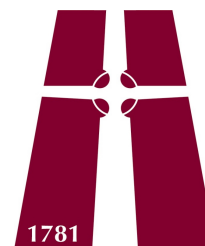


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Upcoming Events...

Second Wednesday of every month - Friendship Dinner from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. FREE TO ANYONE WANTING TO ATTEND - New Kensington, United

Second Wednesday of every month - Community "Soup for the Soul" Luncheon - Apollo, Poke Run

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

October 15, 2016: Craft Show - North Huntingdon, New Hope

October 22, 2016: Rummage Sale - Apollo, Poke Run

October 23, 2016: Gospel Sing - Delmont

November 8, 2016: Soup/Salad Lunch - New Alexandria, Community

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

"Eating, But so Much More!" - Reflections from the EP



Whenever you gather together in Presbyterian congregations across our region, it is commonly acknowledged that we like to eat. In one congregation after another, fellowship dinners, festivals and special luncheons abound. So whether we are enjoying or serving food, these events sometimes serve to solidify our fellowship, sometimes to reach into the community and sometimes even for fundraising purposes.

While this innate social desire to be together is important, the church retains its own distinctive purpose. The "great end" of the "shelter, nurture and spiritual fellowship of the children of God" should motivate us to satisfy the "spiritual" needs of our participants. Such a purpose does not and should not lead us into separating the "spiritual" from the physical or mundane experiences of life. No, this "end" reminds us of the overriding direction of the practices and programs that we initiate. [...more](#)

Around Redstone

>>At a recent meeting of Redstone Presbytery a discussion of the heroin problem in our area prompted a group of pastors from each district of the presbytery to consider how God may be calling us to respond. The group is meeting to pray, talk, and formulate a few concrete steps that we can take-

>Revloc Presbyterian Church, David O'Hara, Commissioned Ruling Elder District 4

perhaps healing services, liturgy to share, programs to try. If you'd like to participate, you are welcome to attend the next meeting on Wednesday, October 19 at 6-8 PM at the Greensburg Barnes and Noble. A representative from the Westmoreland County Drug and Alcohol Commission will be there to talk about that county's perspective. To be put on the email distribution list please send a note to Sue Washburn reunionpastor@zoominternet.net.

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>>Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) urges your support for those affected by Hurricane Matthew. The category 4 hurricane has already been blamed for hundreds of deaths and continues on a path of destruction toward the southeastern US coast. Earliest assessments confirm extensive damage in southwestern Haiti and eastern Cuba. PDA was already active in the area, doing long-term recovery work related to the 2010 earthquake in Haiti and Superstorm Sandy of 2012. PDA will immediately begin working alongside established partners to respond to this latest crisis. Immediate response will help provide essential food, water, and supplies for impacted communities and villages. As long-term recovery needs are determined, PDA will continue to support those in impacted areas to ensure a comprehensive recovery. As more information becomes available on conditions in Haiti, Cuba, the Bahamas, and the United States, PDA will update this information and keep the church apprised on the emerging disaster response and community needs for recovery. Thank you for your generosity in prayer and in giving to those whose lives have been impacted by wind and water; as the Holy Spirit once brooded over the unformed waters of the earth and created order and life, so your prayerful gifts bring hope out of chaos. Financial support for relief efforts can sent to the Presbytery office on your monthly remittance form and can be designated to DR000148 with reference to Matthew.

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>>The new Book of Confessions, which includes the Belhar Confession, is now available. The Presbytery office will be doing a bulk order at a reduced rate. The cost will be \$9.00/book at the bulk rate. If you would like to receive some of these books at the reduced bulk rate please email Bobbie at the office at secretary@redstonepresbytery.comcastbiz.net and let her know how many you want. The deadline for ordering will be Friday, November 4 in order to receive them in time for distribution at the November 19 meeting of Presbytery.

Next Presbytery Meeting

**Saturday,
November 19,
2016**

**Poke Run
Presbyterian
Church, Apollo
9:00 a.m. to 1:00
p.m.**

>>District 3 Gathering - "The Vital Congregation" transition strategies with Jim Farrer, will be held on Thursday, October 20, 2016 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Ft. Burd Presbyterian Church, 200 Thornton Road in Brownsville. This event is open to Pastors, Ruling Elders, CRE's, Clerks, Members, and friends and is free - please bring snacks to share.

>>Pine Springs Camp Friends Dinner - the 2016 Pine Springs Camp Friends Dinner, "Growing in Gratitude," will be held on Sunday, November 20, 2016 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Willow Room in Belle Vernon. This is their annual fundraising event and it is always a wonderful celebration of the history and the future of Pine Springs Camp. [Click here for more information.](#)

>>The schedule for the Overture amendments (voting on at upcoming Presbytery meetings) will be:

November 19, 2016 - Child/Youth protection policy, "parity", "Minister of Word and Sacrament," language on renunciation/restoration, other certifications, "caring for creation" in list of ministry of members;

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Word...***

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

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World...***

Together

January 21, 2017 - Directory of Worship;
March 21, 2017 - Language on participation in worship

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For more information go to www.pts.edu/continuing-education.



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