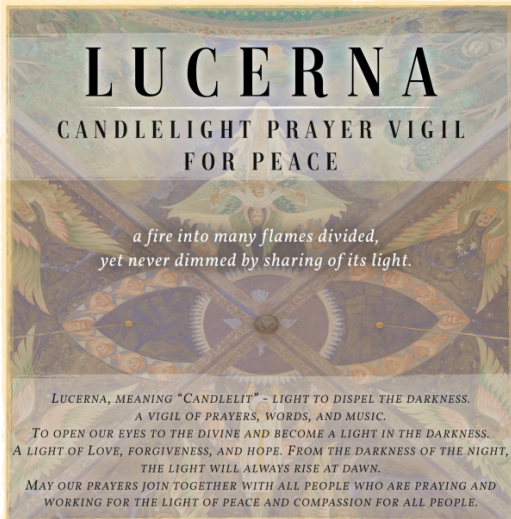
March 12, 6:00 p.m.

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

Key note by the Rev. William H. Lamar IV

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

[Click Here to Register](#)



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CANDLELIGHT PRAYER VIGIL
FOR PEACE


*a fire into many flames divided,
yet never dimmed by sharing of its light.*

LUCERNA, MEANING "CANDLELIT" - LIGHT TO DISPEL THE DARKNESS.
A VIGIL OF PRAYERS, WORDS, AND MUSIC.
TO OPEN OUR EYES TO THE DIVINE AND BECOME A LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS.
A LIGHT OF LOVE, FORGIVENESS, AND HOPE. FROM THE DARKNESS OF THE NIGHT,
THE LIGHT WILL ALWAYS RISE AT DAWN.
MAY OUR PRAYERS JOIN TOGETHER WITH ALL PEOPLE WHO ARE PRAYING AND
WORKING FOR THE LIGHT OF PEACE AND COMPASSION FOR ALL PEOPLE.

MARCH 5, 2026 7:00PM

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148 MONASTERY AVENUE
FOR MORE INFO: STPAULRCPA@CPPROV.ORG



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John Welch
Bishop Marvin Moreland
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MARCH 16 2026
MONDAY

THEME
**MINISTERING IN THE MIDST OF
CHAOS**

11:00AM

Rev. Dr. Sheila
Johnson-Hunt
Committee Chair

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2720 Webster Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15219



**Rising to the
Challenge**
Bread for the World
Hunger Advocacy
Workshop 2026

Saturday, March 14
Kearns Spirituality Center
9000 Babcock Blvd.
Allison Park, PA 15101



Rev. Heather Taylor
Bread for the World

Ann Sanders
Just Harvest

Russell Redding
Pennsylvania
Secretary of Agriculture

Lisa Scales
Greater Pittsburgh
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To register, visit
bit.ly/bread2026



With food insecurity on the rise and federal nutrition programs at risk, learn how Christians can rise to the challenge of ending hunger in our neighborhoods, across the commonwealth, and around the world. Help your church put faith into action and make your voices heard.

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FOR THE WORLD

~Employment Opportunity ~



Grace Community Presbyterian Church in Lower Burrell is seeking an organist/choir director to play traditional and contemporary music for our 10:00 am Sunday service and liturgical holidays. Also, directing weekly choir rehearsals selecting appropriate hymns and anthems to enhance worship service. The salary range is \$13,000 - \$15,000 a year, to be determined by qualification

and experience. For complete details and job description contact Elder Michael Cochenour, retiredcochenour@gmail.com or secretary@gracecommunitypresbyterian.org



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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