

This week's Redstone happening  
**November 7 2024**



**This week we are praying for the following congregations:**

*District 1 Churches*

*Poke Run Presbyterian Church, Apollo, Pete Goetschius, Pastor  
First Presbyterian Church, Avonmore, Lynn Mance, Commissioned Pastor*

*District 2 Churches*

*Level Green Presbyterian Church, Trafford, Geoff Rach, Pastor  
Sewickley Presbyterian Church, West Newton, Karen Kifer,  
Commissioned Pastor*

*District 3 Churches*

*McClellandtown Presbyterian Church, Rebecca Abbott, Pastor  
New Salem Presbyterian Church, William Wiegand, Commissioned Pastor*

*District 4 Churches*

*Revloc Presbyterian Church, David O'Hara, Commissioned Pastor  
United Presbyterian Church, Bolivar, James Sunseri, Commissioned  
Pastor*

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~Presbytery News~

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**ANNOUNCEMENT LOOP FOR PRESBYTERY MEETING**

The November meeting of Presbytery will be on, Saturday, November 23, 2024 In Person and via ZOOM videoconferencing at the Community United Presbyterian Church, New Alexandria, beginning at 9:00 a.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](mailto:redstonestories@gmail.com) by Monday, November 18, 2024

Thank you!



## Have you enrolled in benefits for 2025?

**Annual Enrollment** is open through Friday, Nov. 8. If you haven't already, [log in to Benefits Connect](#) and click Modify to:

- review the benefits available to you, including any new benefits your employer may offer for 2025, costs, and any cost-sharing with your employer
- add eligible family members or remove them from coverage
- enroll for benefits and/or make changes to your current coverage
- review and update your beneficiaries
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After the Annual Enrollment period ends, you won't have another chance to enroll in benefits or make changes for 2025 unless you have a qualifying life event.

If you need assistance registering for Benefits Connect or completing your Annual Enrollment, call the Board at **800-PRESPLAN (800-773-7752)** (TTY: 711), Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. ET. We are here to serve you



Please Join us to honor Rev. Skip Noftzger as we celebrate his remarkable journey and retirement after 11 years of dedicated service to Redstone Presbytery. Help us to send Skip off in style on Tuesday, November 19, 2024 at Stratigos Banquet Centre, located at 131 Colonial Manor Rd, North Huntingdon, PA 15642. The *Celebration* begins at 5:00 p.m. with Dinner at 6:00 p.m. Reservations are required.

For more information, please contact:

Dawn Sherwood - 412-378-2309  
drs92066@gmail.com

Or

Karen Gray - 239-293-8121 or 724-837-6737  
kgray345@gmail.com  
secretary@redstonepresbytery.org

## Boundaries and Ethics in Church Leadership

Saturday, November 9, 2024; 12:30 - 3:30pm  
Maplewood Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall



If it has been more than three years since your last participation in training on Boundaries and Ethics issues, It is important for all of us to continue to be engaged in these areas. Please save the date on your calendars to attend this workshop.

Please RSVP to [secretary@redstonepresbytery.org](mailto:secretary@redstonepresbytery.org) or call the Presbytery Office (724-837-6737) if plan on attending in person or on zoom.

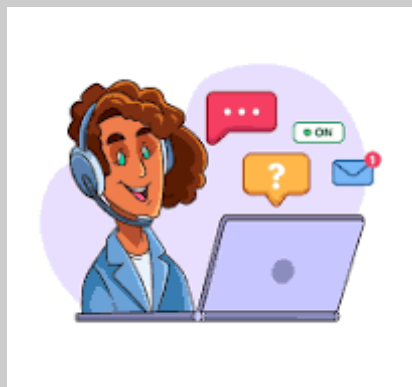
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Please continue Prayers for everyone who is affected by Hurricanes Milton and Helene.

To support the Response of PDA, Designate Gifts to **DR000169**

In these difficult times, we are called to respond through generosity, action and prayer - continually standing in the "GAP" to uplift our neighbors and offer hope in their journey toward recovery.

Please send your gifts to the Presbytery Office or to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance directly.



The Presbytery is seeking to identify a “Tech Coordinator” for the 5 annual “hybrid” Presbytery meetings beginning in 2025. The person must have knowledge of audio-visual equipment and be familiar with hosting and features within the Zoom workspace. The Tech Coordinator will prepare for and coordinate the Zoom and av equipment for meetings held in a variety of churches within the Presbytery. This position will be supported with a stipend for each of the meetings. Any candidates or referral of possible people with these skills should

reach out to the Staff Support committee through contacting the Executive Presbyter or Presbytery office.



## Pray for the Congregation of the Week (Facebook)

Each week a different ministry of one of our congregations is featured on the Presbytery Facebook page

(<https://www.facebook.com/PresbyteryofRedstone>) Look for your friends and colleagues in ministry and intercede on their behalf with the Lord for what God has called them to be and do.



