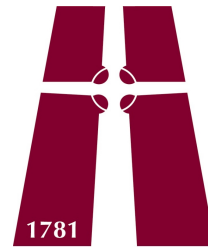


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District 3

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District 4

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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

March 3, 2017: World Day of Prayer - Delmont

March 25, 2017: Craft Show - Murrysville, Union

May 6, 2017: Spaghetti Dinner - Johnstown, Bethany

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

"Into the Light - Join the Conversation" - Reflections from the Executive Presbyter



A dedicated group of people having been meeting within Redstone Presbytery to consider the ways that we might be faithful to Christ in ministering effectively to those in our area affected by addiction. Both in becoming aware of social and medical services is a good beginning, but we began to ask what might we offer distinctively as the Church. From that group, a number of initiatives have started around the region, including special worship services, education and a Lenten devotional, coordinated by Rev. Lee McDermott, but with various contributors from our Presbytery.

Today, as we begin this Lenten journey of reflection upon the humble sacrifice of our Lord and Savior, we consider our own lives in light of these pivotal events in human history. The journey begins with the reminder of ashes, but takes place within a context of final restoration and hope. I wrote the entry for this day and I invite you make use of this tool for your own devotional consideration over the next forty days. You will find the link to the online blog [here](#) or a copy of the entire pdf [here](#).

Blessings on your journey Into the Light.

Around Redstone

>>Into the Light: Join the Conversation Daily Lenten Devotionals - The Addiction Network group invites you to join them during the season of Lent to learn more about alcohol and other drugs and what God is calling us to do as the church and disciples of Jesus Christ. We have created daily devotionals

***Communicate the
Word...***

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

***Change the
World...***

Together

during Lent beginning with an introduction to the devotionals on Tuesday, February 28, 2017. They will post each daily devotional on a blog called "Redstone Together." Each devotional will have a link to a PDF file which you can use to print the devotional. They invite you to join them in a conversation about the epidemic of alcohol and other drug dependency impacting our communities and leave your feedback, questions, and prayers in the comments section. The link to "Redstone Together" is redstonetogether.blogspot.com. Please include this information in your Sunday worship bulletin and/or newsletters and please share the link to the blog with others who need to be a part of the conversation.

>> 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.

>>"Into the Light" - families with addiction often live in fear and shame. But you are not alone. A service of healing and hope for families touched by addiction by members of Redstone Presbytery will be held at the Reunion Presbyterian Church, 769 Main Street, Mt. Pleasant, PA 15666 on March 26, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Join them for a candlelight service of prayer, scripture and song. Real stories will be heard of people and families who have struggled with addiction and how they found healing and hope.

>>Session Minutes Review Dates are as follows:

- March 11, 2017 - Maplewood (during RE workshops)
- March 21, 2017 - Ft. Burd (4:30 p.m. - prior to Presbytery meeting)
- April 19, 2017 - Presbytery Office (6:00 p.m.)
- May 16, 2017 - Irwin, First (4:30 p.m. - prior to Presbytery meeting)

>>There are still openings for the spring mission trip to West Virginia March 18-25th. Housing will be in a Presbyterian Church. The cost is \$120.00 per person. The other costs will be paid by the Team Treasury. Commissioning will be March 12th at the New Hope Presbyterian Church in North Huntingdon at the 10:30 service. Please contact Phyllis Frye for more information at pfrye1234@windstream.net or 724.468.3740.

>>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.

>>Go to www.pts.edu/calendar-main.php for information on the March Continuing Education seminars being offered at the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

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.



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