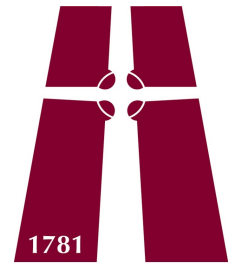


# Presbytery of Redstone

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### Upcoming Events...

September 19, 2015: Hamloaf Dinner - New Alexandria, Community United

September 28 - November 18, 2015: After school QUEST - Murrysville,  
Newlonsburg

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,  
Community United

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.

### "Questions to Ponder; Vows to Keep-" 'Authority in believing, doing, leading' "- Reflections from the EP

Each semester when I taught Biblical studies, I would initiate a little oral quiz for my students who dared enough to take my version of the class for their general requirements. Although not graded, I would offer them a variety of sentences and phrases that communicated a thought or axiom that might have been repeated often in our society. Often, these nuggets of wisdom were associated with what many commonly assumed were part of the Scriptures. As I offered them examples, their task was to decide if this was or was not part of the Old or New Testament Scriptures. Invariably, many sayings were believed to be part of the Bible, even though they were not. Lest you think that the problem of Biblical literacy exists only for undergraduates, I would refer you to the latest results of the Bible Content Exam noted by the Office of Preparation for Ministry(<http://www.pcusa.org/blogs/prep4min>).

While it is not our goal, and never has been, to turn the Bible into a sourcebook for trivia, familiarity is essential to faithful life and practice. No doubt, there is the ongoing temptation for us to take and use it for our own purposes, having it "say" those things in affirmation of our own ideas and notions about life. Yet, we know that the only escape from such easy seduction remains the diligent Spirit-led immersion in the Scriptures within the context of the community of Christ (even those with whom we have trouble agreeing about what it means).

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## 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***

## Around Redstone

>>Long-time secretary at Jeannette retires - click [here](#) to read article.

>>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](http://presbyterianyouthtriennium.org)) Click here for a bulletin insert to be used in your church.

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

>>McClure Lectures in World Mission and Evangelism - The annual McClure Lectures will be held Sept. 21-22 and feature Graham Cray, honorary bishop of the Diocese of York and former leader of Fresh Expressions in the UK, who will address "Authentic Church - Contextual Church." Schedule: Sept. 21, 11:30 a.m. Chapel / 4:00 p.m. "Gospel, Culture and Church Planting: Insights from the Fresh Expressions Initiative" / 7:30 p.m. "The Church Rediscovered Through Mission: Characteristics of a Mission-Shaped Church" / Sept. 22, 11:30 a.m. Chapel. Additionally, the World Mission Initiative dinner will be held Sept. 21 at 6:00 p.m. and cost is \$15 per person. The details are available at [http://www.pts.edu/McClure\\_2015](http://www.pts.edu/McClure_2015). The lectures are free and open to the public. The McClure Lectures kick off our Missionpalooza which also includes Members of God's Household and the Teacher Training Workshop.

>>The Presbyterian Historical Society is featuring an article on John Huss, as this year is the 600th anniversary of his death (being burned at the stake.) Jan Hus (Czech spelling) was the Czech priest and reformer who fought for many Protestant ideas **before** there were Protestants, and was a full century ahead of Luther. The article, which includes two period illustrations, is on-line and can be found here...

<http://www.history.pcusa.org/blog/2015/07/remembering-jan-hus>

>>Latrobe Presbyterian Church still has blue hymnals available for churches in Redstone. Also, we have 20 bell choir robes with cuffed sleeves for sale. Burgundy/Cranberry Red with White Stoles. Various sizes. Cleaned and in excellent condition. They are 12 years old. \$25 per robe. Sold as an entire group. Picture can be texted or emailed upon request. Contact [Mike Long](#) or 724-537-3631 X15 if you are interested or for more information.

>>PSC has 3 great Fall retreats for YOU and Your family:

Women in the Woods - September 18-19,2015; the BIGone - September 25-27, 2015; Fall Fusion - October 3-4, 2015. Go to the Pine Springs Camp website [homepage](#) for more information on each retreat.

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