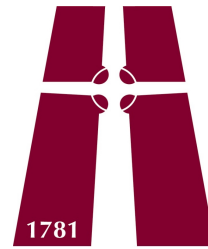


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>Third Presbyterian Church, Uniontown, Colleen Molinaro, Interim Pastor
District 3

>Bethel Presbyterian Church, New Florence, Jim Sunseri, Commissioned Ruling Elder
District 4

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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

February 25, 2017: Primitive Pallet Party - Derry

February 28, 2017: Pancake Dinner - New Alexandria, Congruity

March 3, 2017: World Day of Prayer - Delmont

April 1, 2017: Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering - Trafford, Level Green

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

An Enrichment Day for Members and Congregations - Reflections from Rev. Jim Farrer

Seventy-three participants from ten congregations attended the Saturday, January 28th event held at Westmont Presbyterian Church - Johnstown. The total number was a record for this long-held yearly gathering. Six 65-minute elective courses were offered twice with a brief time for refreshment between the two sessions. Those participating had two choices from the courses below:

1. DVD and Discussion: 500 Years of Protestant Reformation led by Doug Stevens
2. Lord Teach Us to Pray led by Carole Isley Corey.
3. Why Bad Things Happen to Good People led by Alice Tondora
4. Surprising Ways the Book of Confessions Can Change the Church and You led by Craig Miller
5. How the Church Can Thrive in Tough Times led by Jim Sunseri
6. Addictions: Joining the Conversation led by Lee McDermott

The event began at 11:15 with a Clerks of Session review of 2016 Session minutes. Following time for finger sandwiches, trays of fruit and veggies, cookies, and classy cheese and crackers, E.P. Skip Noftzger presented a meditation with songs led by Craig Miller on guitar. Then Greg Davis gave a ten-minute Pine Springs Camp update detailing the progress of the capital campaign.

Following course offerings, a brief litany on the names of the Church sent us on our way.

Many thanks to the presenters and to the host church and its kitchen crew.

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.

Communicate the Word...

Carry on the Work...

Change the World...

Together

The leaders of this Enrichment Day encourage other Presbytery leaders to brainstorm ways to re-invent similar leadership days. Some years ago each district held similar occasions for elder and deacon training, membership development, and electives in stewardship and budget, new member recruitment and evangelism, and brief overviews of Bible books and topics.

Around Redstone

>>End of Year Statistical Reports need to be submitted to the General Assembly ***no later than February 16, 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.

>>Session Minutes Review Dates are as follows:

- March 11, 2017 - Maplewood (during RE workshops)
- March 21, 2017 - Ft. Burd (4:30 p.m. - prior to Presbytery meeting)
- April 19, 2017 - Location and Time TBD

>>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.

>>There will be spring mission trip to West Virginia March 18-25th. Housing will be in a Presbyterian Church. The cost is \$120 per person. The other costs will be paid by the Team Treasury. Commissioning will be March 12th at New Hope at the 10:30 service. Please contact Phyllis Frye for more information at pfrye1234@windstream.net or 724.468-3740 .

>>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.



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