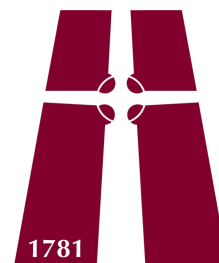


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Upcoming Events...

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 20, 2016: Easter Egg Hunt - Trafford, Level Green

March 25, 2016: Good Friday Breakfast - Johnstown, First

March 25, 2016: Good Friday Service - Johnstown, Bethany

April 11, 2016: District 3 Event - Uniontown, Third

April 16, 2016: PW Spring Gathering - Delmont

April 23, 2016: Raise the Roof Spaghetti Dinner - Johnstown, Bethany

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.

"Just Resting"- Reflections from the EP



Driven by my own inclinations to achieve and accomplish "things," I can often justify to myself that I do not need "rest." In a connected world our "work" can go with us wherever we are, whatever we are doing. There remain the endless possibilities of one more task to finish, one more person with whom to speak, one more problem to solve as the days linger into evenings. For someone who is both extroverted and task-oriented, there is meaning and energy in the engagement. For others, it can sometimes feel exhausting with no "end in sight." For many (not just ministers, but certainly them) whose calling is not only to serve God, but to serve people within their care, "rest" may seem like only a mirage on the horizon.

Of course, the Scriptures speak not only of "keeping Sabbath," but of a "rest" that is and will be ours. This "rest" serves not merely as a guardian of self protection and care. Based upon the pattern of our own creator God, such rest was always intended for the Lord's people. The Sabbatical pattern, whether implemented in a weekly restraint or in the agrarian practices or in the Jubilee liberation from bondage and debts signified not merely cessation of activity

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(like "vegging out" in front of the television or aimless browsing on social media), but *restoration*. This restoration always served as an important reminder that our tasks, our commitments, our callings are always dependent upon our God.

In the book of Hebrews, the promise of rest is contrasted with those people of the wilderness who never reached it because it was not received in faith. It is a promise that was and is ours both for today and for the final day in completion. Our response of faith and our willingness to rest makes it clear that God's kingdom does not depend upon us through our talents, our commitment, our willpower or our energy however important those gifts of God are.

Wendell Berry the environmentalist, farmer and writer offered these words in his poem entitled "Sabbaths."

Whatever if foreseen in joy
Must be lived from day to day.
Vision held open in the dark
By our ten thousand days of work.
Harvest will fill the barn; for that
The hand must ache, the face must sweat.

And yet no leaf or grain is filled
By work of ours; the field is tilled
And left to grace. That we may reap,
Great work is done while we're asleep.

When we work well, a Sabbath mood
Rests on our day, and finds it good.

---- Wendell Berry

During this season of Lent, sometimes we also might feel like the farmer during the harvest season. The "work" might be long and we may tire, but in our dependence upon the grace and presence of our God not only is it found "good," but the "great work" may be done while we are asleep.

Around Redstone

>>Confirmation Retreat - There is still time to sign up for the Confirmation Retreat at Pine Springs Camp, April 8-9, 2016. Please call and/or email the Presbytery office to let us know how many you will be bringing.

>>District 3 Event - Monday, April 11, 2016, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Third Presbyterian Church, Uniontown. Theme - "To and Through - What God is Doing in District 3 Congregations". The evening will include worshipping, sharing stories, learning, and connecting. Three breakout sessions will be offered: Interim Ministry - Embracing the Hard Questions; Mission - Taking it to the Next Level; Office Training - Answering the Call with Energy, Intelligence, Imagination, and Love.

>>Mission Trips - We are publicizing and posting all mission trips that your church may be planning for the spring, summer, or fall. Let us know who, where, when, what and we will add it to our website and help make it known throughout the Presbytery.

>> Session Minutes Review Dates - additional dates have been set for review

of 2015 Session Minutes and Registers. They are:

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.

>>Redstone Stories - If you have a "story" of what God is doing in your "place" (congregation or community) that you would like to share, the Communications Task Force is soliciting those ideas for their monthly bulletin insert, "Redstone Stories". Please forward on your story and contact information to the Presbytery office or to [Rev. Niki Brodeur](#).

>>General Assembly Commissioners - With the 2016 General Assembly approaching this summer, please be in prayer for our Redstone commissioners, Bernice Adams, Colleen Molinaro, Mandi Pascarella, Curtis Paul, and Tom Shipley.

>>Presbyterian Planning Calendars - We will be doing a bulk order for the 2016/2017 Presbyterian Planning Calendars. The cost will be \$9.50 per calendar. If you would like to get in on the bulk order price you can download [a copy of the order form here](#). Orders need to be in to the Presbytery office by April 30 in order to have the calendars delivered in time for the May Presbytery meeting since the calendars start in June.

>>Resources - check out the [online PCUSA](#) store for books, curriculum, downloads, and media resources for your church, your ministry, and your discipleship.



Next Presbytery Meeting

Tuesday, March 15, 2016

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

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