



2017 Stated Meeting

of the

Presbytery of Redstone
Presbyterian Church (USA)

September 23, 2017



Pine Springs Camp
Jennerstown, PA

*Communicate the Word...Carry on the Work...Change the World
Together*

Directions to

Pine Springs Camp

371 Pine Springs Camp Road, Jennerstown, PA 15547

814.629.9834

Take Route 30 (East or West) to Route 985 North. Follow Route 985 North for approximately 1-2 miles. Pass Green Gables Restaurant on the right and make a left on to Pine Springs Camp road. The camp A-frame and parking area is .5 miles up on the left.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PRESBYTERY MEETING

Carpooling is strongly encouraged. Please wear comfortable clothing and shoes. If you would like a tour of the camp, please arrive by 9:00 a.m. Registration, the meeting, and meal will all take place in The Refuge or the AFrame. Parking is limited throughout the camp. If you are able to walk, please park by the Office or the Elijah House. If you need to park closer to The Refuge, there is limited parking near the building.

Notes for the September 23, 2017 Presbytery Meeting!

- Presbyters are reminded to get "Prayer Requests" to the Clerk as soon as possible as they will be lifted up during the prayers in the Worship Service.
- The Offering received during worship at this meeting will go to the work and ministry of Pine Springs Camp.
- The cost of the noon meal will be \$7.00. Collection baskets will be made available.

Presbytery of Redstone And Washington Presbytery Gathering

Pine Springs Camp, Jennerstown, PA; September 23, 2017

"Celebrating our Camping Ministry Together"

9:00 a.m.	<p><u>Pine Springs Camp Slide Show</u> –</p> <p><i>Registration and fellowship –</i></p> <p><i>Table talk discussions</i></p>		<i>The Refuge</i>
10:00 a.m.	<p><u>Joint Presbytery Gathering Convenes with Prayer</u></p> <p><i>Redstone(2 minutes)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formation of the Roll • Seating of Corresponding Members <p><i>Washington(3 minutes)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stated Clerk Report (omnibus motion) <p>Introduction of Elders(5 minutes)</p> <p>PSC presentation---(10 minutes)</p> <p>BOP presentation(5 minutes)</p>	<p>Rev. Sue Washburn</p> <p>Rev. Cliff Foster Rev. Cliff Foster</p> <p>Rev. John Rodgers</p> <p>Greg Davis Rev. Doug Portz</p>	
10:25 a.m.	<p><u>Worship</u></p>	<p>Rev. Sue Wonderland preaching; Rev. Noftzger/ Rev. Kephart – Lord’s Supper Puckety Praise Team (music)</p>	
11:30	<p><u>Divide into respective individual presbyteries</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk’s Report – pp 6-7 • Treasurer’s Report – p 10 • Council— pp 16-19 –Executive Presbyter contract • Committee on Ministry— pp 20-23 –Examination of Rev. Ed Gray –Approval of call from First Presbyterian, Murrysville –2018 minimum terms of call • Nominating Committee— p 25 	<p>Mr. John Dickson</p>	<p>Redstone – Refuge</p> <p>Washington – AFrame</p>
12:30 p.m.	LUNCH		The Refuge
12:50 p.m.	<p><u>International Peacemaker</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Madam Achol Majok Kur Kier ---South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church 		The Refuge-platform
1:15 p.m.	<p><u>Announcements Loop – Redstone and Washington</u></p>		
1:30 p.m.	<p><u>Closing Worship</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tree dedication • Benediction • Adjournment 		

	<p>Tours of The Refuge Pine Springs Camp</p>			
	<p><u>Next Meeting of the Presbytery of Redstone--- November 18, 2017; 9:00 a.m. @Delmont Presbyterian Church.</u></p> <p><u>Next Meeting of the Washington Presbytery--- November 14, 2017; 7:00 p.m. @Waynesburg University.</u></p>			

STATED CLERK'S REPORT:

1. During the period since the last regularly stated Presbytery meeting, all correspondence that was received was responded to and/or appropriately routed for review and response to the appropriate entity of Presbytery.

CORRESPONDENCE LOG

Date Received	Received From	Content	Action
August 29, 2017 - email	Caroline Vickery, Delmont Presbyterian Church	LOGOs' workshop information	To COM and FILE
August 29, 2017 - email	John Dickson, Redstone Highlands	Domain name registration	To COUNCIL and FILE
August 28, 2017 - email	First Presbyterian Church, Murrysville	Installation date for the Rev. Edward Gray of October 22, 2017	To COM and FILE
August 21, 2017 - email	Camille Josey, Outreach Foundation	Small Church Initiative Information	To COM and FILE
August 17, 2017 - email	Jimmy Hawkins, Office of Public Witness	Day of Advocacy Information	To COUNCIL and FILE
August 15, 2017 - email	Rehoboth Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon	Interim Pastor Contract with the Rev. Alan Olson	To COM and FILE
August 15, 2017 - email	Rev. Donna Havrisko	Sabbatical Leave Report	To COM and FILE
August 2, 2017 - email	Rev. Ross Bash	Email regarding agreement between the Maplewood Presbyterian Church and the Presbytery of Redstone	To COUNCIL and FILE
August 2, 2017 - email	Cynthia Bellina	Email regarding her courses for the Fall 2017 term	To CPM and FILE
July 31, 2017 - email	Office of the General Assembly	Email regarding overtures for the 223 rd General Assembly	To FILE
July 31, 2017 - email	Carl E. Horton, Coordinator of Mission Peacemaking Program	Email regarding itinerary of Achol Majok Kur Kier from South Sudan	To COUNCIL and FILE
July 9, 2017 - mail	First Presbyterian Church, Windber	Letter and appraisal regarding sale of church	To COUNCIL
June 12, 2017 - mail	Ebensburg Presbyterian Church	Letter regarding sale of church property	To COUNCIL
May 31, 2017 - mail	Union Presbyterian Church, Murrysville	2017 Terms of Call for the Rev. Derek Campbell	To COM and FILE
May 30, 2017 - mail	West Hempfield Presbyterian Church, Irwin	Interim Contract for the Rev. Margaret Shannon	To COM and FILE

