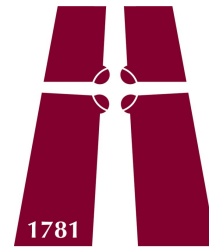


# Presbytery of Redstone

## eNews



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### Let's Pray For:

>First Presbyterian Church, Murrysville, William King, Interim Pastor  
District 1

>Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church, Murrysville, Curtis Paul, Pastor; Marnie Silbert, Assoc. Pastor  
District 1

>First Presbyterian Church, Irwin, Ron Wakeman, Pastor; Ron Durika, Assoc. Pastor  
District 2

>West Hempfield Presbyterian Church, Irwin, Peggy Shannon, Interim Pastor  
District 2

>McClellandtown Presbyterian Church, Lee McDermott, Pastor  
District 3

>Dunlap's Creek Presbyterian Church, Merrittstown, Aleda Menchyk, Moderator  
District 3

>First Presbyterian Church, Cresson, David McCabe, Pastor

### Upcoming Events...

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

December 11, 2016: Christmas Concert - Delmont

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.

### Reflections from the 2016 Moderator - the Rev. Pete Goetschius

One year as Moderator of Redstone Presbytery equals five or so presbytery meetings, three installations, an ordination, council meetings, one of our churches departing - more meetings, and a couple of special commissions. Not bad for a person who has a Dilbert T-shirt saying, "Always avoid meetings ... ." One way to look at this is that it is simply unnecessary and mindless activity, a social group running under its own inertia. Another way is to consider it the necessary work of the presbytery without which none of us would exist though we think that we would. I would rather think of it as a kind of silent progress sustaining the life of the Spirit in the Church.

Just as in art what is left out or what is not colored or painted or penciled is most readily perceived - perceived, not seen and carries the message of the artist, and, in music the character of a composition is yielded through the spaces between the notes, so perhaps the best work of a presbytery is carried in the interstices of silence among us. It is not what we do, or what we do not do, for that is human choice. It is in the in-between, like the silence between two old friends where communication proceeds. It is here that the Spirit speaks. So we the presbytery go on, blustering, often in silence, at our points of disagreement, nodding in agreement at other times. As Christ's church has always done, we blunder along going together into eternity, whether we like it or not.

### Around Redstone

>>The Presbytery Office will be closed beginning Thursday afternoon, December 22nd through and including Monday, January 2, 2017. The

**District 4**

>First Presbyterian  
Church, Eensburg,  
Laura Blank, Stated  
Supply  
District 4

Presbytery staff would like to wish you all a very blessed Christmas and a joyous New Year!

>>The Bookkeeper will be closing the Presbytery books for 2016 on Friday, January 6, 2017. Any monies received after that date will be included in the 2017 financial records.

>>The proposed Directory of Worship will be voted on at the January 21, 2017 meeting of Presbytery. It is included in the Proposed Book of Amendments listed on the the home page of the Presbytery website at [www.redstone.org](http://www.redstone.org).

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Bookkeeper

>>End of Year Statistical Reports need to be submitted to the General Assembly no later than February 12, 2017. This is done online at <http://oga.pcusa.org/stats>. The reports that are due to Presbytery have a March 1, 2017 due date. We do ask that the necrology report be sent to the Presbytery by January 8, 2017 though to be included in the worship service at the January 21, 2017 meeting of the Presbytery. All of these reports can be done online if desired and can be accessed on the home page of the presbytery website at [www.redstone.org](http://www.redstone.org).

>> **SAVE THE DATE!!** The 2017 District 4 Enrichment Day will be held on Saturday, January 28, 2017 at the Westmont Presbyterian Church in Johnstown. More in formation is available by [clicking here](#).

**>>IS GOD CALLING YOU?**

Maybe you (or someone you know) is being called by God to:

- Learn more about the faith
- Explore pastoral and other leadership roles
- Develop talents and skills for ministry

The InterPresbytery Leadership Formation program will be accepting new Participants in January, 2017. If you are a Ruling Elder and you have considered pursuing CRE training or you are just interested in growing as a disciple, this may be for you! For more information, please contact the Presbytery Office at 724.837.6737.

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Word...***

***Carry on the  
Work...***

***Change the  
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