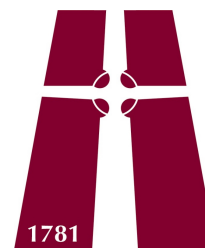


# Presbytery of Redstone

## eNews



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

### 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
- April 1, 2017: PW Spring Gathering - Trafford, Level Green
- April 1, 2017: Spring Craft Show - Irwin, First
- April 2, 2017: Lenten Concert - Irwin, First
- April 12, 2017: Mission Co-Workers Visit - Johnstown, First
- May 6, 2017: Spaghetti Dinner - Johnstown, Bethany

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.

### "Praying In Order to Live - Reflections from the Executive Presbyter



As we make our way through this Lenten season, it is my hope that you are finding new opportunities for both reflection and prayer. In the busyness with which we fill most of our lives, we find ourselves needing to "block out" time to be more mindful of God's grace and presence in our lives.

When I read through the Pauline epistles, I am often "struck" by the expression and content of the prayers offered on behalf of the recipients of the writing. This is certainly true in the opening section of Colossians (a reading in Tuesday's daily lectionary). As we come to learn in the epistle, Paul's contact with the Colossian church was not firsthand, but rather indirect hearing of their reception of the good news. So, to these "strangers," but "brothers and sisters," the apostle notes that he continues consistently praying that they might be "filled" with knowledge of God's will in spiritual wisdom and understanding. It is a noble petition for such qualities, but these assets are not their own ends.

Paul's prayer (and our own) is that we might be filled with such attributes for the purpose of leading lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work. Such "worthy" lives are expressed not when life is good or easy, but in the midst of adversity and hardship where the strength of the Lord bears us through all of life's circumstances.

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

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

***Together***

**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.

For many of us, these are challenging times whether in our individual lives or in our communities. Let us hear those prayerful words of the apostle echo again even as we pray them for ourselves. May we also pray in order to live.

**Colossians 1:9-14**

9 For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, 10 so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fulling pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. 11 May you be strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully 12 giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. 13 He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

**Around Redstone**

>>Session Minutes Review Dates are as follows:

April 19, 2017 - Presbytery Office (6:00 p.m.)

May 16, 2017 - Location TBD (4:30 p.m. - prior to Presbytery meeting)

>>"Walking with the Holy Spirit - Life of Dynamic Cooperation" Conference, April 19-22, 2017 at the Laureville Mennonite Church Center, 941 Laurelville Lane, Mt. Pleasant, PA 15666. Offered by Presbyterian-Reformed Ministries International, this conference will let you learn from Scripture different ways God speaks to people through the Holy Spirit. Then you'll learn ways to discern God's voice and step out in obedient faith. Through practical experience and biblical teaching, you'll learn clear steps in cooperating with the Holy Spirit and walk into a life of dynamic cooperation with God to advance His Kingdom.

>>New Wilmington Mission Conference, July 22-29, 2017, Westminster College, New Wilmington, PA. At 112 years old, the New Wilmington Mission Conference is the longest-running mission conference in the United States. Held every July, NWMC is intergenerational, Presbyterian-related, and youth-focused. About 1,000 people attend from over 30 states and 20 countries for a chance to connect with mission workers and hear what God is doing all over the world. This week-long conference features many well-known and engaging speakers for one low, all-inclusive price! This year's speakers include: Dr. Rodger Nishioka, Director of Adult Educational Ministries at Village Presbyterian Church; Rev. Dr. Jim Singleton, Associate Professor of Pastoral Leadership and Evangelism at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary; Shane Bennett, speaker and writer for Frontiers; as well as many others! Visit the website today for more details or to register: [www.nwmcmission.org](http://www.nwmcmission.org).



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