2. Review of the 2016 Session minutes and Church Registers has been completed and submitted to the COM.

3. The list of proposed presbytery meeting dates for the 2018 calendar year approved by the Council are presented below.

- January 20, 2018, Saturday-1:00 p.m.; First, Greensburg
- March 20, 2018, Tuesday-6:00 p.m.; First, Belle Vernon
- May 15, 2018, Tuesday-6:00 p.m.; Latrobe, Main Street, Latrobe
- September 18, 2018, Tuesday
- November 17, 2018, Saturday

4. Report of the Investigating Committee

CONSENT AGENDA:

The Associate Stated Clerk of the Presbytery, Rev. Cliff Foster, presents the following Consent Agenda:

From Executive Committee

1. Following the review of the Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Stated Clerk and Associate Stated Clerk, it is **recommended** that the minutes of the Presbytery meeting of the May 16, 2017 be approved.

From the Council

1. Council **recommends** that the Financial Reports presented to the Council and the Presbytery be received and filed for audit. (See Appendix A)
2. Council **recommends** that the Executive Presbyter, Treasurer, Mission and Pine Springs Camp reports presented to the Presbytery be received and filed.
3. Council **recommends** the adoption of the proposed 2018 Budget (See Appendix B) for consideration by the Presbytery for a "first reading." (*This is presented for a First Reading. The Presbytery will take action at the November meeting.*)

From the Committee on Ministry

1. Committee on Ministry **recommends** that the Record of the Review of Session Minutes and Church Registers for 2016 be received and filed. (See Appendix C)

From the Committee on Preparation for Ministry

From the Nominating Committee

From the Committee on Representation

From the Discernment Team

1. The Discernment Team **recommends** that the written report (page 26) for the Vandergrift Presbyterian Church discernment process be received and filed.

MINISTRY AND MISSION REPORTS

Executive Presbyter

Rev. Richard "Skip" Noftzger
Executive Presbyter Report

Communicate the Word, Carry on the Work, Change the World.....Together!

<p>VISION</p>	<p>5/16/2017-9/23/2017</p>
<p>Congregation-centered (ENGAGE)</p>	<p>Visible presence within the Presbytery engaging with congregations--- Church Visits---</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visited sixteen congregations in worship or special services since the last presbytery meeting. Preached at seven worship services. Offered remarks at historic celebrations of two congregations. Attended/moderated four session meetings. Moderated/participated in four different congregational meetings and forums for either calling a pastor or discernment. • Working directly with three sessions and search committee in order to identify timely interim pastoral leadership options. • Orientation for PNC's who are just beginning the search process. Consulted and coached the active PNC's (4) in the process of discerning and making call decisions. Two of those were brought to completion with successful calls. Actively supporting the other as they work through various issues. • Follow up and final reporting with one of our congregations who have received support for particular specialized ministries for both accountability and exploration of other options for sustainability.
<p>Leadership developed (EQUIP)</p>	<p>Developing and equipping leadership within the Presbytery---</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Met with various pastoral groups in sharing ministry consultation. Also offered individual advice, coaching and care with several pastors to review pastoral concerns and counsel on future ministry plans and issues. • Worked with the Nominating Committee in order to recommend possible candidates for consideration for positions of leadership within the Presbytery for the next year. Initiate contact with a number of ruling elders in order that they might consider positions of leadership and t be able to provide a "pool" of candidates for the nominating process. • Consulted with our inquirers and candidates under care in their various stages of preparation, including position searching, preparing for and taking the Bible content examination and the field education experience. • Continue to initiate and offer workshops not only for ruling elders possibly preparing for commissioning, but for personal enrichment and faith development for any elder (ruling or teaching).
<p>Collaboration-</p>	<p>Joined and initiated contact both within and outside Redstone---</p>

Districts/Network (ENABLE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actively involved in board leadership in both committee and board of Pine Springs Camp and Redstone Highlands. • Continue to participate and support affinity, networking and pastor groups within our presbytery as they continue to meet. • Serve as the Executive Presbyter advisory liaison to the Governing Commission of the Synod of the Trinity. • Initiated inclusion of another presbytery (Kiski) in the IPLF programs for forming and developing commissioned pastor candidates. Consulted with two other presbyteries on our educational program as a model for what they might replicate in their own setting. • Continue to coordinate the InterPresbytery Leadership Formation steering group in the implementation of the preparation and training program across three presbyteries. (Redstone, UOV, Washington). • Meet with various pastors as part of regional pastor gatherings within the geographic district of the presbytery. • Coordinated the planning and development of the joint presbytery meeting (Washington/Redstone) at Pine Springs Camp. 			
Partnership in Mission promoted (EMPOWER)	<p>Promoted and provided leadership in our partnerships in mission---</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in the New Wilmington Mission Conference in order to understand and promote missions. Supported and participated the Sudan/S. Sudan Partnership Network meetings at the conference. • Offered remarks on history of the mission of Redstone Presbytery with Pine Springs Camp at their celebration of the opening of The Refuge. • Provided support for the mission committee in consideration of future activities including recruitment of new members and a possible mission and interpretation trip in 2018. • Promoted the support of the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance after the hurricanes and flooding in Texas/Louisiana and Florida. 			
Operational Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worked with the Communications Task Force in consideration and implementation of domain name transfer to Redstone Highlands. Negotiated terms of the proposal for evaluation and action by the Council. • Promoted and resourced employer contract compliance with the Board of Pensions applicable to any employees within our congregations who are covered under their plans. • Continue to work with individual members of the Committee on Ministry on coordination of comprehensive minutes review as well as consideration of restructuring for greater effectiveness. 			
VALUES	Servant Leadership	Flourishing Community	Witness to the World	Generous and effective Stewardship
<i>Soli Deo Gloria</i>				

Treasurer's Report

Income & Expense Statement

This report represents the unaudited financial month of August 2017, which is the eighth (8) month of the operating year.

