



2018 Stated Meeting

of the

Presbytery of Redstone
Presbyterian Church (USA)

September 18, 2018



Redstone Highlands
Greensburg, PA

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

Directions to

Redstone Highlands
6 Garden Center Drive
Greensburg, PA 15601
724.832.8400

From Pittsburgh/Monroeville

Parkway East to Monroeville to Route 22 East and take Greensburg exit onto new Route 66 South (toll road). After ½ mile, exit, Old Route 66 South, “last exit before toll.” At exit ramp traffic light, left on Old Route 66 South for about 5.5 miles to the first traffic light at First National Bank of Pennsylvania (Shop and Save Plaza). Turn left at that light, make a quick right and then a quick left onto Garden Center Drive. One block to Redstone Highlands.

From the West

Take I-70 to New Stanton and head north onto Route 119 into Greensburg. At the courthouse continue straight ahead North on Main Street (Route 66 North) about 1.5 miles. At third traffic light by First National Bank of Pennsylvania (Shop and Save Plaza), turn right. Immediately turn right again and then turn left onto Garden Center Drive (Redstone Highlands sign). One block to Redstone Highlands.

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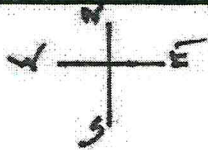
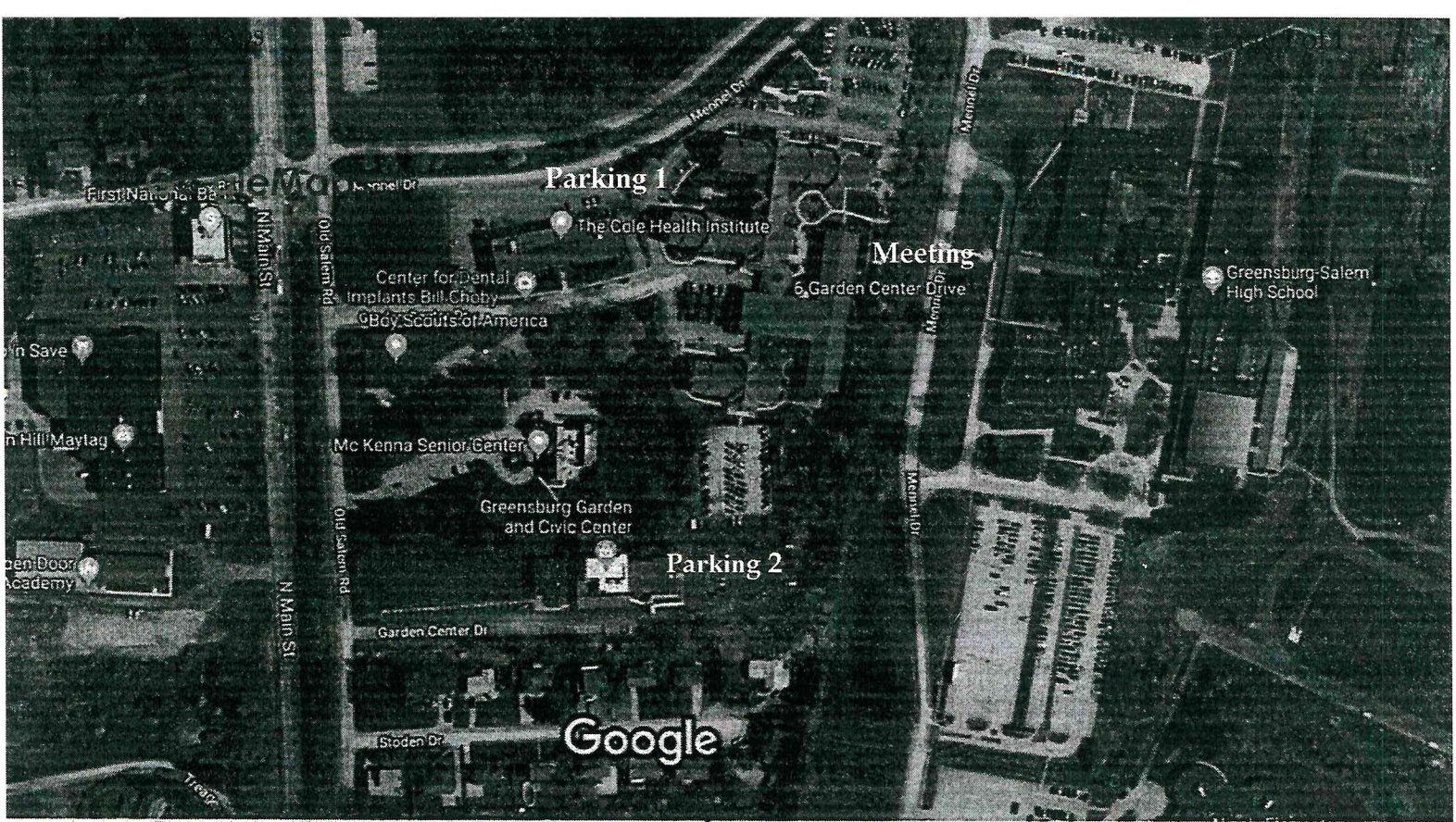
Take new Route 66 (toll road - \$1.00 toll) to Harrison City Exit. Make right onto Old Route 66. Take Old Route 66 about 1.5 miles to traffic light at First National Bank of Pennsylvania (Shop and Save Plaza). Turn left and then immediately turn right and then left onto Garden Center Drive (Redstone Highlands sign). One block to Redstone Highlands.

From the East

PA Turnpike to New Stanton Exit, then follow directions above “From the West.”

From Oakmont

Take Route 909 (Coxcomb Hill) to New Kensington. Make a right onto Route 366 East at McDonald’s. Follow straight and make a right onto Route 66 South. Follow Route 66 South towards Greensburg past Delmont and Route 22, passing King’s Restaurant on the right. Take first exit on new Route 66 (toll road) to Old Route 66 South. At traffic light make a left. Follow Old Route 66 South for about 5.5 miles to the first traffic light at First National Bank of Pennsylvania (Shop and Save Plaza). Turn left at light, then make a quick right and then a quick left onto Garden Center Drive. One block to Redstone Highlands.



