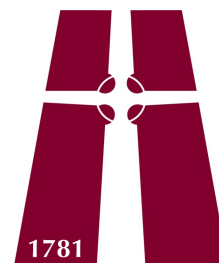


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Upcoming Events...

2nd Wednesday of Every Month: Friendship Dinner - New Kensington, United
October through May: "Soup for the Soul" luncheon - Apollo, Poke Run

February 14, 2016: Spaghetti Dinner - New Alexandria, Community United
March 12, 2016: Spaghetti Dinner - Irwin, West Hempfield
March 19, 2016: Easter Vendor and Craft Show - Derry
April 16, 2016: PW Spring Gathering - Delmont
May 24, 2016: PW Spring Retreat - Pine Springs Camp

Please go to the website at www.redstone.org and click on the "events" tab for more information on any of the upcoming events.

"The Lenten Journey"- Reflections from the EP



Each year, as we begin this season of Lent, I try to identify and use some type of devotional intended for that purpose. There are many available, including some through seminaries and churches that you can access online easily. This year, I went to my bookshelves and pulled down a book that I had from a few years back, but had not used in previous Lenten journeys. With daily readings, [Way Words](#) will walk me through this year's journey. On this Ash Wednesday, it begins with the query, "where are you going?" Using that call to Abraham to a promised, but unknown land that the Lord "will show them," John Indermark challenges me (and you) to set that faith-walk in motion, not merely based upon remembrance and ritual, but renewal in the new way that is offered again and again to us.

He asks the question of us, "where are you going this Lent? Are you on your way **to** a story you know by heart? Or are you on your way **in** a story meant to change your heart?" (p.13)

Those are questions with which we all must wrestle both as individuals and as congregations. Grounded in that initial distinctive and Messianic journey of Jesus to a place of sacrifice, we must reflect upon and answer that question; "where are going this Lent?"

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The closing prayer of that Ash Wednesday devotional reading is the following:

"God, as I begin Lent's journey, help me trust your gracious companionship upon it. Wherever this way may lead, may I find-and be found in-you."

That is my prayer and I hope yours as well as we make this journey anew this year. Amen.

Around Redstone

**Next
 Presbytery
 Meeting**

**Tuesday, March
 15, 2016**

Westmont
 Presbyterian Church,
 Johnstown
 1:00 p.m. to 4:00
 p.m.

>>**2015 Annual Statistical Report** - The deadline for filing the 2015 Annual Statistical Report to General Assembly is **February 12, 2016**. Please submit your report as soon as possible. The system will close at midnight; please don't wait until the last minute or site "traffic" may lock you out. If you have questions about filing this report electronically, or need assistance in completing it, please don't hesitate to contact either Skip or Bobbie at the Presbytery office.

>>**2016 Youth Triennium - Registrations and deposits are due in the Presbytery office right away. If you have youth members planning on going, please let us know.** "GO into the world and make disciples" (presbyterianyouthtriennium.org). Go to the [Redstone Presbytery](#) website homepage for a bulletin insert and flyer to be used in your church.

>>**Save the Date** - Confirmation Retreat at Pine Springs Camp, April 8-9, 2016. Registrations are beginning. Send information to the office or call and let us know your number of participants for planning purposes.

**Communicate
 the Word...**

**Carry on the
 Work...**

**Change the
 World...**

Together

>>**Mission Trips** - Is your congregation planning a Mission Trip for this Spring/Summer? If so, please let the Presbytery office know about the dates, locations, and the availability to include others so we may post them on the Presbytery website.

>> **Session Minutes Review Dates** - three additional dates have been set for review of 2015 Session Minutes and Registers. They are:

Wednesday, February 24, 2016 - 6:00 p.m. at the Presbytery Office.

Tuesday, March 15, 2016 - 11:30 a.m. at the Westmont Presbyterian Church in Johnstown. This is immediately prior to the March Presbytery meeting.

Tuesday, April 19, 2016 - 6:00 p.m. at the Congruity Presbyterian Church in New Alexandria.

Other dates and locations will be forwarded to you as they are determined.