Financial Overview / Income

The Presbytery graciously recorded Commitment Contributions for the month of August totaling \$32,203.23. Funds received for August, represent the strongest showing for the entire operating year. On a straight-line accounting method, to address budgetary needs, it is hopeful at a minimum, \$33,083 is received each month. For the operating year, Commitment Contributions have never achieved this benchmark.

Year to date (YTD) income for Commitment Contributions totals \$210,764. As a result of monthly contributions falling short of income goals, income in total per budget is -\$55,483 behind.

Total Income which includes Commitment Contributions, but also funds that are temporarily restricted & released, investment income and miscellaneous income, totaled \$36,911.

As noted on the financial report, Total Income is at 56.9% of budget. Preferably, income on a percentage basis should be at 67% of budget at this time. The percentage difference of 7.1% equates to \$42,783 below budget.

Financial Overview / Expenses

The expenses of the Presbytery for the month of August are trending appropriately, with some minor overages but represent no concern. In total, YTD, expenses on a percentage basis are less than budget at 57.04% versus 67%. Therefore, expenses are 9.96% better than budget for the year.

Investments & Assets

Ameriprise Investments for the month of August reflected a negative change in value totaling -\$395.16. YTD, a positive change in value is recorded totaling \$18,908.18. The ending value of this account at month end totaled \$295,412.

Other holdings by the Presbytery consisting of funds invested with First Commonwealth, PILP, New Covenant and Pine Springs since the June report total \$361,670. Being that these investment holdings are quarterly statements, it is estimated the Redstone Presbytery investment totals inclusively equals \$657,082.

Excess Income / Expenses

For the month ending August 2017, the Presbytery recognized positive income totaling \$21,033. [It is to be noted the August expense total is almost half of all previous months, which is not typical.] YTD, the Presbytery at this time recognizes a positive income \$3,962 over expenses.

Note: A quick review of the Presbytery Commitment Report ending August 2017 reveals current church contribution levels on a percentage (%) basis. At this time of the year, to keep pace with Mission obligations, it is hopeful contribution levels at a minimum would be at the receipt level of 67%.

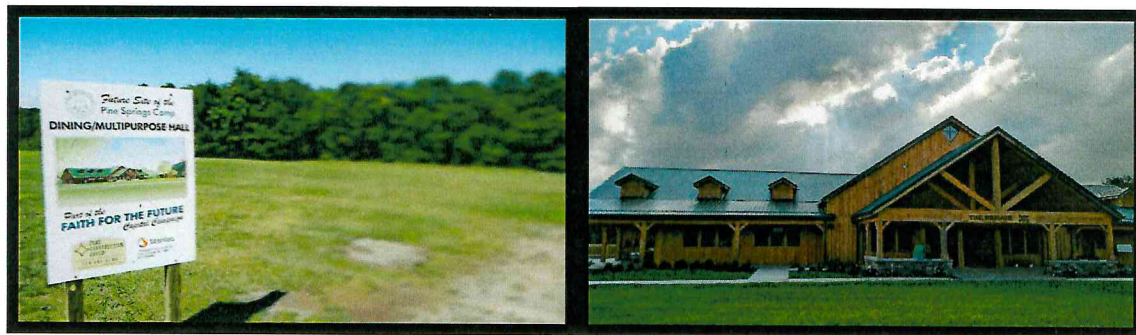
Respectfully Submitted,


John R. Dickson IV
Treasurer

Pine Springs Camp

The Refuge-What a Blessing and Finishing Faith for the Future!

From This to..... This in just 8 months!



What an amazing thing it was to watch the construction of the Refuge, from October 24 when the first shovel was put into the ground to June 24, when we officially dedicated the building and celebrated the camp's 70th summer, each day of construction was a reminder of God's provision for this ministry. It is an incredibly beautiful building but what is even more beautiful is to know that this building would not have been possible without the commitment of so many individuals and churches to make this dream a reality. Praise be to God and we can't wait to host the next Presbytery Meeting in September.

