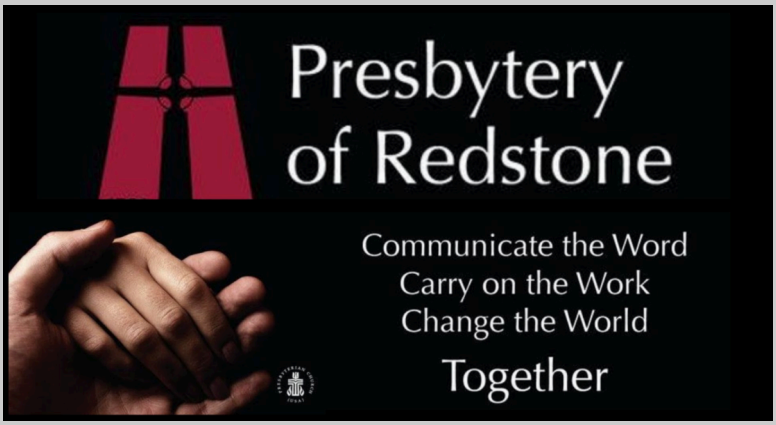
This week's Redstone happening
September 10, 2026



This week we are praying for the following congregations:

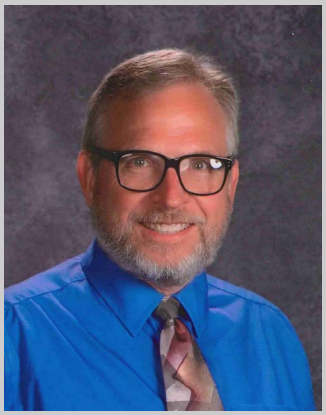
District 1 Churches
Poke Run Presbyterian Church, Apollo, Pete Goetschius, Pastor
First Presbyterian Church, Avonmore, Lynn Mance, Commissioned Pastor

District 2 Churches
Latrobe United Presbyterian Church
Reunion Presbyterian Church, Mt. Pleasant, Gary Filson, Moderator

District 3 Churches
Third Presbyterian Church, Uniontown, Patrick Ewing, Covenant Pastor
Trinity United Presbyterian Church, Uniontown, James Vlosich, Pastor

District 4 Churches
Colver Presbyterian Church, Robert Sheehan, Moderator
Cresson Presbyterian Church, Alice Tondora, Pastor

~From the Interim Executive Presbyter~



"Where were you when…?"

Tomorrow is the 25th anniversary of the 9/11 attack on the United States. As many of us recalled, it mesmerized us as we witnessed vivid images: the collapse of the twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York; the crash of a jet into the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.; and, finally, the event very personal to this presbytery – the crash of a jet in a field of Somerset County, the result of the heroism of passengers whose actions led to its crash in our part of the country rather the intended target of the hijackers, thought to have been the White House or the United States Capitol.

For our nation, it became one of those historical events that led to the classical question, "Where were you when you saw the first images of 9/11?" In our household, our two

children were in class in Ford City Middle School in Armstrong County. Robyn was gathered with colleagues at Appleby Manor Church in Kiski Presbytery, reflecting on the directions the biblical texts for the week would lead them in paths in their sermons, and jarred in new directions in the face of these overwhelming occurrences. I was in the chair of my dentist in Kittanning but quickly leaving the dental chair to gather in the lobby to watch what struck us as impossible, even as we looked at the television. For all of us, the normal tasks at hand were set aside to see what in creation had happened and what would happen next.

In recent days, as we've pondered over what had happened twenty-five years ago – episode upon episode in the drama that has become a powerful segment in our history – some historians, ethicists, and commentators have characterized the 9/11 experience as one in which the United States had "lost its innocence." What that seems to mean is that we had lost our childlike assumption that all will be good and joyful and peaceful. I find that to be especially unhelpful. As I discussed this aloud with my wife, we reflected on what terms that are more accurate and, thus, truthful. Staying with words beginning with "i" led me to consider our experience of 9/11 wasn't a matter of innocence – that is, the absence of guilt – but something closer to ignorance or illusion. Rather than a "poor, poor me" attitude (rising out of our innocence), we human beings regularly fail to know ourselves, considering both our best selves but also our worst selves. Ignorance is our lack of knowledge. Illusion is seeing life with false perspectives. That is why Christ calls us to make it our practice to identify our limitations and to support others who are in the same boat as we are:

"Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. For the judgment you give will be the judgment you get, and the measure you give will be the measure you get. Why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye but do not notice the log in your own eye? Or how can you say to your neighbor, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' while the log is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor's eye (Matt. 7:1-5)."

