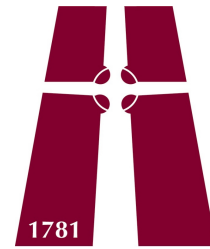


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Let's Pray For:

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

>West Hempfield Presbyterian Church, Irwin, Andrew Wirt, Pastor
District 2

>Trinity United Presbyterian Church, Uniontown, James Gear
District 3

>First Presbyterian Church, Cresson, David McCabe, Pastor
District 4

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Communicate the Word...

Carry on the Work...

Change the World...

Together

Upcoming Events...

October 2019 through May 2020 - [Soup for the Soul Community Luncheon](#) - Apollo, Poke Run
October 7-9, 2019 - [Wee Kirk - Laurelville Mennonite Church Center](#)
December 10, 2019 - [Redstone Presbyterian Senior Care Trip to Sigh and Sound Christmas Show](#)
July 9-11, 2020 - [PW Summer Synod Gathering](#)

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

Reflections from the Executive Presbyter, Skip Noftzger

"Wild Goose Chase"

Too often in the church, we find ourselves feeling like we are pursuing some ends that are unlikely or never to be found. Whether with the reclamation of a past era or a new and innovative idea, our adventures turn into a journey with no end and worse, no purpose, the proverbial "wild goose chase." At least, in terms of our limited perspective, "under the sun," these efforts may seem fruitless, but the essential test will remain now and into the future. Are we open to hear and follow the voice of our Lord Jesus Christ? Are we sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit?

Throughout the Scriptures, images of God's presence and the power of the Holy Spirit are characterized by images such as wind or fire or water or tongues or even the dove. God's movement in our lives as God's people is not always predictable and planned. In fact, the very nature of God's direction in our lives transcends our "best laid plans" and reflects the reality that the control of the world and our lives comes not merely by our own hands. The Holy Spirit, within the Scriptures and within our own experience, moves within and upon our lives in unexpected fashion. We give thanks to God when we are reminded to know and discern that *God is still God, and we are not.*

Within the Celtic Christian tradition, there is a symbol for the Holy Spirit reflected in the "wild goose." Whether its origins are early Celtic Christianity or later more contemporary movements, nonetheless, the image captures the ways in which the Triune God, and in particular, the Holy Spirit may lead and direct us in expected ways. The image communicates the possible disruption or surprises in our own controlled lives, yet somehow moving forward within the Lord's providential care and goodness for us and fulfilment of God's own ends.

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**

October 22, 2019

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

So, in these times of change and unpredictability, I would invite us all to lean into even the anxiety and fear that can threaten to shake us. May we once more be reminded that we serve an almighty and gracious God and let us walk by faith together in this "wild goose chase." To God be the Glory!

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. The next workshop will be:

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

This workshop will be held at the Presbytery office from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. To register or questions contact Bobbie at 724.837.6737 or [secretary@redstonepresbytery.org](mailto:secretary@redstonepresbytery.org).

**Upcoming Events Outside Redstone**

>>"Opening to Grace Retreat" - Washington Presbytery - A free - no fee day retreat for persons willing to participate in the Templeton Grant Study "Grace Examined" will be held Monday, September 23 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at Rev. Betty Voigt 's home in Bridgeville, PA. If you are interested or have questions, contact Rev. [Betty Voigt](#) or Rev. [Clarejean Haury](#).

>>[Don McClure Lectures in World Mission & Evangelism; Al Tizon; October 1](#)  
>>[Building Trauma-Informed and Resilient Communities; Continuing the Conversation; Tauna Tinsley, October 4](#)

>>[300 Cups of Coffee](#) - Christian Associates of Southwest Pennsylvania  
>>["We Have to Talk" \(interfaith dialogue\) - October 3, 9:30 - NOON - Jewish Community Center](#)

>>"Remember. Repair. Together"; Jewish community commemoration of October 27 Tree of Life tragedy; churches are asked to ring their bells at the time of the attack, 9:50 a.m.



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