Capital Campaign Update

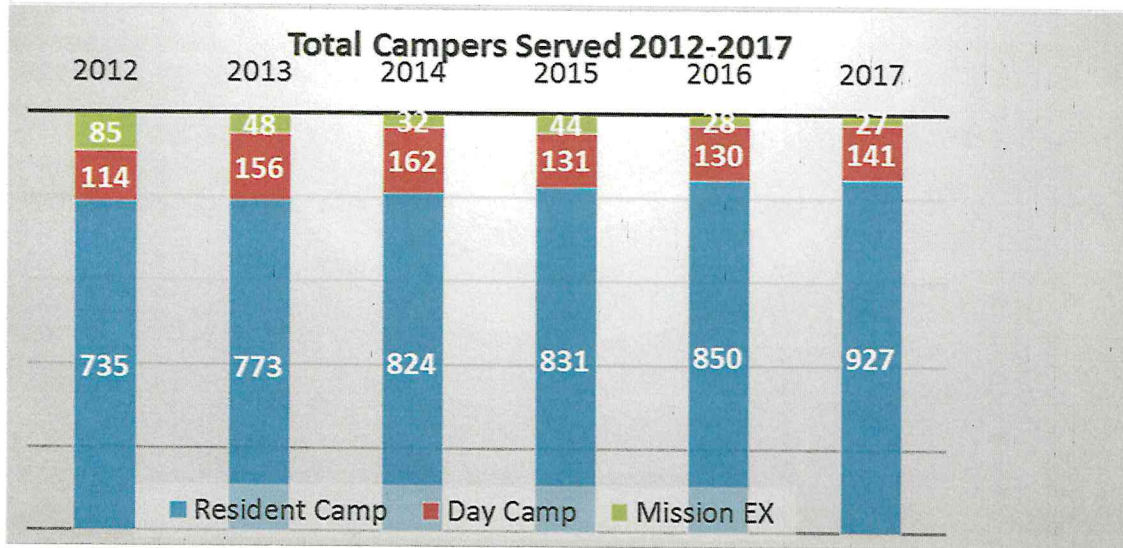
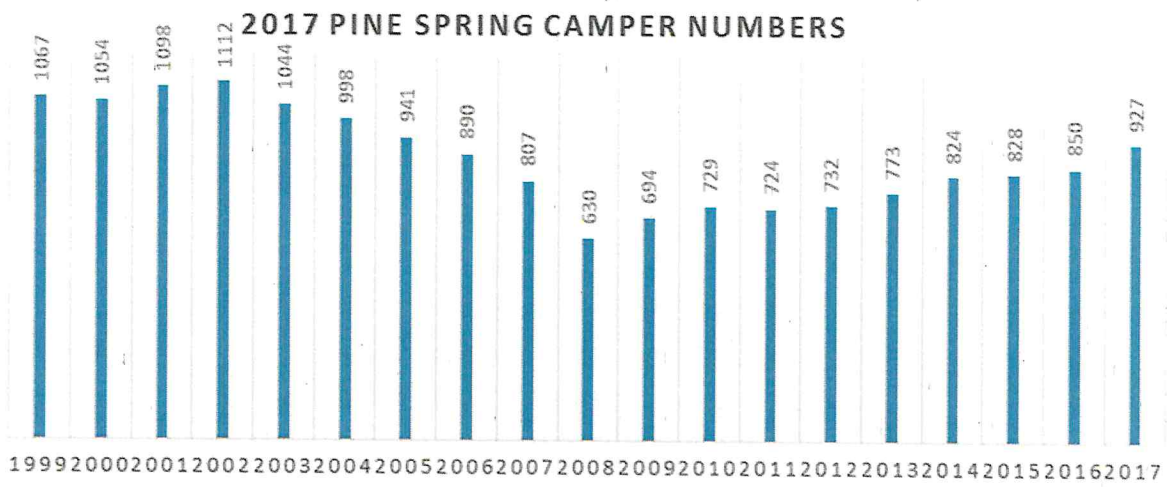
We want to continue the incredible blessing of providing vital encounters with Jesus Christ to the next generation. Thousands of people point to Pine Springs as the place where they committed their lives to Christ and it remains a foundational experience in their faith journey. **Through the incredibly gracious gifts of individuals, churches and two Foundations, we currently have over \$1,768,000 committed to our goal of raising \$1,800,000!** Due to some slight construction overruns and other unexpected costs associated with the campaign, we are hoping to raise an additional \$100,000 over the next two years, so that all the goals of the Faith for the Future Campaign can be realized.

What are Our Remaining Goals for the Faith for the Future Campaign?

- Winterizing Creekside Cabins and Expanding our Nurses Station
- Renovations to the A-frame
- Increasing the Carrie Foust Memorial Scholarship Fund
- New Program Initiatives like our Wilderness Fort and Belay Tree Climbing (in progress)
- New Adventure Course elements for all age groups
- A much more!

Summer Camp Update

We are grateful to God that we had 927 overnight campers this year. That represents an 8% increase over last summer. In addition it is the most overnight campers since 2005. Total campers served this summer with Day Camp and Mission Ex was 1095. We continue to be a mission where each and every camper encounters Christ in a vital manner through these programs.



Our Fall Retreats-Don't Miss these!

For 4th, 5th and 6th Graders

Mission Network

We are looking forward to the visit of Madam Achol Majok Kur Kier here at the September 23 meeting of Redstone Presbytery. She is coming as an International Peacemaker. Please pray for her travel here to the US and for the hearts here in the US that will be open to hearing what she has to say. She will also be speaking at the 10 a.m. worship service at First Presbyterian Church in Greensburg and at a 7 p.m. gathering at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Greensburg. All are welcome to attend these events.

Her biographical material includes the following:

Achol Majok Kur Kier chairs the Women's Desk and is a deacon in the South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church (SSPEC). The work of the SSPEC Women's Desk has included trauma healing, working with internal refugees in UNMIS protection camps, and organizing SSPEC women to take part in the national dialogue called for by the President of the Republic of South Sudan. Madam Achol has also served as a member of the executive committee of the South Sudan Council of Churches (SSCC), actively participating in all the peace initiatives of South Sudan since December 2013. She remains actively engaged in peace and reconciliation. Her areas of expertise are peace & reconciliation, stability, education particularly for girls, and poverty alleviation. She states that, "in the absence of peace there will be no education, no health services, no food, no development."

The Redstone Presbytery Mission committee is seeking new members who are interested in learning about possibilities for mission and getting their congregations involved in mission, both local and international. We have changed our meeting night to the third Wednesday of the month, at 7 p.m. at the Presbytery office.

There will be information in the near future about PDA work trips. Dates and times will be announced as they are available.

We are planning a mission trip to South Sudan in 2018. Several people have indicated interest in such a trip. We will be announcing approximate dates in the very near future. Please let Sylvia Carlson know if you have interest in such a trip.



