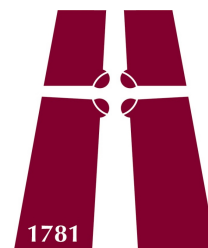


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Upcoming Events...

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

August 27, 2016: Peach Fest - New Salem

August 27, 2016: Festival - Leisenring

September 18 through 20, 2016: PW New Windsor Mission Trip

October 3 through 5, 2016: Preaching Pastors' Conference

October 15, 2016: PW Fall Gathering - Uniontown, Third

Please go to the website at www.redstone.org and click on the "events" tab for more information on any of the upcoming events.

"Life Together"- Reflections from the EP



Looking around in my basement for a "missing" book (much to my wife's chagrin, my basement is filled with them), I stumbled across some older volumes that I had not looked at in recent years. There among some choices from my "old college days." Among authors like Schaeffer, and others, I "rediscovered" my copies of Bonhoeffer's Cost of Discipleship, Letters and Papers from Prison and Life Together. Thumbing through the third work, his written words "rang true" for me in today's environment as well as the close Christian community of which he originally had written.

Therefore, I offer a few excerpts (with some inclusive editing) from Life Together about just that (our life together) for our own reflections and consideration.

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Around Redstone

>>District 3 Event - "The Vital Congregation - Transition Strategies" with Jim Farrer will be offered on Thursday, October 20, 2016 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Ft. Burd Church, 200 Thornton Road, Brownsville. This is a free workshop and is open to Pastors, Ruling Elders, CRE's, Clerks, Members, and Friends.

>**Second Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, Art Moffat, Temporary Supply District 4**

Please bring a snack to share. Worship, learn, and connect with saints from District 3's 28 congregations.

>>**The West Hempfield Presbyterian Church Preschool** is accepting registrations for 3 and 4 year old children for 2016/2017. Tuition for the three day program is \$95.00 per month. Call the church office at 724.863.1260 for further details.

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>>**The Westmont Presbyterian Church in Johnstown** had a fantastic mission trip to Esteli, Nicaragua, from June 16-24. Part of the time there they did several VBS sessions in different areas of Esteli (and one almost 2 hours away), as well as doing construction work and painting at the Tony Flauto Christian Academy and Saving Grace Presbyterian Church. If churches are looking for specific mission opportunities where they can make personal connections, this would be one of them. Members of the Westmont church would be willing to talk about the mission in Nicaragua with any church looking for that kind of program. Contact the Rev. Craig Miller at 814.536.0796 if you would be interested.

>>**Redstone Highlands** is looking for moms and tots to volunteer for two programs. For the "Tots and Toys" program they are looking for moms with young children, ages from birth to 2, to come and spend an hour in the morning, once a month, and have the children play with their toys and interact with the residents in the dementia unit. For the "Crafts, Snacks, and More" program they are looking for moms with young children, between the ages of 2 and 6, to come and spend an hour in the morning, once a month, creating fun crafts with a tasty snack with their personal care residents. You and your children will be a part of something exciting, creative, fun, and enjoyable. Contact Joe Gombita, Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator, at 724.832.8402, ext. 378, to schedule a morning. You can volunteer at any of the three campuses: North Huntingdon, Greensburg, or Murrysville.

>>**Wee Kirk Conference** - October 10-12, 2016, Laurelville Mennonite Church Center, Mt. Pleasant, PA. Click [here](#) for more information.

>>**Interested in serving on a GA commission?** The 222nd General Assembly (2016) created several special commissions, committees, and task forces to be appointed by the Co-Moderators of the 222nd General Assembly and, in the case of the Way Forward Commission, the Co-Moderators with the Moderator and Vice-Moderator of the 221st General Assembly. Persons who want to be considered for appointment must complete an application form and provide three references. The first two [online application forms](#), (for the Way Forward Commission and the 2020 Vision Team) are now available. The online application form is due on August 17.

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>>**The Presbyterian Association of Musicians** Pittsburgh Chapter presents "Inspiration and Information" - a day of workshops and reading sessions. Saturday, August 27, 2016 from 8:30 to 3:30 at the Oakmont Presbyterian Church, 415 Pennsylvania Avenue, Oakmont, PA 15139. Registration fee is \$45.00 and includes all sessions and lunch. For more information contact Roberta Jones at Rbj15211@aol.com.

>>**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" 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) or go to <http://www.redstone.org/equipping-leadership2/ap-cre-committee>

Next Presbytery Meeting

**Tuesday,
September 20,
2016**

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

>>**Ruling Elder Workshops** - a series of Ruling Elder workshops will be offered on Saturday, September 10, 2016 at the Maplewood Presbyterian Church in

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Greensburg. The topics offered will be Proclaiming the Word (9:00-11:30 a.m.), Evangelism (12:30-3:00), and Children's Ministry (12:30-3:00). Contact Skip Noftzger (Executive Presbyter) at the Presbytery office if you are interested in attending.

>>**Redstone Presbyterian Women** are planning a New Windsor Mission Trip beginning Sunday, September 18 (leaving at 2:00 p.m.) and returning Tuesday evening, September 20. You will be working at the SERRV Warehouse or the Church World Service Warehouse. The cost of the trip will be approximately \$100. That will cover lodging and meals at the Conference Center. There will be additional costs for travel. You will also have an opportunity to shop in the SERRV Outlet Store. Contact Judy Koontz at 724.668.2843 or by email at judykoontz@windstream.net if you are interested in being a part of this mission trip.



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