

# Presbytery of Redstone

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### Let's Pray For:

>Congruity Presbyterian Church, New Alexandria, Cliff Foster, Pastor  
District 1

>United Presbyterian Church, New Kensington, Wendy Keys, Pastor  
District 1

>Maplewood Presbyterian Church, Greensburg, Steve LaSor, Pastor  
District 2

>Westminster Presbyterian Church, Greensburg, Donna Havrisko, Pastor  
District 2

>McClellandtown Presbyterian Church, Lee McDermott, Pastor

August 30, 2017

### Upcoming Events...

August 31, 2017 - Overdose Ends Now! - St. Clair Park, Greensburg  
September 9, 2017 - IPLF Fall Workshops - Greensburg, Maplewood  
September 16, 2017 - LOGOS Encounter Training - Delmont

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, EP, Redstone Presbytery

*Given the events this week, I share with you a litany made available by the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.*

O God of love, whose Spirit in creation moved over the face of chaos, bringing life: as we bear witness to the awful power of wind and water which raged over your people in Hurricane Harvey, changing lives and landscapes in an instant  
**WE TOUCH YOUR HAND OF MERCY, AND OFFER OUR HEARTFELT PRAYERS.**

In neighbors who rallied to one another's need, in houses of worship which opened their doors to give shelter, in volunteers who set their personal needs aside to assist those in grave danger and need  
**WE FEEL THE HEART OF YOUR COMPASSION.**

In the outpouring of care and concern for the bereft, the displaced, and those whose homes are ruined. In the kindness of those who listen, bind up injuries and comfort the bereaved,  
**WE EXPERIENCE THE STEADFASTNESS OF YOUR LOVE.**

We are grateful for the signs of your presence in responders, neighbors, strangers and families of faith, who come together as one common body to

**District 3**

>Dunlap's Creek  
Presbyterian Church,  
Merrittstown, Aleda  
Menchyk, Moderator  
District 3

>Covenant Presbyterian  
Church, Boswell, James  
Stobaugh, Stated Supply  
District 4

>Colver Presbyterian  
Church, Alice Tondora,  
Moderator  
District 4

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***Communicate  
the Word...***

***Carry on the  
Work...***

save, support, and salve the wounds of those who suffer.

**FOR ALL THESE VISIBLE SIGNS OF YOUR INVISIBLE GRACE, WE BLESS YOUR NAME.**

Our Rock and Redeemer, who from the bonds of death rose to resurrection life for the sake of Love, be a strong presence among those who, having survived chaos, now face grief, uncertainty and weary days:

**BY YOUR TENDER MERCIES, BE THROUGH US A SOURCE OF HOLY COMFORT AND TANGIBLE RESPONSE.**

**MAY THE PEACE OF GOD MOVE THROUGH US, THE WORK OF GOD BE DONE BY OUR HANDS, THE REST OF GOD ABIDE WITH THOSE WHO HAVE ENDURED TERRORS AND SORROW. IN THE SEASON OF REBUILDING TO COME, MAY THE LIFE OF GOD BRING OUT OF FORMLESS CHAOS, A NEW CREATION. AMEN**

***GIVE...ACT...PRAY***

If you desire to use a bulletin insert, PDA provides one at:

<http://pda.pcusa.org/pda/resource/harvey-bulletin-insert/>

**Around Redstone**

>>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.

>>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.

## ***Change the World...***

## ***Together***

### **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

>> The Synod of the Trinity will be celebrating its 300th anniversary on September 17, 2017. It was on this date in 1717 that the first synod meeting in the United States was held in Philadelphia, making this day the 300<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Synod of the Trinity. The [bulletin insert](#) includes a liturgy and hymn suggestions that can be used on this day.

>>Join the Presbytery in welcoming the Rev. Geoff Rach to the Level Green Presbyterian Church in Trafford. Geoff will be installed as the Called and Installed Pastor there on Sunday, September 24, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

>>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 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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