

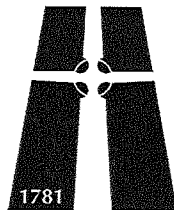


2019 Stated Meeting

of the

Presbytery of Redstone
Presbyterian Church (USA)

January 26, 2019



New Hope Presbyterian Church
North Huntingdon, PA

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

**Directions to
New Hope Presbyterian Church
12727 Lincoln Way, North Huntingdon, PA 15642
724.863.7702**

From Route 22 to Route 48 (Mossie Boulevard): Route 48 to Route 30 East toward Irwin. Travel approximately 5 miles. Turn right onto Lincoln Way between Norwin Town Square and Rite Aid. Travel 1 mile and look for New Hope Presbyterian Church sign on right. Church sits back off of the road.

From Route 30 East or West: Route 30 East or West to Norwin Town Square. Turn onto Lincoln Way between Norwin Town Square and Rite Aid. Travel 1 mile and look for New Hope Presbyterian Church sign on right. Church sits back off of the road.

From McKeesport Area take: Lincoln Way East toward Irwin and Route 30. Look for New Hope Presbyterian Church sign on left (approximately 5 miles from Oak Park Shopping Center.)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PRESBYTERY MEETING

You will enter the church through either the lower entrance or the upper entrance. Registration and fellowship along with the Pine Springs Camp display will be in the Fellowship Hall which is on the lower level of the church. The meeting will be held in the Sanctuary, which is upstairs from registration. There is an elevator for easier access between floors. The Prayer Team will meet in the Sunday School room which is near the rear entrance to the Sanctuary. There will be signs showing you where all of these rooms are. There are restrooms on both floors of the church.

WI-FI is available in the sanctuary for use at this meeting. The password will be given during the meeting.

Notes for the January 26, 2019 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 for this meeting will be designated for South Sudan.

Presbytery of Redstone Gathering
 First Presbyterian Church
 January 26, 2019

"Celebrating the Past; Imagining the Future"

12:00 p.m.	<i>Registration and fellowship</i>	<i>Fellowship Hall</i>
1:00 p.m.	<p><u>Presbytery Gathering Convenes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formation of the Roll • Seating of Corresponding Members • Arrangements <p><u>Stated Clerk(s)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correspondence Log – page 5 • 2019 Stated meeting schedule – page 9 • Seating of ruling elder members of Council and commissioned ruling elders for term of service. • Consent Agenda – page 11 <p><u>Treasurer</u> – page 17</p>	<p><i>Sanctuary</i></p> <p>Joshua Scully Rev. Cliff Foster Rev. John Simpson</p> <p>Rev. Skip Noftzger</p> <p>Rev. Cliff Foster John Dickson</p>
1:15 p.m.	<u>Witness to God's Grace in Worship</u>	Rev. Skip Noftzger-preaching Rev. John Simpson-Lord's Supper Installation of Moderator/Vice Moderator Necrology recognition
2:30 p.m.	<u>Announcements Loop</u>	
2:45 p.m.	<p><u>Action Agenda</u></p> <p><u>Operations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corporation meeting – 	
2:55 p.m.	<u>CELEBRATING SHARED MINISTRY AND MISSION</u>	
	<p><u>Engaging Congregations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council report – page 18 Connecting for the future <p><u>Equipping Leadership</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COM report – page 24 • Temporary Pastor agreements • Ordination anniversaries (2019) (See Appendix D) <p><u>Empowering Mission Partnerships</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Celebrating Pine Springs Camp • Celebrating Sudan/South Sudan Partnership—15 years and counting <p><u>Enabling Ministry Networks</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addictions ministry network • Communications team • Healing and Prayer ministry network (Appendix F) • Triennium 	
	<u>New Business</u>	
	<p><u>"Soli Deo Gloria"</u></p> <p><u>Benediction</u></p> <p><u>Adjournment</u></p> <p><i>The next stated meeting of the Presbytery of Redstone will take place on March 26, 2019 6:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, Irwin</i></p>	Rev. John Simpson