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For those requiring handicapped parking, such spaces are located at the front of the building and at the north end, at the apartment entrance location. Those being car-pooled with accommodation needs, can be dropped off at the main entrance as well.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PRESBYTERY MEETING

The Redstone Presbytery meeting will be conducted at the Redstone Highlands Retirement Community, located at 6 Garden Center Drive, Greensburg, PA 15601 from 6 pm to 9 pm. Entry into the facility will be available from two (2) locations; central entrance and apartment entryway (north end of building).

The meeting will be conducted in the Chapel, with light refreshments at the back of this area. Board of Pension's information, Pine Springs Camp, and Registration will be just outside this area. Restrooms are just down the hall from the Chapel and Registration. The Prayer Team will be meeting on the other side of the Lobby in the Administration Conference Room.

Notes for the September 18, 2018 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 Redstone Highlands Benevolent Care.

Presbytery of Redstone Gathering
 Redstone Highlands, Greensburg, PA; September 18, 2018
 "Enabling Ministry Networks"

5:00 p.m.	<u>Registration and Fellowship</u> <i>Redstone Highlands tours—</i> <i>Board of Pensions-Q&A</i>	
6:00 p.m.	<u>Presbytery Gathering Convenes</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formation of the Roll • Seating of Corresponding Members • Introduction of Elders • Redstone Highlands and Arrangements 	Rev. Cliff Foster Rev. Cliff Foster Joshua Scully John Dickson
	<u>Clerk(s) Reports</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correspondence log Minutes Review Report • Consent Agenda (p. 8) 	Rev. Skip Noftzger Rev. Cliff Foster
	<u>GA Commissioners report</u>	Rich Smith Rev. Sue Washburn
	<u>Worship ---</u> Installation of Vice Moderator Rev. Laura Blank	Rev. Lisa Dormire Rev. Becca Siddle
	<u>Reports</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treasurer (p. 11) • Pine Springs Camp (p. 12-13) • Mission Network (p. 14) • Board of Pensions, (PCUSA) • Healing and Prayer ministry 	John Dickson Greg Davis Rev. Sylvia Carlson Rev. Ayana Teter Rev. Jim Farrer
	<u>Announcements "Loop"</u>	Rev. Laura Blank
	<u>Action Agenda</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council (p. 15) Finance and Budget Staff Support • Committee on Ministry (p. 21) Minimum terms of call Investiture of stoles • Nominating (p. 26) 2019 Vice Moderator nominee 2019 Committee nominees • New Business <u>Benediction</u> <u>Adjournment</u>	Rev. Sue Washburn Rev. Martin Ankrum Rev. Curtis Paul

The next stated meeting of the Presbytery of Redstone will take place on November 17, 2018, 10:00 a.m. at the Laurel Hill Presbyterian Church, Dunbar, PA.

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
September 4, 2018 - email	Stated Clerk, Presbytery of the Peaks	Confirmation of dismissal of the Rev. Jane Johnson	To STATED CLERK and FILE
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August 26, 2018 - mail	Chantal Atnip, Treasurer; Synod of the Trinity	Report on per capita, shared and directed mission giving to the Synod of the Trinity.	To TREASURER and FILE
August 15, 2018 - mail	Chantal Atnip, Treasurer; Synod of the Trinity	Award letter and allocation (1/2) of campus ministry grant	To BOOKKEEPER and FILE
August 15, 2018 - hand delivered	Rev. Ronald Johnson	Signed acknowledgement of receipt of ethical conduct policy	To FILE
August 13, 2018 - mail	Marion Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon	Amended 2018 Terms of Call for CRE Robert Prinkey for the remainder of 2018	To COM and FILE
August 8, 2018 - email	Rev. Rene' Whitaker	Third of three clearances	To FILE
August 2, 2018 - mail	James Mari, Tax Collector	2018 Real Estate Tax bill for manse at West Leisenring Presbyterian Church	To BOOKKEEPER and FILE
July 30, 2018 - mail	Little Redstone Presbyterian Church, Fayette City	CRE contract with Joshua Scully	To COM and FILE
July 25, 2018 - hand delivered	Rev. Donald Glunt	Signed acknowledgement of receipt and agreement to abide by the terms of ethical conduct policy	To FILE
July 10, 2018 - mail	Rev. Rene' Whitaker	Two of three clearances	To FILE
July 5, 2018 - email	Rev. Donald Glunt	Third of three clearances	To FILE
July 2, 2018 - email	Rev. Andrew Wirt	Required child abuse clearances	To FILE
June 27, 2018 - email	Rev. Donald Glunt	Second of three clearances	To FILE
June 25, 2018 - email	Rev. Andrew Wirt	Two of three clearances	To FILE

June 20, 2018 - mail	Rev. Donald Glunt	One of three clearances	To FILE
June 6, 2018 - mail	Dunlap's Creek Presbyterian Church, Merrittstown	Letter requesting the sale of a parcel of land	To COUNCIL and FILE
May 29, 2018 - mail	Rev. Daniel Chow	Thank you note for remembering him in prayer	To COM and FILE
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2. Review of the 2017 Session minutes and Church Registers has been completed and submitted to the COM. The minutes and the church registers of the following congregations were not reviewed Cresson; and Latrobe, United.
3. The list of proposed presbytery meeting dates for the 2019 calendar year approved by the Council are presented below.
 - o January 26, 2019 - New Hope Presbyterian Church, North Huntingdon
 - o March 26, 2019 - First Presbyterian Church, Irwin
 - o May 21, 2019 - First Presbyterian Church, Murrysville
 - o September 24, 2019 - Pine Springs Camp
 - o November 23, 2019 - Pleasant View Presbyterian Church, Smock

