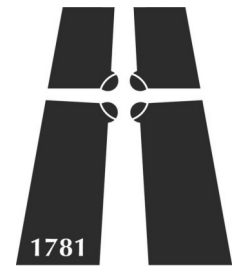


# Presbytery of Redstone

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### Upcoming Events...

2nd Wednesday of Every Month: Friendship Dinner - New Kensington, United  
October through May: "Soup for the Soul" luncheon - Apollo, Poke Run  
November 14, 2015: Let it Shine Blacklight Puppetry Ministry - Irwin, West  
Hempfield  
November 21, 2015: Dollar Spaghetti Dinner for the Community - Apollo, Poke  
Run  
November 28, 2015: "Questions and Doubt" Healing Service - Apollo, Poke Run  
December 4, 5, and 6, 2015: 32nd Annual Festival of the Nativity - Johnstown,  
First  
December 5, 2015: Breakfast with Santa - Apollo, Poke Run

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-" *Walk the Walk*"- Reflections from the EP



***"Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?"***

In much of the writings on leadership, advice is offered on becoming a person of vision or facilitating teamwork or on developing and using your strengths. Each of these insights (and plenty of others) may have their place not only in the fulfillment of "ordered ministry," but in any exercise of personal influence. Yet, what may be critical to any leadership effectiveness expressed through knowledge, perspective and skills is the level of credibility that person brings to the task.

As we reflect upon these questions that we have answered, the promises that we have made, the challenge remains in that simple inquiry. When we answered "I will," is such personal commitment being lived out not merely in some professional responsibility, but in who I am; what I do; how I live? For I have not only made promises concerning what I believe(do you) and the way I will function in this role of ruling/teaching elder(will you), but I have also

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before God and others committed to "walk the walk."

The promise to seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love my neighbors and work for the reconciliation of the world knows no end in this world. Too often, the assumption might be made that my faithful efforts on behalf of Christ within the Church surely must "carry over" as counting for my own loving of Christ and neighbor. Certainly related, yet they are not the same. Particularly, in the world of "religious professionals," one can find the activity of ministry acting as a substitute for our own following and loving.

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## Around Redstone (and beyond)

>>**Mission Fair** ~ There will be a mission fair at the Presbytery meeting being held at the Rehoboth Presbyterian Church on November 17. Congregations are encouraged to create displays of the outreach that they are engaged in so that folks can see all of the great things that Redstone congregations are doing! Please share this and work with the members of your church that are involved in mission. Thanks for your help.

>>**Pine Springs Camp "Friends" Dinner**, November 22, 2015; Willow Room, Belle Vernon. Please contact Greg Davis at 814.629.9834.

>>**Mission trip opportunities through World Mission Initiative:** World Mission Initiative at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary has limited spaces available for mission trips to Israel/Palestine(2/29-3/10), Mexico border(2/29-3/7), Kenya(6/20-7/2) and other places. New deadlines are November 15, **so act quickly**. More details and registration information can be found online([www.worldmissioninitiative.org](http://www.worldmissioninitiative.org))

>>**Free Advent Devotional:** Pittsburgh Theological Seminary faculty, staff, and students have prepared a free Advent devotional. It is available for download at [www.pts.edu/devotional](http://www.pts.edu/devotional).

>>**Stewardship Kaleidoscope Conference;** February 29-March 2; San Antonio, Texas <http://stewardshipkaleidoscope.org/conference/>

>>**Save the Date** - Confirmation Retreat at Pine Springs Camp, April 8-9, 2016. Register your group of students through the Presbytery office.

### >>**Continuing Education events at PTS:**

Proclamation & Hope with Lisa Thompson, November 18

The Diversity of Hope with John Welch, December 9

Finding Hope at Life's End with Scott Fuller, January 20

ONLINE CLASS - "Ezekiel - Prophet of the Presence and Absence of God", Steven Tuell, 1/11-2/5/16

For more information about any of these events, please see: [www.pts.edu/continuing-education](http://www.pts.edu/continuing-education).

## Upcoming Presbytery Meeting

**Tuesday,  
November 17,  
2015**

Rehoboth  
Presbyterian Church,  
Belle Vernon  
9:30 a.m. to 4:00  
p.m.

*Communicate the  
Word...*

*Carry on the Work...*

*Change the World...*

*Together*