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
January 16, 2019 - mail	Mt. Washington Presbyterian Church, Farmington	2018 Necrology Report, Manse Inspection Report, List of Session Members, and Request for Waiver from Rotation for Elder Walter Graham	To COM, PRESBYTERY, and FILE
January 16, 2019 - email	New Hope Presbyterian Church, North Huntingdon	Manse Inspection Report and List of Session Members	To FILE
January 15, 2019 - phone	Latrobe Presbyterian Church	2018 Necrology Report	To PRESBYTERY and FILE
January 15, 2019 - email	Rehoboth Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon	2018 Statistical Report	To FILE
January 15, 2019 - email	Little Redstone Presbyterian Church, Fayette City	2018 Necrology Report	To PRESBYTERY and FILE
January 14, 2019 - mail	First Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon	2018 Necrology Report	To PRESBYTERY and FILE
January 14, 2019 - mail	Patton Presbyterian Church	2018 Necrology Report	To PRESBYTERY and FILE
January 14, 2019 - hand delivered	Congruity Presbyterian Church, New Alexandria	Manse Inspection Report and 2018 Necrology Report	To PRESBYTERY and FILE
January 14, 2019 - mail	West Hempfield Presbyterian Church, Irwin	2018 Necrology Report and Manse Inspection Report	To PRESBYTERY and FILE
January 14, 2019 - email	Delmont Presbyterian Church	2018 Necrology Report	To PRESBYTERY and FILE
January 14, 2019 - email	Level Green Presbyterian Church, Trafford	List of Session Members and 2018 Necrology Report	To PRESBYTERY and FILE
January 14, 2019 - email	Cresson Presbyterian Church	2018 Necrology Report	To PRESBYTERY and FILE
January 14, 2019 - mail	East Liberty Presbyterian Church, Vanderbilt	2019 Terms of Call for CP David McElroy, Manse Inspection Report, List of Session Members, and 2018 Necrology Report	To COM, PRESBYTERY and FILE
January 10, 2019 - mail	Calvin United Presbyterian Church, Scottdale	2019 Terms of Call and extended one-year contract for CP Leonard Morgan	To COM and FILE
January 10, 2019 - mail	Tent Presbyterian Church, Uniontown	2018 Necrology Report	To PRESBYTERY and FILE
January 10, 2019 - mail	Dunlap's Creek Presbyterian Church, Merrittstown	2018 Necrology Report	To PRESBYTERY and FILE
January 10, 2019 - mail	Trinity United Presbyterian Church, Uniontown	2018 Necrology Report and Manse Inspection Report	To PRESBYTERY and FILE
January 10, 2019 - mail	First Presbyterian Church, Greensburg	2018 Necrology Report	To PRESBYTERY and FILE
January 10, 2019 - email	Bethel Presbyterian Church, New Florence	2018 Necrology, List of Session Members, Manse	To COM, PRESBYTERY and FILE

		Inspection Report, 2019 Terms of Call for CP James Sunseri	
January 9, 2019 - email	Sewickley United Presbyterian Church, West Newton	2018 Necrology Report	To PRESBYTERY and FILE
January 9, 2019 - mail	First Presbyterian Church, Murrysville	2018 Necrology Report, List of Session Members, and Manse Inspection Report	To PRESBYTERY and FILE
January 9, 2019 - email	Poke Run Presbyterian Church, Apollo	2018 Necrology Report	To PRESBYTERY and FILE
January 9, 2019 - mail	Puckety Presbyterian Church, Lower Burrell	Renewal of one-year contract for the Rev. Doug Marshall	To COM and FILE
January 9, 2019 - email	First Presbyterian Church, Dunbar	2018 Necrology Report	To PRESBYTERY and FILE
January 9, 2019 - email	Ebensburg Presbyterian Church	2018 Necrology Report	To PRESBYTERY and FILE
January 9, 2019 - mail	Third Presbyterian Church, Uniontown	2018 Necrology Report and List of Session Members	To PRESBYTERY and FILE
January 8, 2019 - email	Reunion Presbyterian Church, Mt. Pleasant	2018 Necrology Report	To PRESBYTERY and FILE
January 8, 2019 - mail	Harmony Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon	2019 Terms of Call for CP Glenn Hart, List of Session Members, Manse Inspection Report, 2018 Necrology Report	To COM, PRESBYTERY and FILE
January 8, 2019 - email	Puckety Presbyterian Church, Lower Burrell	2018 Necrology Report	To PRESBYTERY and FILE
January 7, 2019 - mail	Marion Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon	2018 Necrology Report and list of Session Members	To PRESBYTERY and FILE
January 7, 2019 - mail	Maplewood Presbyterian Church, Greensburg	2018 Necrology Report and list of Session Members	To PRESBYTERY and FILE
January 7, 2019 - email	Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church, Murrysville	2018 Necrology Report	To PRESBYTERY and FILE
January 7, 2019 - email	New Hope Presbyterian Church, North Huntingdon	2018 Necrology Report	To PRESBYTERY and FILE
January 7, 2019 - email	Rehoboth Presbyterian Church	2018 Necrology Report	To PRESBYTERY and FILE
January 7, 2019 - mail	Sewickley Presbyterian Church, West Newton	2019 Terms of Call for CP Eric Glisan	To COM and FILE
January 3, 2019 - fax	Westmont Presbyterian Church, Johnstown	2018 Necrology Report	To PRESBYTERY and FILE
January 3, 2019 - mail	Calvin United Presbyterian Church, Scottdale	2018 Necrology Report	To PRESBYTERY and FILE
January 3, 2019 - mail	Westminster Presbyterian Church, Greensburg	2018 Necrology Report	To PRESBYTERY and FILE
January 3, 2019 - email	New Salem Presbyterian Church	2018 Necrology Report	To PRESBYTERY and FILE
January 3, 2019 - email	First Presbyterian Church, Johnstown	2018 Necrology Report, 2018 Statistical Report, List of Session Members and Manse Inspection Report	To PRESBYTERY and FILE
January 3, 2019 - email	Grace Chapel Presbyterian	2018 Necrology Report	To PRESBYTERY and FILE