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 15, 2018 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 2019 Budget (See Appendix B) for consideration by the Presbytery for a "first reading." (*This 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 2017 be received and filed. (See Appendix C)

From the Committee on Preparation for Ministry

From the Nominating Committee

From the Committee on Representation

MINISTRY AND MISSION REPORTS

Executive Presbyter

**Rev. Richard "Skip" Noftzger
Executive Presbyter Report**

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

VISION	5/15/2018-9/18/2018
<p>Congregation-centered (ENGAGE)</p>	<p>Visible presence within the Presbytery engaging with congregations--- Church Visits---</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visited seventeen congregations in worship or special services since the last presbytery meeting. Preached at twelve different worship services. Attended or moderated four session meetings. • Worked directly with one session and search committee in order to identify timely interim pastoral leadership in order to ensure a "smooth" transition. • Actively supporting two sessions and congregations during a time of leave for the installed pastor and after a retirement of another pastor. Includes coordinating preaching, moderating, working with staff and committees in order that the ministry would continue. • Advocated on behalf of one session and congregation after significant damage to their facility by flooding in order to obtain grant funding from the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and the Synod of the Trinity. • Provided daily updates (blog, facebook, twitter, pictures, video) during the General Assembly of experiences, events and actions of this council of the denomination. Offered reporting and interpretation in order that our own pastors, sessions and congregations might have a firsthand account of these proceedings.
<p>Leadership developed (EQUIP)</p>	<p>Developing and equipping leadership within the Presbytery---</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offered the sermon, pastoral charge or statements of ministry for the installation services of three of our new pastors within the Presbytery. • Oriented, trained and continued to resource the Pastor Nominating Committee for six different congregations in various stages of the study and search process • Met individually with many pastors for pastoral care and to review pastoral concerns and offering advice and counsel on current ministry issues and future planning. • Worked with the Nominating Committee in order to recommend possible candidates for consideration for positions of leadership within Presbytery. • Resourced the GA commissioners participating in the biennial gathering of the General Assembly. Assisted in their preparation and processing the

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> events and actions of the GA both in committee and in plenary. Consulted with our candidates under care in their various stages of preparation, including offering pastoral care, academic advice and coordinating field experiences. 			
Collaboration-Districts/Network (ENABLE)	Joined and initiated contact both within and outside Redstone--- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Actively involved with the Christian Associates, currently serving as a member of the Executive Committee. Supporting and advocating a unified regional Christian voice on concerns. Continue to participate and support affinity, networking and pastor groups within our presbytery as they continue to meet. Serve as the convener for the Executive Presbyter Forum within the Synod of the Trinity. Continue to coordinate the Inter-Presbytery Leadership Formation steering group in the implementation of the preparation and training program across three presbyteries. (Redstone, UOV, Kiskiminetas, & Washington). Continue to consult with other presbyteries regarding the IPLF model for preparation and continuing education of commissioned pastors. Consulted with the Board of Pensions on behalf of our pastors and congregations with new changes the BOP is offering as resources. 			
Partnership in Mission promoted (EMPOWER)	Promoted and provided leadership in our partnerships in mission--- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Along with others, participated in the Sudan/South Partnership Network meetings at the New Wilmington Mission Conference. Continue to work toward coordination between the three presbyteries in this region who have a partnership with the Sudan or South Sudan Evangelical Presbyterian Church. Consulted and worked alongside of others in the oversight of the ministry of Pine Springs Camp. Participated in developing and making recommendations concerning both leadership and policy development. Actively participated as an ex-officio member of the Board for Redstone Highlands and as a contributor in the mission strategy committee. 			
Operational Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepared multiple alternative scenarios for 2019 budget planning and preparation for the Finance and Budget committee. Worked with the auditors in the completion of the financial review of the 2017 Presbytery. Encouraged and developed effective cash flow management and redistribution of assets within the investment and general funds. 			
VALUES	Servant Leadership	Flourishing Community	Witness to the World	Generous and effective Stewardship
<i>Soli Deo Gloria</i>				

Treasurer's Report

INCOME & EXPENSE STATEMENT REPORT

This report represents an unaudited overview of the Redstone Presbytery finances for the eight (8th) operating month of the budgeted calendar year ending August 31, 2018.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW / INCOME

Church Commitments recorded for the month totaled \$35,224. This amount exceeds the monthly budgeted benchmark of \$29,583.

Church Commitments YTD is trending at budget expectations at 67% or \$238,455.

Total Income for the current period is \$63,300 and YTD \$424,117, which is 102% of budget. The Year-To-Date total includes the sale proceeds of the Windber Church.

(Key Financial Benchmark: At this time during the operating year, it is hopeful income received for the month and for the year, is trending appropriately at 67% to meet financial obligations of the Presbytery. It is to be noted that receipts received for the month and annually, are meeting budget expectations)

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW / EXPENSES

In review of the expenses, both monthly and YTD totals are trending below budgeted expectations. For those expense categories trending above 67%, such items are either timing related or one-and-done expenditures.

EXCESS INCOME OVER EXPENSES

Both categories of Monthly and YTD reflect positive income over expenses for the month ending August.

INVESTMENTS & ASSETS

The Ameriprise investment holdings for the month ending August 31st reflected a positive change in value totaling \$7,826 and for the year the change in value is a positive \$19,982. This statement also includes the sale proceeds of the Windber Church at \$110,000. Ending value of the Ameriprise accounts is \$443,599.

The other investments and holdings of the Presbytery consisting of First Commonwealth, PILP, New Covenant and Pine Springs are estimated at \$383,100 (Statements provided on a quarterly basis).

