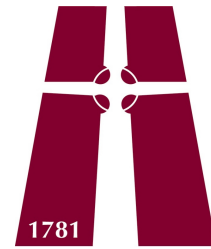


Presbytery of Redstone

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Let's Pray For:

>First Presbyterian Church, Murrysville, Ed Gray, Pastor
District 1

>Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church, Murrysville, Curtis Paul, Pastor; Marnie Silbert, Associate Pastor
District 1

>Latrobe Presbyterian Church, Ron Durika, Interim Pastor
District 2

>United Presbyterian Church, Latrobe, Ron Durika, Moderator
District 2

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

>Leisenring Presbyterian Church, Rick Watson, Commissioned Pastor
District 3

>Bethany Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, Denise Todero, Commissioned Pastor
District 4

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

Upcoming Events...

October 2019 through May 2020 - [Soup for the Soul Community Luncheon](#) - Apollo, Poke Run

February 8, 2020 - [District 4 Enrichment Day - Johnstown, Westmont](#)

February 19 - March 29, 2020 - [Seven-Week Study on Christian Responses to Addiction - Delmont](#)

February 23, 2020 - [Spaghetti Dinner - New Alexandria, Community](#)

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 Rev. Donna Havrisko, Pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church

'Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.' Luke 10:36-37

Dear Friends in Christ,

The PCUSA has a ministry with Christians in Mexico called the "Presbyterian Border Region Outreach". Part of the program is a border ministry site at Douglas, Arizona, and Agua Prieta, Mexico. Some of you may remember our partnership with *Frontera de Cristo* at Agua Prieta years ago. It was a mission that we supported as a presbytery, and some of our churches still maintain ties of friendship with *Frontera de Cristo*. However, when the humanitarian crisis erupted in Sudan, we were asked to come to the aid of the persecuted Church in that nation and we voted to give birth to the presbytery partnership we've had since 2004.

The ministries at our southern border are still vibrant ministries, and are ever more relevant with refugees flowing from ravaged and disaster-stricken countries. Last fall, I inquired about visits that we might make to *Frontera de Cristo*, and this is what Vicky Chaidez at *Frontera de Cristo* replied:

"Donna, absolutely there is an opportunity for Redstone Presbytery to visit us again. As I'm sure you know, migration is always changing, so we are looking forward to working out logistics with you.... Please let me know if you are interested in a one or three day visit, or a week long delegation. Also, please provide me with one or two potential dates and I will verify if those dates are available."

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Are there any church members who would be interested in a mission trip to the border to see how we can come alongside our brothers and sisters in Christ in that region? We can easily work out travel arrangements between Pennsylvania and Arizona/Mexico.

The Redstone Mission Network believes that a visit to renew old friendships would be educational and relevant to the ways in which Christians in the U.S. can respond to the refugee crisis.

Around Redstone

>>Third Presbyterian Church in Uniontown is searching for a Financial and Administrative Secretary. This is a 24 hour per week position to perform administrative functions of finance, accounting, record keeping and information preparation and distribution. Applicants must have strong computer literacy, preferably with proficiency using Microsoft Office, Publisher and Quick Books. Business school training and work experience as secretary or administrative assistant is desired. Send letter of application and resume to Bill Poninsky, Third Presbyterian Church, 425 Union Street, Uniontown, PA 15401.

>>The next 2020 IPLF Workshop will be held from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Redstone Presbytery Office on February 8, 2020. "Re-Thinking Atonement" with the Rev. Dr. Edwin Chr. van Driel, PTS instructing, will help us preach and teach afresh the ways the Scriptures speak about the difference that the cross makes. The New Testament draws mainly on two elements of the Old Testament to interpret Jesus' death: the sacrifices of Israel's cult (as described in Leviticus) and the figure of the suffering servant (as described in Isaiah during the time of exile). But how did first century Jews understand the sacrifices and the figure of the suffering servant? And what did they mean when they drew on these to talk about Jesus' death? And what does all of this do to our take on atonement? This workshop will help us think about these questions.

>>District 4 Enrichment Day - Saturday, February 8, 2020 at the Westmont Presbyterian Church in Johnstown. The afternoon begins at 11:15 with the Clerks of Session Review of 2019 Session minutes and registers. The afternoon sessions with your choice of two of the four: Creating Kids' Ministry in the Smaller Church Today (Cheryl Croushore, Leader), Finding Direction in Life via Discernment and Prayer (Carole Isley Corey, Leader), Differences Between the Church in Africa and the USA (Owar Ojulu, Leader), and Surprising, Sacred, Shocking: Biblical Worship and Prayer (Jim Farrer, Leader). There is no cost for the day. To register or for more information please [click here](#).

*Communicate the
 Word...*

Carry on the Work...

Change the World...

Together

**First 2020
 Presbytery Meeting**

Saturday, January 25,
 2020
 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 Maplewood
 Presbyterian Church,
 Greensburg

**Next Presbytery
 Council Meeting**

Tuesday, February 25,
 2020

This meeting will begin
 at 6:30 p.m. at the
 Presbytery office



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