In the crises of life, we engage the brokenness of our human path: not out of despair but rooted in the hope of the living Christ.

Grace and Peace,
Lon Weaver

~Presbytery News~

Planning Calendars

The 2026-2027 Planning Calendars are in! If you placed an order, they are available for pickup at the Presbytery Office and will be available at the Presbytery Meeting on

September 22, 2026 at Pine Springs Camp.

Office Hours are Monday - Thursday 9am - 2pm

Presbytery Meeting and Announcement Loop

The September meeting of the Presbytery will be on Tuesday, September 22, 2026 at Pine Springs Camp, Jennerstown. The In-Person Meeting will begin at 10:00 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 redstonepresbytery@gmail.com by Tuesday, September 15, 2026. Thank you!

****Pine Springs Camp is providing lunch for this meeting. Please let us know if you are attending this meeting so we can make you a reservation. Please also let us know if you have any dietary restrictions. 724-837-6737 or secretary@redstonepresbytery.org**

The Mission Network of the Presbytery of Redstone

will be sponsoring a Mission Fair for our congregations at the September Presbytery Meeting at Pine Springs Camp. We are asking you to prepare to share local, regional, national or international projects in which your church is engaged or supports. You will have the opportunity to display any objects, flyers, information, etc. at an exhibit table before and during the Presbytery gathering. So, plan now for what you would like to share about where God has led you in mission. Please contact the Presbytery Office for any additional information or questions.

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:

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

Meeting ID; 7248330340
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Fall 2026 Workshop Schedule

IPLF Program

~Pine Springs Camp~

Women in the Woods Retreat
October 2-3, 2026

Please see attached information about the Pine Springs Camp Women in the Woods Retreat on October 2-3. There is a postcard invite, poster and bulletin insert. This is a great opportunity for women in your congregation to attend a 24 hour retreat that no one in your church has to organize! A few local churches have used it as a "mini women's retreat" and they come as a group and we house them together. There is also a commuter option or a Saturday only option for those who don't want to stay overnight. I'm pleased to say that the retreat has grown to serve over 100 women - and is a great time of excellent teaching, fellowship, adventure and fun.

Please pass along to the women who may be interested in your congregation. Thank you for your continued support of Pine Springs Camp!

Blessings-
Ellie Davis

Fall 2026 Postcard

Fall 2026 Poster

Fall 2026 Bulletin Insert

~Events at our Churches~

Leisenring Presbyterian Church

Cabbage Roll Dinner $12 & Bake Sale
September 12, 10am-3pm Eat in or Take Out
Leisenring Presbyterian Church
1004 Church St- Leisenring, PA

~Continuing Education~

The Yale Divinity School Center for Continuing Education

Zoom | September 14 – November 2 | 7:30 pm Eastern

The Book of Daniel is a fascinating and complex text, preserving some of the most enduring of biblical images (the fiery furnace, the writing on the wall, the lion's den). As one of the latest books of the Hebrew Bible, it provides a critical window into the Second Temple Jewish culture from which both Christianity and Rabbinic Judaism emerged. It also has distinctive features that raise all kinds of questions for interpretation: it is written in two languages (Hebrew and Aramaic); contains two very different literary genres (court tales and apocalyptic visions); and has been preserved in two substantively different forms, with the version preserved in Roman Catholic Bibles including several large sections that are absent from the version read in Jewish and Protestant contexts.

In this series, Yale Divinity School Professor Molly Zahn will introduce Daniel with special attention to the historical and literary contexts in which it was composed and transmitted, and to its significance for understanding ancient Jewish thought on themes such as empire, the course of history, and God's sovereignty and justice.

The 8 sessions will occur on September 14, 21, 28, October 5, 12, 19, 26, and November 2 at 7:30pm Eastern. After attending all eight sessions and completing a survey, participants will receive a Statement of Participation.

You only need to register one time in order to attend all 8 sessions.

Register Here!

~Links to Events & Resources~

Church Events

Presbyterian Women

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