Total Presbytery investments & holdings = \$ 826,699

Respectfully Submitted,

John Dickson
Treasurer

Summer Camp 2018 Review

- Final Overnight Camper Numbers-944. This represents a 3% increase from last year's total of 924. This also is the most campers since 2004
- Average campers per week= 105
- Every week, excluding Week 2, which had 60 campers, either surpassed or was near 100 campers. Not sure why Week 2 numbers were low.
- Omitting Week 2 the average number of campers would have been 111. Averaging 111 campers per week would get campers numbers up to 1000 overnight campers.
- Mission EX-32 Total
- Day Camp-121 Total- A decline of 5% from last year
- Total Campers Served= 1097
- There were 49 Summer Staff this summer, representing 15 different colleges or universities, various denominations
- Of the 49 staff members 22 had either a current or past affiliation with a church in Redstone or Washington Presbyteries and 25 were past campers.
- We also had an international flair this year as one staff member was from Nigeria and one was from England
- Several Camps continue to be in high demand. Our Grandmas, Moms and Tot's Camps continue to grow, and Family Camp had record 93 campers and we had to use Graham Village to lodge 3 families.
- These two camps seem to be our greatest potential for growth.

Arby's May Have the Meats-But PSC has the Retreats

We are excited to offer the following retreats as an extension of our summer camp ministry. These retreats are an effort for us to continue to offer opportunities for our campers to grow in their faith. The retreats also are a way in which we can serve congregations with the Presbyteries. Please take advantage of using these opportunities to offer a quality retreat experience for those in your congregation. This fall we will be hosting the following retreats.

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| September 29-30 | Fusion Retreat-2 Day-1 Night Retreat for those who are currently in 4 th -5 th - or 6 th grade- Theme is "The Closest Encounter" |
| October 5-6 | Women in the Woods-Radical Hospitality |
| October 19-21 | The Big One-Middle School and High School Retreat-"The Next Step" |

Year-Round Group and Retreating Ministry

We are actively marketing to church and other groups to utilize our facility during the non-summer months. This fall we will have a of groups already committed. These are returning groups who had a great experience using the Refuge during the first year of its operation.

- Akron Chapel College Ministry- Over 200 College Students-September 14-16
- The City Church of Connellsville-50 October 26-29

Retreat for Foster Families A Wonderful Experience for All

The weekend after the last day of camp, August 17-19, we hosted a Retreat for Foster Families in collaboration with blueprints of Washington County (Formally Try Again Homes). We had 49 family members and staff from blueprints participate in the weekend. It was a great experience for the families, the blueprints staff and the 13- summer staff that stayed to help program and care for the families. We are hoping that this will be a yearly event. Here is what one of the blueprints staff said about the weekend.

"I can't tell you how much our families enjoyed this weekend. For me personally, it was so inspiring and truly good for my soul to see how children and their families in a different environment engaging in activities that they wouldn't typically have access to. I also enjoyed your counselors, they are very gifted at working with children and are so patient and kind."

Faith for the Future Campaign Update

We are giving thanks to God that during the summer we surpassed \$1,900,000 in pledges for the campaign. This summer we were able to meet the following Campaign Goals.

1. Complete the Adventure Fort which is now called Fort Legacy. It was tons of fun for all ages
2. Install 4 belay tree climbs as part of our Natural Playground Area.
3. Complete the Nurses Station Renovation. It has received rave reviews from all the nurses
4. Installed a climbing wall within the pool.
5. Spend over \$25,000 making improvements to our Polaris Village Cabins. It is the place that our Volunteer Weekly Directors stay during the summer. It is a winterized facility that we hope to use more as a personal retreat or small group option.
6. Purchase 12 RC Crawler Trucks and built an obstacle track. This was a big hit for many campers including our Grandma's, Mom's and Tot Campers
7. Purchase 8 new canoes, pfd's and paddles
8. Increase our Scholarship Endowment Fund

Ending the Campaign but we will see more from the financial commitments of the Campaign!

We will be officially closing the campaign sometime this fall. We will celebrate this incredible phase in the history of the Pine Springs Camp. We will thank God for the success of the campaign, for the improvements because of the campaign, but most importantly, we will celebrate that the campaign effort was more about the relational ministry of Pine Springs Camp. Churches, and individuals coming together across denominational lines and supporting a ministry that they believe in, one that desires every camper, young and old to have a vital and life changing encounter with Jesus Christ.

Working within the committee structure of the Board, we are continuing to propose various items that will be a part of campaign. The items will be done from the current Campaign Funds that are in hand or the pledge amounts yet to be received. Some of the discussed items are...

1. Revamping our Adventure High Ropes area
2. Continued Improvements on Nurses Station
3. Metal roofs on two Creekside Cabins
4. Signage across camp
5. Pedal Cars
6. Continued Development of a Natural Playground Area
7. Improvements to the play area in the bowl
8. Improvements to the A-frame
9. Finish plan for Refuge Basement

Mark Your Calendars Now for the 2018 Pine Springs Camp Friend's Dinner

This will be a grand celebration for sure. The dinner will be held on Sunday, November 18 at the Sunset Room in Elizabeth, PA. This venue was intentionally selected by the committee because it is centrally located between Washington and Redstone Presbyteries. We are hoping to get great participation from both! Please think about being a table sponsor, inviting guests that may be interested in knowing about the ministry or supplying an item for our silent auction. Please contact the camp office at 814-629-9834 and ask for Greg or Ellie for more information. You may also email them at greg@pinesprings.org or ellie@pinesprings.org

Mission Network

July 23 and 24, the Sudan/ South Sudan mission network met at Westminster College during the New Wilmington Mission Conference at Westminster College. Mission co-workers Lynn and Sharon Kandel who are serving in Juba, South Sudan, and Michael and Rachel Weller, who serve in Ethiopia were in attendance. From our PCUSA national staff: Debbie Braaksma, Africa coordinator for PCUSA World Mission; Ryan Smith, Director, Presbyterian Ministry at the UN; Laurie Kraus, Director, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance; Rosemary Mitchell, Director, Mission Engagement and Support; and Ellen Sherby, Coordinator, Equipping for Mission Involvement team. Because the network meeting was “nearby” some folk attended from local churches who might otherwise not have been able to travel to Louisville, where our prior network meetings have taken place.

