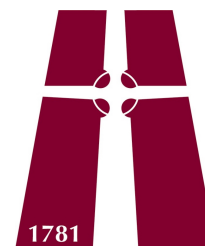


Presbytery of Redstone

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Let's Pray For:

- >Poke Run Presbyterian Church, Apollo, Pete Goetschius, Pastor
District 1
- >First Presbyterian Church, Avonmore, Larry Armstrong, Covenant Pastor
District 1
- >First Presbyterian Church, Jeannette, William King, Interim Pastor
District 2
- >Latrobe Presbyterian Church, Ronald Durika, Interim Pastor
District 2
- >East Liberty Presbyterian Church, Vanderbilt, David McElroy, Commissioned Pastor
District 3
- >Palmer Community Presbyterian Church, Adah, Laura Blank, Moderator
District 3
- >First Presbyterian Church, Ebensburg, Alice Tondora, Moderator
District 4
- >Bethany Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, Denise Todero, Commissioned Pastor

Upcoming Events...

- October 2019 through May 2020 - [Soup for the Soul Community Luncheon](#) - Apollo, Poke Run
- October 13, 2019 - [7th Annual Forum on Sudan and South Sudan](#)
- October 27, 2019 - [Open Mic Gospel Event - Delmont](#)
- December 10, 2019 - [Redstone Presbyterian Senior Care Trip to Sight 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

What is GA? and Why do I care?

Every two years, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) gathers together in what we call the "General Assembly." Unlike common perceptions, this is not a meeting of church bureaucrats from Louisville or some other place. Rather, the Assembly brings together commissioners and young adult advisory delegates in order to consider areas of interest, proposed policies and resolutions expressing our collective will as a church body. Although there are many other observers and resource people (such as myself), it is important to remember that all decisions and actions of the General Assembly come from those who have been elected and commissioned by their respective presbyteries.

In anticipation of the General Assembly, presbyteries are invited to submit "overtures" for consideration in the committee structure and by the entire General Assembly. These proposals must have come from a presbytery deliberation and vote and also received concurrence from a second presbytery. If the proposal is a revision in the Book of Order, they must be submitted at least 120 days before the Assembly. Other overtures may require only 90 days (financial/budget implications) or 45 days (all others). Sometimes, a "commissioner resolution" responding to or expressing a particular need may occur leading up to and during the Assembly. Such was the case last year for a resolution on ministry with those affected by addiction that originated within Redstone Presbytery.

Overtures that originate within Redstone or any concurrence will be considered on the agenda of a Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Redstone. Consequently, requests for consideration of an overture or concurrence should be submitted to the Council meeting prior to the

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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

**Saturday, November 23,
2019**
Pleasant View Presbyterian
Church, Smock
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Next 2019 Presbytery Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 22, 2019
This meeting will begin at
6:30 p.m. at the Presbytery
office

Presbytery meeting in order for it to be included on the agenda. Any overture or concurrence that might be considered "controversial" (1.1006e) must be submitted and reviewed by the Council in sufficient time to be included with the packet for distribution. In order to meet the OGA deadlines, overtures and concurrences concerning the Book of Order will need to be approved no later than the January meeting of the Presbytery. All other overtures and concurrences would need to be approved not later than the March meeting (because of the date of the May meeting).

So, in September, the Presbytery of Redstone elected its commissioners and alternates to this next General Assembly. They will be commissioned (May 2020 meeting) and will go there not merely on your behalf but seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit for the direction and commitments of the larger church. Along with commissioners from the other presbyteries around the country, they are the General Assembly. No doubt just like in your Session meetings and your congregations, there will be discussion, deliberation and probably even some disagreement as we seek to move forward faithfully together. *So, please join me as we begin to pray for our commissioners and the Assembly as we look toward what God might be doing in us and among us.*

Around Redstone

>>Families touched by addiction often live in fear and shame. "Into the Light: Christian Responses to Addiction" discussion groups will be taking place on Tuesdays in October from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Reunion Presbyterian Church, 769 Main Street, Mt. Pleasant. These discussions will look at Bible stories of compassion, healing, and boundaries as you connect in hope. This discussion group is for everyone - if you have lost a loved one to overdose, if you are in recovery or want to be, if you would like to help a friend or if you just want to learn more about opioids and other drugs, you are welcome.

>>Read about the PCUSA Co-Moderator, Cindy Kohlmann's visit with us at the Presbytery meeting at Pine Springs Camp where she stresses the importance of being 'interwoven.'

>>Read a story Mike Givler, Communications Coordinator, at the Synod of the Trinity wrote about the recent webinars given by the Rev. Dr. Graham Standish on the 'Forgotten Foundations of Church Leadership.'

>>During this upcoming Advent season, the Communications Team of Redstone Presbytery will be publishing (online and print) another Presbytery of Redstone devotional focused on "New Beginnings" and using primarily the daily Psalm from the daily lectionary (2 year cycle) as the text in this season of preparation. Each devotional should be in the range of 120-150 words followed by a brief 1-2 sentence prayer. All submissions should be received in the Presbytery office by November 21. We still have many dates available so please consider writing for this year's devotional. Contact Bobbie at the Presbytery office (724.837.6737) to let her know which date you would like.

>PINE SPRINGS CAMP FRIENDS DINNER is Sunday, November 24, 2019, 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the Fred Rogers Center at St. Vincent College in Latrobe. For details call the camp at 814.629.9834 or online at <https://www.pinesprings.org/annual-friends-dinner>



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