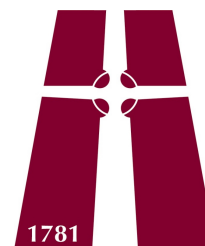


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Upcoming Events...

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 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.

"It Is Not About You" - Reflections from the EP



Fictional stories get passed around from pastor to pastor, church to church, as a means of illustrating points that are sometimes humorous, sometimes theological. Such is the story of the person who, when greeting the pastor at the door, complained about the music (you could also insert prayers, etc.). "I didn't like the hymns we sang today," he said. In a moment of quick thinking, the pastor responded, "That's okay; we weren't singing them for you." Surely, for all of us who gather regularly to offer worship to our God, we know deep within ourselves it is not really about us, but sometimes we need a gentle(or not so gentle) reminder.

In our proposed new Directory of Worship, the focus of our motivation and reasons for coming together are centered in our response to our God, our creator and redeemer.

"Christian worship gives all glory and honor, praise and thanksgiving to the holy, triune God. We are gathered in worship to glorify the God who is present and active among us--- particularly through the gifts of Word and Sacrament. We are sent out in service to glorify the same God who is present and active in the world."

[...more](#)

Around Redstone

District 4

>United Presbyterian Church, Bolivar, James Sunseri, Commissioned Ruling Elder
District 4

>>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.com 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.

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>>It's Not too Late! - A Workshop for Parents of Tweens & Teens by Cal U STAND Campus Ministry Council and Coalition for Christian Outreach - This workshop is designed for parents of tweens and teens and is based on the book "It's not too Late: The Essential Part you Play in Shaping Your Teen's Faith". Author Dan Dupee will walk you through a series of activities and discussions to help you positively impact your child's faith in Christ. Registration for the event will include one copy of Dan's book for each family, continental breakfast, lunch, and an informative and challenging program. Space for this program is limited so be sure to register online. Some tickets may be available the day of the program although there will be an additional fee at the door. \$30 - \$50. Register by [clicking here](#). Childcare will not be provided. Date and Time - Sat, November 12, 2016, 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM EST. Location - Gospel Alliance Church, 1011 Fells Church Road, Belle Vernon, PA 15012.

**Next
Presbytery
Meeting**

**Saturday,
November 19,
2016**

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

>>Hunter Farrell Hired as World Mission Initiative Director - Pittsburgh Theological Seminary is pleased to announce that the Rev. Dr. B. Hunter Farrell will become director of the World Mission Initiative Jan. 1, 2017. "Dr. Farrell has lived out his commitment to God's mission in the world through 30 years of Presbyterian mission leadership" said David Esterline, president and professor of cross-cultural theological education at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. "He has been a professor in DR Congo, coordinator of the PC(USA)'s mission work in East and West Africa, network coordinator addressing issues of poverty and justice in Peru, and director of World Mission for the PC(USA) in Louisville. We look forward to his leadership among us!" Prior to coming to Pittsburgh Seminary, Farrell served as director

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Together

of World Mission for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). In his years there he managed a 180-member staff in 52 countries while overseeing the areas of strategic direction and partnerships, funds development, operations, and communications. As a Presbyterian mission co-worker, Farrell organized and accompanied an international network of churches, non-profit organizations, and universities that linked social capital in Peru and the U.S. to address issues of poverty and justice. While working with World Mission in East and West Africa, Farrell supervised the work of mission workers in seven African nations in programs of health, development, evangelism, education, and theological education. Farrell attended Pontificia Universidad Católica (doctor of anthropology), École Pratique des Hautes (post-graduate diploma), Fuller Theological Seminary (MDiv), and University of Texas at Austin (BA). His professional societies include American Society of Missiology (board member), Council on World Mission and Evangelism (vice chair), World Council of Churches, American Anthropological Association, and National Association of Practicing Anthropologists.



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