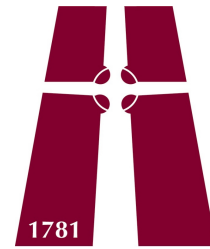


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Let's Pray For:

>Delmont Presbyterian Church, Caroline Vickery, Pastor
District 1

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

>Sewickley Presbyterian Church, West Newton, Eric Glisan, Commissioned Pastor
District 2

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

>McClellandtown Presbyterian Church, Lee McDermott, Pastor
District 3

>Dunlap's Creek Presbyterian Church, Merrittstown, Aleda Menchyk, Moderator
District 3

>Pleasant Grove Presbyterian Church, Ligonier, John McClure, Moderator
District 4

>Bethel Presbyterian Church, New Florence,

Upcoming Events...

August 22, 2019 - [Chamber Music Concert - Latrobe \(Unity Chapel\)](#)

August 24, 2019 - [Peach Fest - New Salem](#)

August 24, 2019 - [Peach Festival - Delmont](#)

August 24, 2019 - [BBQ and Tune \(Cookout and Corn Roast\) - North Huntingdon, New Hope](#)

August 25, 2019 - [Family Fun and Friendship Cruise - Irwin, West Hempfield](#)

October 7-9, 2019 - [Wee Kirk - Laurelville Mennonite Church Center](#)

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

5 Tips to Protecting Yourself from Increasing Phishing Scams

I was recently asked by my friend Pastor LL to warn our churches and congregations about the rise of Phishing Scams. This happened to a friend of hers. A recent article, "Phishing Scams Targeting Pastors: Who's Next?" basically explains how scammers pretend to be pastors from local churches emailing people for small financial assistance as not to raise any red flags. However, the damage to reputations and trustworthiness of pastors and their churches was tremendous. For more on the article - <http://www.govtech.com/blogs/lohrmann-on-cybersecurity/phishing-scams-targeting-pastors-whos-next.html>

What are Phishing Scams?

Phishing scams send emails, social media posts, text and ads that mimic reputable businesses like banks, online resources and credit card companies to trick people into sharing their financial and personal information and/or downloading malware.

Here are five simple tips to avoid Phishing Scams

1. Be cautious of all emails and messages sent to you. Be 100% sure you know who is sending you the email/message. Never click on link(s) unless you are 100% sure who it is from and you know it is 100% safe.
2. If you are not sure of the validity of the email/message use another form of communication (like phone call, text, etc.) to reach out to that person and/or entity to confirm they sent you that email/message and that it is safe to click on their link(s).
3. Scam emails/messages are always designed to get you to react quickly and impulsively. So pause, use your common sense, and check it out before reacting.

James Sunseri,
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- 4. If you know the entity and need to send personal or sensitive information always make sure it is to a secure website. All secure websites have https:// and a security "lock" icon. Never use public WIFI to send sensitive information, always do it from your personal WIFI account.
- 5. If you receive any scam emails, before deleting forward it to the Federal Trade Commission at spam@uce.gov .

As our lives continue to connect with more digital technologies we will need to learn how to safeguard ourselves and our family in this new environment. As we navigate this fast changing technical terrain we will need to stay educated and rely more on our old fashion common sense. Need help or have questions? Please message or email me. johnfong@elizabethpresbytery.org or text at 732.318.7955.

John Fong, Presbytery Digital Disciples Ministry and Communication Consultant.

Communicate the Word...

Carry on the Work...

Change the World...

Together

Around Redstone

>>The Inter-Presbytery Leadership Formation (IPLF) presents their Fall 2019 Elder Training Workshops. Continuing education and life-long learning are hallmarks of Presbyterian leadership and are expected of our congregations' leaders. Elders who are session members, Pastors, and those Commissioned to leadership are reminded and urged to attend one or more of these Saturday afternoon workshops.

~~~~~Saturday, September 14, 2019 - Ethics and Boundaries - Instructor Rev. Craig Kephart

~~~~~Saturday, October 12, 2019 - Advanced Scripture Study: Isaiah - Instructor Rev. Dr. Jerome Creach

~~~~~Saturday, November 9, 2019 - Nurturing and Forming Elders - Instructor Rev. Jane Johnson

~~~~~Saturday, December 14, 2019 - Preaching Beyond the Lectionary - Instructor Rev. Sue Washburn

Each of these free workshops will be held at the Presbytery office from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. To register or questions contact Bobbie at 724.837.6737 or secretary@redstonepresbytery.org.

>>The Synod of the Trinity presents - Forgotten Foundations for Church Leadership: Building the Future on Great Ground - Featuring the Rev. Dr. Graham Standish, Executive Director of Samaritan Counseling, Guidance, Consulting, and Director of Caring for Clergy and Congregations Program. This three-part online webinar will be held Thursdays, September 5, 12, and 19 at 2:00 p.m. via zoom video conference.

~~~Leading from a Foundation: What are our leadership principles, and how do they help or hinder our authority and authorship?

~~~Who and Why We are: What is our purpose and call, and how do they lead us as we lead others?

~~~Writing the next few chapters: How do we build on the church's story to create new chapters for their lives?

If you are interested in these webinars and would like to attend contact Bobbie at the Presbytery office. If enough folks are interested, the Presbytery may be able to host a zoom video conference at the Presbytery office for these three Thursdays.

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

**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

**Next 2019 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**  
**August 27**  
**Council meetings begin  
at 6:30 p.m. at the  
Presbytery Center**

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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