	Church, Smithfield		
January 3, 2019 - mail	Trinity United Presbyterian Church, Uniontown	2019 Terms of Call for the Rev. James Gear	To COM and FILE
January 3, 2019 - mail	Cresson Presbyterian Church	2019 Terms of Call for the Rev. David McCabe	To COM and FILE
January 3, 2019 - mail	Congruity Presbyterian Church, New Alexandria	2019 Terms of Call for the Rev. Cliff Foster	To COM and FILE
January 3, 2019 - mail	Poke Run Presbyterian Church, Apollo	2019 Terms of Call for the Rev. Pete Goetschius	To COM and FILE
January 3, 2019 - mail	Calvin United Presbyterian Church, Brownsville	Covenant Pastor Agreement between Calvin/Ft. Burd and the Rev. Jane Johnson	To COM and FILE
December 19, 2018 - mail	Grace Community Presbyterian Church, Lower Burrell	Letter explaining reduction in pledge for 2019	To COUNCIL and FILE
December 19, 2018 - mail	Grace Community Presbyterian Church, Lower Burrell	2019 Terms of Call for the Rev. Ken Foust	To COM and FILE
December 19, 2018 - mail	Derry Presbyterian Church	New 1-year contract for the Rev. Marnie Russell, Stated Supply	To COM and FILE
December 17, 2018 - mail	First Presbyterian Church, Avonmore	2019 Terms of Call for Rev. Larry Armstrong, along with a 1-year renewal contract	To COM and FILE
December 10, 2018 - mail	Bethany Presbyterian Church, Johnstown	2019 Terms of Call for CP Denise Todero, along with a new 3-year contract and the Session Evaluation form	To COM and FILE
December 6, 2018 - email	Rehoboth Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon	2019 Terms of Call for the Rev. Donald Glunt	To COM and FILE
December 3, 2018 - mail	Laurel Hill Presbyterian Church, Dunbar	2018 Necrology Report	To PRESBYTERY and FILE
December 3, 2018 - mail	Derry Presbyterian Church	Waiver of Rotation request for Elders John Walkinshaw, Judy Skoloda, and Linda Miller along with Deacons Ron George and Sandy Dyche	To COM and FILE
November 29, 2018 - mail	First Presbyterian Church, Johnstown	2019 Terms of Call for the Rev. Alice Tondora	To COM and FILE
November 26, 2018 - mail	Revloc Presbyterian Church	New 1-year contact for CP David O'Hara and the Session Evaluation form	To COM and FILE
November 21, 2018 - mail	New Salem Presbyterian Church	New 3-year contract for CP William Wiegand	To COM and FILE
November 20, 2018 - hand delivered	First Presbyterian Church, Jeannette	2019 Contract for the Rev. William King, Interim Pastor	To COM and FILE
November 17, 2018 - hand delivered	United Presbyterian Church, Bolivar	2019 Terms of Call for CP James Sunseri, along with a new 3-year contract and the Session Evaluation form	To COM and FILE
November 17, 2018 - hand	Bethel Presbyterian Church,	2019 Terms of Call for CP	To COM and FILE

