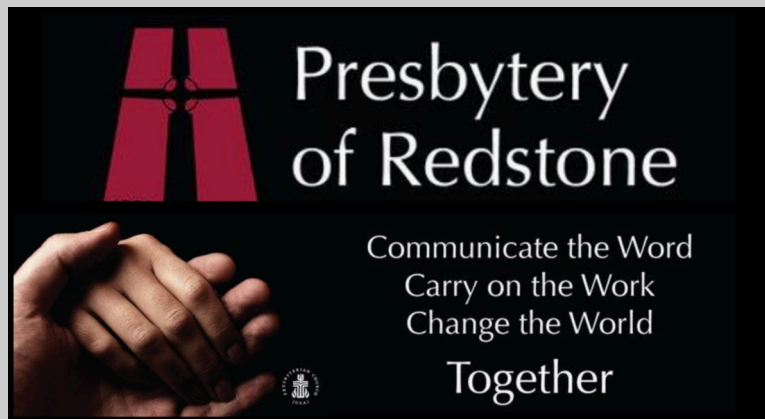


This week's Redstone happening

October 8, 2026



This week we are praying for the following congregations:

District 1 Churches

Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church, Murrysville, Curtis Paul, Pastor
Union Presbyterian Church, Murrysville, Bob Ruefle, Pastor

District 2 Churches

United Presbyterian Church, West Newton, Chuck MacPherson, Moderator
Derry Presbyterian Church, Larry Armstrong, Covenant Pastor

District 3 Churches

Marion Presbyterian Church, Belle Veron, Robert Prinkey, Commissioned Pastor
Rehoboth Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon, Don Glunt, Pastor

District 4 Churches

Westmont Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, Jim Farrer, Transitional Pastor
Pleasant Grove Presbyterian Church, Ligonier, Steve Hospodar, Temporary Supply

~From the Interim Executive Presbyter~



"One for All, All for One"

Today's title is regularly connected to The Three Musketeers by Alexander Dumas. It captures a straightforward commitment to unity amid difficulty. It also came to be connected to Switzerland in the late 1860s in response to floods in the Alps. The French-, German-, and Italian-speaking cantons seriously needed unification to face the Swiss crisis. This was an important change of mind because of the civil wars they had waged in the early half of the century preceding the floods.

Echoing that, the saying was repeatedly used in creating alliances in other wars, especially World War I, World War II, the Cold War, and the ongoing war-making that has continued subsequently up to the present.

In contrast to these historical examples, “one for all, all for one” in Christianity should have a very different understanding. It has the important double meaning of making justice and love our core commitment.

Two chapters of scripture capture the essence of our core values and the literal ways to apply them in our lives. As I’ve noted it before, Isaiah 1 is the helpful starting point of justice. It can be overwhelming, but it can be manageable in four parts: verses 1-9; verses 10-17; verses 18-23; and 24-31. That chapter shows us that a just society changes the lives of vulnerable individuals. The actions of individual leaders can transform a society in positive ways or can devastate it by violating justice.

In the second chapter – Matthew 25 – we have the parable of the blessed and cursed nations. In it, we are called to walk the loving path of Jesus that can transform nations by seeking out people in need: feeding the hunger, quenching the thirst of the thirsty, giving hospitality to the stranger, clothing the naked, caring for the sick, and visiting the imprisoned.

Powerful images from a news story caught my attention early this week and brought these teachings to mind. It focused on Afghan people returning to their homeland from Iran where they had had the stability of home and work for some time. That temporary security ended with the rise of the American and Israeli war against Iran, leading to the loss of homes and labor for Iranians themselves. This made it impossible for Iran to provide for the needs of Afghan citizens as well. I couldn’t bear the sight of the beautiful young children – their deep, lovely eyes expressing their fear – the parents who have no idea what the future may hold. They’d risked to leave their homes for a possible future, a future that has evaporated once again. Parents – women and men – weeping in despair.

When will we mature? When will we learn from millennium upon millennium of experience? end the division, live as fellow members of the species, and live in respect for God’s world? When will we unite as “One for All, All for one”?

Grace and Peace,
Lon Weaver

~Presbytery News~



Presbyterian Foundation

November 17, 2026
Grace Community Presbyterian Church
4:30 p.m. with Dinner

Pre-Presbytery Seminar on the
Property Checklist:

"How do you Prepare for Action?"

Speaker: Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelly

Please contact the Presbytery Office to Pre-Register
724-837-6737 or secretary@redstonepresbytery.org



Planning Calendars

The 2026-2027 Planning Calendars are in! If you placed an order, they are available for pickup at the Presbytery Office.

Office Hours are Monday - Thursday 9am - 2pm

IPLF Fall 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, October 10, 2026 - Presbyterian Polity
Instructor: Rev. Randall Clow

Meeting Location: Laboratory Presbyterian Church, 33 Manse Street, Washington, PA 15301. Workshop at the manse behind the church

The zoom login information is:

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Meeting ID; 7248330340
Password: IPLF

Fall 2026 Workshop Schedule

IPLF Program



August 8 to 20, 2027 Scotland Tour

The Rev. Jim Farrer invites Redstone ministers and members to join a small group tour to the highlights of Scotland. He has co-led ten such pilgrimages in the past.

We spend three nights close to the Castle and the Royal Mile in Edinburgh during the Royal Military Tattoo featuring pipe bands and dancers from around the world. We will show you the real location of the first General Assembly and the Reformation's workshop for the transformation of culture. We visit Stirling Castle and Braveheart territory. We have the rare opportunity to connect with the Standing Stones of Kilmartin and where the Book of Kells was begun.

