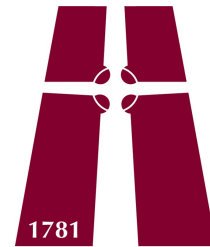


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>Sewickley Presbyterian Church, West Newton, Eric Glisan, Commissioned Ruling Elder District 2

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Upcoming Events...

October 2017 through May 2018 - Community Soup for the Soul - 2nd Wednesday - Apollo, Poke Run

December 3, 2017 - One Voice, A Christian Ensemble, Irwin, First
December 14, 2017 - There is Hope - a gathering in recognition of opioid abuse - Latrobe

Please go to the website at www.redstone.org and click on the "events" tab for more information on any of the upcoming events.

Reflections - from Skip Noftzger, Executive Presbyter

"Not Crazy about the Route"

A long time ago, I saw a cartoon where the one character raised the question whether Jesus appeared very "king-like." The other one responded with sound Biblical and theological advice that said, "*His kingship is hidden, but his leadership is unmatched.*" And then continuing, he completed the thought with "*on the cross, Christ the King leads his people through death to life eternal.*" To which the first person responds, "*Good thing it is not Christ the Travel Agent Sunday---cause I love the destination, but I am not crazy about the route.*"

Like many of you I suspect, we remembered "Christ the King" during this past Sunday's worship gathering. And, if we are honest with ourselves, we may find that we also are "not crazy about the route." In the first coming of a king who not only did not meet expectations for power and revolution of his time, but ironically offered himself in humble service and willing sacrifice. That sacrificial route was not only the path of Christ's, but ours as well as we "take up our crosses" to follow the Savior and King.

Living in the "between times" of victory and restoration, resurrection and second advent, earth and heaven, we find ourselves worshipping one whose kingship appears to be "hidden" to much of the world around us. The pain, tears and suffering remain in so many ways and we are neither immune from it nor unaffected by it. We cry out to our Christ the King with joy and sorrow, gratitude and lament. For, we know the world around us all too well and we know the hope of a different reality that we see only in part.

As we begin this new Christian year and the season of Advent, we come to prepare ourselves to hear again the "story of all stories." It is the grand

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narrative the one that draws our story into its plot. For the one who would be king came with all humility in order that a renewed covenant between God and his people would be proclaimed, lived out and enacted by one who became flesh as one of us. God, in Christ as king, knew the world and yet loved it; knew us and yet loved us; knew death and yet brought life. That same Christ the King calls his people to remember, prepare and do the same during this upcoming Advent season by the grace and power of God's presence among us. Amen.

Around Redstone

>>UPCOMING HOLIDAY CLOSINGS FOR 2017 - To celebrate the Christmas holiday, the office will be closed beginning Thursday, December 21, 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 blessed Christmas and a joyous New Year.

>>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!

>>2018 Presbytery meetings are:

January 20, 2018 (Saturday) - Greensburg, First (1:00 to 4:00)
March 20, 2018 (Tuesday) - Belle Vernon, First (6:00 to 9:00)
May 15, 2018 (Tuesday) - Latrobe (6:00 to 9:00)
September 18, 2018 (Tuesday) - Location and Time TBD
November 17, 2017 (Saturday) - Dunbar, Laurel Hill (9:00 to 1:00)

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



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