On August 5, a peace accord was signed between the warring parties in South Sudan. Please pray for a lasting peace in South Sudan and for opportunity for citizens of this new nation of South Sudan to return to their communities and begin to rebuild their lives in safety.

The 223rd General Assembly passed the South Sudan Overture. Ryan Smith, Director of the PCUSA office at the UN, and our Presbyterian Representative to the UN was very pleased to have this policy in place so that matters related to South Sudan can be addressed at the UN. You may want to know that our United States representative to the UN, Nikki Haley, refuses to meet with any representatives from main line churches, despite repeated requests for opportunities to speak with her regarding international issues of concern.

The Redstone Mission Committee would welcome new members and new ideas for ways for Redstone Presbyterians to be involved in hands-on mission within the bounds of Redstone and in God’s wider world. We also would like to hear from congregations engaged in mission locally and beyond.

Gracefully submitted,
Sylvia Carlson, Chair

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 notes the first reading of the 2019 budget (consent) and offers the narrative section noting the increasing in GA per capita contributing to the necessary increases.
- The Council, acting as Trustees, have considered and received the financial review completed by outside firm. The full financial review is available upon request.
- The Council and Staff Support committee will offer special recognition.

Information Items

August 28, 2018 Meeting

Financial Review

Ms. Barb Terek from the firm of Horner, Wible and Terek presented the written financial review of the Presbytery of Redstone for 2017. While "walking" the Council through the various elements of the review pointing out available assets, budgeted income and expenses, and the use of board-designated funds, she responded to various questions. Upon completion of her report, it was MSP to receive the Financial Review as presented.

REPORTS

Moderator

- The Moderator announced that, since the last meeting, that consent approval was given for the request of the Dunlap's Creek Presbyterian Church for the sale of a small parcel of the land adjacent to their parking lot.

Stated Clerk

- The Stated Clerk presented the correspondence log since the last Council meeting for review by the Council.
- The Stated Clerk reviewed the upcoming Council meeting dates.

October 23, 2018

November 27, 2018

- The Stated Clerk reported the following unresolved concerns.
 - Ongoing efforts by Rev. Noftzger, Rev. McDermott and our attorney to resolve the need to document the removal of the reversionary clause language in the deed for the West Leisenring property.
 - A final financial review of the "books" for the Windber congregation was completed and found in order. All matters regarding the dissolution of the Windber congregation have been completed with the exception of membership transfers.

- The Stated Clerk noted for the Council that there were 4 sessions remaining that needed to have had their minutes and church register reviewed. These churches have been contacted by their COM liaison to complete the task.
- Requests to host the 2019 meetings have been received from the following:
 - March 26, 2019 – First Presbyterian Church, Irwin
 - September 24, 2019 – Pine Springs Camp

MSP to approve both of these requests.

Noting that we had a joint presbytery meeting with Washington Presbytery in September 2017 at Pine Springs Camp, Rev. Noftzger inquired whether there was interest by the Council in inviting them for September 2019.

With enthusiastic support, MSP to approve inviting Washington Presbytery to join us in a combined meeting on September 24, 2019.

Executive Presbyter

- Skip Noftzger, Executive Presbyter, requested approval of vacation days for September 20 and 23. MSP to approve this request.
- The Executive Presbyter noted that there had been three installation services since our last meeting. Each service signifies the completion of a process (sometimes long) for a congregation and the hopes of new ministry. It also represents new people entering our Presbytery offering different gifts and perspectives.
- A copy of a list of General Assembly (2018) actions that might have an impact upon the life and ministry of mid-councils was distributed. Council members were encouraged to read through and consider whether there are issues, policies or practices that we should address.
- Rev. Noftzger noted that in the early summer months that the Union, Murrysville church had been flooded as the result of heavy rains. As they move forward with restoration of the ground floor, he was pleased to report that he had been successful in receiving grants from PDA (\$5000) and the Synod of the Trinity (\$2000) for assistance in this effort by the church.
- Council members were encouraged to consider ruling elders that they might know from their congregation and others as recommendations for the Nominating Committee. It is important that we continue to consider ways of involving new leadership rather than relying upon the same people.
- Rev. Noftzger noted that there has been increased discussion among presbyteries in the western side of the Commonwealth about ways to collaborate, partner or share. While some of these discussions have been more conceptual, he suggested that it might be appropriate to have a smaller task force who would be willing to meet with a like-minded group from Washington to consider areas of collaboration and shared opportunity. Consequently, he requested any members of Council who might like to participate to let him know.

Treasurer

- A written Treasurer's report for the first seven months of the new fiscal year. Contributions made great progress in the month of July and as a result are close to anticipated schedule. Additional monthly expenses were noted for July and continue to be monitored closely.

Executive Director of Pine Springs Camp

- A written report from the Executive Director was received. In Greg's absence, the Executive Presbyterian noted the continued progress in summer camper numbers, the upcoming fall retreats and the November 18 "Friends Dinner" (Sunset Room, Elizabeth, PA)

MSP to receive and file the reports from the Stated Clerk, Treasurer, Executive Director, and Executive Presbyterian.

SUBCOMMITTEES/NETWORKS/TASK FORCES

Staff Support

- Reported that the Committee had reviewed and approved the 2019 Holiday schedule.
- Recommended the approval of an eight-week sabbatical for the Executive Presbyterian during the months of June and July in 2019 (June 7-August 7). Rev. Silbert offered explanations about the original proposals and the choice that was made to be recommended. Suggested appropriate plans for coverage of responsibilities was noted. Rev. Noftzger left the room for the discussion of the proposal.

MSP to approve Sabbatical for 2019 with inclusion of the expectation that at least two weeks would be for just rest and relaxation.

Communications

- No report was received.

Missions

- A written report was received. Items highlighted included reflections on the Sudan/South Sudan Partnership Network meeting (10 Redstone people attended), the proposed dates for the visitors from the South Sudan in Redstone (October 20-23) and upcoming mission trips in September and October.