delivered	New Florence	James Sunseri, along with a new 3-year contract and the Session Evaluation form	
November 17, 2018 - hand delivered	East Liberty Presbyterian Church, Vanderbilt	2019 Terms of Call for CP David McElory, along with a new 3-year contract and the Session Evaluation form	To COM and FILE
November 15, 2018 - mail	United Presbyterian Church, Bolivar	Waiver of Rotation request for Elders Darlene Gregorich and Joe Robinson	To COM and FILE
November 14, 2018 - email	Westmont Presbyterian Church, Johnstown	2019 Terms of Call for the Rev. Rene Whitaker, Interim	To COM and FILE

2. The task forces, networks, and ad hoc committees in existence as of December 31, 2018 were as follows:

a. Committees of Council

1. Budget, Finance and Stewardship
2. Communications
3. Mission
4. Staff Support

b. Committees of the Committee on Ministry

1. AP/CRE Committee
2. Examinations and Membership
3. Search and Call
4. Congregations and Leadership--Northwest-- Districts I/II
5. Congregations and Leadership-- East-- District IV
6. Congregations and Leadership-- South-- District III

c. Networks

1. Healing Prayer Ministry Network
2. Voices for Justice
3. Geographic Districts-- I; II; III; IV
4. Women Clergy
5. PEPSI
6. Presbyterian Women
7. Addictions Ministry

3. Pursuant to Book of Order D-5.0206b, the Stated Clerk shall report annually the roster of those members of the Permanent Judicial Commission whose terms have expired within the past six years. They are as follows:

Permanent Judicial Commission Roster (Current)

2023 - Rev. Clark Kerr, Rev. Marnie Russell, Rev. Curtis Paul
2021 - James Anderson, Rev. John Manon, Rev. Caroline Vickery
2019 - Glenn Hart, Jennifer Rega, Nancy Vernon

Permanent Judicial Commission (Terms expired within the last 6 years)

2017 - Rev. Marnie Silbert, Rev. Aleda Menchyk, Elder Leonard Morgan
2015 - Elder Vince Appleman, Elder Richard Currie, Rev. Douglas Stevens
2013 - Rev. Sylvia Carlson, Elder Robert Lightcap, Rev. John Sharp

4. It was **MSP** that the following Presbytery Officers be recognized as members of the Presbytery, with voice and vote, for their term of service:
 - Ruling Elder Chuck West - Vice Moderator
 - Ruling Elder Leonard Morgan – Presbytery Council
 - Ruling Elder Tim D’Aurora – Presbytery Council
 - Ruling Elder Jack Battenhouse – Presbytery Council
 - Ruling Elder Lynn Mance – Presbytery Council
 - Ruling Elder Susan Nesti – Presbytery Council
 - Ruling Elder Bobbi Jo Huebner – Presbytery Council
 - Ruling Elder Nancy Peters – Presbytery Council

5. It was **MSP** that the following Commissioned Ruling Elders be recognized as members with voice and vote as long as they are serving in that capacity:
 - Ruling Elder Eric Glisan, Sewickley, West Newton
 - Ruling Elder Glenn Hart, Harmony, Belle Vernon; Sewickley United, West Newton
 - Ruling Elder David McElroy, East Liberty, Vanderbilt
 - Ruling Elder Len Morgan, Calvin, Scottdale
 - Ruling Elder David O’Hara, Revloc
 - Ruling Elder Robert Prinkey, Marion, Belle Vernon
 - Ruling Elder James Sunseri, Bethel, New Florence; United, Bolivar
 - Ruling Elder Joshua Scully, Little Redstone
 - Ruling Elder Denise Todero, Bethany, Johnstown
 - Ruling Elder Richard Watson, Leisenring
 - Ruling Elder William Wiegand, New Salem

6. It was **MSP** that the Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and a representative from Pine Springs Camp, Presbyterian Women, and Redstone Highlands be given the privilege of the floor and recognized with voice and vote as long as they are serving in that capacity.

