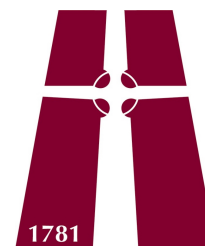


Presbytery of Redstone

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Let's Pray For:

>Delmont Presbyterian Church, Caroline Vickery, Pastor
District 1

>United Presbyterian Church, Latrobe, Donald Graff, Pastor
District 2

>First Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon, Donald Glunt, Moderator
District 3

>First Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, Alice Tondora, 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 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

"Call to Health"

Lately, I have been completing a number of the "Call to Health" activities that are part of participation in the BOP medical plan. These are various behaviors (when completed) intended to make one more mindful of the stewardship of one's body, mind and soul. And, of course, doing enough of them reduces your medical deductible for the next year (*my real motivation*).

Out of the numerous options, one of these includes "tracking" your engagement in daily prayer over weeks. In noting and "tracking" my own daily prayer habits, I have become even more aware of just how feeble and seemingly insignificant my own prayers are. Not that the Lord does not hear or answer even my most superficial petitions, but I am more cognizant of how myopic and even self-centered some of these supplications are.

So, I have begun pulling off my bookshelves countless books with prayers of saints of other generations. Wow. Is it just me? Or did these people really pray? They express their sincere faith in words that are both authentic and poetic. By using some of these prayers, it has added to my own prayer life (not that God is impressed by better words). I am aided in praying in ways that recognize the power and presence of the Holy Spirit and my own utter dependence upon God.

One such book that is found in many Presbyterian congregations (Book of Common Worship), contains a whole section of "ancient and classic prayers." One of the Collects offered there is based upon a prayer of Augustine.

Fill us with your holy love, O Lord,
and open the treasures of your wisdom to us.
You alone know all that we desire.

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**

**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**

So perfect what you have begun in us,
and answer the prayers you instill in us
through the stirring of your Holy Spirit.
Even as we seek your face,
turn to us and show us your glory.
Then our longing will be satisfied,
and our peace will be complete. Amen.

To pray such a prayer this day, the next day and the day after brings to focus who I am and who God is. And, I can think of no greater "call to health" than that. Blessings.

Around Redstone

>>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.

>>Check out the [latest news](#) from the Synod of the Trinity.

>>The next Inter-Presbytery Leadership Formation (IPLF) workshop will be ****Nurturing and Forming Elders - Rev. Jane Johnson, Instructor
This workshop is being offered free of charge to Ruling Elders, Pastors, and those commissioned to leadership. It is being held at the Redstone Presbytery office from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Please call Bobbie at the Presbytery office at 724.837.6737 or email her at secretary@redstonepresbytery.org to register to attend.

>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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