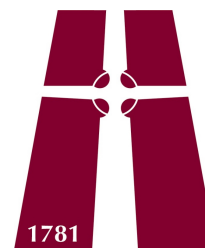


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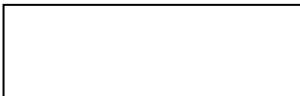
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Upcoming Events...

- >>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
- May 6, 2017: Spaghetti Dinner - Johnstown, Bethany
- May 11, 2017: Synod Southwest Regional Gathering - Morgantown, WV
- May 23, 2017: PW Spring Retreat - Pine Springs Camp

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

"Built Not Upon a Memory, But a Presence!" - Reflections from the Executive Presbyter



Having rightfully experienced the "high" of the annual celebration of Christ's resurrection, it may be altogether too easy to "come down to earth." Yet, it is precisely for this earthly life that this first resurrection brings hope beyond what we may immediately see or sometimes experience on a daily basis. It is here on the other side of that "first fruits" resurrection that our new lives are grounded, but it may require a difference of perspective. Tom Wright makes the point that:

"Part of getting used to living in the post-Easter world- part of getting used to letting Easter change your life, your attitudes, your thinking, your behavior- is getting used to the cosmology that is now unveiled. Heaven and earth, I repeat, are made for each other, and at certain points they intersect and interlock. Jesus is the ultimate such point. We as Christians are meant to be such points, derived from him. The Spirit, the sacraments and the scriptures are given so that the double life of Jesus, both heavenly and earthly, can become ours as well, already in the present."

In many ways, I believe it becomes a question of whether we really believe that resurrected Jesus not only conquered death then, but that this living Christ resides with us now. More than a doctrine or an affirmation of a past victory, Jesus the Christ, the resurrected One in whom we have union dwells with us in and through the Holy Spirit. Our celebration can and must be

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more than a good memory, but an acknowledgement of the active, living presence of God who gives resurrection perspective and hope.

The testimony of Christ within us becomes clear when we speak and live and act as "Easter" people. As with any structured group, the temptation becomes for us to mistake the method for the mission, the program for the purpose. Will we be Easter people or will be just church people? As Easter people, we anticipate the promise and live now with the expectation of resurrection. If we are merely church people, we may live in our fears and dread the inevitable. As Easter people, we believe the church is the organized body of the living Christ, but if we are only "church" people, we think of it as worthwhile organization of our own making. As Easter people, our faith is grounded in the sacrifice of the cross and the victory of resurrection, but if we are only "church" people we base our faith in the programs, activities and work of our group. If we are only "church" people, we live through the memories of our past or those of the larger church, but as Easter people, we live not only by the promise of a future, but by the grace and power of presence of the living Christ.

Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Live in the presence of the risen One.

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.

Around Redstone

>>Synod of the Trinity's Second Annual Regional Connection for Partnership and Networking - Thursday, May 11, 2017 at the First Presbyterian Church of Morgantown, WV. Registration deadline is Monday, May 8, at 5 p.m. Click [here](#) to register.

>>The May 16, 2017 Presbytery meeting location has changed! The new location will be the West Hempfield Presbyterian Church, 8 W. Hempfield Drive, Irwin, PA 15642. All other information remains the same.

>>Session Minutes Review Dates are as follows:

May 16, 2017 - West Hempfield Presbyterian Church, Irwin (4:30 p.m. - prior to Presbytery meeting)

>>There will be a Pre-Presbytery Workshop on Tuesday, May 16, 2017. The workshop titled "Transforming Congregational Stewardship" will be led by the Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelley and will begin at 4:30 p.m. Ellie Johns-Kelley serves as the Ministry Relations Office for the Presbyterian Foundation covering the Northeast Region.



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