Budget and Finance

- The recommended budget proposal for 2019 was provided in the packet. John Dickson, Treasurer, reviewed the work of the committee in considering various budget options. Particular proposed increases came from Staff Support in the form of compensation, insurance premiums and the General Assembly per capita approved at the most recent meeting. After some discussion, **MSP** to approve the 2019 budget as presented for a first reading (September Presbytery) and second reading and vote (November Presbytery) meeting.

Addictions Ministry

- Rev. McDermott emphasized the role of Redstone members in preparing and advocating for the GA Commissioners' resolution on the need and encouragement of churches to address issues and implications of addictions in their ministry. Copies of the most recent

Presbyterian Outlook article were distributed. The article features many quotes (McDermott, Washburn) and the perspectives of the work of the Redstone Addictions Ministry Network.

Presbyterian Women

- No report was received.

Reports of the various subcommittees, networks and task forces were received by consent.

SEPTEMBER PRESBYTERY AGENDA

- The proposed agenda for the September 2018 Presbytery of Redstone gathering was submitted. After consideration, it was MSP to insert a report on the Addictions Ministry Network “drug take back” program. Then, MSP to approve the agenda as amended.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- Rev. Sue Washburn requested that the Council consider funding the subscription and use of Mission InSite within our Presbytery. She asked for volunteers to review the costs and possible uses for future action.

MAY 22, 2018 MEETING

REPORTS

Moderator

- The Moderator announced that, since the last meeting, that consent approval was given for the request of the Addictions Ministry Network to present about “drug give back” opportunities at the May Presbytery meeting.

Stated Clerk

- The Stated Clerk presented the correspondence log since the last Council meeting for review by the Council.
- The Stated Clerk reviewed the upcoming Council meeting dates and reminded everyone of the picnic at his house on July 10. (a map of the location was distributed).
- The Stated Clerk reported the following on property issues.
 - Ongoing efforts by our attorney to work with the other attorney and the title company concerning removal of the reversionary clause language.
 - The “books” for the Windber congregation should now be closed. Belinda Lambie, a member of the Administrative Commission will conduct financial review and then provide the documentation to the Presbytery.
 - A request for revision of the previous request (which had been approved) by the Trinity United Presbyterian Church, Uniontown. Previously, it was given permission to tear down the adjacent house. This request includes that but leases the property in the parking lot across the street to a bank who will permit weekend parking, will tear down the adjacent house and landscape “green” space and will knock down the building across the other street

and will pave for parking and give to the church, along with \$70000. It was **MSP** to approve this new lease, landscaping and property acquisition project.

- The Stated Clerk noted for the Council that 54 sessions have had their minutes and church register reviewed. The remaining churches will be contacted by their COM liaison to complete the task.
- Requests to host the 2019 meetings have been received from the following:
 - January 26, 2019, New Hope Presbyterian Church, North Huntingdon
 - May 21, 2019, First Presbyterian Church, Murrysville
 - November 23, 2019, Pleasant View Presbyterian Church, Smock
 - Still need requests for March 26, 2019 and September 24, 2019.
- The Stated Clerk announced that he anticipated needing a special meeting of the Presbytery on July 5 (normal COM meeting time) for the examination of a candidate and approval of the call for Third Presbyterian Church, Uniontown. He encouraged Council members to plan on being in attendance.

Executive Presbyter

- Skip Noftzger, Executive Presbyter, summarized the changed in campus ministry funding that originated with the Synod whereby presbyteries would be engaged with campus ministries in their region. Historically, the campus ministry at Penn State Fayette (Fayette Campus Ministry Council) has received funding. He submitted a copy of the application for this next academic year and requested any Council members who might like to serve within a network addressing campus ministry to let him know. It was **MSP** to approve the grant application and submit to the Synod.
- The Executive Presbyter noted that the Stated Clerk (PCUSA) is holding some open forums on the proposed per capita increase. There will be one in Zelienople on June 2 (The EP/SC is not available to go that day), so let him know if you want information on attending.
- On behalf of the Committee on Ministry, the Executive Presbyter presented a recommendation to use \$1890 from the Emma Johnston funds and award a grant to the Little Redstone, Fayette City congregation for renovations in their community ministry room.
- The Executive Presbyter noted a meeting of leadership teams from the presbyteries in the western side of the state. Moderator Sue Washburn offered some reflections upon the day.

Treasurer

- A written Treasurer's report for the first four months of the new fiscal year. Contributions made great progress in the month of April and are ahead of schedule. Additional monthly expenses were noted for April and continue to be monitored.

Executive Director of Pine Springs Camp

- A written report from the Executive Director was received. A request was made to authorize administration of the Lord's Supper during counselor training and the end of the summer staff celebration by a Minister member of Redstone or Washington presbyteries. **MSP** to approve this

request.

MSP to receive and file the reports from the Stated Clerk, Treasurer, Executive Director, and Executive Presbyter.

SUBCOMMITTEES/NETWORKS/TASK FORCES

Staff Support

- Annual personnel reviews of the Executive Presbytery and Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper were completed on May 2, 2018 and summary reports filed by Marnie, Silbert, chair, were made available to the Council.

Communications

- No report was received.

Missions

- A written report was received concerning the recent mission trip and an update on the plans for the mission cabin at PSC on Sudan/South Sudan was provided.

Budget and Finance

- Noted that the budget for 2019 would be prepared during the summer months so it was important if there are particular budget requests that they be submitted to the committee through the Presbytery office.

Additions Ministry

- Alice Tondora presented the plans for the “drug give back” program to operate within the Presbytery.

Presbyterian Women

- No report was received.

ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- None

Adjournment

It was **MSP** to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. with prayer. Prior to that time of prayer, members of Council shared concerns, joys and requests and led in prayer.

Committee on Ministry

Action Items

- Committee on Ministry **recommends** the approval of the 2019 minimum terms of call for installed pastors as proposed. (See Appendix D)
- Committee on Ministry **recommends** that the Presbytery of Redstone recommend to its congregations a 3% salary increase for those pastors whose service exceeds five years in that ministry location.