Redstone Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering

Saturday, October 21, 2017 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Community United Presbyterian Church
1640 Keystone Park Road, New Alexandria, PA
Directions on the back of this flyer



2017-2018 *Horizons* Bible Study

Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews

By **Melissa Bane Sevier**

with the Rev. Donna Havrisko, Westminster Church, Greensburg



Into the Light: Addiction Ministry

Members of the Redstone Addictions Ministry Network



Update on the Advocacy Work of the Blackburn Center: Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

Blackburn Center Staff

The Mission Project selected by the Community PW will be contributions to
RISE AGAINST HUNGER, formerly known as STOP HUNGER NOW



Wearable shoes will also be collected



Pre-paid Reservations are important so that the women of Community can prepare for our event. Please use the tear-off form below.

Make check payable to: PW of Redstone Presbytery; *must be mailed by Friday, October 13*

Mail check and reservation slip to: Susan Blank, PW Treasurer
4068 Bushy Run Road, Jeannette, PA 15644 724-523-6460

2017 Redstone PW Fall Gathering,

Community United Presbyterian Church, New Alexandria, PA

Church Name _____

Number of persons attending: _____ @ \$10.00 each = _____ amount enclosed

Contact Person: _____ Phone No. _____

List of Attendees: _____

Please use the back if necessary



TOGETHER IN SERVICE (MISSION OPPORTUNITIES)
 COORDINATOR: Judy Koontz, (724)668-7418; judykoontz@windstream.net
 570 Koontz Road, New Alexandria, PA 15670



The New Windsor Mission Trip for September 18-20th has been cancelled. Since we will not be traveling to New Windsor, we will not be able to transport your kit donations to CWS. But a truck will be picking up donations in September at a church near Indiana. Judy will be taking donations there. Please let her know if you have things that need transported. (724-668-7418) Deadline for dropping off items is September 20th. The SERRV store in New Windsor has also closed. You can still support this mission by ordering online at serrv.org.



There will be a SERRV sale at the Fall Gathering for your early Christmas shopping. Look for specially priced bargains.

MISSION PROJECT for FALL GATHERING



The Community United Presbyterian Church has asked us to support **RISE AGAINST HUNGER**. This is the organization that was formerly called STOP HUNGER NOW. As an international hunger relief organization, **RISE AGAINST HUNGER** is dedicated to eliminating hunger by 2030. The meal packaging program is a volunteer based initiative that coordinates the assembly line packaging of highly nutritious dehydrated meals comprised of rice, soy, vegetables and 23 vitamins and minerals. This hands-on activity was started in 2005 to support school feeding programs in developing countries. If you would like to learn more go to riseagainsthunger.org Read about their role in addressing the dire needs in South Sudan.

CUP is going to host another meal packaging event in 2018 and plans to raise \$6,000 so we can pack 20,000 meals. **Cash donations will also be accepted. Please make your checks payable to Rise Against Hunger.**



****Another way you can help to reach the \$6,000 goal is to **collect good reusable shoes at your church**. Shoes are accepted in all sizes. No flip flops, crocs, slippers, winter boots, dress boots or metal cleats. Please advertise, use your own box and collect shoes. Bring them to the Fall Gathering or if you get too many to wait until October please take them to the Presbytery Office or drop them off at CUP in New Alexandria (M-F 9:30AM-NOON, 724-668-7752)

WANTED—CHURCHES WHO would like to participate in a **MISSION TEA** on July 21, 2018. We are looking for 10-12 churches or individuals who would like to sponsor a table. Please call Judy at 724-668-7418 if you are interested in working on this fundraiser for **RISE AGAINST HUNGER**.



ACTION AGENDA

Presbytery Council

[Links to complete copies of the Minutes of Council can be found online at www.redstone.org under the "Presbytery Council Meeting Dates" tab.]

Action Items

- The Council recommends that the contract with current Executive Presbyter be renewed for five years at its expiration date (March 31, 2018) with terms of call established annually and subject to provisions in the Presbytery of Redstone Manual. (Appendix D)

Information Items

August 22, 2017 Meeting

Stated Clerk

- The Stated Clerk presented the correspondence log since the last Council meeting for review by the Council.
- The Stated Clerk informed the Council that we had received requests to host the Presbytery meeting from the following two sessions on the respective dates.
 - May 15, 2018—6:00 p.m. — Latrobe Presbyterian ChurchIt was MSP to approve the request with thanksgiving.

Treasurer

- A written Treasurer's report for the first seven months of the fiscal year was included in the packet. The Treasurer reviewed the report and answered questions. There remains a need for both fulfillment of church pledges and greater contributions to the Presbytery.

Executive Director of Pine Springs Camp

- A written report from the Executive Director was received. Additionally, Greg provided updated information on both campaign contributions and summer camp numbers. He also shared a personal note from a camper who was from Mississippi, but who came to camp as a result of her connection with one of our congregations.

Executive Presbyter

- Skip Noftzger, Executive Presbyter offered some reflections on our need to be clear about the values of the gospel in the midst of times when there are those who would seek to denigrate others based upon race. He shared with the Council a copy of the letter that had been signed and distributed by the Stated Clerk, Executive Director of PMA and the two Co-Moderators of the Presbyterian Church(U.S.A.).

He also reported on the following matters:

- The planned meetings in the discernment process with the Vandergrift Presbyterian Church congregation in order to answer questions and discuss issues will be conducted by the team on September 17 and November 5.
- Upcoming IPLF workshops for "Commissioned Pastor" preparation, continuing education as well as any Ruling Elder. He noted the successful receipt of a grant from the Synod of the Trinity for the second phase of IPLF (Redstone, Washington, UOV, and Kiski) focused on retreats and continuing education for pastors to be hosted at Pine Springs Camp. One part of that grant has already been passed on to the camp for winterization of cabins.