**Are you a Ruling Elder who is interested in Learning and Growing in you Faith even more?**

**Is God Possibly Calling you to Preach?**

**CONSIDER ENROLLING IN THE INTER-PRESBYTERY LEADERSHIP FORMATION PROGRAM.**

**For more Information about the program and Enrollment, Please Contact Skip Noftzger at the Presbytery Office 724-837-6737 or [executive@redstonepresbytery.org](mailto:executive@redstonepresbytery.org)**

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## **IPLF FALL WORKSHOPS SCHEDULE**

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 9, 2024 - Boundaries & Ethics in Church Leadership  
Maplewood Presbyterian Church, Greensburg

Saturday, December 13, 2024 - More than a Rule Book - Faithful ordering  
Laboratory Presbyterian Church, Washington  
Instructor: Rev. Skip Noftzger,

## **Spring 2025 IPLF Workshop Schedule**

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### **Healing & Prayer Network**

Please join this ministry @ 4:30p.m. at the Presbytery Office.

Thursday, November 7, 2024

Due to the workshop on Saturday, November 9, 2024, "Praying Jesus' Way" the network will not meet on Thursday, November 14, 2024

Please check out the flyer below!

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# Praying Jesus' Way

Saturday, November 9, 2024

9:30 AM to 11:30 AM

Redstone Presbytery Office

1004 Mount Pleasant Road

Greensburg, Pennsylvania 15601

Free RSVP 724 837-6737

**A succinct exploration of Jesus' surprising practices and teachings**

- ◆ How Moses, Jacob, and Elijah influenced Jesus
  - ◆ The importance of "AMEN"
  - ◆ What Jesus might think about "Mindfulness"
  - ◆ Jesus' methods of "action spirituality"
  - ◆ What you don't know about the Lord's Prayer
  - ◆ What you might add to enhance your prayer life
- Take home packet included --

The Rev. Jim Farrer is an internationally recognized consultant in church growth and vitality. He taught worship and prayer at the Synod of the Trinity School of Religion for 2 seasons held at Wilson and Gettysburg Colleges. He has been blessed to study Biblical spirituality in Canada, France, Germany, Great Britain and with Eugene Peterson in New Mexico. Farrer oversaw the distribution of Holy Communion at the 1985 Congress on Renewal in Dallas, Texas, the "largest Presbyterian gathering ever held in America." His articles can be found at [biblicalleadership.com](http://biblicalleadership.com).

The Rev. Norma Prina Murphy holds a BS in Music Education from IUP and an MDiv from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Norma has led choirs and served interims and installed positions. She was trained for and served on a professional and prayerful conflict management team. Norma has been a leader on spiritual pilgrimages to Scotland and Israel. She is chairperson of the Healing Prayer Ministry Network of Redstone Presbytery. She will share insights from a Jerusalem Seminary course "Early Christian Worship, Music and Prayer in Its Jewish Context."

Event sponsored by the Healing Prayer Ministry Network of Redstone Presbytery.

Please RSVP: [secretary@redstonepresbytery.org](mailto:secretary@redstonepresbytery.org) or call the Presbytery Office (724-837-6737)

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~Events at our Churches~

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The Beesontown Singers and  
Trinity United Presbyterian Church  
present

# A Yuletide Madrigal Feaste

His Royal Highness and Queen Wife beckon thee  
to attend a Royal Dinner with Delightful Entertainment

Trinity United Presbyterian Church  
79 West Fayette Street Uniontown, Pennsylvania

Friday, 6 December 2024 at 5:45 p.m.  
Saturday, 7 December 2024 at 5:45 p.m.  
\$37.50 per Guest



Tickets: [beesontownsingers.ludus.com](https://beesontownsingers.ludus.com)  
or scan the QR code  
Questions: [beesontown@gmail.com](mailto:beesontown@gmail.com)  
or text to 724-322-2728

William Dreucci, Director and Producer    Barb Slavin, Production Manager  
Brett Vanderlaan and Helen Krjehbaum, Royal Musicians    Royal Cast, Choir and Musicians



## Christmas Bake & Soup Sale

Saturday, December 7, 2024 - 9 am. - 1 pm

Leisenring Presbyterian Church  
100 Church Street  
Leisenring, PA 15455



## Unity Cemetery & Chapel 250th Anniversary Celebration

Honoring Our Past, Inspiring Our Future

. Lessons & Carols with Time Period Music  
December 22nd, 2024 from 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

For more information on the upcoming events: visit [unitycemeterychapel.org](https://unitycemeterychapel.org)

# LOVE ANYWAY *feast*

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

*In the days following the election, let's  
come to the same table. At a time when  
the world needs it most, the Love Anyway  
Feast encourages us to love beyond  
boundaries, differences, and  
disagreements—proving that despite it all,  
we can choose to love anyway.*

**Friday, November 8  
6:30-8:30 pm**

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

**Free and open to everyone!  
RSVP HERE:**



# RECKONING WITH ANTISEMITISM: LISTENING TO JEWISH VOICES



Alan Iszauk



Eric Lidji



Sara Stock Mayo

*For Christians, reckoning with antisemitism is the journey of seeing, confronting, and disrupting the ways our tradition has caused harm to our Jewish neighbors. This November, we invite Christians to learn from Jewish leaders who will share how antisemitism has affected their lives and community and what they hope their Christian neighbors will come to understand about the Jewish experience.*

**Wednesday, November 20, 6:30 p.m.**  
**Pittsburgh Theological Seminary**

**HOLOCAUST  
CENTER OF  
PITTSBURGH**



**learn more and register: [casp.org/reckoning](https://casp.org/reckoning)**

## Presbytery Staff

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Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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Bookkeeper

*Communicate the Word...*

*Carry on the Work...*

*Change the World...*

*Together*

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