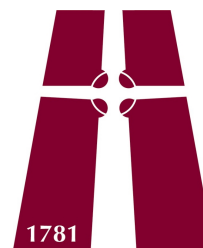


# Presbytery of Redstone

## eNews



May 30, 2019

### Let's Pray For:

>Poke Run Presbyterian Church, Apollo, Pete Goetschius, Pastor  
District 1

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

>Calvin Presbyterian Church, Brownsville, Jane Johnson, Covenant Pastor  
District 3

>Bethel Presbyterian Church, New Florence, James Sunseri, Commissioned Pastor  
District 4

### Upcoming Events...

- June 1, 2019 - [Strawberry Festival - New Alexandria, Community](#)
- June 8, 2019 - [Strawberry Festival - North Huntingdon, New Hope](#)
- June 8, 2019 - [Strawberry Festival - Apollo, Poke Run](#)
- August 24, 2019 - [Peach Fest - New Salem](#)
- October 7-9, 2019 - [Wee Kirk - Laurelville Mennonite Church Center](#)

Click on the links above for more information on any of the upcoming events

### Reflections from our EP, Skip Noftzger

"Whatever is foreseen in joy  
Must be lived out from day to day,  
Vision held open in the dark  
By our ten thousand days of work.  
Harvest will fill the barn; for that the hand must ache, the face must sweat.  
And yet no leaf or grain is filled by work of ours; the field is tilled and left to grace.  
That we may reap,  
Great work is done while we're asleep.  
When we work well, a Sabbath mood Rests on our day, and finds it good."  
(Wendell Berry)

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*Communicate the Word...*

*Carry on the Work...*

*Change the World...*

With the reminder that the "field is filled and left to grace," I approach this summer. For unlike any other since I was in my early teens, I will take a more extended "break" from my "regular" work. As you might suspect, it may be less about stopping activity and more of a shift to different "type" of labor for a couple months. While I am looking forward to this short respite, I recognize that I will need to "rest" in the Lord's providential care for Redstone Presbytery. Leaving it to grace sometimes seems easier said than done.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity for a sabbatical. While not merely a vacation, sabbatical leave is an extended time to "strategically disengage from regular and normal tasks so that ministry and mission may be viewed from a new perspective" resulting from this planned time of focus. During that time, I hope to reflect and be renewed in God's calling for me in service to the Presbytery of Redstone. Additionally, beyond the time of spiritual and vocational focus, I will be giving attention to some of my previous work, both in design and implementation of effective prerequisite and continuing education for those called to serve as "commissioned pastors." As one element of that pursuit, I will be surveying and following up with those across the Synod of the Trinity who are serving in these vital roles for the future of the church.

**Together**

During this sabbatical period, particular individuals associated with various functions will be available to serve as needed. If there are concerns that require my attention, I am happy to provide any assistance including directing you to other resources during that sabbatical period.

**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

**Around Redstone**

>>The Presbyterian Planning Calendars that were ordered in early May will not be shipped from the PCUSA store until August 2019. The calendars will begin in September 2019 and will run through December 2020. I am hopeful that they will arrive in time to be distributed at the September Presbytery meeting at Pine Springs Camp on Tuesday, September 24.

>>Since the Presbyterian Planning Calendars will not be shipping until August, if you missed the original deadline for ordering them let me know. If I get enough requests to make another bulk rate order worthwhile, I will do that. I apologize for not being aware of this earlier. If I had been, I would have extended the earlier deadline.

**Next Presbytery Meeting Date**

**Tuesday, September 24, 2019**  
**Pine Springs Camp**  
**(joint meeting with Washington Presbytery)**  
**10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

**Next Presbytery Council Meeting Date**

**June 25**

**Council meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Presbytery Center**

>>The next Secretary's Get-Together will be held on Tuesday, June 18, 2019 beginning at NOON at the Presbytery office. All of our church secretaries or financial secretaries are invited to attend. If you have not already done so, please let Bobbie know if you plan to attend by June 11. We always have a great time networking. I look forward to seeing all of you!



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