SUBCOMMITTEES/NETWORKS/TASK FORCES

Staff Support

- A written report consisting of the minutes of the Staff Support Committee was provided. Two items were the primary focus since the last meeting.
 - The Staff Support Committee recommended to the Finance and Budget committee a 3% increase in salary for both employees. This amount has been calculated and included in the 2018 budget submitted to the Council for recommendation to the Presbytery.
 - The Staff Support Committee recommended to the Council that the current contract with the Executive Presbyter (ends March 31, 2018) be renewed for another five years. It was noted that the Manual provision is that either the Presbytery or the EP could terminate the contract with a minimum six month notice. Rev. Noftzger left the room for the discussion and deliberation by the Council. It was **MSP** (unanimous) to approve the recommendation and to recommend to the Presbytery.

Communications

- Rev. Niki Atkinson provided an oral report of the activities of the Communications task force.
 - The Communications group has responded to a request from Redstone Highlands to exchange the current domain name (redstone.org) for redstonepresbytery.org with the following conditions.
 - Redstone Highlands assumes responsibility for any transition and technical costs associated with the change.
 - The new redstone.org (Redstone Highlands) will continue to have for the first six months an active visible link to redirect users who are trying to find the Presbytery website.
 - Redstone Highlands will offer compensation to the Presbytery of Redstone a one-time payment of \$5000 for the rights to the domain name.

It was **MSP** to approve the recommendation based upon the proposed conditions.

Missions

- A written report was received from Sylvia Carlson, chair of the Mission Committee. The report emphasized the following:
 - Opportunities to host Madam Achol Majok Kur Kier (International Peacemaker from the South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church; Redstone Partner) on Saturday evening(9/23) and Monday morning(9/25).
 - Continued need for matching funds (Abundance Grant) for emergency relief for South Sudan. Funds are collected in the Presbytery office and are distributed through the South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church.

Budget and Finance

- Rev. Skip Noftzger provided a summary report on pledges and giving by churches during the past five years. There remains a need to return to some of the levels of church contributions that were part of their previous commitments.
- Rev. Noftzger noted for the Council that the online giving program through the Presbyterian Foundation is now available through the Presbytery website.
- On behalf of the Budget and Finance Committee, Rev. Noftzger brought the recommendation to propose the 2018 budget as submitted to the Presbytery. It would be presented for a first reading in September and voted upon at the November meeting. It was **MSP** to recommend the 2018 budget to the Presbytery.
- For the First Presbyterian Church, Windber a request for authorization to proceed with listing and possible sale of the current church building. This request had previously been approved by both the session and the congregation. This was **not** a request to dissolve the congregation who

will continue to worship and minister from other facilities in the area. It was MSP to approve the request.

- For the New Hope Presbyterian Church a request for approval of a lease agreement with the Norwin Community Athletic Association for renovation and use of the facilities as a baseball field. It was MSP to approve the request.

Addictions Ministry

- A written report of upcoming events and activities of the Addictions Ministry network had been provided that emphasized the opportunities for education and training that will be possible.

Presbyterian Women

- A written report was submitted by Susan Nesti, current Moderator of the Redstone Presbyterian Women.

May 30, 2017 Meeting

Stated Clerk

- The Stated Clerk presented the correspondence log since the last Council meeting for review by the Council.
- The Stated Clerk informed the Council that we had received requests to host the Presbytery meeting from the following two sessions on the respective dates.
 - January 20, 2018—1:00 p.m. —First, Greensburg
 - March 20, 2018—6:00 p.m.—First, Belle VernonIt was MSP to approve both requests with thanksgiving.

Treasurer

- A written Treasurer's report for the first three months of the fiscal year was included in the packet. The Executive Presbyter reviewed the report and answered questions. There remains a need for both fulfillment of church pledges and greater contributions to the Presbytery.

Executive Presbyter

- Skip Noftzger, Executive Presbyter reported on the following matters:
 - New planned meetings in the discernment process with the Vandergrift Presbyterian Church.
 - Group who met early for prayer for God's leading regarding new church and Christian community opportunities. He shared some background and information on the "Fresh Expressions" movement in the United States.
 - Offered encouragement for our congregations in anticipation of the upcoming celebration of Pentecost. Send anywhere from 5-10 new students into the program.

SUBCOMMITTEES/NETWORKS

Staff Support

- The summary of the annual staff evaluation of the Executive Presbyter was submitted in writing to the Council. Representing the Staff Support Committee, CRE Glenn Hart was present to present the report and answer questions. He noted that Skip Noftzger and the Staff Support Committee Liaison had also conducted the evaluation for the Administrative Assistant.

Communications

- Rev. Niki Atkinson reiterated her oral presentation from the May Presbytery meeting and discussed some of the upcoming plans for the Communications Task Force.

Missions

- Rev. Skip Nofztger spoke of the verbal confirmation of the Abundance grant from the Synod of the Trinity. He reminded Council members that the Mission Committee will be conducting a “matching” fund raising campaign in the near future.

Budget and Finance

- Rev. Skip Nofztger provided the current pledge report from congregations and reminded everyone of the cashflow needs of the Presbytery.
- On behalf of the Budget and Finance Committee, Rev. Nofztger brought the recommendation to initiate online giving through the Presbytery website using the resources of the Presbyterian Foundation. He distributed a comparison analysis and spoke of the differences. It was MSP to authorize the development of this online giving program.
- For the Trinity United Presbyterian Church in Uniontown, a request for authorization to proceed with demolition of the house next to the church building was received. Background information given to the session and congregation prior to them making the request was distributed. It was MSP to approve the request.

Additions Ministry

- Rev. Sue Washburn and Rev. Alice Tondora spoke of their experiences leading the network conversations at the SW and NW regional gatherings of the Synod. Lynn Mance and Alice also reported on the most recent special service hosted at First Presbyterian, Johnstown.

