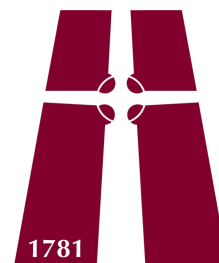


# Presbytery of Redstone

## eNews



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Aleda Menchyk,  
Moderator  
District 3

>Middle Presbyterian  
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Linda Snyder, Pastor  
District 2

>Reunion Presbyterian  
Church, Mt. Pleasant,  
Sue Washburn, Stated  
Supply  
District 2

>First Presbyterian  
Church, Murrysville,  
Chuck MacPherson,  
Pastor; Chris Dericks,  
Associate Pastor  
District 1

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

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**Rev. Skip Noftzger**

### Upcoming Events...

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

June 25, 2015: Academy Chamber Ensemble String Quartet - Latrobe, Unity  
Chapel

July 16, 2015: Airplay - WSO Woodwind Quintet - Latrobe, Unity Chapel

July 18, 2015: Mission Tea for STOP HUNGER NOW - New Alexandria, Congruity

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

Please go to the website at [www.redstone.org](http://www.redstone.org) and click on the "events"  
tab for more information on any of the upcoming events.

### "Rest and Renewal" - Reflections from the EP

With the "official" beginning of summer, I hope that each of you are taking the time to not only enjoy the weather, but to relax, to reflect upon our journey, and to be renewed. Such renewal is not only necessary for us personally, but often as congregations and even as a presbytery. It is not that we are either neglecting or avoiding the tasks to which God has called us, but in these Sabbatical patterns (whether weekly, annually or in some other form), we take time to recognize and honor our dependence upon our God for them.

"Rest" and renewal offer us the opportunity to pray in ways where the urgency of our petitions do not drown out listening to that "still small voice." When we take more regular and extensive time to pray, we might even hear God breaking through to speak to us about what the Lord is doing among us. Perhaps, our desires may be shaped to conform to the Lord's intentions for us, both individually and collectively.

In The Jesus Way, Peterson refers to the first prayer recorded after the church came into being on the day of Pentecost. Having been released from prison and warned not to preach (a warning they acknowledged they could not heed in order to be right in God's sight), with their friends they offered a prayer grounded in the second Psalm. For Peterson, he describes this prayer as the "signature prayer of the resurrection community, who were filled with the fire of the Holy Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead, but without raising their arms in violence." The prayer embodies both the confidence and humility that our God is sovereign and neither requires nor expects that we would succumb to violence or even more subtle forms of seeking to control (even with noble intentions). Through this exemplary prayer noted by Peterson, we are also

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### Next Presbytery Meeting

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

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reminded "that the only way that we can follow in the way of Jesus is by being personal participants--- not just by thinking right thoughts or by carrying out assigned tasks, but prayerfully and believably involved in the very lives with who, name by name, face by face, God is involved."

Prayer is not an "add on" or a feature of the lives of super-Christians. It is and remains the way in which we live and communicate our dependence upon our God.....for everything. This summer, I invite you take time to pray, to embody your trust upon the Lord who not only created and redeems us, but cares for us and this world beyond what we could even imagine. Listen to God's desires and leading for us personally and together as a presbytery. Seek to know what God is doing in our midst and where the Lord might be inviting us to participate as trusting servants. And most of all during these summer months, rest not merely from work or routine or expectations, but rest and be renewed ..... in the Lord.

### Around Redstone

>>**Prayer and Support**.....Continue to pray for all those affected by the violence in South Carolina and in particular our brothers and sisters of the Emmanuel AME Church. Read the [response](#) of our leaders within the PCUSA.

>>**The New Alexandria Ministerial Association** is holding an ecumenical service of prayer, remembrance, and hope after the Charleston tragedy on Sunday evening, June 28, at 7 pm, at the New Alexandria United Methodist Church, 106 Washington St, New Alexandria. All are welcomed!

>>**Wee Kirk-October 12-14**.....Online registration is available at [www.fellowship.community](http://www.fellowship.community) or brochures are in the Presbytery office.

>>**South Sudan emergency relief**.....The conflict situation in South Sudan continues, leaving thousands seeking shelter in refugee camps where hunger becomes the next enemy. The Mission Committee of Redstone received an impassioned plea for emergency food assistance from the Moderator of the South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church. Please respond to this critical need by sending financial support to the Presbytery designated for South Sudan emergency relief.

>>**Pine Springs Camp** is still receiving registrations for a number of weekly camps this summer. Don't miss out on the opportunity for your students to participate in "The Search."

>>**Glory to God**.....Need a new Presbyterian hymnal for your small church? GLORY TO GOD is now available in money-saving bundles for our small churches. [PCUSA Store](#)

>>**Redstone "Fun" Day**.....Mark your calendars (August 1; 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.) for a fun day at Pine Springs Camp. There will be opportunities to enjoy the camp facilities and be together. Please RSVP by emailing [revatondora@atlanticbbn.net](mailto:revatondora@atlanticbbn.net).

>>**FREE Piano**.....The Cresson Presbyterian Church has a recently refurbished piano that needs a good home. The piano is a Schmolter & Mueller (piano mfg. Co., Omaha, NE) and is approximately 5 feet tall. They had a piano tuner look at it and he said it will need tuned. They are hoping a church, nursing home, or camp would need it. It will need picked up at the church. They have an elevator to get it to the street level easily. Please contact either Amie Lumadue at 814.931.9732 or Cathy Vargo at 814.886.7559 if you are interested.

>>**The Presbyterian Women's group of Community United Presbyterian Church** (New Alexandria) is desiring to hear from interested and available

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handbell choirs who would be able to play at their December gathering (Wed, Dec 2, 7 pm in the church sanctuary). A stipend would be offered to the performing handbell choir. Interested directors should contact Anna Jean Carnahan, program coordinator, at 724-668-2574, or email the church at [cup.newalex@gmail.com](mailto:cup.newalex@gmail.com).

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