7. The stated meetings for 2019 have been scheduled as follows:
 - January 26, 2019; 1:00 p.m.; New Hope Presbyterian Church, North Huntingdon**
 - March 26, 2019; 6:00 p.m.; First Presbyterian Church, Irwin**
 - May 21, 2019; 6:00 p.m.; First Presbyterian Church, Murrysville**
 - September 24, 2019; 10:00 a.m.; Pine Springs Camp (joint meeting with Washington Presbytery)**
 - November 23, 2019; 9:00 a.m.; Pleasant View Presbyterian Church, Smock**

8. The Stated Clerk provided the 2018 Necrology Report of Ruling and Teaching Elders. (See Appendix A.)

9. Equalization

On December 31, 2017, there were 90 ministers of Word and Sacrament on the rolls of the Presbytery, 18 of whom were living outside of the bounds of the Presbytery. There were 70 churches entitled to be represented by 83 ruling elder commissioners. There were also 11 ruling elders commissioned to particular service and 8 ruling elders by virtue of office. On December 31, 2018, 88 ministers of Word and Sacrament were on the rolls of the Presbytery, 17 of whom were living outside the bounds of the

Presbytery. There were 68 churches entitled to be represented by 81 ruling elder commissioners. There are also 11 ruling elders commissioned to particular service and 7 ruling elder presbyters by virtue of office.

Based upon the “goal of numerical parity of teaching elders and ruling elders,” the “principles of participation” and the need to communicate the plan for the determining commissioners, the Presbytery has adopted a plan [Book of Order; G-3.0301; Manual; 1.1003] designating the number of commissioners based upon church membership (table below) and designating other ruling elders by virtue of office to be given the privilege of voice and vote at all Presbytery meetings [Manual; 1.1009]. Although with this plan, there is an imbalance regarding the number of eligible ruling elder commissioners (actually more than ministers), the actual participation patterns still reflect a greater number of ministers participating. In 2018, minister of Word and Sacraments members outnumbered ruling elder members in attendance slightly by an average of 2 per meeting. Consequently, in order to continue to aspire to the goal of balance, the current larger number of possible ruling elder commissioners based upon the current plan should be retained until actual participation rates change. Therefore, I do not recommend any equalization adjustment at this time.

Equalization Plan - Church List/# of commissioners

Adah, Palmer Community - 1	Fayette City, Little Redstone - 1	Murrysville, Union - 1
Apollo, Poke Run - 1	Greensburg, First - 3	New Alexandria, Community - 1
Avonmore, First - 1	Greensburg, Maplewood - 1	New Alexandria, Congruity - 1
Belle Vernon, First - 1	Greensburg, Westminster - 1	New Florence, Bethel - 1
Belle Vernon, Harmony - 1	Irwin, First - 4	New Florence, Trinity - 1
Belle Vernon, Marion - 1	Irwin, West Hempfield - 1	New Kensington, United - 1
Belle Vernon, Rehoboth - 1	Jeannette, First - 1	New Salem - 1
Bolivar, United - 1	Johnstown, Bethany - 1	North Huntingdon, New Hope - 1
Boswell, Covenant - 1	Johnstown, First - 1	Patton - 1
Brownsville, Calvin - 1	Johnstown, Second - 1	Revloc - 1
Brownsville, Ft. Burd - 1	Johnstown, Westmont - 3	Scottdale, Calvin - 1
Brownsville, Hopewell - 1	Lake Lynn, Springhill Furnace - 1	Smithfield, Grace Chapel - 1
Colver - 1	Latrobe - 2	Smock, Pleasant View - 1
Cresson - 1	Latrobe, United - 1	Trafford, Level Green - 2
Dawson, Tyrone - 1	Leisenring - 1	Uniontown, Tent - 1
Delmont - 1	Ligonier, Pleasant Grove - 1	Uniontown, Third - 2
Derry - 1	Lower Burrell, Grace Community - 2	Uniontown, Trinity United - 1
Dunbar, First - 1	Lower Burrell, Puckety - 2	Vanderbilt, East Liberty - 1
Dunbar, Laurel Hill - 1	Masontown, First - 1	West Newton, Sewickley - 1
Ebensburg - 1	McClellandtown - 1	West Newton, Sewickley United - 1
Fairchance - 1	Merrittstown, Dunlap's Creek - 1	West Newton, United - 1
Farmington, Mt. Washington - 1	Mt. Pleasant, Reunion - 1	
Fayette City, First - 1	Murrysville, First - 1	
	Murrysville, Newlonsburg - 2	

