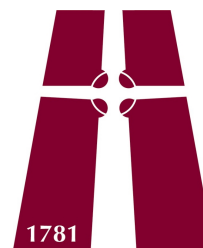


Presbytery of Redstone

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March 14, 2019

In This Issue Around Redstone

Let's Pray For:

>Puckety Presbyterian Church, Lower Burrell, Doug Marshall, Interim Pastor
District 1

>First Presbyterian Church, Jeannette, William King, Interim Pastor
District 2

>Trinity United Presbyterian Church, Uniontown, James Gear, Pastor
District 3

>Cresson Presbyterian Church, David McCabe, Pastor
District 4

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

Upcoming Events...

October 2018 through May 2019 - Community "Soup for the Soul" - Apollo, Poke Run - 2nd Wednesday each month at NOON
January through March 2019 - Contemporary Christian and Old Time Gospel Open Mic - Delmont - Last Sunday each month - 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

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 Skip Noftzger, Executive Presbyter *Rhythms in the Cycle of Life*

Each year within the church calendar we participate in opportunities to once more be renewed in God's grace-filled presence in our lives. With various structured worship experiences, we walk through a journey where we anticipate, we celebrate, and we proclaim. This Lenten season, in the cycle of life, we are invited again into that pattern of time. Eugene Peterson speaks of these experiences as the "sweeping tidal rhythms" that we experience together as the "holy community."

"Liturgy gathers the holy community as it reads the Holy Scriptures in the sweeping tidal rhythms of the church year in which the story of Jesus and the Christian makes its rounds century after century, the large and easy interior rhythms of year that moves from birth, life, death, resurrection, on to spirit, obedience, faith and blessing."

So, this day, this week, do not rush through the activities of life (even including those church activities), but rather hear again and again the story of Jesus that has been repeated century after century. Hear it not merely for its value as pivotal events in our history or theological concepts worth pondering, but in and through them to hear the story and encounter our God again within these rhythms in the cycle of life.

Dorothy Bass wrote that "with each liturgical season, specific days make manifest the mystery of God's active presence with and for the world, with and for us, as each fast or feast invites us into this mystery in a different way." (Receiving the Day: Christian Practices for Opening the Gift of Time) So, during these days, you are invited into that mystery of knowing God's presence and being known by God in a new and different way.

Around Redstone

>>West Hempfield Presbyterian Church did some cleaning and they have several roasters that they no longer need. They all work and the church would like to donate them to any church that may need them. Contact Heather at 724.863.1260 if you are interested in any of these roasters.

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

Together

>>Grace Community Presbyterian Church in Lower Burrell is searching for a Christian Education Director to begin work this summer. They are looking for someone who is growing in his/her faith, who works well with others, and who has experience in Christian educational ministry. Inquiries and resumes can be sent to the church at 2751 Grant Street, Lower Burrell, PA 15068, Attn: Personnel Committee or emailed to LaVonne Pelisari at elpelisari@gmail.com.

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 Minutes Reviews will be conducted on the following dates:

- > March 26, 2019 - prior to Presbytery meeting (Irwin, First)
- > April 30, 2019 - Presbytery Office, Greensburg 6:00 p.m.
- > May 21, 2019 - prior to Presbytery meeting (Murrysville, First)
- > May 28, 2019 - Trinity Presbyterian Church, Uniontown 6:00 p.m.

>>2019 Pastors Retreat - "What We Need is Here" Practicing the Heart of Christian Spirituality. Dr. L. Roger Owens, Associate Professor of Christian Spirituality will be the leader of this event. April 28-29, 2019 - Sunday evening, Monday morning/afternoon. Registration: \$40/overnight stay; \$25/commuter - Pine Springs Camp, Jennerstown. To register contact the presbytery office at 724.837.6737 or via email at secretary@redstonepresbytery.org.

**Next
2019 Presbytery
Meeting Date**

Tuesday, March 26, 2019
First Presbyterian
Church, Irwin
6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

**Next Presbytery
Council Meeting
Date**

April 23, 2019

Council meeting begins
at 6:30 p.m. and is held
at the Presbytery office.

>>2019 Youth Triennium - July 16 - 20, 2019; Purdue University. More information is located on the homepage of the Presbytery website at www.redstonepresbytery.org. Contact Rev. Laura Blank for more information at laurabblank@gmail.com.

>>Will your healthcare provider be in the BCBS network after June? If not, what will it cost you to continue with those providers? Learn what is happening between Highmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield and UPMC and how it could affect your choice of providers...and your costs! Attend the information session at Pittsburgh Presbytery on April 9! [Click here for more information.](#)

>>According to recent statistics released by the PC(USA), more than 56 percent of the churches in the Synod of the Trinity have a membership of 100 and under. And nearly one-third of the congregations in this region have a membership of 50 and under. Many ministers believe it is these smaller churches that are not receiving the attention they need from the national church and mid councils. [Click here for more information.](#)



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