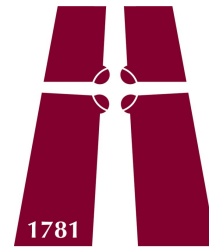


# Presbytery of Redstone

## eNews



November 9, 2016

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### Upcoming Events...

**Let's Pray For:**

>Grace Community Presbyterian Church, Lower Burrell, Ken Foust, Pastor District 1

>Maplewood Presbyterian Church, Greensburg, Steve LaSor, Pastor District 2

>Leisenring Presbyterian Church, Rick Watson, Commissioned Ruling Elder District 3

>Covenant Presbyterian Church, Boswell, James Stobaugh, Stated Supply District 4

Second Wednesday of every month - Friendship Dinner from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. FREE TO ANYONE WANTING TO ATTEND - New Kensington, United

Second Wednesday of every month - Community "Soup for the Soul" Luncheon - Apollo, Poke Run

November 12, 2016: Fall Harvest Vendor/Craft Show - Derry

November 12, 2016: Spaghetti Dinner - New Alexandria, Congruity

November 12, 2016: Dollar Spaghetti Dinner - Apollo, Poke Run

December 2-4, 2016: Festival of the Nativity - Johnstown, First

December 2-4, 2016: Christmas in Salem Crossroads

December 3, 2016: Breakfast with Santa - Apollo, Poke Run

January 28, 2017: District 4 Enrichment Day - Johnstown, Westmont

Please go to the website at [www.redstone.org](http://www.redstone.org) and click on the "events" tab for more information on any of the upcoming events.

### "It Is Not About You" - Reflections from the EP



There may be no greater time where truth has taken a "hit" than during this season of political differences and struggle. We have found ourselves surrounded and sometimes promoting easy identifications between good and true(my side, whichever one that is) and evil and false(the other side). Altogether, it has become(and may still be) all too easy to absolutize our positions and perspectives not just as worthy, appropriate or even honest attempts at faithfulness, but somehow believing that they are exact divine representations...the Truth. It is precisely during these tempting times that we, as the Church, are challenged not to capture or mandate, but to "preserve the truth."

We preserve the truth when we stand with conviction and with humility on matters of conscience regardless of consequences. Yet, preserving the truth does not necessarily call us to the use of power and authority in the same ways that others may exercise it. Our leadership and our actions must be characterized by the same servanthood of our savior who contrasted it with those who would claim authority and abuse it for their own purposes and gain. Preserving the truth is not the same as protecting the truth.

The one who was "full of grace and truth," is the one through whom grace and truth has come. Likewise, in response to the confused inquiry by Thomas

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about their promised future, Jesus confirmed,

"I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

When we hear those words again, may we focus on the centrality of Christ Jesus as the truth. Having known and seen God through Jesus the Christ, we have glimpsed the truth in this age and the age to come. Jesus is the personification of that truth and the culmination of God's story in which we have been privileged to participate. In this way, Jesus Christ is the fountainhead from which all other truth flows, whether that is our doctrinal understandings of our God and revelation, or the scientific exploration of nature, cultures and societies or the social and political means pursued to establish and represent justice and righteousness.

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**Next Presbytery Meeting**

**Saturday, November 19, 2016**

**Poke Run Presbyterian Church, Apollo**  
**9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

**Around Redstone**

>>Reminder!! The Board of Pensions enrollment deadline is November 11, 2016. If you have questions about the enrollment process contact the Presbytery office at 724.837.6737 or the Board of Pensions at 1.800.773.7752.

>>The installation service for the Rev. Jim Gear at the Trinity United Presbyterian Church in Uniontown has been postponed due to his having emergency surgery. It will be rescheduled for a later date.

>>Pastors and Clerks of Session should have received a copy of the Presbyterians Today Advent Calendar. If you would like to order more copies for use in your congregation you can do so online at <http://store.pcusa.org/1711616007>.

*Communicate the Word...*

*Carry on the Work...*

*Change the World...*

*Together*

>>If you are interested in hearing about Advent sermon preparation and special traditions/practices, please join with others who meet regularly in a Lectionary (RCL and Narrative) preaching group. These weekly meetings are on Mondays @ 2:00 p.m. at the Barnes and Noble in Greensburg.

>>The November Presbytery meeting is almost here. Be sure to send any event announcements ASAP for inclusion in the announcement loop. Also, send in pictures from your recent activities to be included in our "Faces of Redstone" slideshow. Send all material to [redstonestories@gmail.com](mailto:redstonestories@gmail.com) by Wednesday, November 16th. What a joy it is to share together in mission and ministry!



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