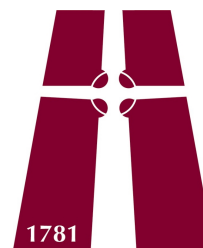


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Let's Pray For:

>First Presbyterian Church, Murrysville, Ed Gray, Pastor
District 1

>Westminster Presbyterian Church, Greensburg, Donna Havrisko, Pastor
District 2

>Laurel Hill Presbyterian Church, Dunbar, Aleda Menchyk, Moderator
District 3

>Covenant Presbyterian Church, Boswell, James Farrer, Moderator
District 4

Upcoming Events...

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 Leonard Morgan, Commissioned Pastor, Calvin Presbyterian Church, Scottdale



Back in April I attended the Pastor's Retreat at Pine Springs Camp. I prepared for the event by reading L. Roger Owens' book "What We Need is Here" (Practicing the Heart of Christian Spirituality). It was to be an overnight and I looked forward to going to camp. You may recall it was cold on the mountain, so the brisk temperatures thwarted our Friday night campfire. I stayed in Muskrat cabin for those familiar with the camp.

The sessions were very interesting; I particularly liked the one which discussed the competing agendas within a church. How some feel things should be done in a certain way, sometimes we say they have an agenda. I never looked at it that way. Being an ESTJ (for you Myers Briggs fan), I love structure and facts. Facts that were developed through my own senses. I handle new situations much the same way I handled old situations. I resolve issues based on my previous experience. I never thought that to be an agenda. But I was told that I had an attachment. It worked for me in the past, why won't it work again. The reason was that I shunned "new" ideas. I was a fixer and thought my way would be the best way.

My error was that I was trying to pre-determine the solution based on my own experience. Not only was I not seeing the thoughts and feelings of others, I was actually, indifferent. But more than that I was also not open to the direction of God. I prayed, but it was more of a prayer for the success of my agenda, rather than being open to God's direction. We listened to John Wesley's prayer "Lord, make of me what you will. I put myself into your hands...I freely give it all to you."

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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,

What better way to understand what God wants for us; to improve our prayer life. To make it an important part of our daily life. We should set aside a time and place to commune with Him, seeking insight. Insight that will come over time. Which is the purpose of continued prayer, so that we can grow and understand what God is calling us to be as individuals and as a church.

It was an enjoyable experience, but it reconfirmed the importance of communication not only with others, but with God. After all, His agenda is the only one that matters. The book ends by telling us to stop reading about God and to start living with God. Make Him a part of your life.

**Leonard Morgan, Commissioned Pastor
Calvin United Presbyterian, Scottdale, PA**

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 September 1! Contact the Presbytery office for more information.

>>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)

- 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 the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Greensburg
- 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 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! Saturday, November 2nd. The Unity Presbyterian Church in Greentree is offering a program entitled "Introducing the revised Book of Common Worship" presented by the Rev. Dr. David Gambrell, co-editor of the BCW and musician as well as associate for worship in the PC(USA) Office of Theology and Worship and a member of the Hymnal Committee. This is a daylong event starting at 9:00 a.m. with registration; 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer; morning session; lunch; afternoon session and closing worship with

at the Presbytery office (724.837.6737) and she will guide you to the appropriate person to assist you with your issues and concerns.

communion using All Saints liturgy. The event will be finished by 3:00 p.m. The fee for the day, including lunch, is \$25/person; \$20/person in groups of 2 or more; \$15/student. Contact Lynne Williams at lewilliams213@gmail.com for more information.



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