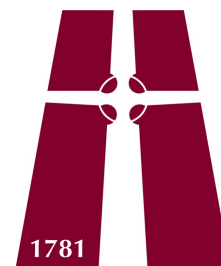


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Upcoming Events...

2nd Wednesday of Every Month: Friendship Dinner from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. - New Kensington, United

2nd Wednesday of Every Month: Soup for the Soul - Apollo, Poke Run

January 31, 2015: District 4 Enrichment Day - Johnstown, Westmont

January 31, 2015: Service of Healing for all Veterans - Apollo, Poke Run

Please go to the website at www.redstone.org and click on the "events" tab for more information on any of the upcoming events.

"See his glory; full of grace and truth" "Grace upon grace" - Reflections from the EP

While the packages may be put away and the decorations taken down(except at my house), our celebration of the Christmas event is not past. During the season of Advent preparation, we anticipate each week the coming of the One who was the "Word become flesh." Now, having been reminded and once more caught a glimpse of the "glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth,"we cannot just return to life at it was before that view.

In the words of the gospel, "from his fullness, we have received grace upon grace." With that foundational moment, history turned during a period of thirty-three years originating in Bethlehem, culminating in Jerusalem and ending at a mount called Olivet, grace came to us. A grace that would know no bounds and that would come even from heaven to earth will continue to bring to us a newness of life characterized as "grace upon grace."

In contrast to the mirror of the law that makes clear our sins and failures which could never bring us reprieve, Jesus the Anointed One brings forth grace and truth. Such grace and truth draws us into new lives not by our own power or will, but through the irresistible summoning of the Holy Spirit. Within this Christocentric-defined life, the critical "And" connects both grace and truth. Both become the fountainhead for our own actions and ways of living as Christians(little Christs) and in Christian community. As Calvin noted, grace and truth flow to us and through us.

In this season when it may appear that the celebration has ended, let us not lose sight of the grace that defines us. It remains the grace upon grace that

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empowers us to live in the name and to the glory of the One in whom the fullness of glory was present, yet who came and dwelt among us for our sakes.

Around Redstone - News in the Kingdom

If you or your congregation has an announcement to be shared with the Presbytery at its meeting on January 20th, please send the information to Keith Conover at sky.pilot1@verizon.net by (preferably before!) noon on Wednesday, January 14th. Thank you!!

Save the Date---The annual Redstone Confirmation Retreat will be take place at Pine Springs Camp on April 10-11. This is a great opportunity for your current or upcoming confirmation class to learn, be challenged about being part of the body of Christ as a Presbyterian and have fun with students from other churches.

Pastor's Reading Group-In the month of February, we will have another reading group focused on the book, Faith Speaking Understanding; Performing the Drama of Doctrine. Mark your calendars for Thursday lunches in that month. Stay tuned for more details.

Enrichment Day(District IV)-Mark your calendars and plan for an afternoon of workshops designed for leaders and youth in your congregation. Taking place at the Westmont Presbyterian Church on January 31, 2015 from noon to 4:00 p.m. Although this event is sponsored by District IV, it is open to all churches in Redstone Presbytery. (CLERKS) Please also note that there will be a minutes review session at the same location beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Annual Reports---Clerks are encouraged to not only begin the annual statistical report for the denomination, but submission of the statistics, necrology report, manse inspection and session rolls to the Presbytery office. For your convenience, in addition to the mailed materials, there is an online form on the webpage(include link) for this submission(GA statistics are still submitted through their online form). Please complete any and all relevant sections using the tabs across the top prior to selecting the "submit" button.

Resource Center---Resources available in the Redstone Presbytery Resource Center remain a valuable asset in your ministry strategy. Various members of the Presbytery are available and willing to respond to questions as subject-area experts. The online catalogue of materials is on the Presbytery website. You are able to check out resources by email request or in person in the Presbytery building.

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2015
Presbytery
Meeting
Schedule

Tuesday, January 20, 2015 - First Presbyterian Church, Greensburg
 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 21, 2015 - (Still Need Host)
 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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