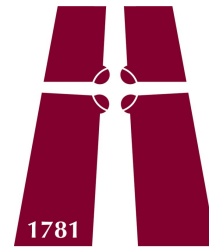


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>Union Presbyterian Church, Murrysville, Derek Campbell, Pastor District 1

>Community United Presbyterian Church, New Alexandria, Grafton Eliason, Interim Pastor District 1

>First Presbyterian Church, Jeannette, Robert Fuehrer, Pastor District 2

>Latrobe Presbyterian Church, Clark Kerr, Pastor District 2

>New Salem Presbyterian Church, Bill Wiegand, Commissioned Ruling Elder District 3

>Calvin Presbyterian Church, Scottdale, Len Morgan, Commissioned Ruling Elder District 3

>Bethany Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, Denise Todero, Commissioned Ruling Elder 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
>>Second Wednesday of every month - Community "Soup for the Soul" Luncheon - Apollo, Poke Run

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

Reflections from the 2017 Moderator - the Rev. Sue Washburn

A few years ago I was getting ready to preach a real, live sermon. I was about halfway through my internship at a church and the pastor told me I'd be preaching the Sunday after Christmas. Me! Preaching! I started researching right away. It was early November and the momentous event was just around the corner. I had to get started.

By the beginning of December I had enough research for a 40-page dissertation. I talked to everyone I could about what I might say. I suspect most people didn't want to hear my latest round of ideas since they kept changing. As the preaching time drew near, I realized at some point I'd just have to go and do it. I'd have to step into the pulpit, ready or not. I had to trust that God had my back. Even if I got it wrong the Holy Spirit could work to make it right. So I did it. I preached my first sermon titled, God says GO!

God's people are always on the go. Abraham left his country, his home and his family to go where God called him. Jesus walked around the countryside with his disciples and after Pentecost the Apostles dispersed to share the Gospel.

Even in disobedience God's people are on the move. Adam and Eve were put in and then forced out of Eden. The Israelites who wanted to stay safely and confidently gathered at the tower of Babel were dispersed. Moses and the Israelites who refused to enter the land that God had given them had to wander the desert for forty years.

Jesus himself is a big fan of the word, Go. He says:

Go tell the people what the Lord has done for you
Go and sin no more
Go and be reconciled
Go the second mile
Go and sell your possessions

>First Presbyterian
Church, Johnstown,
Alice Tondora, Pastor
District 4

Go and show mercy
Go into your room and pray in secret
Go and make disciples of all nations

Today, I can sense God's providence (or humor?) as GO! seems to be the theme of my call to ministry. I am what part of what many call the "gig" economy. As a part-time pastor and part-time writer and editor, I go wherever the work takes me. Or put another way, wherever God seems to be calling me. Sometimes I'm surprised at where I end up. Sometimes I'm as nervous as I was as a first-time preacher. I wonder, Me? Really? Are you sure?

And God says, Go.

I'm comforted by the fact that wherever I go, God is already there preparing the way and calling me forward into a new and different future. I trust that even though I don't always feel qualified, God will find a way to use my gifts. I pray for direction and correction along the way. This year I'm curious to see where we will be going together as God's gathered people in Redstone Presbytery.

Around Redstone

>>The proposed Directory of Worship will be voted on at the January 21, 2017 meeting of Presbytery. It is included in the Proposed Book of Amendments listed on the the home page of the Presbytery website at www.redstone.org.

>>End of Year Statistical Reports need to be submitted to the General Assembly no later than February 12, 2017. This is done online at <http://oga.pcusa.org/stats>. The reports that are due to Presbytery have a March 1, 2017 due date. All of these reports can be done online if desired and can be accessed on the home page of the presbytery website at www.redstone.org.

>> SAVE THE DATE!! The 2017 District 4 Enrichment Day will be held on Saturday, January 28, 2017 at the Westmont Presbyterian Church in Johnstown. More in formation is available by [clicking here](#).

>>National Day of Remembrance - Sunday, January 29, 2017 at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1120 Harvey Avenue, Greensburg, PA 15601 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Community members lost to addiction will be honored with a candlelight vigil, prayers, sharing of photos and support to family members. Light refreshments will be served. To submit a photo of a loved one for the slideshow, please send photo, name, date of birth and angelversary to kdilascio@sphs.org by January 27, 2017.

>>Training and Enrichment Workshops for Ruling Elders (and others who might benefit) - March 11, 2017 from 9:00 to 4:00 at the Maplewood Presbyterian Church in Greensburg. Topics covered will be Presbyterian Polity and Spiritual Formation. Clerks of Session are encouraged to attend the Presbyterian Polity workshop from 9:00 to NOON. (If session minutes are brought along they will be reviewed while you are attending the workshop.) If you are planning to be there for lunch the cost is \$7.00. Please RSVP to the Presbytery office at 724.837.6737 or secretary@redstonepresbytery.comcastbiz.net.

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*Change the
World...*

Together

New Office Hours for 2017

**The Presbytery
Office Hours are:**
Monday through
Thursday
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
CLOSED on Friday

**The Resource
Center Hours are:**
Tuesday through
Thursday
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
CLOSED on Monday
and Friday

Skip is generally in the office Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Bobbie is in the office on Monday from 8:00 a.m. to NOON and Tuesday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

>>SAVE THE DATE!! The 2017 Confirmation Retreat will take place on Friday, April 7 and Saturday, April 8, 2017 at Pine Springs Camp. Information was sent to Youth Leaders of our churches in December. For questions or registration contact the Presbytery office at 724.837.6737 or secretary@redstonepresbytery.comcastbiz.net.

>>There has been a change in date for the September 2017 meeting of Presbytery. This will be a joint celebration with Washington Presbytery and will be held at Pine Springs Camp on Saturday, September 23, 2017 from 10:00 a.m to 2:00 p.m.



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