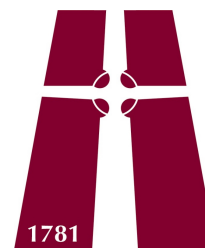


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Upcoming Events...

>>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

Please go to the website at www.redstone.org and click on the "events" tab for more information on any of the upcoming events.

"A Different Kind of Drum Major?" - Reflections from the Executive Presbyter



Each year in January, we pause as a nation to remember the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. For those of us old enough to know from firsthand experience, we might reflect upon some of those moments. For others for whom it is a lesson from history, we recall what we have learned and has been passed on.

Unfortunately, with any federal holiday, our experiences can sometimes become more ensnared in the opportunities for a day "off work" rather than the occasion for a collective remembrance of the long, hard struggle then (and now) for justice. In addition to the lectures and speeches commemorating the memory and the work of Dr. King (and the civil rights movement), some have sought to honor that memory by committing to acts of service on that day. President Obama has exemplified this "spirit" in recent years.

Certain speeches ("I have a dream") and writings ("Letter from Birmingham jail") of Dr. King are familiar to one and all in our country through their repetition and transmission in history classes in our schools. Sometimes, their familiarity may elicit a response where we "take it for granted." Other times, it may resonate with us in ways that draw up deep within us the passion and commitment to not only dream and anticipate a different world, but to act upon it.

Yet, some of the less well-known addresses of Dr. King were some of his sermons. One of my favorites is entitled the "The Drum Major Instinct." Delivered at Ebenezer Baptist and grounded in the story of the request of the "sons of Zebedee," he acknowledges that we also exhibit those same characteristics. The desire for recognition, for importance, "to be first," is a

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Together

"Drum Major instinct" that dominates our lives. Even the Church is not immune from such a desire for recognition and attention. And the tragedy of this "instinct," is that so often leads to exclusivism and prejudice (whether based in race, economic status, education or other distinctions).

Dr. King preached on how this was a perversion of this instinct. Citing Jesus' response to James and John, he characterized his challenge as re-directing that desire based upon a different "norm of greatness."

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Around Redstone

New Office Hours for 2017

**The Presbytery
Office Hours are:**
Monday through
Thursday
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
CLOSED on Friday

**The Resource
Center Hours are:**
Tuesday through
Thursday
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
CLOSED on Monday
and Friday

Skip is generally in the office Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Bobbie is in the office on Monday from 8:00 a.m. to NOON and Tuesday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

>>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. 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.

>> 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 information is available by [clicking here](#).

>>National Day of Remembrance - Sunday, January 29, 2017 at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1120 Harvey Avenue, Greensburg, PA 15601 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Community members lost to addiction will be honored with a candlelight vigil, prayers, sharing of photos and support to family members. Light refreshments will be served. To submit a photo of a loved one for the slideshow, please send photo, name, date of birth and angelversary to kdilascio@sphs.org by January 27, 2017.

>>Training and Enrichment Workshops for Ruling Elders (and others who might benefit) - March 11, 2017 from 9:00 to 4:00 at the Maplewood Presbyterian Church in Greensburg. Topics covered will be Presbyterian Polity and Spiritual Formation. Clerks of Session are encouraged to attend the Presbyterian Polity workshop from 9:00 to NOON. (If session minutes are brought along they will be reviewed while you are attending the workshop.) If you are planning to be there for lunch the cost is \$7.00. Please RSVP to the Presbytery office at 724.837.6737 or secretary@redstonepresbytery.comcastbiz.net.

>>SAVE THE DATE!! The 2017 Confirmation Retreat will take place on Friday, April 7 and Saturday, April 8, 2017 at Pine Springs Camp. Information was sent to Youth Leaders of our churches in December. For questions or registration contact the Presbytery office at 724.837.6737 or secretary@redstonepresbytery.comcastbiz.net.



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