

# Presbytery of Redstone

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>Puckety Presbyterian Church, Lower Burrell, Kirk Orr, Pastor District 1

>First Presbyterian Church, Murrysville District 1

>Sewickley Presbyterian Church, West Newton, Eric Glisan, Commissioned Ruling Elder District 2

>Sewickley United Presbyterian Church, West Newton, Glenn Hart, Commissioned Ruling Elder District 2

>First Presbyterian Church, Fayette City,

August 16, 2017

### Upcoming Events...

August 17, 2017 - Summer Chamber Music - Latrobe Presbyterian Church  
 August 26, 2017 - Peach Fest and Bake Sale - New Salem Presbyterian Church  
 August 26, 2017 - Steel City Quartet Concert - North Huntingdon, New Hope  
 September 9, 2017 - IPLF Fall Workshops - Greensburg, Maplewood

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 Greg Davis, Executive Director of Pine Springs Camp

#### A CHALLENGE TO RELATIONAL EVANGELISM FROM A MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMPER

"Please let me know what else I can do to make this happen". That was the concluding remark in a letter from a returning camper requesting one of her friends receive a scholarship to attend camp this summer. She wrote earlier in the letter, "I want my friend to share the excitement I get when going to camp. However, she lives with a single mom who works two jobs just to make enough money to live on. Also, she does not have a regular church that could help her out."

Reading this letter, I was reminded of the true meaning of and way to "do evangelism". What a great example of "relational evangelism" from a young person. The returning camper came along side of her friend, shared her excitement about camp and displayed a passion for her to come and learn about God. I was challenged and convicted about my lack of intentionally reaching out to others to share the Good News of Christ. I ask, do we have the desire like this middle school girl, to share the hope, both living and

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eternal, that we have in Christ? Are we willing to intentionally seek opportunities to say to others, "come along with me" and we can see and experience Jesus together?

Lastly, I was amazed in this camper's attitude. Asking "what else can I do" reflects an openness to serve God. It is reminiscent of those in the Bible that respond to God by saying "Here I am, send me." (Isaiah 6:8). Pine Springs has always been about sharing the good news of Christ with young people. How humbling and amazing it is to see young people share the good news with each other! It is a reminder and encouragement for all of us.

### Around Redstone

>>Overdose Ends Now! - Thursday, August 31, 2017 at the St. Clair Park in Greensburg from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. For more information, to register, or to volunteer please email [westmorelandadvocates@gmail.com](mailto:westmorelandadvocates@gmail.com).

>>IPLF workshops to be offered at Maplewood Presbyterian Church on Saturday, September 9, 2017. Workshops include Pastoral Care Ministry, led by the Rev. Ron Durika, Associate Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Irwin and Church Leadership led by the Rev. Craig Miller, Pastor of the Westmont Presbyterian Church in Johnstown. IPLF is a joint program for education, enrichment, and training for Ruling and Teaching Elders.

Presbyteries involved include: Redstone, Washington, Upper Ohio Valley, and Kiski. See [the flyer](#) at the Presbytery website.

>>Joint Presbytery Meeting - Redstone Presbytery and Washington Presbytery will be having a joint presbytery meeting on Saturday, September 23, 2017 at Pine Springs Camp beginning at 10:00 a.m. We will be meeting in the newly built building "The Refuge". We are hopeful that you will be able to attend to see the newest edition to Pine Springs Camp.

>> 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 World Communion Sunday October 1, 2017, and indicate that it's for the South Sudan Abundance Grant in the memo line. See the [bulletin insert](#) at the Presbytery website.

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### **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

>>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).

>>The 2017/2019 Book of Order is now available and we will be doing a bulk order. In order to get yours at a discounted price you will need to complete [the attached form](#) and return it to the Presbytery office either via snail mail at Redstone Presbytery, 1004 Mt. Pleasant Road, Greensburg, PA 15601 or via email at [secretary@redstonepresbytery.org](mailto:secretary@redstonepresbytery.org). The deadline for orders will be Wednesday, September 6, 2017. The books will be available for pickup at the Presbytery office approximately two weeks after this date. Arrangements can also be made to have them picked up at the September Presbytery meeting (9/23/17 - Pine Springs Camp) provided they have arrived at the Presbytery office in time for bundling and that someone will be assured to be attending that meeting.



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