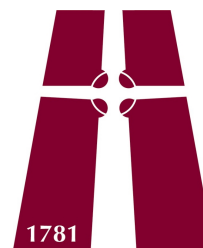


# Presbytery of Redstone

## eNews



July 17, 2019

### Let's Pray For:

<United Presbyterian Church, New Kensington, Wendy Keys, Pastor District 1

>Reunion Presbyterian Church, Mt. Pleasant, Sue Washburn, Covenant Pastor District 2

>Springhill Furnace Presbyterian Church, Lake Lynn, Molly Hall, Covenant Pastor District 3

>First Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, Alice Tondora, Pastor District 4

### Upcoming Events...

July 18, 2019 - [Mission Lunch with Sudan Visitors - Greensburg, Westminster](#)

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 Rev. Marnie Silbert, Chair of Staff Support Task Force and member of Presbytery Council



Summer for our family means a trip to Squam Lake, NH. One of my favorite things is to take part in a tradition now over 100 years old. Every summer Sunday evening, people gather for a Hymn sing at the Speare's home. They have an old blacksmith shop on their property which is outfitted with deacon benches and odd chairs, a pump organ and hymnals. As many as 70 people, babes in arms to "Bunny" who is over 100, gather. Some bring instruments so there are usually several violins, 2 cellos, a bass, and a hand accordion. And we sing in full harmony for an hour. Then one of the Speare Presbyterian ministers or elders offers prayer and we all go out into the night.

Maybe I love this because my father sang me hymns at bedtime. I laugh now because they weren't the lullaby type.....Holy, Holy, Holy; Stand up, Stand up for Jesus, Onward Christian Soldiers. Maybe I love this because my mother would play hymns on the piano as I was upstairs playing. Maybe I love this because hymns have been so important along life's way. There is assurance...The King of Love my Shepherd is, our God is an awesome God, It is well with my soul...There are expressions of joy...Joy to the World, Joyful, Joyful we adore Thee, Joy like a fountain in my soul....We could go on with theme after theme.

Maybe you have a hymn that pervades all the seasons of your life. Mine is "O God Our Help in Ages Past". I sang it as a child, at my mom's funeral in May 1982 and our wedding in June 1982 and at my ordination in October 1982 and my Dad's funeral in 2007 and 4<sup>th</sup> of July Sunday a few weeks ago. I sang it in

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***Carry on the Work...***

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

## ***Together***

boarding school, at my college church, in seminary, at the hymn sing and for many other ordinary days.

### **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

Here is what I know. We can sing our faith! Take time this summer to meditate on some hymn texts. Many hymns can be found with "sing-a-long" words on YouTube. Sing and meditate. Choose some oldies but goodies and some that are not as familiar. Try looking in the "tune" index of your hymnal to see if there are new words to a tune you know well. Maybe try it in your congregation. Think about how the music of the faith can help pass down the riches we have known as disciples of Jesus Christ so that in a hundred years people of all ages will want to come to an appointed hour to gather and give praise to God from whom all blessings flow.

### **Around Redstone**

>>The Presbytery office will be doing a bulk order for the 2019/2021 Book of Order. The cost for each book will be \$9.00. This cost does include shipping. If you would like to order the new Book of Order please complete the form that is on the homepage of our website at [www.redstonepresbytery.org](http://www.redstonepresbytery.org) and mail it to Bobbie at the Presbytery office. You may also email her with the number you would like to order if that would be easier for you. The email address is [secretary@redstonepresbytery.org](mailto:secretary@redstonepresbytery.org). This Book of Order is also available as a downloadable copy free of charge from the PCUSA store. If you have questions about that please let Bobbie know. The deadline for orders will be Thursday, August 29, 2019.

>>As a reminder, the 2019/2020 Presbyterian Planning Calendars that have been ordered will be shipping some time in August. The calendars will begin in September this year instead of June as was the case in previous years. As soon as they are received at the Presbytery office you will be notified so arrangements can be made to have them picked up.

>>The Sudan/ South Sudan visitors will be here in Redstone Presbytery from July 17-18. Here from Nile Theological College in Khartoum, Sudan will be Dr. Aida Nasser Weran, Professor and Rev. Musa Kodi, Academic Dean; and from Nile Theological College in Juba, South Sudan will be Rev. Santino Odong Othol, Principal.

- Thursday, July 18 they will meet with anyone wishing to hear them speak at noon at the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Greensburg. Lunch will be provided and a freewill offering will be collected. Reservations are requested so that adequate food can be prepared. You may call the church office at 724-837-3540 or email Sylvia Carlson at [sylviac65@comcast.net](mailto:sylviac65@comcast.net) with your reservation.
- Thursday evening they will be at Third Presbyterian Church in Uniontown at 6 for dinner.

If you wish to hold an event Wednesday evening please contact Sylvia Carlson via email at [sylviac65@comcast.net](mailto:sylviac65@comcast.net) or by phone at 724.454.5088.

>>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.

>>MISSION FAIR AT NEXT PRESBYTERY MEETING - At our joint presbytery meeting (Washington/Redstone) on September 24 at Pine Springs Camp, we

### **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**

**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.

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!



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