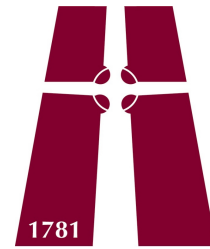


# Presbytery of Redstone

## eNews



June 20, 2019

### Let's Pray For:

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

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

>First Presbyterian  
Church, Greensburg,  
Martin Ankrum, Pastor;  
Nicole Atkinson,  
Associate Pastor  
District 2

>Maplewood  
Presbyterian Church,  
Greensburg, Steve LaSor,  
Pastor  
District 2

>Tyrone Presbyterian  
Church, Dawson,  
Anthony Marciano,  
Commissioned Pastor  
District 3

>First Presbyterian  
Church, Dunbar, Aleda  
Menchyk, Moderator  
District 3

>Revloc Presbyterian  
Church, David O'Hara,  
Commissioned Pastor  
District 4

>Bolivar United  
Presbyterian Church,

### Upcoming Events...

June 22, 2019 - [Yard Sale - New Alexandria, Community](#)  
July 25, 2019 - [Chamber Music Concert - Latrobe \(Unity Chapel\)](#)  
August 22, 2019 - [Chamber Music Concert - Latrobe \(Unity Chapel\)](#)  
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 Martin Ankrum, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Greensburg



Hopefully, collaboration begins early. In our childhood years we learned to collaborate with others. If we achieved a high proficiency in this, our kindergarten teacher may have marked on our report card something like this: "Plays well with others."

Collaboration is a hallmark, as well, of life in Christ's church. We join our efforts together over any number of projects, activities and work and ask God's blessings upon what we do together. Collaboration implies shared work amongst equals, so it would not be appropriate to say that we collaborate with God, but we are certainly called to participate together in the work that God is about in this world.

Examples from scripture abound, but the one that I most often reflect upon is the story of the incarnation of Jesus Christ. In this narrative, two willing human beings take near-center stage right behind the action of God. Mary, as described in the Gospel of Luke, answers the call of God to bear Immanuel into the world. Joseph, according to the Gospel of Matthew, decides upon a very human response to the news of Mary's pregnancy - he will gently, but firmly end the engagement. But Joseph's mind is changed by a vision beheld in a dream in which he comes to hear the Good News and the reason for this rather surprising work of God. Joseph and Mary then work together on this project of both protecting and raising the Christ child. In short, they collaborate and the purposes of God are not thwarted but rather are promoted.

At the heart of any presbytery is this principle of shared work and devotion to seeking to participate in God's purposes and work in this world. We are a

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**Commissioned Pastor**  
**District 4**

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collective of PC (USA) congregations bound together by both our Reformed heritage and our polity with goal of pursuing those wondrous Six Great Ends that our Book of Order spells out so profoundly. Sometimes we might lose sight of this animating principle for our labors, but it remains at the heart of what we are called to do and be in this world.

At the May presbytery meeting, Bobbi Jo Huebner reported the ongoing work of a task force composed of members of our presbytery and our near neighbor, the Washington Presbytery. This group has been gathering since the early part of this year with the express purpose of discerning ways in which collaboration between these two councils of the church can bear good fruit in our pursuit of those Six Great Ends. The conversations have already begun to bear fruit and will continue to broaden as the summer and the fall unfurl before us. By the time of our joint presbytery meeting with Washington in September, more progress will have been made.

#### *Communicate the Word...*

*Carry on the Work...*

*Change the World...*

*Together*

As a member of the task force, I can tell you that all of us covet your prayers and thoughts as we continue to meet. It has been a delight to become better acquainted with our nearest neighbors and I look forward to the opportunities that you will have for fellowship and mutual encouragement with members of the Washington Presbytery in our up-coming joint meeting.

Grace and Peace,  
 Martin R. Ankrum

#### Around Redstone

>>The 224th General Assembly (2020) will meet in Baltimore, Maryland from Saturday to Saturday, June 20-27, 2020. The Session of your church may nominate a young person to attend the General Assembly as a Young Adult Advisory Delegate (YAAD). Nominations are due June 30! Contact the Presbytery office for more information.

>>The Sudan Mission Network, an organization made up of Presbyterians committed to partnering with our brothers and sisters in Sudan and South Sudan, will hold its annual meeting from Monday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> through Tuesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, on the campus of Westminster College in New Wilmington, PA, during the New Wilmington Mission Conference. This year's SMN meeting will provide a great opportunity to meet Sudanese partners and mission co-workers working in South Sudan, as well as members of the Sudanese diaspora community living in the U.S. [Here is a link](#) to the brochure and registration form for the SMN meeting. We hope you can come. If you have questions about the SMN, or its meeting, please contact Jim Leuenberger at 724-813-1295, or [jpleuen@gmail.com](mailto:jpleuen@gmail.com).

>>The Sudan/ South Sudan visitors will be here in Redstone Presbytery from July 16-18. Here from Nile Theological College in Khartoum, Sudan will be Dr. Aida Weran Nasser, Professor and Rev. Musa Kodi, Academic Dean; and from Nile Theological College in Juba, South Sudan will be Rev. Santino Odong Othol, Principal.

So far, there is an opening for one of them to preach at a church in Redstone on Sunday, July 14 (that invitation would include providing transportation to and from their host family in Pittsburgh Presbytery)

#### 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

#### **2019 Presbytery Meeting Dates**

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

**Saturday, November 23, 2019**  
**Pleasant View Presbyterian Church,**

**Smock**

**Presbytery Council Meeting Dates**

June 25  
August 27  
October 22  
November 22

Council meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Presbytery Center

**Skip's Sabbatical**

While Skip is on Sabbatical (June 10-August 5) others have agreed to serve as the "first-line" and will respond by personal intervention or referral to an appropriate person within the Presbytery.

Contact Bobbie Martin, Administrative Assistant, at the Presbytery office (724.837.6737) and she will guide you to the appropriate person to assist you with your issues and concerns.

- Tuesday July 16 is open for your congregation to host an event in the afternoon or evening
- Wednesday, July 17 is a lunch with Redstone pastors at Maplewood and the evening is still open
- Thursday, July 18 they will meet with Presbyterian Women at noon at a location to be announced, and
- Thursday evening they will be at Third Presbyterian Church in Uniontown at 6 for dinner.

Please contact Sylvia Carlson via email at [sylviac65@comcast.net](mailto:sylviac65@comcast.net) or by phone at 724.454.5088.

>>MISSION FAIR AT NEXT PRESBYTERY MEETING - At our joint presbytery meeting (Washington/Redstone) on September 24 at Pine Springs Camp, we would like to know more about what your congregation is doing in missions. Consider bringing a small display of information to tell others about a mission project your congregation really loves!

>>SAVE THE DATE!! On Saturday, October 5, 2019, the Mission Committee will be hosting a "Rise Against Hunger" meal packaging event at the First Presbyterian Church in Avonmore beginning at 10:00 a.m. Adults and children are welcome to participate. Please contact Jeannie Orvosh at 724.757.5423 to schedule.



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