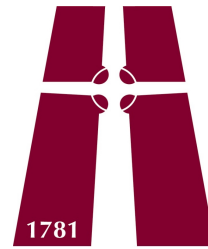


# Presbytery of Redstone

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Kirk Orr, Pastor  
District 1

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Pastor; Ron Durika,  
Associate Pastor  
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>West Hempfield  
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District 2

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Laura Blank, Stated  
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District 4

### Upcoming Events...

Second Wednesday of every month - Friendship Dinner from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.  
FREE TO ANYONE WANTING TO ATTEND - New Kensington, United  
Every Wednesday from June 14 through September 21 - "The Incredible  
Family" parenting series - Delmont

July 11 through 15, 2016: Common Ground Nature Camp, Newlonsburg  
August 27, 2016: Peach Fest, New Salem  
September 18 through 20, 2016: PW New Windsor Mission Trip  
October 3 through 5, 2016: Preaching Pastors' Conference

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.

### "Being the Church Together"- Reflections from the EP



At the end of the week, fellow Presbyterians from around the country will gather to bear witness together of "The Hope in Our Calling" (Ephesians 1:18). We label this gathering (council) of the church the General Assembly. For some, any reference to the General Assembly brings connotations of a distant group engaging and deciding some issues of controversy not of concern in their local congregation. For others, the General Assembly represents the coming together of the greatest ideals of the church and is a reunion gathering at its best.

While we often think of the Church in congregational terms, the necessity of providing for the Word of God to be truly preached and heard; the Sacraments to be rightly administered and received; and nurturing a covenant community of disciples of Christ is a responsibility of each council (session, presbytery, synod, General Assembly). As another council of the church, the GA exists to help congregations and the church as a whole to be more faithful participants in the mission of Christ. Each council, representing the church as a whole, pursues this mission with distinctive responsibilities defined in the Constitution and their manual of operations. For the General Assembly, this includes providing services "performed most effectively at the national level" as well as addressing and witnessing to issues of common concern.

>Bethany Presbyterian Church, Johnstown,  
Denise Todero,  
Commissioned Ruling Elder  
District 4

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## Around Redstone

>>Please continue to pray for the families and all those affected by the massacre in Orlando, Florida. The following link (<https://pres-outlook.org/2016/06/pcusa-leaders-mourn-victims-orlando-nightclub-tragedy/>) is a statement from Presbyterian Church (USA) leaders -- Rev. Gradye Parsons, Heath Rada and Tony de la Rosa.

>> From **July 19 (Tuesday) through July 24 (Sunday)**, the Presbytery of Redstone will be privileged to host three visitors from our partnership with the South Sudanese Evangelical Presbyterian Church. This delegation includes:

- **The Rev. Deng Bol Atem, Deputy Moderator, South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church**
- **Elder Daniel Kech Puoc, Finance Secretary, South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church**
- **Achol Majok Kur, Women's Desk Chair, South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church**

Morning, afternoon, and evening events are being planned for Wednesday through Saturday of that week. So far, we have commitments from congregations to host this group on Wednesday morning (July 20), Wednesday evening (July 20), Thursday afternoon (July 21), Thursday evening (July 21), Friday afternoon (July 22), and Sunday (July 24), but perhaps, [your congregation or group within a congregation would like to host them for an event during that week.](#) If you would like to be involved, please contact Rev. Sylvia Carlson ([sylviac65@comcast.net](mailto:sylviac65@comcast.net)) or Bobbie Martin ([secretary@redstonepresbytery.comcastbiz.net](mailto:secretary@redstonepresbytery.comcastbiz.net); 724.837.6737).

As the itinerary becomes established, we will publish the master schedule for your possible participation at a nearby church or group. We look forward to hearing from our friends and partners about God's work in their midst.

>>**Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church, Murrysville**, has a few boxes of black and color toner and staples for a Konica Minolta C 550 copier. They would love to give them to another church (in our Presbytery or local) that could use them. If you are interested please call Shelley Earhart at the church at 724.327.0061.

>>**Delmont Presbyterian Church** is pleased to be sponsoring "The Incredible Family" parenting series. The classes will be held on Wednesdays from June 14-September 21. Dinner is at 5:30, class from 6:00-8:00 in Carson Hall in the church. Adults only with childcare and gas allowances available. The classes are led by Family Services of Western Pa's ParentWise Program. Join in and find ways to make parenting easier and fun for all. Contact Shana Orlic at 724-837-5410 ext. 705 if you are interested in attending.

>>**Mike Givler, Communication Coordinator** for the Synod of the Trinity, recently wrote a story about the Rev. Sue Washburn and her call to be the Interim Editor of the Presbyterian's Today Magazine. Click [here](#) to read Sue's story.

>>**Make plans now to join in opening worship** of the 222nd General Assembly (2016) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). You can access it at: <http://oga.pcusa.org/section/ga/222nd-general-assembly-2016/>

>>**Is God calling you?** If you are a Ruling Elder who God might be calling to preach or become more involved in pastoral service, Redstone Presbytery (along with Washington and Upper Ohio Valley) will be beginning a new training program for the preparation of possible "Commissioned Ruling Elders"

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## Next Presbytery Meeting

**Tuesday,  
September 20,  
2016**

Pine Springs Camp,  
Jennerstown  
10:00 a.m. to 2:00  
p.m.

***Communicate  
the Word...***

***Carry on the  
Work...***

***Change the  
World...***

***Together***

for the future. Starting in the fall of 2016, the program is designed to be both classroom and hands-on experiences, you will receive training and mentorship that will help you grow as a leader in Christ's Church. If interested, please contact either Skip Noftzger (Executive Presbyter) or Cheryl Rhea (Chair - AP/CRE subcommittee).

>>**Third Presbyterian Church, Uniontown** is seeking a Director of Family and Youth Ministries. If you are interested, click [here](#) for the job description and information on how to apply.

>>**Delmont Presbyterian Church** is seeking a Nursery School Preschool teacher for part-time mornings. A degree is required. Please call 724.468.5804 or email the church at [office@dpchurch.comcastbiz.net](mailto:office@dpchurch.comcastbiz.net) if you are interested.



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