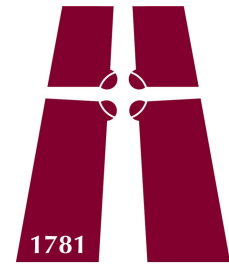


# Presbytery of Redstone

## eNews



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District 3

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Martin Ankrum, Pastor;  
Nicole Brodeur, Assoc.  
Pastor  
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District 2

>Westminster  
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Ronald Durika, Assoc.  
Pastor  
District 2

### Upcoming Events...

2nd Wednesday of Every Month: Friendship Dinner - New Kensington, United  
October through May: "Soup for the Soul" luncheon - Apollo, Poke Run  
November 28, 2015: "Questions and Doubt" Healing Service - Apollo, Poke Run  
December 2, 2015: A Christmas Gathering and Nativity Displays - New  
Alexandria, Community  
December 4, 5, and 6, 2015: 32nd Annual Festival of the Nativity - Johnstown,  
First  
December 5, 2015: Breakfast with Santa - Apollo, Poke Run  
December 5, 2015: Bake and Soup Sale - Leisenring

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-" 'D: All of the Above'- Reflections from the EP



*"Do you promise the peace, unity, and purity of the church?"*

Making your way through school (and sometimes life) usually requires the completion of some type of examination to validate your learning. These "tests" could consist of a wide range of either essays, or short answer, or multiple choice, or true/false questions. Of course, my preference was based upon the assumption that I would at least have a chance by educated "guessing." Yet, sometimes those questions offered choices that were not mutually exclusive. You know the type, it could be A, B, C, or D, labeled "all of the above." I don't know about you, but my temptation as a student was to mostly opt for "D", all of the above. It just seemed like: why would it be included if that was not the answer.

In today's questions to ponder, vows to keep, I am reminded of the same scenario in our own promises. In other words, to place it within the framework of the multiple choice test, it might read like this:

In the ordered ministry of the church, should you further the...

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- A. Peace
- B. Unity
- C. Purity
- D. All of the above

No doubt, many of us could make a persuasive argument for any one of the first three both based upon the Scriptures, the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and the particular needs of today's context. And, we would be right! The trouble is that in comparison with the "all of the above," it seems like a truncated version of our call to faithful pursuit of all three concurrently in leadership. Pledging to "further" the "peace, unity, and purity" places us in a position of: How do we keep from pursuing one or even two and neglect the other(s)? Too often, we assume and act like they are a "zero sum" game. We focus on fulfilling the one that draws us most. Yet, the Lord has called and we have answered "yes" to our pledge to further all three within the church.

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## Around Redstone (and beyond)

>>**The Presbytery office will be closed Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27. We wish you all a blessed Thanksgiving.**

>>**The Synod of the Trinity** featured Redstone Presbytery's recent trip to the Holy Land on their website. Click [here](#) to read more.

>>**Save the Date** - The District IV Enrichment Day will be held on Saturday, January 30, 2016 at the Westmont Presbyterian Church. This will also be the first opportunity for clerks of session to have their minutes reviewed. This is not only for District IV folks. Others are also invited to attend. More information will follow when the details have been finalized.

>>**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).

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

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).

>>**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))

>>**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.

## Upcoming Presbytery Meeting

**Saturday,  
January 16, 2016**

Maplewood  
Presbyterian Church,  
Greensburg  
1:00 p.m. to 4:00  
p.m.

*Communicate the  
Word...*

*Carry on the Work...*

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

***Together***

Register your group of students through the Presbytery office.

>>**2016 Presbyterian Youth Triennium** - July 19-23, 2016. Go to the homepage of the Presbytery website at [www.redstone.org](http://www.redstone.org) for more information.