Synod of the Trinity

- Rev. Lori Bass-Riley provided an overview of the Synod gathering at Morgantown of the regional gatherings for conversations.

Committee on Ministry

Action Items

- Committee on Ministry **recommends** the approval of the required 2018 minimum terms of call for installed pastors as proposed. (See Appendix E)
- Committee on Ministry **recommends** that the Presbytery recommend to its congregation a 3% raise in the effective salary for their experienced and continuing pastoral leadership.
- Committee on Ministry presents the Rev. Ed Gray for examination to be received into the Presbytery of Redstone and to be called to the First Presbyterian Church, Murrysville based upon the submitted terms of call - (Appendix F) and Rev. Gray's Statement of Faith - (Appendix G).
- Committee on Ministry **recommends** designating Rev. Kirk Orr as Honorably Retired effective December 31, 2017. (Kirk will not be able to be present at the November Presbytery gathering)
- The Committee on Ministry **recommends** the dissolution of the Pastoral Relationship between Rev Kirk Orr and Puckety effective December 31, 2017.

Information Items

September 7, 2017 Meeting

Report of the Stated Clerk

The Stated Clerk gave an update to the committee on the following matters:

- Correspondence log related to COM.
- Minute Review progress: there is still 1 church that need reviewed. **MSP** to report the results of the Minute Review to Presbytery in September

Reports of Sub-Committees

Search and Call

- **MSP** to recommend the approval of the dissolution of the Pastoral Relationship between Rev Kirk Orr and Puckety effective December 31, 2017
- **MSP** the approval of the renewal of the Interim Pastor contract between Rev Alan Olson and Rehoboth.
- **MSP** to recommend for approval of the Pastoral call of First Murrysville and Rev Ed Gray.

Examination

- The following mentors are in place for the next six month:
Cliff Foster - Rev Ed Gray
Martin Ankrum - Rev Geoff Rach

Care of Church Professionals

- A Thank you from Donna Havrisko to the BOP for the Sabbatical Leave that she had.
- Mike Shepard offered prayers for Peter Keith, Clark Kerr, Wendy Keys, William King, Richard Klein, Steve LaSor, Kent Lighthall, Carlisle Lloyd, Dennis Macaleer and Chuck MacPherson.

Care of Congregations

- The Committee continues to pray for the following congregations: First Windber, Palmer Adah, Poke Run, First Avonmore, First Belle Vernon, Harmony, Marion, Rehoboth, United Bolivar and Covenant Boswell.
- Jim Farrer presented a list of Renewal Opportunities such as Wee Kirk, Pilgrimages, Workshops, etc.

AP/CRE Subcommittee (COM/CPM)

- Fall Workshop – September 9th – Church Leadership & Pastoral Care

Board of Pension Update

Employers contracts must be completed by October 13th.

Com Chairperson's Report

- Two chairs in the middle of the floor. Why? Lack of curiosity? Inactive? We need to learn to ask questions. Be engaged in the conversation.

Executive Presbyter's Report

Pastor, Counselor, Advisor – as we are hit by Hurricane Harvey and Irma and Jose' we need to become the First Responders to the Presbytery, to congregations and to Pastors. We need to stay grounded in our relationships.

August 3, 2017 Meeting

Report of the Stated Clerk

The Stated Clerk gave an update to the committee on the following matters:

- Correspondence log related to COM.
- Minute Review progress: there are still church that need reviewed. Final report will be given at September Presbytery meeting.

Reports of Sub-Committees

Examination

- MSP to place the candidate for the First Presbyterian Church , Murrysville to be examined at the September 23rd Presbytery meeting if the way be clear.

Care of Church Professionals

- The BOP medical is going up .5% for 2018. The committee will present the minimum terms of call at the next meeting to be voted on at the September Presbytery meeting. While sessions/congregations must exceed the minimum, they are encouraged to consider experience and qualifications in proposing fair and just compensation. Additionally, any recommendations about salary increases are just a guide for which the church should begin their discussions.
- Mike Shepard offered prayers for James Gear, Eric Glisan, Pete Goetschuis, Donald Graff, Glenn Hart, Donna Havrisko, James Hepler, Joey Hickok, Doug Holben and Alex Jalso.

Care of Congregations

- The Committee continues to pray for the following congregations: Pleasant View, Level Green, Tent, Third and Trinity in Uniontown, East Liberty, Vandergrift, Sewickley, and Sewickley United and United in West Newton.
- The Committee asks for prayers for all the small churches that are hard to get in contact with.
- Wee Kirk conference for small churches in October.

AP/CRE Subcommittee (COM/CPM)

- Fall Workshop – September 9th – Church Leadership & Pastoral Care
- Reformed Theology by Rev Martin Ankrum – 19 students

Board of Pension Update – It is time for the Employers contracts to be loaded into the website.

Com Chairperson's Report

The Moderators for the following:

First Murrysville – Rev Martin Ankrum

Ebensburg – Rev Alice Tondora

Colver – Rev Alice Tondora

Executive Presbyter's Report

Vandergrift Discernment Team has 2 meetings set up with the congregation.

June 1, 2017 Meeting

Report of the Stated Clerk

The Stated Clerk gave an update to the committee on the following matters:

- Correspondence log related to COM.
- Minute Review progress: list of churches circulated for members to take and get the books reviewed. All reviews should be done by August meeting.