Information Items

SEPTEMBER 6 MEETING

Report of the Stated Clerk

1. Correspondence Log related to COM
2. List of remaining churches who have not had their minutes/registers reviewed.
3. Request from Rev. Cynthia Cadenhead to be granted Honorably Retired status effective January 1, 2019. It was **MSP** to grant the request.

Moderator Report

- **MSP** to recommend to the Presbytery an increase in the minimum terms of call of 2% in effective salary with accompanying pensions and social security offset adjustments and to increase the study leave to \$1000.

Search and Call

Chart of Churches in Transition distributed for updates.

- **MSP** to approve the submission and posting of the MIF from the Pastor Nominating Committee of the First Presbyterian Church, Jeannette.
- **MSP** to approve the revision in the MIF submitted by the Pastor Nominating Committee of the New Hope Presbyterian Church changing the position from Designated to Solo Pastor.
- **MSP** to approve the validated ministry of Rev. Sue Washburn in a contracted relationship with the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Mt. Pleasant (while continuing in ministry at Reunion, Mt. Pleasant).

Examinations and Orientation

- Orientation with Revs. Wirt, Glunt, Whitaker and Johnson in process.
- Rev. Katy Brungraber has been assigned as mentor for Rev. Ron Johnson.
- Anticipate the examination of RE Joshua Scully upon completion of the practicums in the IPLF program.

AP/CP subcommittee (COM/CPM)

- IPLF New Testament course for those in the preparation program begins in September.
- IPLF Workshops in Redstone (available to all) will take place on September 22. (Evangelism/Outreach-Rev. Ed Gray; Proclaiming the Word-Rev. Donna Havrisko)

District Congregations and Congregational Leader Relationships

Each district reported brief updates from the summer and upcoming events from the congregations in their region. Prayer was lifted up for both a group of pastors and a group of congregations as well as cards signed to let them know they had been supported in prayer.

AUGUST 2 MEETING

Report of the Stated Clerk

Rev. Skip Noftzger gave an update to the committee on the following matters:

1. Correspondence Log related to COM
2. List of remaining churches who need to have minutes/register reviewed and their liaisons.
Distribution of forms.
3. **MSP:** To grant request for dismissal for the Rev. Peggy Shannon to Washington Presbytery (when the way be clear). She has received a call to Chartier Hill Presbyterian Church, Washington Presbytery.

Moderator Report

- Martin Appointed Laura Blank to be moderator @ First Masontown
- Terms of Call will be presented at our September meeting

Reports of Sub-Committees

Search and Call - Chuck MacPherson gave the following updates:

Transition Chart included in packet was discussed.

MSP: Approve the installation commission for the Rev. Ron Johnson at Third Presbyterian Church, Uniontown on August 26, 2018. THIRD PRESBYTERIAN INSTALLATION COMMISSION

Joshua Scully(RE)---Moderator; Laurel Hill
Denise Engle (RE); Third, Uniontown
Rev. Katy Brungraber (TE); Ft. Burd, Brownsville
Rev. Aleda Menchyk (TE); Calvin, Brownsville
Doug Yauger (RE); Trinity, Uniontown
Rev. Skip Noftzger (TE); Executive Presbyter

Examinations - reported by Cliff Foster

- Orientation with Rev. Wirt and Rev. Glunt has begun. Mentors—Rev. Wirt (Ankrum), Rev. Glunt (L. Blank).
- Plans for Orientation and mentors for Rev. Ron Johnson, Rev. Jane Johnson, Rev. Rene Whitaker.
- Will examine Josh Scully for potential commissioning to Little Redstone upon anticipated completion of the practicums in the IPLF program.

AP/CRE subcommittee (COM/CPM)

Recruiting new students for enrollment in the CP preparation program (beginning in the fall) ...
See Chuck MacPherson or Skip Noftzger to suggest possible candidates (flyer). Current projections for fall, 2018---11-Kiski; 5-Redstone; 3-Washington; 1- UOV.

District Congregations and Congregational Leader Relationships

Care of Congregations and Congregational Leaders

The 14 of us present went around the room and shared the information we had, including successful Bible School Programs, preparing for the fall and requesting prayers for leadership and volunteers to help with Sunday School.

Care of Congregations and Congregational Leaders - Michael Shepard Chair requested:

1. Cards to be signed and sent to the following Teaching Elders and Commissioned Ruling Elders:

James Hepler, Donna Hess, George "Joey" Hickok, Doug Holben, Alex Jalso, Peter Keith, Clark Kerr, Wendy Keys, William King, Richard Klein

2. Cards signed and sent for the following Churches:

First Presbyterian Church, Fairchance, Mt. Washington Presbyterian Church, Farmington, First Presbyterian Church, Fayette City, Little Redstone Presbyterian Church, Fayette City, First Presbyterian Church, Greensburg, Maplewood Presbyterian Church, Greensburg, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Greensburg, First Presbyterian Church, Irwin, West Hempfield Presbyterian Church, Irwin, First Presbyterian Church, Jeannette

New Business -

Skip will be teaching the Fall 2018 semester on "Introduction to the New Testament" through the IPLF program. Other workshops being offered by the IPLF through Redstone Presbytery are "Outreach and Evangelism" on September 22 from 9:00 a.m. to noon and "Proclaiming the Word" on September 22 from 1:00 to 4:00. These workshops are both being held at the Maplewood Presbyterian Church in Greensburg. Rev. Ed Gray will be the instructor the Outreach and Evangelism workshop and Rev. Donna Havrisko will be the instructor for the Proclaiming the Word workshop. Both of these workshops are being offered to anyone that wishes to attend. (complete list of all workshops below)

JUNE 7 MEETING

Report of the Stated Clerk

1. Correspondence Log related to COM
2. List of remaining churches who need to have minutes/register reviewed and their liaisons. Distribution of forms.
3. Call for a special meeting of the Presbytery on July 5; 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of examining the candidate and approving the call from the Third Presbyterian Church, Uniontown and possibly Westmont or New Hope. *Will need 8 RE and 8 TE.*
4. **MSP:** To grant request for Rev. Rick Sweeney (HR) to labor outside the bounds in Kiski Presbytery.
5. **MSP:** To grant request for dismissal by Rev. Craig Miller to Carlisle Presbytery.
6. **MSP:** To grant request for dismissal by Rev. Neal Galley to Rivers of Life Presbytery of A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians.

