

Presbytery of Redstone

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In This Issue Around Redstone

Let's Pray For:

>Delmont Presbyterian Church, Caroline Vickery, Pastor
District 1

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

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

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

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

>Marion Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon, Robert Prinkey, Commissioned Pastor
District 3

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

Upcoming Events...

October 13, 2018 - PW Fall Gathering - Irwin, First
October 16, 2018 - District III Grief Event - New Salem
October 20, 2018 - PW Rise Against Hunger - New Alexandria, Community

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

Reflections from the Executive Presbyter, Skip Noftzger

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns. The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge." (Psalm 46)

Familiar words to us all, but words worth remembering not only at funerals, but during periods of disaster. In our most recent period of heavy rain, each of us might know people who have been affected by flooding. Let us be those people individually and as congregations that might be the grace of Jesus Christ to another in service, in support and in hope. Yet, even as we have experienced these effects of heavy rain and flooding, the reality is that another disaster looms as Hurricane Florence may descend upon the coastline as we read this. Let us anticipate and prepare and pray on behalf of those who might be affected in the Carolinas. So, as we pray, I offer to you this prayer written by Rev. Laurie Kraus (during Hurricane Irene; now she is Director of PDA).

CALL TO PRAYER IN THE WAKE OF HURRICANE

God of our life, whose presence sustains us in every circumstance, in the aftermath of storm and distress, we welcome the restoring power of your love and compassion.

We open our hearts in sorrow, gratitude, and hope: that those who have been spared nature's fury as well as those whose lives are changed forever by ravages of wind and water may find solace, sustenance, and strength in the days of recovery and reflection that come.

We are thankful for the generous grace of days of preparation; for the wise counsel of experts and the generous collaboration of so many communities, that in the face of the storm kept many out of harm's way and lessened the effects of wind and water on others.

We are grateful that dire predictions did not result in the worst-case scenario for all, yet still served to support our best efforts at preparation and immediate relief.

>Westmont Presbyterian Church, Johnstown,
Rene Whitaker, Interim Pastor
District 4

At the same time, we open ourselves to the stories of those for whom the Hurricane was not a near miss: communities deeply affected, whose livelihood, homes and stability has been destroyed.

We pray in grief, remembering the lives that have been lost. We lift our voices in sorrow and compassion for families who have lost loved ones, homes, or livelihood. We ask for sustaining courage for those who are suffering; wisdom and diligence among agencies and individuals assessing damage and directing relief efforts; and for generosity to flow as powerfully as rivers and streams, as we, your people, respond to the deep human needs beginning to emerge in the wake of the storm.

In these days of relief, assessment and response, open our eyes, our hearts, and our hands to the needs of your children and the movements of your Spirit, who flows in us like the river whose streams makes glad the city of God, and the hearts of all who dwell in it, and in You.

In the name of Christ the Healer we pray, Amen.

For more information about the ministry of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, please see pda.pcusa.org.

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Communicate the Word...

Carry on the Work...

Change the World...

Together

Around Redstone

>>The Presbytery of Redstone will again be offering workshops for Pastors and Ruling Elders through the IPLF program. These workshops will be on Saturday, September 22, 2018 at the Maplewood Presbyterian Church in Greensburg. Workshops include "Evangelism" led by the Rev. Ed Gray, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Murrysville, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; and "Proclaiming the Word" led by the Rev. Donna Havrisko, Pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Greensburg, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Lunch will be offered from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. at a cost of \$10.00. Please RSVP to Bobbie at the Presbytery office at secretary@redstonepresbytery.org.

>>The Presbytery has two 2018/2019 Presbyterian Planning Calendars available. The cost is \$9.50 for each calendar. Please let Bobbie know if you want one or both of these calendars by calling 724.837.6737 or via email at secretary@redstonepresbytery.org.

>>The Synod of the Trinity celebrated its 300th anniversary one year ago in mid-September. During the Synod's birthday week this year they are continuing to rejoice for all of the blessings they have received by again celebrating on this special "Synod Sunday", Sunday, September 16, 2018.

>>Poke Run Presbyterian Church has curriculum that they are offering FREE TO A GOOD HOME. David C. Cook Series - Faith in Action: Studies in Daniel and New Testament 2017; Job: Finding God in Our Suffering 2009; Assuring Hope - Isaiah and Mark 2010; Christian Commitment - 1 & 2 Thessalonians, Philippians, Acts 2010; Living in Community Joshua Gideon Ezra and Nehemiah Mark 1 and 2 Peter ~ Max Lucado "Galations" ~ Thomas Wright - Mark for Everyone ~ Tough Questions - Poole & Poling ~ Journey the Bible John. If you are interested in any or all of these curriculums contact Amy at pokerun@graced.comcastbiz.net or 724.327.5563 by September 30.

>>Community United Presbyterian Church has 14 no drip candles, size 13x55/64. They do not use them any longer. If someone could use these candles call 724.668.7752 between 9:30 and NOON daily and speak with Georgia.

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

2018 Presbytery Meeting Dates

Tuesday, Sept. 18th
Redstone Highlands,
Greensburg Campus
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 17th
Dunbar, Laurel Hill
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**2018 Presbytery
Council Meeting
Dates**

**October 23
November 27**

**All Council meetings
begin at 6:30 p.m. and
are held at the
Presbytery office**

>>Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church has a used, fully functional, 12 foot wide motorized projection screen that was donated to them but they cannot use. It is a Draper Inc Model No ACE-15-204726 manufactured in 2002. It was used at the ALCOA Technical Center prior to be being donated to the church. They are offering it FREE to any church that would need it. They could deliver it, or will accommodate any date/time for pick-up (scheduled through John Shultz at the church at 724.327.0061).



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