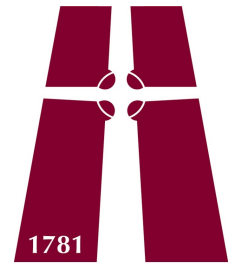


# Presbytery of Redstone

## eNews



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### Quick Links

### Upcoming Events...

October 17, 2015: Rummage Sale - Apollo, Poke Run  
October 24, 2015: PW Fall Gathering - New Florence, Trinity  
October 31, 2015: STOP HUNGER NOW Meal-Packing Event - New Alexandria, Community United  
October 31, 2015: Bereavement Seminar - Johnstown, First  
November 14, 2015: Let it Shine Blacklight Puppetry Ministry - Irwin, West Hempfield

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-" 'Fulfilling the Call' "- Reflections from the EP

***"Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?"***

When we ordain someone for ministry and service, we respond to God's call. We set them apart for a particular purpose. While all those in Christ have been called to love and serve in the ministry of Christ's reign, some have been called to particular roles within the Church. In Ephesians, after noting the unity of the Spirit, the apostle affirms that "each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift," but also continues with the proclamation that "the gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers." Such gifts and accompanying callings exist not for their own sake, but "to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for the building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ."

Within our local congregations, we offer ourselves in response to the ordination questions. We vow that this calling will be ours, not by our own strength, or power or skill, but in submission to Jesus Christ. The "fulfillment of "our" ministry (as elders and deacons alike) will be judged by a single standard. Are we responding in obedience to Jesus Christ? Within our individual contexts, the faithful response to complicated issues and concerns can sometimes vary tremendously. Possible responses may appear to be ambiguous with no simple right or wrong apparent to us all. Nonetheless, the

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defining "norm" by which we seek to serve is characterized not by what is strategic or by what is traditional or by what is popular or by what is convenient, but by what is obedient to the Lord Jesus Christ. No doubt, we can all "jump too quickly" to conclude that we know what obedience requires. Interestingly, it can too easily look just like what we wanted in the first place (imagine that!). Yet, while each one of us answers the question only for ourselves, we respond knowing that this obedience will be known and worked within the context of the saints, both past and present.

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## Around Redstone

### Upcoming Presbytery Meeting

**Tuesday,  
November 17,  
2015**

**Being held** at the  
Rehoboth  
Presbyterian Church,  
Belle Vernon  
**Being hosted** by the  
Harmony  
Presbyterian Church,  
Belle Vernon  
9:30 a.m. to 4:00  
p.m.

>> **The Presbyterian Historical Society** has prepared a bulletin insert for Reformation Sunday, Oct. 25. The insert tells the story of John Huss, the Czech reformer who was burned at the stake at the Council of Constance in 1415.

Jan Hus (Czech spelling) espoused many Protestant ideas before there were Protestants, and was a full century ahead of Luther. It is fitting to remember this great reformer and learn a little more about him in this 600th anniversary year of his death. The PHS insert is available in both full-page and half-page versions and can be downloaded here...

<http://www.history.pcusa.org/history-online/presbyterian-history/reformation-sunday/reformation-sunday-2015>

>> **Stewardship Kaleidoscope Conference** - San Antonio, TX, February 29 - March 2, 2016. Click [here](#) for more information.

>> **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.

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