

# Presbytery of Redstone

## eNews

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>Delmont Presbyterian Church, Caroline Vickery, Pastor  
District 1

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

>Latrobe Presbyterian Church, Clark Kerr, Pastor  
District 2

>United Presbyterian Church, Latrobe, Don Graff, Pastor  
District 2

>Pleasant View Presbyterian Church, Smock, Laura Blank, Pastor  
District 3

>Tent Presbyterian Church, Uniontown, Lee McDermott, Moderator  
District 3

>First Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, Alice Tondora, Pastor  
District 4

>Second Presbyterian Church, Johnstown,

October 25, 2017

### Upcoming Events...

October 2017 through May 2018 - Community Soup for the Soul Lunch - Second Wednesday of each month - Apollo, Poke Run

October 29, 2017 - District 3 Reformation Worship - Uniontown, Third  
November 5, 2017 - "Into the Light" Candlelight Service - Delmont  
November 7, 2017 - Election Day Lunch - New Alexandria, Community  
November 8-11, 2017 - PRMI Conference - Bishop Connare Center, Greensburg

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

*"Church Reformed, Always to Be Reformed"*

In this 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Luther's nail pounding initiative, we have come to commemorate the movement that we call the "Protestant Reformation. As with all historic events and movements, the honest acknowledgement of some of the accomplishments and the failings does not tarnish the pivotal moment it serves in our history and development. For any renewal within God's Church results not merely on the basis of acts of courageous individuals, but rather in their faithful submission to the grace-filled ebbs and flows of God's action where the wind blows where it will.

In efforts to commemorate this historic period, many choose to interpret the events in ways that fit their particular postures and perspectives. Those among us, whose tendency is to conserve, identify the capturing of God's truth proclaimed by the Reformers. We focus on the "solus" and the preservation of those critical doctrines recovered or reemphasized in the reformation. For those whose perspective leans toward progressive, our understanding dwells on the change not merely of that moment, but the groundwork laid in openness toward ongoing reformation. Sometimes, this difference is experienced in disagreement about doctrine and beliefs, sometimes it is reflected in variations over behaviors and practices. As Protestants and Presbyterians, we wrestle with the affirmation of God's truths and acknowledgement of our own limited understanding of them. Such wrestling may result in the practical dilemma that we have in evaluating both tradition and innovation.

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District 4

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the Word...***

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

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

***Together***

### Office Hours

**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**

**UPCOMING  
HOLIDAY CLOSINGS  
FOR 2017**

**The Presbytery office will  
be closed on Thursday,  
November 23 to celebrate  
the Thanksgiving holiday.**

In acknowledging the confessions as both valuable and subordinate(to the Scriptures), our own Form of Government (Book of Order) affirms the 17<sup>th</sup> century slogan of the "Further Reformation" with the more contemporary qualifier when it repeats, "The church reformed, always to be reformed according to the Word of God" (*Ecclesia reformata, semper reformanda secundum verbum Dei*). John Calvin, in noting that the "imperfect holiness" of the church does not justify schism, describes the ongoing nature of this cleansing work of Christ. "The church is holy, then, in the sense that it is daily advancing and is not yet perfect: it makes progress from day to day but has not reached its goal of holiness."

So, in this 500<sup>th</sup> commemoration, may we be ever mindful of God's grace in renewal both then and now, so that we may both reformed and always to be reformed.

### Around Redstone

>>The Presbytery financial records for 2017 will be closing on Monday, January 8, 2018. All records received after that date will be included in the books for 2018. If you want your monies to be reflected in 2017 I NEED to have them in to the Presbytery office prior to or no later than January 8, 2018. Thank you!

>>As of this date I DO NOT HAVE enough requests to do a bulk order of the 2017/2019 Book of Order. If you were unable to get in on the bulk order for the 2017/2019 Books of Order that were distributed at the September presbytery meeting, I will be doing another bulk order if I get enough orders to make it worthwhile. Call me at 724.837.6737 or email me at [secretary@redstonepresbytery.org](mailto:secretary@redstonepresbytery.org) to let me know if you would like to order copies for your church at the discounted rate of \$9.50/book. The deadline will be November 1 in order to have them in time for distribution at the November 18 meeting of Presbytery.

>>Pine Springs Camp Friends Dinner, "Generations of Grace," Sunday, November 19, 2017 at the Greensburg Country Club in Greensburg, PA. This is the camp's annual fundraising event and it is always a wonderful celebration of Pine Springs Camp. The Friends Dinner provides you and your church family with the opportunity to share the exciting, life changing ministry of Pine Springs Camp. As a result of the evening, families will send their children to camp for the first time, offer to volunteer, promise to pray, and financially contribute. For more information visit [www.pinesprings.org](http://www.pinesprings.org) or call the camp at (814) 629-9834.

>>Wise Debt! A complimentary 60-minute LIVE webinar, Thursday, October 26 at 2:00 p.m., presented by the Presbyterian Investment & Loan Program. This webinar will present strategies and tools for determining if, when, why, and how much a church should borrow. For more details <http://pres-outlook.org/2017/10/wise-debt/>

>>District III Reformation Celebration. The Third Presbyterian Church in Uniontown invites you to join them for worship on October 29 at 10:30 a.m. Bring a covered dish and join them for lunch after worship.

>>South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church Relief efforts - We are continuing to collect any funds through December for relief in the South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church. Initially sparked by a \$4000

**Also, the office will be closed beginning Monday, December 25, 2017 through and including Monday, January 1, 2018. Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, January 2, 2018.**

**The Presbytery staff would like to wish you all a very happy and blessed holiday season.**

**Abundance Grant from the Synod of the Trinity, we welcome your contributions to our partnership.**

**>>Addictions ministry and Narcan training. November 8 - First Presbyterian Church, Johnstown; November 9 - Westminster Presbyterian Church, Greensburg; both are from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

**>>2018 General Assembly Overtures-You can keep track of what overtures may be presented to the next General Assembly by visiting the web pages...[www.pc-biz.org](http://www.pc-biz.org)**



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