Reports of Sub-Committees

Search and Call

- **MSP** the recommended approval of Interim contract between West Hempfield and Peggy Shannon for a 6 month extension.
- **MSP** the approval of the MIF for Trinity New Florence.
- **MSP** the approval for Rehoboth to elect their PNC.
- The following Churches and their Liaisons:
 - Fayette City – Aleda Menchyk
 - Little Redstone – Laurie Davison
 - Ebensburg & Colver – Cynthia Cadenhead

Examination

- **MSP** requesting a Call of a Special Presbytery Meeting for August 3 at 6:30 pm at Maplewood Presbyterian Church, if the way be clear, for purpose of examining the candidate for Level Green Presbyterian Church.

Care of Church Professionals

- Received Lisa Dormire's annual report for Validated Ministries.
- Mike Shepard offered prayers for Suzanne Currie, Eugene Degitz, Lisa Dormire, Ron Durika, Grafton Eliason, James Farrer, Cliff Foster, Ken Foust, Bob Fuehrer, Neal Galley. Mike also asked the committee to keep Fort Burd and Katy in their prayers as well as his family.

Care of Congregations

- The Committee continues to pray for the following congregations: Congruity, Bethel New Florence, Trinity New Florence, United New Kensington, New Salem, New Hope, Patton, Revloc, Calvin Scottdale, Grace Chapel Smithfield.
- Committee continues to work on Congregations working together.

AP/CRE Subcommittee (COM/CPM)

- Fall Workshop - September 9th - Church Leadership & Pastoral Care.
- Kiski has 5 applicants who will be joining in the fall possibly 2 or 3 more.

Com Chairperson's Report

- Asked the committee for Moderators for the following:
First Murrysville
Ebensburg
Colver

Executive Presbyter's Report---Religion is rooted in our identity. Fresh Expressions bring together new & old.

Action Items

- NONE

Information Items

- The committee met with Cynthia Bellina of Uniontown, to consider her application to be considered by Presbytery for status as an *Inquirer*. Questions relative to the application were asked by committee members and satisfactory response was made by Ms. Bellina. She, also, outlined some of her goals. The committee elaborated impending covenant relationship, the exploratory nature, and the time frame of *Inquiry Status*. *Inquiry Status* was moved by Rev. Catullo and the motion was seconded by Elder Edelman. Passage was by unanimous vote. Rev. Catullo closed this first section of the meeting with prayer.
- The second section was a meeting with Lay Pastor Rick Watson for discussion on his continuing progress in his *Candidacy Status*. Pastor Watson was accompanied by a session representative from his home church, Calvin, Scottdale. Rev. Bash opened this section with prayer. Pastor Watson proposed a CPE program through the Pittsburgh Pastoral Institute where he would serve within Highlands Hospital in Connellsville. Highlands has indicated a desire to include a 'spiritual' component within their Hospital program and he has connected them with the director of PPI program. Pastor Watson sees this as movement toward his goal of growth in care giving. Participation in the classroom discussion and experience will take place through videoconferencing technologies. The proposal also seems to fit well within Dubuque Seminary's SPM requirements.
- Rev. Bash moved and Elder Edelman seconded a motion for approval of Pastor Watson's CPE project and program. Pastor Watson updated for the committee his timetable for the remaining *Candidacy* requirements. Rev. Noftzger suggested a framework completing all *ordination exams* by March of 2019. It was moved and seconded to grant Mr. Watson to begin taking any and all of the ordination exams according to his own schedule.

Nominating Committee

Action Items

- The Nominating Committee places in nomination TE Colleen Molinaro, Third Presbyterian Church to serve as Vice Moderator, 2018. (this office will be elected at the November stated meeting, Manual 2.1201)
- The Nominating Committee nominates the following persons for the Offices/Classes indicated:

PRESBYTERY COUNCIL:

Bobbi Jo Huebner (1); District III, Belle Vernon, First (2020)
Rev. Lee McDermott (2); District III, McClellandtown (2020)
Jack Battenhouse (2); District II, Trafford, Level Green (2020)
Rev. Craig Miller (2); District IV, Johnstown, Westmont (2020)

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY:

Rev. Katy Brungraber (1); District III, Brownsville, Ft. Burd (2020)
Rev. David McCabe (2); District IV; Cresson/Patton; (2020)
Janet Henderson (2); District IV; New Florence; Trinity (2020)
Rev. Ron Durika (2); District II; Irwin, First (2020)
William Wiegand (1); District III; New Salem; (2020)

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY:

Rev. Caroline Vickery (2); District I; Delmont (2020)

PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION:

Rev. Curtis Paul (1) District I, Murrysville, Newlonsburg (2023)

PINE SPRINGS CAMP:

Rev. Ken Foust (1) District I; Lower Burrell, Grace (2020)
Rev. Derek Campbell (2); District II; Murrysville, Union (2020)

- The Nominating Committee presents the following people for election as commissioners, young adult advisory delegate or alternates.

2018 GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMISSIONERS

Rev. Wendy Keys
Rev. Sue Washburn
Rich Smith, Newlonsburg
Janie Short, New Florence, Bethel
Emily Hartz, New Kensington (YAAD)
Rev. Niki Atkinson (alternate)
Gwen Gamble, New Florence, Trinity (alternate)

Information Items

- If you or others (ruling elders) you know desire to participate in some form of Presbytery leadership, please offer your name or others as suggestions for consideration by the Nominating Committee.

Vandergrift Discernment Team Report

Since the last report, the Team was contacted again on behalf of the Vandergrift session to initiate the process again. Having convened together as a team, we met with the Vandergrift session to inquire about their renewed interest. At this point, our discussions focused less on the precipitating issues and on the process moving forward.

In consultation with the team, the Session determined two dates (September 17 and November 5) in order to have congregational forums moderated by the team in order to explain the process, hear concerns about the denomination, and represent the positions and practices of the PCUSA over the years. A letter submitted by the team inviting members of the congregation to these forums was distributed within the congregation. A possible date for congregational vote would be established in January, 2018.