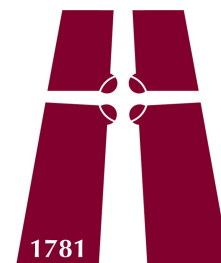


# Presbytery of Redstone

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>Trinity Presbyterian Church, New Florence, Carole Isley Corey, Interim Pastor District 4

>United Presbyterian Church, New Kensington, Wendy Keys, Pastor District 1

>New Salem Presbyterian Church, Bill Wiegand, Commissioned Ruling Elder District 3

>New Hope Presbyterian Church, North Huntingdon, Brenda Barnes, Interim Pastor District 2

>Patton Presbyterian Church, David McCabe, Pastor District 4

### Upcoming Events...

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

- March 12, 2016: Spaghetti Dinner - Irwin, West Hempfield
- March 19, 2016: Easter Vendor and Craft Show - Derry
- March 25, 2016: Good Friday Breakfast - Johnstown, First
- April 11, 2016: District 3 Event - Uniontown, Third
- 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](http://www.redstone.org) and click on the "events" tab for more information on any of the upcoming events.

### "Remembering the Important Things"- Reflections from the EP



Throughout my life, I have always been blessed with having a good memory. Whether it was names and dates or meaningful experiences or just insignificant trivia, they remain "fixed" in my brain. This was neither the result of great effort or specific training of my own. Yet, more recently, I realized that not everything is as readily available for recall as it once was (*I know that it is as shocking to you as it is to me that I am getting "older"*). Consequently, I have begun to realize that there are times when I need to focus on what is important in order that it might be ingrained in my memory banks.

As I mentioned in last week's article, I have been reading the Lenten devotional, Way Words. For today's reading, the focus is upon that familiar passage, "John 3:16." Probably, each of us is able to repeat those words "by heart" or memory even if we cannot remember when our anniversary is.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son..."

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## Next Presbytery Meeting

**Tuesday, March  
15, 2016**

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

## Communicate the Word...

## Around Redstone

>>**2016 Youth Triennium - Registrations and deposits are due in the Presbytery office by March 15. If you have youth members planning on going, please let us know.** "GO into the world and make disciples" ([presbyterianyouthtriennium.org](http://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.

>>**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.

>>**The Redstone Mission Team** is going to Mayville, New Jersey to restore homes damaged by Hurricane Sandy. They will be staying at the PDA camp at Morningstar Presbyterian Church the week of April 3-10, 2016. If you are interested in joining this team contact Judy Koontz at [judykoontz@windstream.net](mailto:judykoontz@windstream.net) or call 724.668.2843.

>>**District 3 Event - Monday, April 11, 2016** from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Third Presbyterian Church in Uniontown. The evening will include worshiping, sharing stories, learning, and connecting. Three breakout sessions will be offered. Go to the church events page on the Presbytery website for more information.

>>**The Westmont Presbyterian Church in Johnstown** is planning a mission trip to Esteli, Nicaragua June 16-24, 2016. They will be doing a VBS, as well as laying a foundation for a church. In addition, some of them will be participating in the Bekah Miller Spiritual Retreat, which Rev. Craig Miller and his wife Donna support through their daughter's memorial fund. Although the trip is full if anyone would be interested in learning about Esteli and the ministries taking place there, contact Rev. Craig Miller at 814.536.0796. He would love to share their stories with other congregations in Redstone.

>> **Session Minutes Review Dates** - 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.

Monday, April 11, 2016 - 5:30 p.m. at the Third Presbyterian Church in Uniontown. This is immediately prior to the District 3 event being held there.

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.

>>**Where do your donations make an impact?** Sometimes, when you donate money to a charitable cause, you have to hope and trust your funds have a direct influence on the people or group you're striving to help. With the new interactive [Engagement Map](#), developed by the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, you can learn exactly where your donations to the

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Work...***

***Change the  
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***Together***

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offerings are having impact. It is a tool that truly illustrates the breadth of the work performed across the church. It is also a valuable tool for learning about various volunteer, internship and advocacy opportunities offered by our partners in ministry. Let them know what you think! They'd love your feedback, email [specialofferings@pcusa.org](mailto:specialofferings@pcusa.org) with your comments or questions.



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