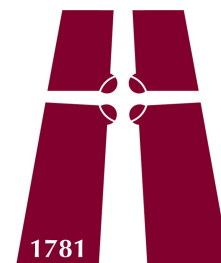


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>Palmer Community Presbyterian Church, Adah, Michael Shepard, Moderator District 3

>First Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon, Sue Currie, Pastor District 3

>Bolivar Presbyterian Church, James Sunseri, Commissioned Ruling

Upcoming Events...

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

- April 3, 2016: Easter Cantata - Greensburg, Maplewood
- April 9, 2016: Spaghetti Dinner - New Alexandria, Congruity
- April 10, 2016: Special Worship Opportunity - Murrysville, Newlonsburg
- 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
- April 26, 2016: Synod of the Trinity Regional Connection
- 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.

"This is the day the Lord has made"- the EP

Reflections from



Many years ago, I was introduced to the poetry of Ann Weems by a friend and colleague of mine who had "taken me under her wing." Steeped in doctrinal orthodoxy and left-brain analytical expressions of the Christian faith, nonetheless, I was captured by the words celebrating that "Balloons Belong in Church." From that point forward, I gravitated toward reading and hearing her poetic words. During the seasons of the church year, she served to challenge not only me, but those congregations that I served through their incorporation in liturgy, prayers and proclaimed Word. Below is only small excerpt from the poem, "We Have Seen Jesus" which had reminded me and others over the years of the significance of that Easter morning.

*On Easter morning
and on every morning,
let us in chorus sing:
"This is the day the Lord has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!"*

Elder
District 4

>Covenant Presbyterian
Church, Boswell, James
Stobaugh, Stated Supply
District 4

*And then with Mary,
let us run to tell the others:
We have seen Jesus!*

(Ann Weems, From Advent's Alleluia to Easter's Morning Light)

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>>**Confirmation Retreat** - If you are considering participating in the Confirmation Retreat, please confirm your attendance by contacting the Presbytery office as soon as possible.

>>**District 3 Gathering** - Pastors, elders, and members of District 3 will be gathering for workshops, networking, and relationships on April 11 at Third Presbyterian Church in Uniontown. There will be Clerk's minute review immediately prior at 5:30 p.m. The program begins at 6:30 p.m.

>>**Synod of the Trinity Regional Connection for Partnership and Networking** -

This "first run" Regional Connection is an opportunity for the Synod of the Trinity to gather and spend time together in a new way that is not the same as our large Assembly. We gather, not as the Synod in its governance work, but as the Synod - its people, presbyteries, and congregations - in relationship for ministry: many people with many gifts, seeking to serve Christ's Kingdom. We will gather: in worship, fellowship and thoughtful exchange; around targeted conversation topics that have arisen from listening to and spending time with YOU across the Synod over the past nine months. (Attendees will select one from among three conversation topics.); around general conversations for understanding and visioning about our life together. Synod Commissioners are a crucial part of this gathering and, in their roles as liaisons, are asked to come with eyes and ears open, and with a sense of "what's happening now" in their presbyteries. They may come to share some best practices, learn something new for "back home" life together, or brainstorm a possible partnership that will bring about a new or enhanced ministry. Any and all are welcome to join in! The South West Region, which includes Pittsburgh, Redstone, Upper Ohio Valley, Washington, and West Virginia, will meet on **Tuesday, April 26** at the 1st Presbyterian Church, Morgantown, WV. Registration deadline is **Friday, April 15**. To register click [here](#). If anyone would like to carpool call Bobbie at the Presbytery office at 724.837.6737 to coordinate groups. The groups will plan to leave the Presbytery office at 7:30 a.m. to be in Morgantown for a 9:00 a.m. start.

>>**Pastor as Public Theologian** - Pastor's book study begins again on April 27 at NOON. Let us know if you are planning on participating and need a copy of the book.

>>**Call to Prayer** - increasingly aware of the violence of terror in tragedies in Brussels, Belgium, and Lahore, Pakistan, we are called not to fear, but to seek peace; not to panic but to pray. Veda Gill, Executive Director of the Presbyterian Board of Education in Pakistan has requested a special call to prayer. You can find her letter and/or request her account of events in Pakistan at www.friendsofpeb.org.

>>**Seeking Ruling Elders to Prepare and Serve** - In the fall, we anticipate beginning a new Inter-Presbytery Leadership Formation program for preparing potential "CRE" candidates as well as providing other educational opportunities for ruling elders. If you, or someone you know, might be interested, please contact Skip Noftzger or Cheryl Rhea.

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Next Presbytery Meeting

**Tuesday, May 17,
2016**

First
Presbyterian Church,
Jeannette
6:00 p.m. to 9:00

p.m.

**Communicate
the Word...**

**Carry on the
Work...**

**Change the
World...**

Together

>>**Missions Network** - If you, or someone you know, would be interested in sharing and promoting missions opportunities across our Presbytery, please consider joining the Missions Network. Let us know in the Presbytery office of your interest and we will help you connect with others passionate about God's work in the world.

>>**The Sewing Group of Third Presbyterian Church, Uniontown**, has an abundance of sewing items that they would be happy to share at no cost to a church or churches to start a similar group. Items available are pre-cut fabric squares, knotting thread and backing fabric for lap robes; fabric for walker/wheelchair bags, neck pillows, and teddy bears for Alzheimer patients - thread in all colors. They will provide their patterns and instructions for these items which require very little in sewing skills but mean a great deal to the elderly and infirmed patients in nursing homes and hospice care. Any questions, please contact Hazel Williams at 724.437.7421.

>>**The Leisenring Presbyterian Church** has a small organ/keyboard, a Yamaha Electon 500, which needs a good home. It is available for free by simply picking it up at the church. If you are interested or have any questions, contact Rick Watson, by email at: richard.watson15425@gmail.com. If you would like to see photos, please contact Bobbie at the Presbytery office at 724.837.6737.

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

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 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.



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