

# Presbytery of Redstone

## eNews



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### Let's Pray For:

>Community United  
Presbyterian Church,  
New Alexandria, Grafton  
Eliason, Interim Pastor  
District 1

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

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

>United Presbyterian  
Church, West Newton,  
John Manon, Pastor  
District 2

>First Presbyterian  
Church, Belle Vernon,  
Sue Currie, Pastor  
District 3

>Harmony Presbyterian  
Church, Belle Vernon,  
Glenn Hart,  
Commissioned Ruling  
Elder  
District 3

>Bethany Presbyterian  
Church, Johnstown,  
Denise Todero,  
Commissioned Ruling  
Elder

### Upcoming Events...

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

December 14, 2017 - There is Hope - a gathering in recognition of opioid  
abuse - Latrobe

December 17, 2017 - Organ Concert - Jeannette, First

December 20, 2017 - Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser for Jeannette, First

December 23, 2017 - "Peace on Earth" - Annual Christmas Choir/Candlelight  
Service - New Florence, Bethel

Please go to the website at [www.redstonepresbytery.org](http://www.redstonepresbytery.org) and click on the  
"events" tab for more information on any of the upcoming events.

### Reflections - from Sue Washburn, 2017 Moderator

Hope or resolution?

December is a time of change. In church, we begin a new liturgical year with  
Advent and anticipate the coming of Jesus Christ. We remember the words of  
promise written by the prophets about his birth and declare that Christ will  
be coming again. We cling to the words Scripture and place our hope in God.

Outside of church, we end December with a celebration of the new calendar  
year. We resolve that in the new year we will be healthier, fitter, smarter,  
more spiritual or *fill in the blank*. We make promises to ourselves and then  
get to work. We lug home bags of vegetables and water, show up at the gym,  
and buy important books. We put our hope in our own efforts.

I wonder what would happen in our churches if we could keep an Advent  
attitude instead of taking a New Year's approach.

What if we lived with true expectation that God will intervene in our history?  
What if we made a resolution to wait for God instead of creating goals about  
how we can be bigger, hipper or richer simply because we have a meeting of  
the boards scheduled?

What if we really expected that something is coming - something big enough  
to lead us away from the church and into the wilderness like John the Baptist,  
something that would take us away from our jobs to serve a poor baby like  
the shepherds, or something that might lead us to a foreign country like the  
magi? What if we lived with more hope than resolution?

**District 4**

>Second Presbyterian  
Church, Johnstown,  
Carole Isley Corey,  
Moderator  
District 4

As I finish out my year as moderator, I look back with gratitude at the opportunity to serve and I look forward in hope that God will break into our life together in a big way.

**Around Redstone**

>>Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church (NPC) is looking for a Director of Children and Family Ministries (DCFM) who is eager to put their faith to work to serve children and their families. The DCFM will plan and coordinate ministries for children through elementary school based upon worship, study, sharing, recreation and service. NPC has an active and varied Christian education program that reaches over 100 children per week with many innovative ministries for children and families reaching the congregation and community that create year round opportunities. Participation of children and youth in worship is encouraged, and activities ranging from after school programs to summer camps enhance and nurture children's faith in Jesus Christ. To learn more about NPC and DCFM position go to:

<https://newlonsburgchurch.org>. If you are ready to answer God's call to put your faith into action submit a current resume to:  
[NPC\\_DC&FM\\_Resume\\_Recipient@newlonsburgchurch.org](mailto:NPC_DC&FM_Resume_Recipient@newlonsburgchurch.org).

>> Does anyone need blue presbyterian hymnals? Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church has about 100 remaining. If you are interested contact the church at 724.327.0061.

>>UPCOMING HOLIDAY CLOSINGS - 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)

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Office Administrator/  
Bookkeeper

***Communicate 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



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