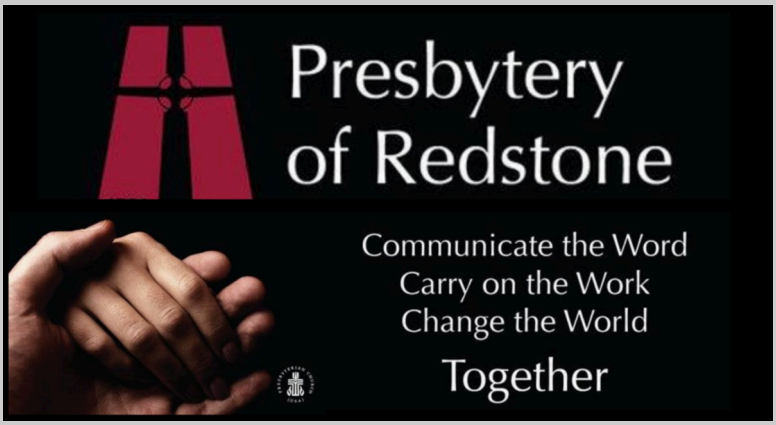
This week's Redstone happening
October 15, 2026



This week we are praying for the following congregations:

District 1 Churches

Community United Presbyterian Church, New Alexandria, Len Morgan, Commissioned Pastor
Congruity Presbyterian Church, New Alexandria, Cliff Foster, Pastor

District 2 Churches

First Presbyterian Church, Greensburg, Martin Ankrum, Pastor
Maplewood Presbyterian Church, Greensburg, Steve LaSor, Pastor

District 3 Churches

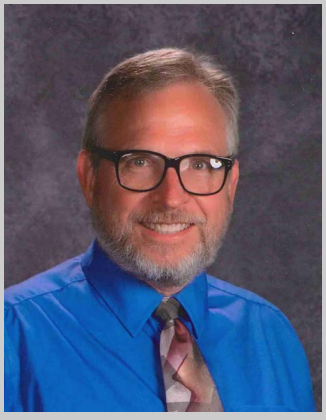
Calvin Presbyterian Church, Brownsville, Kristen Emrick, Pastor
Ft. Burd Presbyterian Church, Brownsville, Kristen Emrick, Pastor

District 4 Churches

Bethel Presbyterian Church, New Florence, James Sunseri, Commissioned Pastor
Trinity Presbyterian Church, New Florence, Susan Blank, Moderator

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~From the Interim Executive Presbyter~



"The Most Powerful Skill"

At our recent presbytery meeting at Pine Springs Camp, we wove two discussions into the day, before and after lunch. Each of the discussions were prompted by quotations and passages of scripture. The first one focused on our experiences of the ministries of our local churches. That second one turned to the importance of civil conversations as we anticipated the upcoming election. I moderated and observed the two events. The most powerful parts of them were these: the moments

when people sensed that their voices were heard; but even more important, the moments when people gave full attention to the voices of others.

In contrast to our presbytery meeting was a gathering of Presbyters I attended from all over the country in the General Assembly (GA) offices in Louisville. There were people from a range of presbyteries: I met one who I got to know in the summer who serves the entire state of Nevada – their total number of churches covering the entire space of the state is twenty; on the other hand was the person who was ordained in the same presbytery as mine, served at a church in Kiskiminetas Presbytery, and has just begun serving the Presbytery of Charlotte, a very wealthy faith communities where there is a congregation of 6,000 members, three others more than 1,000 members, followed by a range of others;, finally, there is our own presbytery with its own characteristics of a wide range of sizes and a unique expressions of ministries. The conversations I had at G.A. were true story-telling exercises: our ministries are profoundly different, so different that we essentially spoke in foreign languages – we could offer over voices, but it was difficult to understand our various worlds. Nonetheless, we're called to both offer our voices and – the most powerful skill - listen to one another, that bridge-building, grace-filled understanding throughout life in the Body of Christ.

This is why Paul declared, "Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good…For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ (I Corinthians 12:4-7, 12)."

Speak in the Spirit.

Listen for the Spirit in others.

Manifest the Spirit for the common good.

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, November 14, 2026 - Boundaries & Ethics
Instructor: Bryan Bass Riley

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

Please confirm you are attending by contacting the Presbytery Office (724-837-6737) or secretary@redstonepresbytery.org.

The zoom login information is:

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/7248330340?pwd=gpnK4liH8GsZGOXApZLISyM18vgsVV.1

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 Bravehart 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.

~Presbyterian Women~

Redstone Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering
Saturday, November 7, 9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m., and includes lunch
At the West Newton United Presbyterian Church,
300 E Main St., West Newton, PA

Introduction to the 2026-2027 Horizons Bible Study
***United through Christ, Bound to Each Other: Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians.* By Rhonda Mawhood Lee**
with the Rev. Donna Havrisko, Honorably Retired



We will hear from Jennifer Miller, CEO of the Westmoreland County Food Bank and the Mission Focus will be to bring items that will be given out at the Food Pantry at West Newton UPC, particularly **hygiene items or cleaning items**. (Of course, any non-perishable food item is also acceptable!)

Please also bring your contributions for the Synod Mission Project: **The Mulanje Mission College of Nursing and Midwifery (MMCNM),** a member of the Christian Health Association of Malawi (CHAM), is owned by the Church of Central African Presbyterian (CCAP), Blantyre Synod. It was established in 1930 by Scottish Missionaries. ***Our one-time giving will provide the resources needed to purchase critical equipment for the current skills laboratory to ensure proper training. It allows students to gain hands-on experience in a simulated clinical environment.***

Please use the tear-off registration form below.

Make check payable to: PW of Redstone Presbytery; please mail your registration *by Wednesday, October 28 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
724-523-640

2026 Redstone PW Fall Gathering at the West Newton United Presbyterian Church

Church Name_____

Number of persons attending: _____@ $12.00 each = _____amount enclosed

Contact Person: _____Phone No._____

List of Attendees: _____

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Dietary Restrictions (such as gluten-free) _____

Please use the back if necessary

~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.

Mark your calendar, recruit some friends, and register today! We are always looking for table sponsors and donations for our silent Auction and Bag Raffle.

~Events~

Community Kitchen

October 20, 2026 between 4 and 5:30. The meal will be ham salad sandwiches, macaroni and cheese, homemade desserts and Panera breads. Located in The First Presbyterian Church, 102 W. Church Ave., Masontown PA, the community kitchen is sponsored by the Klondike clergy and meals are without charge. Donations are gladly accepted and provide for future meals. For questions or to volunteer your help, please call Deb 724- 208-4343 or Frank 724 366-4721


Christian Associates
of Southwest Pennsylvania
Fall 2026 Events
Registration & more info at casp.org
OCT. 18
2:30 PM
Minnesota Neighbors Film Screening
& Community Leaders Panel Discussion
Point Park University Center
United Against Hate Week
Press Conference
City-County Building Portico
OCT. 19
NOON
OCT. 20
10:00 AM
Reckoning With Antisemitism as
Christians Preaching Workshop
Virtual (Zoom)
We Have to Talk Interfaith Field Trip:
Keeping Faith Communities Safe
Jewish Federation of Pittsburgh
OCT. 22
10:00 AM
OCT. 25
5:00 PM
Love Anyway Feast
Latin American Cultural Center
Hands Together III:
Advent Volunteer Opportunities
Pittsburgh Presbytery
OCT. 29
1:30 PM



~Continuing Education~



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

~Links to Events & Resources~

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