

Redstone Presbytery Electronic Newsletter for April 23, 2013

Upcoming Events

- April 26 - 27, 2013 Rummage Sale/Flea Market - Mt. Pleasant, Reunion
- April 28, 2013 "Grief in the Context of Faith" presentation - Lower Burrell, Grace - 6:30
- May 1, 2013 Missionary Luncheon - Lower Burrell, Grace
- May 1, 2013 Covered Dish Dinner - New Alexandria, Congruity
- May 3, 2013 Jacob & Aliamma George Visit - Greensburg, Maplewood
- May 5, 2013 Healing Prayer Ministry Network Service of Wholeness & Healing - North Huntingdon, New Hope - 4:00 p.m. - Jacob & Aliamma George speaking afterward
- May 10, 2013 "A World of Hope" – A concert of Comfort and Healing – New Kensington, United
- May 11, 2013 Turkey Dinner - New Alexandria, Congruity
- May 17, 2013 Pastoral Care Conference - PTS
- May 18, 2013 Vendor/Craft Show - Greensburg, Westminster
- May 28, 2013 Redstone PW Retreat at Pine Springs
- June 7 - 8, 2013 PW Synod SW Regional Gathering at Jumonville Christian Center
- July 13 - 14, 2013 175th Anniversary Celebration - Vanderbilt, East Liberty
- August 24, 2013 Peach Fest - New Salem - 4:00 to 7:00

(See the website at www.redstone.org – events list – for more information on any of the upcoming events listed above)

Daily Lectionary

AM Psalms 98; 146
PM Psalms 66; 116
Jeremiah 30:10-17
Colossians 1:15-23
Luke 6:12-26

Important News Around Redstone...

→FYI we are rescheduling the Saturday 4/27 high school sexuality seminar at New Hope Presbyterian Church to a (probably summer) date TBA, in order to reach a minimum registration for optimal participation. Therefore, also please register as soon as you are able once the new event date is announced. Thank you, in prayers and care for youth.

→On Sunday, May 5th, First Presbyterian Church Johnstown will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Dedication of their church building. The sanctuary was formally dedicated on May 4, 1913 with 284 new members received.

→If you have an announcement to be included in the Announcements Loop to be shown at the May 21st meeting of Redstone Presbytery, please send it to Keith Conover -- sky.pilot1@verizon.net -- as soon as possible, prior to the deadline on Wednesday, May 15th at noon. Thank you!

→ If any church is in need of offering envelopes that would be used specifically for a new hymnal campaign, the First Presbyterian Church in Greensburg may be able to help you. Please call Martin Ankrum at 724.832.0150 if you are interested.

→ The Stated Clerk has announced the meeting dates and locations for the Review of the 2012 Session Minutes and Church Registers. They are as follows:

Tuesday, April 23, 2013 @ 7:00 p.m. - Greensburg, First

Wednesday, May 1, 2013 @ 7:00 p.m. - Delmont

Saturday, May 11, 2013 @ 9:30 a.m. - Uniontown, Trinity

→The Presbytery office has a few pieces of office furniture that need to go to good homes. The items are available are:

1 – Credenza: Black with 2 sliding doors, approximate size W36xD26xH29

1 – Wooden stand with shelf, approximate size W24xD28xH26

1 – Display rack, putty color with wood grain accents, shelves on both sides

1 – Video Projector

If you would be interested in any of these items, please let Bobbie know by calling 724.837.6737 as soon as possible. We will be donating these items to the Salvation Army or Goodwill if no one is interested in them.

→The Pine Springs Camp Presbytery Update newsletter is available at the Redstone Presbytery website at: www.redstone.org. **[Click here to read this newsletter.](#)**

Mission in the News...

The following is a list of mission trips being planned for this spring and summer. If you would be interested in becoming a part of one of these mission trips, contact the person or persons specified at each church.

May 24 – 27 Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church in Murrysville is hosting a trip for college age folks to the Shack in Morgantown, WV. Contact Steve Meyer at 724.327.0061 for more information.

June 16 – 21 Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church in Murrysville is hosting a trip to Point Pleasant Beach for Hurricane Sandy relief. Contact Roger Schneider at rogerls@comcast.net for more information.

June 23 – 27 Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church in Murrysville is hosting a YOUTH trip to Mission Ex at Pine Springs Camp. Contact Steve Meyer at 724.327.0061 for more information.

June 30 – July 7 Pine Run Presbyterian Church in Apollo is hosting a trip to Jamaica, NY for Hurricane Sandy Relief. This trip is for youth and adults (age 16 and older). Space is limited in the vans. First come first serve basis. Email the church at pinerunpresby@comcast.net or leave a message at 724.727.2125 for more information.

July 13 – 20 Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church in Murrysville is hosting a trip to MINC (Ministry in the North Country) in upstate New York for high school aged youth. Contact Steve Meyer at 724.327.0061 for more information.

July 27 – August 3 Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church in Murrysville is hosting a trip to Costa Rica. This trip is currently full.

Thoughts from the Executive Presbyter...

When I meet with engaged couples who are thinking, planning and preparing for their upcoming wedding, I ask them to note and describe (individually) what have been the “defining moments” in their relationship up to that point. Many times they are very similar events or times, but on occasion there are differences. What becomes more important for

me (and for them) is to reflect upon what makes those particular things “definitive” in the development of their relationship.

Being new to Redstone Presbytery, all of us are in that journey of developing as the “people of God” for the sake of God’s kingdom and glory. Just having a new person in this serving-leader role may be its own “defining moment” in our relationships together. Hopefully, whether in meetings or over coffee or in events together, I look forward to those events, conversations and experiences that will “define” our relationship together. Ultimately, it is my hope and prayer that we will be bound together because of who we are and who we are being formed to be in love and service to Jesus Christ.

I welcome any opportunity to get to know you better, hear what God is doing and offer whatever support, encouragement, prayer and advice that I am able by God’s grace. I invite you to “stay connected” not only through personal contacts, but using the “tools” of our day with the web pages (www.redstone.org), Twitter ([@RedstoneEP](https://twitter.com/RedstoneEP)) and blog reflections (noftzger.tumblr.com).

News in Christian Education and the Resource Center...

The Resource Center is constantly being updated. Please check the box of discarded books and VHS tapes in the vestibule to see if there is anything that you would like to add to your library. All resources are given away on a first come basis.

Triennium Gathering ~ All Triennium participants are invited to a gathering on Saturday, May 4 at 1:30 at Community Presbyterian Church in New Alexandria. Please RSVP to Teri Sauers at 724.875.7007 by May 2.

VBS ~ If you know the dates that you will be doing VBS please let me know at the Presbytery Office, resource@redstonepresbytery.com or by phone at 724.837.6737.