

# Presbytery of Redstone

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Presbyterian Church,  
Caroline Vickery, Pastor  
District 1

>Grace Community  
Presbyterian Church,  
Lower Burrell, Ken  
Foust, Pastor  
District 1

>New Hope Presbyterian  
Church, North  
Huntingdon, Brenda  
Barnes, Interim Pastor  
District 2

>Level Green  
Presbyterian Church,  
John Simpson, Interim  
Pastor  
District 2

>First Presbyterian  
Church, Fairchance,  
James Gear, Moderator

August 2, 2017

### Upcoming Events...

August 13, 2017 - Community Evening Prayer - Greensburg, Westminster  
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](http://www.redstone.org) and click on the "events" tab for more information on any of the upcoming events.

### Reflections - from Skip Noftzger, Executive Presbyter



Like you maybe, I find myself engaged day in and day out in the ordinariness of life through routine and common practices. Some of these are probably good and worthwhile endeavors. Some maybe not so much (think of my regular stops for DQ "blizzards"). I believe it was Aristotle who was quoted as noting that we are what we do repeatedly. Our routines, practices and habits that we do almost unconsciously say something about who we are. Initial choices might have been well intended, but when committed to in routine, they end up not only reflecting who we are, but shaping us as well.

In The Power of Habit, the author identified the significance of the ways habitual patterns have influenced our lives. Contending that it is important for us to understand the "why" of some of those habits in order to rightly use the "power" of habit to shape and inform who are and want to be.

**District 3**

>Mt. Washington  
Presbyterian Church,  
Farmington, James Gear,  
Moderator  
District 3

>Pleasant Grove  
Presbyterian Church,  
Ligonier, John McClure,  
Moderator  
District 4

>Bethel Presbyterian  
Church, New Florence,  
James Sunseri,  
Commissioned Ruling  
Elder  
District 4

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***Communicate  
the Word...******Carry on the  
Work...***

As people claimed by grace in Christ, while we know that sin no longer "reigns," we also acknowledge the ongoing and "remaining" effect of sin upon us, the way we live and the systems and society in which we participate. The connection between our outward daily practices that are often repeated and our renewed identity in Christ are inseparably linked. So, we know that the relationship between "presenting our bodies as a living sacrifice" and "being transformed by the renewing of your minds" are interrelated grace-filled processes of sanctification. [...more](#)

**Around Redstone**

>>Westmont Presbyterian Church is looking for a Director of Christian Education, working with children and youth. This is expected to be a 25 hours per week position. Enthusiasm, organizational skills, a desire to share one's faith with children and youth, and strong interpersonal skills are desired for this position. To learn more, please contact Rev. Craig Miller at 814.536.0796 or email at [craigmiller@westmontpc.org](mailto:craigmiller@westmontpc.org).

>> Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church (NPC) is looking for a Director of Children and Family Ministries (DCFM) who is eager to put their faith to work to serve children and their families. The DCFM will plan and coordinate ministries for children through elementary school based upon worship, study, sharing, recreation and service. NPC has an active and varied Christian education program that reaches over 100 children per week with many innovative ministries for children and families reaching the congregation and community that create year round opportunities. Participation of children and youth in worship is encouraged, and activities ranging from after school programs to summer camps enhance and nurture children's faith in Jesus Christ. To learn more about NPC and the DCFM position go to: <https://newlonsburgchurch.org>. If you are ready to answer God's call to put your faith into action, submit a current resume to [NPC DC&FM Resume Recipient@newlonsburgchurch.org](mailto:NPC_DC&FM_Resume_Recipient@newlonsburgchurch.org)

>> The Synod of the Trinity has authorized a matching grant up to \$4,000 for Redstone Presbytery. This will be for humanitarian relief in South Sudan, where our Christian brothers and sisters are praying for deliverance from hunger, disease, violence, and injustice. This is a great Mission "Project" that even a very small group in your church could do in support of God's children in Africa. Every Dollar You Collect Matters. Please mail your offerings to: Redstone Presbytery, 1004 Mt. Pleasant Road, Greensburg, PA 15601 by

## ***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

World Communion Sunday October 1, 2017, and indicate that it's for the South Sudan Abundance Grant in the memo line.

>>Employers Begin Selecting 2017 Benefits - Benefits Connect is now available for employers to review, model and/or update their Employer Agreements for 2018 benefits selections. The deadline for employers to submit Employer Agreements for 2018 is October 13 - two weeks later than last year. Annual enrollment for members will be October 30-November 17. Employers who have questions about the Benefits Plan or annual enrollment should call the Board at 800-773-7752 (800-PRESPLAN).

>>Racism is the opposite of what God intends for humanity. It is the rejection of the other, which is entirely contrary to the Word of God incarnate in Jesus Christ. Presbyterian Church Facing Racism resources are available through the denomination at <https://facing-racism.pcusa.org>.

>>The Synod of the Trinity will be celebrating their 300th anniversary with an encouragement of recognition and celebration on September 17, 2017. Click [here](#) for more information.

>>Is God calling you? If you are a Ruling Elder who God might be calling to preach or become more involved in pastoral service, Redstone Presbytery (along with Washington, Upper Ohio Valley and Kiski) will be beginning a new training program for the preparation of possible "Commissioned Ruling Elders" for the future. Starting in the fall of 2017, the program is designed to be both classroom and hands-on experiences, 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).

>>Continuing Education Opportunities at PTS:

--In the Heights & Depths with C.S. Lewis: an online class with Edith Humprey, September 18-October 13.

--Brew Like a Monk with BJ Woodworth, September 17-20

--McClure Lectures: The Spirit's Mission of Hospitality in a Pluralistic World with Amos Yong, September 25-26

--Archaeology Lecture: Lawrence of Arabia's War with Neil Faulkner, September 28

