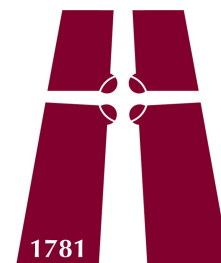


# Presbytery of Redstone

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District 3

>Grace Chapel Presbyterian Church, Smithfield, Lee McDermott, Pastor  
District 3

>Pleasant View Presbyterian Church, Smock, Anthony Catullo, Interim Pastor  
District 3

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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

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.

### "Seeing Jesus Again"- Reflections from the EP



Over Christmas time, our family decided to do some major "housecleaning" of boxes of materials that we had accumulated over time. As I opened one shabby box, I discovered a "treasure" of old pictures and memorabilia from my "days" originating in grade school and extending through college (*of course, to my family's chagrin, all of it must be kept*). As I retrieved each item from the container, an award or a memento or a picture would be revealed and proudly displayed to my family. Each of these "important" items would spark the recounting of various stories to my sons who sat nearby (*who feigned a little bit of interest to placate me*☺).

During those moments of walking the paths of "memory lane," periodically, I would hand them a group picture and ask them to "pick" me out of the group. While in my own mind, I don't think I have changed a bit, let me just say that many times they found it at least challenging, if not difficult. To them, these were pictures of some younger person who was disconnected or at least distant from the person they knew as their father. Yet, while these images may not "tell the whole story," certainly they and their accompanying stories have not only shaped my identity, but the person whom they have only known as their dad.

Bookkeeper

During this season of Lent, we are challenged to reflect back once more upon the images and stories of Jesus' time on earth. We read and remember those teachings. We consider the ways the kingdom was proclaimed and initiated. We follow the familiar (to us) path of his journey toward Jerusalem and that destination of ultimate sacrifice. Yet, we read, recall and remember these stories not merely for knowing about some historical influences upon our present-day reality in the Church. Rather, in them we come across and receive the fullness of this Jesus who is not merely an historical figure. This Jesus, of stories, events and images is same One who we encounter in the present as person, as God; not only with those first hearers, but with us. The crucified and risen Christ is present now, with and in the Church and bringing about that kingdom in God's world.

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### 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.

>> **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.

>>**Presbyterian Historical Society** - The Presbyterian Historical Society sends out, by email, a monthly newsletter. [Click here for the latest edition](#). If you like, you may be put on their mailing list for future editions. You will find PHS [website here](#).

### Next Presbytery Meeting

**Tuesday, March 15, 2016**

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

**Communicate  
 the Word...**

**Carry on the  
 Work...**

**Change the  
 World...**

**Together**