Moderator Report

Moderator appointments

Westmont---Rev. Martin Ankrum

Tyrone---Rev. Chuck MacPherson

Lake Lynn---Rev. Skip Noftzger

Reports of Sub-Committees

Search and Call - Chuck MacPherson gave the following updates:

1. Transition Chart included in packet was discussed.
2. **MSP:** WEST HEMPFIELD INSTALLATION COMMISSION
Joshua Scully (RE)---Moderator; Laurel Hill
Nancy Peters (RE); Jeannette
Rev. Jim Farrer (TE); Honorably Retired
Linda Simpson (RE); West Hempfield
Rev. Skip Noftzger (TE); Executive Presbyter

Corresponding members participating in the service
Beth Creekpaum (TE); Shenango Presbytery
John Creekpaum (TE); Shenango Presbytery

3. MSP: REHOBOTH INSTALLATION COMMISSION

Joshua Scully (RE)---Moderator; Laurel Hill
Rev. Laura Blank (TE); Smock, Pleasant View
Bobbi Jo Huebner (RE); First, Belle Vernon
Sally Nicholls (RE); Rehoboth
Rev. Tony Catullo (TE); Trinity, New Florence

Examinations - reported by Cliff Foster (Did not meet)
Cliff will begin orientation with Rev. Wirt and Rev. Glunt during the month of July.

AP/CRE subcommittee (COM/CPM)

Recruiting new students for enrollment in the CP preparation program (beginning in the fall). See Chuck MacPherson or Skip Noftzger to suggest possible candidates.

District Congregations and Congregational Leader Relationships

1. Liaison responsibilities presentation
Churches getting ready for Bible School and Capital Campaigns in Lower Burrell and Greensburg. Derry congregation is raising money for new furnace. Latrobe just had Presbytery Meeting. Challenges - and grief council - Union Presbyterian and Poke Run.
2. Care of Congregations and Congregational Leaders
We broke into small committee groups for each area and shared updates, concerns and prayer requests.

Care of Congregations and Congregational Leaders - Michael Sheppard Chair requested:

1. Cards to be signed and sent to the following Teaching Elders and Commissioned Ruling Elders:
James Farrer, Cliff Foster, Ken Foust, James Gear, Eric Glisan,
Pete Goetschius, Don Graff, Ed Gray, Glenn Hart, Donna Havrisko
Please include them in your prayers throughout this month
2. Cards signed and sent for the following Churches:
Ft. Burd Presbyterian Church, Brownsville, Hopewell Presbyterian Church, Brownsville
Colver Presbyterian Church, Cresson Presbyterian Church
Tyrone Presbyterian Church, Dawson, Delmont Presbyterian Church
Derry Presbyterian Church, First Presbyterian Church, Dunbar
Laurel Hill Presbyterian Church, Dunbar, First Presbyterian Church, Ebensburg
Please use this list to remember the Churches above in prayer throughout the month.

Executive Presbytery Report - Skip

Speaking the truth in love, gentleness and patience- build others up. Affirm what is right and good. What we are about in these contacts is truth telling and truth living. Most important work this committee does is done in between meeting.

New Business - New Testament course September 22

What will our church do in the future? Jim Farrer will also be happy to come to your church and talk for about an hour.

Action Items

- NONE

Information Items

- Under the care of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, there are currently two persons:

Candidate

Rick Watson (Calvin, Scottdale) currently serves as a "Commissioned Pastor" for the Leisenring congregation. His anticipated graduation date from the Dubuque Theological Seminary is Spring, 2019. Rick has completed and passed the Bible Content Exam and the Polity Exam. He has also completed a CPE experience through the Pittsburgh Pastoral Institute.

Inquirer

Cynthia Bellina (Third, Uniontown) works full time and has been enrolled part time through Pittsburgh Theological Seminary until needing to take a leave for family matters. She will be enrolled this fall semester through the Dubuque Theological Seminary. She will be completing the pastor assessment through the Pittsburgh Pastoral Institute in the near future.

- At its September meeting, the committee met to review progress and next steps with Cynthia Bellina. As part of the regular care and oversight, the committee seeks to meet with each candidate two times per year for review of both their preparation and their calling.
- Since the last meeting, exam readers participated in reviewing and grading the latest round of ordination examinations.

Nominating Committee

Action Items

- The Nominating Committee places in nomination RE Chuck West, Puckety Presbyterian Church to serve as Vice Moderator, 2019. (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:

Lynn Mance (2) District I, Delmont (2021)
Rev. Steve LaSor (2) District II, Maplewood (2021)
Rev. Martin Ankrum (1) District II, Greensburg, First (2020)
Rev. Donna Havrisko (2) District II, Trafford, Level Green (2021)
Rev. Ron Johnson (1) District III, Uniontown, Third (2021)

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY:

Rev. Pete Goetschius (1) District I, Poke Run (2021)
Carol Faytol (2) District IV, New Florence, Bethel (2021)
Rev. Chuck MacPherson (2) District II, Honorably Retired (2021)
Connie Cauvel (2) District I, Poke Run (2021)

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY:

Rev. Tony Catullo (2) District III, Honorably Retired (2021)
Ray Edelman (2) District II, Irwin, First (2021)
Rev. Becca Siddle (2) District I, Redstone Highlands (2021)
James Anderson (1) District III, Fayette City, Little Redstone (2019)

PINE SPRINGS CAMP:

President

Brian Misner (2) District IV, Johnstown, Westmont (2020)
Don Frey (2) District II, Jeannette, First (2021)
Bill Rissler (1) District I, Murrysville, Newlonsburg (2021)

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.