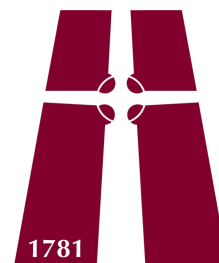


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Upcoming Events...

August 29, 2015: Peach Festival - West Newton, Sewickley United
September 19, 2015: Hamloaf Dinner - New Alexandria, Community United
September 28 - November 18, 2015: After school QUEST - Murrysville,
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October 4 - 6, 2015: PW New Windsor Trip
October 24, 2015: PW Fall Gathering - New Florence, Trinity
October 31, 2015: STOP HUNGER NOW Meal-Packing Event - New Alexandria,
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Please go to the website at www.redstone.org and click on the "events"
tab for more information on any of the upcoming events.

"Questions to Ponder; Vows to Keep-"Do's and Will's?" - Reflections from the EP

Nine questions were posed. Nine questions were answered with the appropriate response of "I do" or "I will." It is altogether too easy to remember it as a distant memory until the next installation where we may be called to affirm once more...."I do" and "I will." Yet, beyond those intervals of renewal, should we not continue to ponder the significance and responsibility of our obligatory answers.

"Do you...." "Will you....." The questions posed to many of us when we answered and testified to the call of God in our lives in "ordered ministry." Responding within the context of a local congregation or a presbytery, we stood before others and declared both our present convictions and our future commitments. Whether Deacon or Elder(Teaching or Ruling), we pledged ourselves before the Lord God and the people from that day forward in our life of leadership within this body of Christ.

Nine question..... Nine answers that assume a grace-filled and Spirit-supported response of commitment both then and now. Before moving on to the tasks of leadership and calling, first, the foundation must be secured. The affirmations of the first three queries that drive and shape our very purposes of leadership within the Church that must lay the groundwork for what is to follow. Without such identity and mission, all other responses merely acknowledge a commitment to organizational leadership no different than any other group.

At the "heart" of our vows, we are asked to identify first and foremost in

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relationship to our Triune God.

"Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Saviour, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in on God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit?"

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Before we jump too fast into leadership and responsibility and fixing all the things of the church where we participate, we must first stop, reflect and respond "whose" we are. Proclaiming clearly our trust in our Saviour and Lord reminds us in the midst of our plans and our agendas; our structures and strategies; our hopes and our goals; that we are not our own, but we are those who come, who love, who serve, because Jesus the Christ came and loved and served us first(and still does).

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Around Redstone

>>**Memorial Service** - the Memorial Service for Dr. Norma Small will be at First Presbyterian Church Johnstown on Saturday, September 5 at 11:00 am. Everyone is invited to stay for lunch in the Social Hall afterward. If possible, please email 1stpresiohnstown@atlanticbbn.net if you will attend. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to First Presbyterian Church of Johnstown and earmarked for the Sudan people.

>>**Announcements Loop** - What moments in ministry and mission brought you joy this summer? Hopefully someone in your congregation was able to capture some of those in pictures! As we fast approach our September presbytery meeting, please find your best photos from your summer activities (bible school, mission trips, strawberry festivals, installations, Pine Springs, outdoor worship, etc.) and send them to Laura Blank by September 8th. (If you plan to send any pictures of minors, please ensure that you have already obtained a media release from their parent/guardian.) The best pictures are close shots of individuals or small groups and "action shots". The goal is to have a compilation of lots of smiling faces in the midst of serving Christ. These photos will be projected prior to the meeting while we gather, so we can celebrate how Christ has been at work in Redstone. Also, if you have announcements about upcoming events, please send them to Laura by September 8! Send to: aurabblank@gmail.com.

>>**Pastor Book Study** - *Union with Christ; Reframing Theology and Ministry for the Church* - Join with other pastors on Thursdays (September) at 12:00 noon in the Presbytery office, in fellowship and discussions based upon the book. If you need us to order for you a copy of the book, please let us know.

>>**Call to Health** - Each year, the Board of Pensions provides an opportunity for its participants to become more integrally involved in their own health management. By completing the "Call to Health" online, a medical insurance participant can reduce his/her annual deductible. The ending date for this period is September 30.

>>**2016 Youth Triennium** - "GO into the world and make disciples" (presbyterianyouthtriennium.org)

**Upcoming
Presbytery
Meeting**

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

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

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

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

Together



>>**Save the Date** - Confirmation Retreat at Pine Springs Camp, April 8-9, 2016.

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