Presbytery of Redstone

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Let's Pray For:

>United Presbyterian Church, New Kensington, Wendy Keys, Pastor
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>First Presbyterian Church, Jeannette, Bob Fuehrer, Pastor
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>Hopewell Presbyterian Church, Brownsville, Louise Corbett, Moderator
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>Bethany Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, Denise Todero, Commissioned Ruling Elder
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Communicate the Word...

Upcoming Events...

June 15, 2017 - Summer Chamber Music - Latrobe Presbyterian Church
July 20, 2017 - Summer Chamber Music - Latrobe Presbyterian Church
August 17, 2017 - Summer Chamber Music - Latrobe Presbyterian Church
August 26, 2017 - Peach Fest and Bake Sale - New Salem Presbyterian Church

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

" The Presbytery as Pastor, Counselor and Adviser" - Rev. Martin Ankrum, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Greensburg - Chair of COM

Within our system of polity, the local presbytery is given the responsibility to serve as "pastor, counselor and adviser" to its constituent members (i.e. congregations and teaching elders). In other forms of church polity, such as episcopal, it is a bishop - a singular person - who performs these roles. However, our forebears in the Presbyterian system of church governance saw both the practical wisdom and the biblical mandates to locate such responsibility among the people of God as a collective rather than in an individual. Thus these responsibilities, so vital to the life and growth of our church, are shared responsibilities.

One of the ways that these tasks are lived out in the Redstone Presbytery is the work of the Committee on Ministry. The COM is populated by caring ruling and teaching elders who take tour work with congregations and pastors very seriously. We are called to be about this work not in isolation or behind closed doors as it were, but to seek partnerships with both congregations and the pastoral leadership which serve those congregations. Such partnerships allow the work of God's Spirit ample room to bring encouragement when that is needed, healing where such is required and a promotion of mutual love and esteem between the members of Christ's body that is the Redstone Presbytery.

As we continue to do the work that God has placed before us - a work that we share with you - I ask that you would keep the COM in your prayers. We covet your encouragement and prayerful support - after all, we are "in this together."

Around Redstone

>>The Presbytery staff will be unavailable on Tuesday, June 20, 2017 due to meetings outside of the office. The office will be closed that day as well.

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

Normal office hours (9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) will resume on Wednesday, June 21, 2017.

>>The Presbytery Office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4, 2017 to celebrate Independence Day.

>>Nominating Committee - As the committee prepares for the upcoming year, if you know of someone who would be a good "fit" to serve as the Young Adult Advisory Delegate to the 2018 General Assembly or a minister or elder to serve as Vice Moderator of Redstone Presbytery, please make those suggestions to either Rev. Curtis Paul or Rev. Skip Noftzger.

>>Pittsburgh Theological Seminary Upcoming Events:
God in the Neighborhood - June 21-23, 2017
Self Care as a Spiritual Practice - June 25-28, 2017

>>Pine Springs Summer Celebration - 70 years of ministry/dedication to the Refuge - June 24, 2017.

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

>>Is God calling you? If you are a Ruling Elder who God mightbe calling to preach or become more involved in pastoral service, Redstone Presbytery (along with Washington, Kiski, and Upper Ohio Valley) will be continuing our training program for the preparation of possible "Commissioned Ruling Elders" for the future. New students may begin in the fall of 2017. The program is designed to be both classroom and hands-on experiences and you will receive training and mentorship that will help you grow as a leader in Christ's Church. If interested, please contact either Skip Noftzger (Executive Presbyter) or Cheryl Rhea (Chair - AP/CRE subcommittee) or go to http://www.redstone.org/equipping-leadership2/ap-cre-committee .

>>Wee Kirk Conference is being held October 9 through 11, 2017. Click here for more information.

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