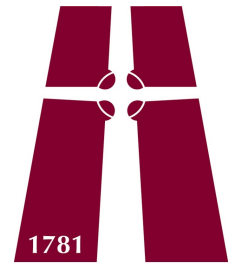


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Upcoming Events...

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

April 10-12, 2015: Women in the Woods - Pine Springs Camp

April 11, 2015: PW Spring Gathering - Smock, Pleasant View

April 18, 2015: Kiskiminetas Presbytery Spring Leadership Event

April 26, 2015: "Growing in Grace and Gratitude" - Washington Presbytery

May 12, 2015: Preaching the Old Testament - Washington Presbytery

May 26, 2015: PW Spring Retreat - Pine Springs Camp

June 18-21, 2015: PW Churchwide Gathering, Minneapolis, MN

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

"It Was (and Still Is)" - Reflections from the EP

In the midst of this week that we call "holy," we may find ourselves caught up in the hustle of preparation and activity of services. Ironically, the very practices of worship that are intended to slow us down, to offer the pause of reflection as we consider the journey of the Savior may lead to an even more hectic pace. From the waving of the palms to the dark shadows of Tennebrae, for those who are intimately involved in the planning and implementation of these services, sometimes its very purpose can be "lost" in the midst of it all.

Certainly, the importance of the opportunity to remember and re-live this critical week in the life and ministry of our Lord warrant such engagement. Whether your responsibilities this week are few or so many that they are threatening to be overwhelming, hopefully, you will find the place where you can be renewed once more by the Holy Spirit as you consider the incredible sacrifice that God incarnate, the Word made flesh, was willing to endure for us. And, when you reach Easter morning, it will not merely be relief, but the heartfelt celebration of the One who conquered even death and is the first fruits of our own assured victory.

Valuable as our traditions are, they are intended to guide and lead us back to that realization that it was and is all about Jesus. In one of the poems of Ann Weems ("It's Still about Jesus), she writes the following:

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No matter how we dilute the word of God,
 It's about Jesus.
 No matter how we cover the dangerous Truth of the gospel,
 It's about Jesus.
 No matter how we pretty up the story,
 It's about Jesus.
 No matter how many times we distract ourselves with meetings
 And church work and the good ole Stewardship Campaign
 It's still about Jesus,
 Jesus, the Lamb of God,
 Jesus the Light of the world,
 Jesus, the Bread of Life,
 Jesus, the Prince of Peace,
 Jesus, the One chosen to bring the good news to the poor,
 Jesus, the one sent to proclaim liberty to the captives
 and to set free the oppressed.

2015 Presbytery Meeting Schedule

**Tuesday, May 19,
2015**
 United Presbyterian
 Church, West
 Newton
 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

**Tuesday,
September 15,
2015**
 Laurel Hill
 Presbyterian Church,
 Dunbar
 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

**Tuesday,
November 17,
2015**
 Rehoboth
 Presbyterian Church,
 Belle Vernon -
 hosted by Harmony
 Presbyterian Church
 9:30 a.m. to 4:00
 p.m.

Jesus is my shepherd
 I shall not
 I shall not want.

Around Redstone - News in the Kingdom

>>>**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. **SIGN UP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!!**

>>>**Redstone Community Events -**

>>>**The Recap of the March 21, 2015 meeting of Presbytery** is now available by [clicking here](#).

>>>**We are still taking orders (until April 30) for the 2015/2016 Presbyterian Planning Calendars.** The order form is available from the presbytery website at www.redstone.org. You will see the link on the home page. Get your orders in to Bobbie as soon as possible to get in on the bulk rate for this year's calendars.

>>>**Background Clearances - As a result of Act 153 of 2014 Pennsylvania** General Assembly, it is important that each congregation that has a ministry program(s) that involves children and youth become familiar with the new law pertaining to child abuse. Among other items, requirements for background clearances are specified both in expanding the definition of employees and inclusion of volunteers having "direct contact with children."

All criminal background documentation should be collected and retained in a safe and secure location in case needed for future use. Pastors, please send your clearances to the Presbytery office as soon as possible to be retained in your file.

>>>**There will be Presbytery Wide PDA Mission trip April 12 - 18, 2015.** There

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are still places available. Contact Judy Koontz at the Community United Presbyterian Church in New Alexandria at 724.668.7752 for more information.

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