

# Presbytery of Redstone

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>Vandergrift  
Presbyterian Church,  
Neal Galley, Pastor  
District 1

>First Presbyterian  
Church, Irwin, Ronald  
Wakeman, Pastor;  
Ronald Durika, Assoc.  
Pastor  
District 2

>New Salem  
Presbyterian Church, Bill  
Wiegand, Commissioned  
Ruling Elder  
District 3

>Cresson Presbyterian  
Church, David McCabe,  
Pastor  
District 4

### Contact Us

September 13, 2017

### Upcoming Events...

September 16, 2017 - LOGOS Encounter Training - Delmont  
September 26, 2017 - How Sexual Offenders "Groom" Children - Uniontown, Third  
October 29, 2017 - District 3 Reformation Worship - Uniontown, Third

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

### Landmarks in our Journey

It is another September. Another new school year. Another crisp fall season with all that is anticipated in this upcoming year. I am reminded of the many new adventures in my own life that often began with the start of a new school, a new job, or a new community. Sometimes, those new beginnings turned out to be pivotal in defining both my identity and the trajectory by which God would lead me. Other times, not so much.

In retrospect, for most of us, there are particular "landmarks" along the journey that signify something important, something critical about our lives. Most of the time, if we have "eyes to see," those landmarks are signposts of God's grace or deliverance or admonition. Our fore bearers in God's covenant were sometimes instructed to construct physical representations to remind themselves. Whether like the oak at Mamre or the stones at Gilgal or the significance of a day like Pentecost or a location like the road to Damascus, each can "tell the story" not just as a reminder, but bringing us back into that story of whom God is the author.

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Next Saturday, we have the opportunity to come together as Redstone Presbytery in celebration with our sister presbytery (Washington) to celebrate another landmark in the history and ministry of Christ's Church in this region that we call Presbyterianism. From the earliest days of considering the estate gift of Isabel Coffin and with the building of the Calvin C. Hays Log Cabin Chapel, Pine Springs Camp has served as a landmark in our journey of faith as a Presbytery. From the beginning, it was viewed not just as a gift from the Coffin family, but a gift from God where we might pause from the "grind" of daily activity in order to retreat or offer camping experiences in order that we and others might once again have an encounter with God in Jesus Christ.

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

With the conclusion of the 70<sup>th</sup> year of summer camp, the ongoing success of the "Faith for the Future" campaign and the completion of "The Refuge," we will come together once more not only to celebrate, but to be reminded and defined in our journey by our God who has redeemed us, called us and blessed us with this gift by which we bring glory to God. Let's join together on 9/23 at Pine Springs Camp not only for our September meeting, but in revisiting a landmark in our journey.

**Around Redstone**

>>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).

>> Third Presbyterian in Uniontown would like to share unused curriculum with your church. 40 Days of Purpose by Rick Warren is Small Group and Sunday School Curriculum. Each packet has a DVD, leader book and 10 participant booklets. They have EIGHT packets, so there is plenty for more than one church to experience this study. They also has 48 Purpose Driven Life books that are free for the taking. Take one, two or all 48!! If you are interested in either of these items, just contact Third Presbyterian Church at 724-438-2529 and ask for Lois.

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