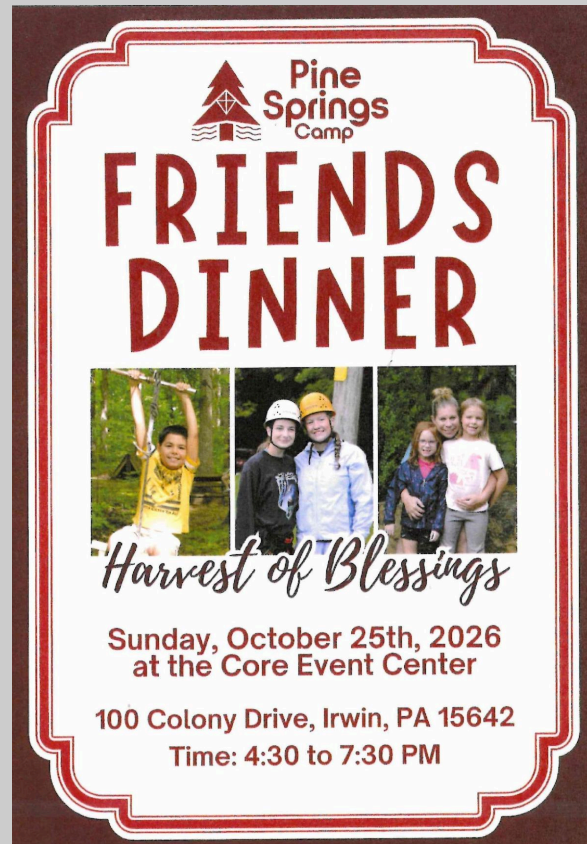
Our trip hinges on the availability of rooms for three nights at the St. Columba Hotel on the Holy Isle of Iona from where Scotland and Europe were Christianized. Jim

has studied with three wardens of the Iona Community. We also visit the dramatic scenery of the Isle of Skye.

This trip is not inexpensive since we stay longer than most. Our co-leaders are a very experienced Scottish tour expert and a PhD in History. First come/first served.

Call Jim at 814 629-5211. The Presbytery office has a full brochure.

~Pine Springs Camp~



Come & Celebrate Pine Springs Camp!

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.

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~Events at our Churches~

Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church to Host Dance & Dodgeball Event for Middle School Students Murrys ville, PA

Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church will host another Dance & Dodgeball event for middle school students on **Friday, October 9, 2026, from 7:00–9:30 PM.**

Sponsored by the church's **Youth Ministry**, the evening will give middle school students an opportunity to enjoy music, dancing, dodgeball, games, and fellowship with friends in a fun and welcoming environment.

The Dance & Dodgeball event is part of Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church's ongoing efforts to provide meaningful opportunities for young people to connect, build friendships, and enjoy time together in a safe and positive setting.

For additional information, contact Joshua Kenst, Director of Youth Ministry, at joshua.kenst@newlonsburgchurch.org or 724-327-0061.

Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church
4600 Old William Penn Highway
Murrysville, PA 15668
724-327-0061
newlonsburgchurch.org



The Masontown monthly Food bank will be held Wednesday, October 14, 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 Bettie 724 710-2452

TAKE-OUT ONLY!

CHICKEN AND BISCUIT Dinner

PRE-SALE AND TAKE-OUT ONLY

First Presbyterian Church of Belle Vernon

724-929-7616

DATE: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17TH, 2026

TIME: 2:00 - 5:00 PM

LOCATION: 501 Fayette Ave. Belle Vernon PA 15012

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE EXPENSES



\$12 PER DINNER

★ All meals include: ★

- CHICKEN & BISCUIT
- MASHED POTATOES
- GREEN BEANS
- AND CAKE

Thank You FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Rehoboth Presbyterian Church
442 Rehoboth Road/Belle Vernon

Saturday, October 17th, 2026 2 PM to 6 PM
724-929-7020

\$12.⁰⁰ Large Dinner
\$ 8.⁰⁰ Small Dinner

Includes: Salad, Pasta with Meat sauce or Marinara, Bread & Butter, Cake, & Drink
**Meat Balls are \$1 Extra but worth it!

**Gluten sensitive pasta & cake available upon request*



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



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**From Mission to Momentum:
Strategic Planning for Faith
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with the Rev. Jean-Fritz Guerrier
Zoom | October 14 | 12 – 1:30 pm Eastern

This interactive webinar will help participants distinguish strategic leadership from routine operations; assess institutional strengths, assets, stakeholders, and emerging needs; translate mission into priorities; and much more.



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The Cost of Being Neighborly in the 21st Century

Keynote by Dr. Ruth Padilla DeBorst

Oct. 16-17, 2026
In-Person at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
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To Learn More and Register



From Empty Nets to Overflowing Impact: Discovering God's Abundance Through Stewardship

Nov. 17-18, 2026

In a time when many congregations are navigating financial strain, shifting demographics, and urgent community needs, this lecture invites faith leaders to move beyond scarcity thinking and recover a theology of abundance rooted in the gospel. Drawing from *Fishing Differently*, the Rev. Dr. Sidney S. Williams Jr. will explore how churches can reimagine stewardship, leverage sacred assets, and build sustainable models for social impact. The lecture will challenge leaders to see fundraising not merely as a financial necessity, but as a spiritual practice of aligning resources with mission, cultivating community partnerships, and participating in God's work of transformation.

For more information: [Click Here](#)

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