

Redstone Presbytery Electronic Newsletter for April 16, 2013

Upcoming Events

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| April 19, 2013 | Recital Series – Uniontown, Trinity |
| April 20, 2013 | Hymn Festival – PTS |
| April 26-27, 2013 | Rummage Sale/Flea Market – Mt. Pleasant, Reunion |
| April 28, 2013 | “Grief in the Context of Faith” presentation – Lower Burrell, Grace – 6:30 p.m. |
| May 1, 2013 | Missionary Luncheon – Lower Burrell, Grace |
| May 1, 2013 | Covered Dish Dinner – New Alexandria, Congruity |
| May 3, 2013 | Jacob & Aliamma George Visit – Greensburg, Maplewood |
| May 5, 2013 | Healing Prayer Ministry Network Service of Wholeness & Healing – North Huntingdon, New Hope – 4:00 p.m. – Jacob & Aliamma George speaking after service |
| May 11, 2013 | Turkey Dinner – New Alexandria, Congruity |
| May 17, 2013 | Pastoral Care Conference – PTS |
| May 18, 2013 | Vendor/Craft Show – Greensburg, Westminster |
| July 13-14, 2013 | 17 th Anniversary Celebration – Vanderbilt, East Liberty |
| August 1-3, 2013 | Big Tent |
| August 24, 2013 | Peach Fest – New Salem – 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. |

(See the website at www.redstone.org – events list – for more information on any of the upcoming events listed above)

Daily Lectionary

AM – Psalms 98; 146

PM – Psalms 66; 116

Daniel 4:28-37

1 John 4:7-21

Luke 4:31-37

Important News Around Redstone...

→ The Stated Clerk has announced the meeting dates and locations for the Review of the 2012 Session Minutes and Church Registers. They are as follows:

Monday, April 22, 2013 @ 7:00 p.m. - Johnstown, Westmont

Tuesday, April 23, 2013 @ 7:00 p.m. - Greensburg, First

Wednesday, May 1, 2013 @ 7:00 p.m. - Delmont

Saturday, May 11, 2013 @ 9:30 a.m. - Uniontown, Trinity

→The Presbytery office has a few pieces of office furniture that need to go to good homes. The items are available are:

1 – Office desk: black with wood grain top, approximate size W60xD30xH29

3 – Credenzas: 1 black with 2 sliding doors, approximate size W36xD26xH29

1 wood grain with 2 sliding doors, approximate size W36xD26xH30

1 black with wood grain top, 2 sliding doors with 3 drawers on one side of doors

and 1 regular drawer and 1 file drawer on other side, approximate size W72xD20xH29

1 – Wooden stand with shelf, approximate size W24xD28xH26

1 – Display rack, putty color with wood grain accents, shelves on both sides

If you would be interested in any of these items, please let Bobbie know by calling 724.837.6737 as soon as possible.

We will be donating these items to the Salvation Army or Goodwill if no one is interested in them.

→Some of you asked for the recipes of the items served for lunch at the March 23, 2013 Presbytery meeting at the Delmont Presbyterian Church. Joy was happy to share her recipes with you:

Macaroni Salad-serves 30

2 # uncooked elbow macaroni
8 carrots shredded
2 large red onions-finely chopped
1 yellow pepper-finely chopped
1 red pepper-finely chopped
2 cups celery-finely chopped
4 cups Hellman's mayonnaise
2 (14 oz.) cans sweetened condensed milk
1 cup white sugar
1 cup white vinegar
Salt and pepper to taste

Bring large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Add macaroni and cook until tender-8 minutes approx. Rinse under cold water and drain. In a large bowl stir together, carrots, red onion, red & yellow peppers, and celery. Mix in mayonnaise, condensed milk, sugar, vinegar, salt and pepper. Add macaroni and toss gently, cover and refrigerate for 8 hours. You can make it the day before you need it, stir occasionally to blend flavors.

Frosty Mandarin Dessert (makes 4 ½ cups, 8 servings)

1 (6 oz.-large) box of orange jello
2 cups boiling water
1 cup of cold water and syrup from oranges
1 (11 oz. can) mandarin oranges
1 (16 oz. pint) orange sherbet-softened

Dissolve Jell-O in boiling water. Stir until mixed completely. Drain the oranges and keep the syrup. Add cold water to syrup to make 1 cup. Add to Jell-O and mix completely. Chill slightly in mixing bowl in refrigerator. Blend in orange sherbet. Add the oranges. Chill in pan until firm.

Ham Barbeque Sauce (makes enough for 35 sandwiches)

7 ½ # chipped boiled ham (you get 5 sandwiches from 1 pound of chipped boiled ham-do not use Virginia Style Ham)
42 oz. Heinz Ketchup
2 ¼ tablespoons apple cider vinegar
7 ½ tablespoons brown sugar
1 ½ cups celery-finely chopped
1 ½ sweet onion-finely chopped
1 ½ teaspoons yellow mustard
4 ½ tablespoons sweet relish

Mix all ingredients except the ham together into a large covered sauce pan/pot. Cook on low, stirring frequently until celery and onion are tender. Add ham and heat until ham is hot, serve on hard rolls.

Thoughts from the Executive Presbyter...

"Flowing grace and truth"

As I have "settled" in to this new position, I thank all of you who have welcomed me into your community and into the ministry that our Lord has called us in his name. Your gracious hospitality has been appreciated not only by, but my wife Martha as well.

As you might suspect, my calendar has been filling up rapidly with opportunities to get to know each of you better. It is my hope to be a person who "walks with you" as we consider what God is doing in this place and what that means for our own engagement in this work of the Kingdom. In many ways, we can find ourselves "bogged down" with the issues

and responsibilities that confront us and our congregations, but I want to encourage all of us to have the eyes of our hearts enlightened in order that we might know the hope, riches and power of our resurrected Lord Jesus. The grace and truth of God is present even now. Please join me in not only desiring to embody such characteristics, but looking for that grace of our God evident in so many ways around us.

Although never a substitute for personal connections and contact, some of you may wish to “follow” me and the activities of Redstone Presbytery through some of the available social media. Redstone maintains a “Facebook” presence, and if you desire you can follow me on Twitter @RedstoneEP or read the blog at noftzger.tumblr.com.

News in Christian Education and the Resource Center...

Triennium Leader Needed! ~ The Triennium group is in need of a female chaperone. Due to a cancellation, we need a female to accompany us to Purdue from July 16-20. Triennium is a life-changing experience for everyone that goes - both adults and students. Please contact Cheryl Croushore at the Presbytery office immediately.

VBS ~ If you know the dates that you will be doing VBS please let me know at the Presbytery Office, resource@redstonepresbytery.com or redstonepresbytery.com.

High School Sexuality Retreat ~ You are invited to bring your high school aged students (grades 9-12) to a Christian-based sexuality retreat at New Hope Presbyterian Church in North Huntington on Saturday, April 27. There is no cost to attend this one-day retreat but preregistration is encouraged. For more information please contact Rev. Janet Reid at 724-863-7702.

Thank you to everyone who helped with and attended the 2013 Confirmation Retreat at Pine Springs Camp. 19 students and 8 adults attended from four churches. Adults and students had a great time and each learned a little in a process. Again, a big thank you to everyone who attended.