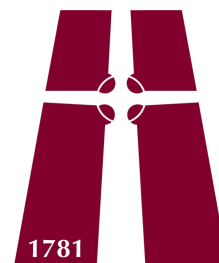


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>Pleasant Grove Presbyterian Church, Ligonier, John McClure, Moderator District 4

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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

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

May 16, 2015: Apollo, Poke Run Strawberry Festival

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

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

August 1, 2015: Redstone Presbytery "FUN DAY" at Pine Springs Camp

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

Prayer Requests

>>>**The Rev. Roland Catterall**, an honorably retired pastor here in Redstone, passed away on Thursday, April 23. He was 85 years old. Roland is survived by his wife Darlene and daughter, Nancy. Visitation will be from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, May 1 at Harris Funeral Home, 500 Cherry Lane, Johnstown. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 2 at the First Presbyterian Church, Windber. A meal will be provided after the memorial service. Condolences may be sent to Darlene at 100 Salmon Avenue, Johnstown, PA 15904.

>>>**This email was received from the Board of Pensions** on Monday, April 27:

Dear Friends in Christ,

It is with a mixture of sadness and celebration that we announce the death of The Rev. Ernesto Badillo, Regional Representative to the Synods of the Covenant, the Trinity, and Boriquen. After a battle with cancer for more than two years, Ernesto died on Sunday, April 26, completing his baptism and entering life eternal. We are sad because of the deep sense of loss we share. At the same time, we celebrate as we thank God for his life of faithful service and for the promise of resurrection. I am confident that he was greeted by our Lord: "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Please know that we are working quickly to provide ongoing service to you and your region. Contact us at The Board of Pensions with your needs. For service matters, please contact our Member Service staff at 800-773-7752. For Church

>**Puckety Presbyterian Church, Lower Burrell, Kirk Orr, Pastor District 1**

Relations matters, including the scheduling of events in your region, please contact the Church Relations office at the same number or at 215-587-7287.

Grace and peace,

John G. McFayden, Vice President, Church Relations

Also, this is an excerpt from an email from the Synod of the Trinity:

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Rev. Gary Close

Stated Clerk

Bobbie Martin

Office Administrator/
Bookkeeper

Our prayers go out to his wife Angie and son Ernesto Jr. A service of Witness to the Resurrection for Ernesto will be held Saturday, May 2, at 3 p.m. at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 499 Marlton Pike East, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034. The service will be followed by a greeting of the family and light refreshments. Teaching Elders are invited to wear robes and colorful stoles.

Ernesto started at the Board of Pensions in 1992 and also served the Synods of the Covenant (in Texas) and Boroquin (Puerto Rico). He was pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Old San Juan, Puerto Rico, before joining the Board. In addition to serving as a regional representative, Ernesto had also served as account executive for the Affiliated Benefits Program, manager of the Regional Service team and regional administrator for Member Services.

Anyone wishing to continue to honor him can do so through the Presbyterian Mission Exchange.

The address for the Badillo family is 11 Woodstone Drive, Voorhees, NJ 08043.

Please keep the families and friends of these two faithful servants in your prayers at this time of loss.

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Around Redstone

>>>**If you have an announcement for the announcements loop** at the next Presbytery meeting on Tuesday, May 19 at the United Presbyterian Church in West Newton, please email Laura Blank at laurabblank@gmail.com by...

>>>**Through various grants and donations**, the Leisenring Presbyterian Church was able to install an access ramp. Rick Watson, Commissioned Lay Pastor, said, "It is truly a joy to share for a small church and we give God all the glory and praise!"

>>>**Mantle House Mission**, West Newton, was recently notified that it had been awarded a \$5,000 grant from the Presbyterian Women Thank Offering.

The Thank Offering is a Presbyterian Women offering collected in the fall of each year that gives women a tangible way to express their gratitude for the special blessings in their lives.

The Mantle House Mission statement reads: "Our Mission is to provide a loving home environment for homeless or near homeless adults, ages 18-24 years, using Biblical principles as a guide to assist them as they transition through the passageway to adulthood."

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.

***Communicate
the Word...***

***Carry on the
Work...***

***Change the
World...***

Together

For more information about Mantle House, contact Marci Elsbury, President at 724.872.1800 or 724.872.7119.

>>>LET'S GET READY FOR SUMMER CAMP 2015..."Red-Up Work Day" at Pine Springs Camp is Saturday, May 9, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. PSC will provide the main course for lunch; participants and/or groups should bring a pot-luck item to pass (salad, chips, desserts, etc.). Please contact the PSC Office for more information or to let them know you are coming by calling 814.629.9834 or emailing pscdirector48@gmail.com. Free overnight accommodations are available on Friday!

>>>BIG TENT...Big Tent; a conference that will inspire and equip Presbyterians to live missionally. Experience that deep sense of community one would expect at a national gathering of Presbyterians-a great big family reunion! Join them for worship, bible study, displays of the PC(USA) agencies, and a wide variety of workshops and other activities. All are welcome! There are special Big Tent programs for children and youth. Discover a Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) that is more exciting, more diverse, and more faithful than you ever imagined. Big Tent will inspire you and make you proud to be Presbyterian.

Big Tent will be held July 30-August 1, 2015, on the campus of the University of Tennessee Knoxville (UT). The campus is adjacent to the World's Fair Park and near downtown Knoxville. UT's compact campus offers excellent facilities for the Big Tent worship services and other activities. The availability of economical dormitory housing and the campus meal service are helping to make this Big Tent affordable for all.

For more information call 1.888.728.7228 x 2417 or go to www.pcusa.org/bigtent.

>>>PDA Responds to earthquake in Nepal...Thousands are dead or injured from the massive earthquake and aftershocks that shook Nepal and neighboring countries on April 25th. The quake, the worst in more than 80 years, struck just west of the capital of Kathmandu and destroyed towns and mountainous villages. The government of Nepal has officially requested international assistance and declared a state of emergency.

PDA Response...Presbyterian Disaster Assistance's (PDA) local partners through ACT Alliance have been working in Nepal for several years and are on the ground assisting many who have survived the quake by distributing immediate life-saving supplies such as water, food, shelter and medication. PDA is committed to the long-term response. As long-term recovery plans are developed, PDA will accompany and further financially support our partners in the area to ensure a comprehensive recovery is sustained.

>>>2016 Mission Yearbook of Prayer and Study...we were recently informed that there will no longer be "hard copies" available for the 2016 and subsequent years of the Mission Yearbook. Beginning in 2016, the Presbyterian Mission Yearbook is transitioning to an online resource and will be available at no cost. Mission Yearbook stories will be featured daily and prominently on the website, which will be undergoing a major overhaul. They will still feature compelling stories of Presbyterian mission from across the country and around the world. Evolving the yearbook into this new format gives them greater flexibility and allows stories to be more timely.

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