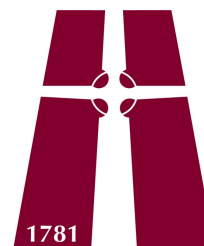


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Upcoming Events...

>>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.

"A New Community" - Reflections from the Executive Presbyter



During this Eastertide, we often contemplate those resurrection appearances of Jesus the Christ. In today's environment of social media and immediate "news" going "viral" in a matter of minutes, it is hard to imagine the reality that our God *would choose* to begin this new movement through appearing to a group of scared and bewildered followers. Yet, that was God's chosen method to take these disciples as the beginning of a new community. This new community would become the seeds by which new disciples are made under authority given to them who reigns over heaven and earth.

In a Barna research report entitled "Meet those who love Jesus, but not the Church," they characterize the "dechurched" as those who once were part of church community and continue to have faith and even hold traditional orthodox beliefs. This group values "religion," but views its role primarily (if not exclusively) in personal or private terms. They continue to practice their faith although separate from the church because they perceive that they can encounter God anywhere. While there may be much to be desired about such perspectives, they serve to remind us of our essential purpose as the body of Christ. Who we are as a church, whether gathered in local congregation or in its larger forms, should be the place where we encounter the risen Jesus who meets us, challenges us and commissions with the promise of his presence.

The resurrected Jesus showed himself to those first disciples in order that

**Communicate the
Word...**

**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.

they might be the beginning of a new community where those would be "blessed" even though they had not seen, yet they have come to believe. As this Easter people, may we be reminded daily of that very presence of the risen One with us, among us, upon and through us as a new community named in Christ.

Around Redstone

>>I would like to thank everyone for their love and support for the recent passing of my mother. The heartfelt notes and phone calls I have received have been overwhelming. I am truly blessed to be a part of such a caring "community." Thanks again. ~Bobbie

>>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.

>>Upcoming Events at PTS:

May 16 / [A New Day in Your Congregation: Four Key Renewal Conversations](#) /
Workshop with Donna Claycomb Sokol and L. Roger Owens
May 21-24 / [Immersion Experience: An Invitation to a Deeper Spiritual Life](#) /
Mary Lynn Callahan

June 8-10 / [Leadership, Conflict, and Creativity](#) / Henderson Summer
Leadership Conference / Miroslav Volf, Leanna Fuller, and David Jones
June 8 / [Before Embrace](#) / Henderson Lecture on Church and Ministry /
Miroslav Volf

June 25-28 / [Self-care as a Spiritual Practice: A Holistic Perspective and Approach](#) /
[A Spiritual Formation Elective](#) / Lynn Holden

>>New Wilmington Mission Conference is being held July 22 through 29,
2017. Click [here](#) for more information.



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