8. The Stated Clerk provided the current Rolls of the Presbytery and Continuing Members. See Appendix B.

9. The dates for the 2019 Session Minutes Reviews are:

February 9, 2019 - Westmont Presbyterian Church, Johnstown 11:15 a.m. (preceding Enrichment Day

Event)

March 2, 2019- Maplewood Presbyterian Church, Greensburg 9:00 a.m. (during Polity workshop)

March 26, 2019 - Irwin, First 5:00 p.m. (preceding Presbytery meeting)

May 21, 2019 - Murrysville, First 5:00 p.m. (preceding Presbytery meeting)

CONSENT AGENDA:

The Stated Clerk for Constitutional and Judicial Matters 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 November 17, 2018 be approved.

From the Council

- Council **recommends** that the Financial and Treasurer's Reports presented to the Council and the Presbytery be received and filed for audit. (See Appendix C).
- Council **recommends** that the Executive Presbyter, Treasurer, Mission, Pine Springs Camp and Synod commissioner reports presented to the Presbytery be received and filed.
- Council **recommends** approval and authorization of the continuation of all subcommittees, networks and task forces functioning at the end of 2018 year as noted in the Stated Clerk's report.

From the Committee on Ministry

- The Committee on Ministry **recommends** that Presbytery grant the request of the Bolivar Presbyterian Church for a waiver of rotation for Ruling Elders Darlene Gregorich and Joe Robinson.
- The Committee on Ministry **recommends** that Presbytery grant the request of the Derry Presbyterian Church for a waiver of rotation for Ruling Elders John Walkinshaw, Judy Skoloda, Linda Miller and Deacons Ron George and Sandy Dyche.
- The Committee on Ministry **recommends** that Presbytery grant the request of the Calvin United Presbyterian Church, Brownsville for a waiver of rotation for Ruling Elders Diane Chuboy and Deborah McKnight.

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!

<p>VISION</p>	<p>2018 Annual Report</p>
<p>Congregation-centered (ENGAGE)</p>	<p>Visible presence within the Presbytery engaging with congregations--- Church Visits---</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During this past year, I visited 54 different worship or special services of congregations within Redstone Presbytery. Additionally, I was afforded the opportunity to preach or bring a charge on 37 occasions in those services. • Worked and consulted with sessions through eleven separate shared gatherings as well as individual conversations. These engagements range from pastoral transition to mediating conflict to normal updates and strategizing on ministry. In many of these instances, I served as moderator of the meeting. • Participated in special services honoring teaching elders through Presbytery installation services of two ministers of Word and Sacrament serving congregations. • Stepped in to provide both pastoral and organizational leadership for several congregations either in transition or where the current pastor was on medical leave. Coordinated the preaching schedule and preached a number of times for the worship services for each of these congregations during this period of need. Moderated the session and congregational meetings and worked with ongoing ministries. Provided emergency pastoral care for these congregations. • Moderated congregational meetings on five occasions in order to provide pastoral leadership in congregations where it was not available. • 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. • Organized and consulted with the discernment team for Vandergrift Presbyterian Church. Coordinated the process between the team and the session including resourcing the congregational meeting and report to the Presbytery. Provided oversight to fulfillment of the conditions of dismissal and final disposition.

- Continued resourcing of churches currently using pulpit supply about possible pulpit supply, pastoral and moderator options. Arranged for the COM moderator appointments of moderators for all congregations in need of longer term service.
- Facilitated and provided leadership for congregational self-study processes for churches anticipating transition.
- Worked with the Committee on Ministry to move successfully into a Liaison program with each congregation assigned an individual liaison serving on the committee for regular and proactive contact.
- Communicate regularly within the Presbytery through Enews, including both announcements of events, but offering a devotional or educational article.

Leadership developed (EQUIP)

Developing and equipping leadership within the Presbytery---

- Facilitated the identification and contracting with several interim pastor candidates and positions. Worked with sessions in finding and contracting with pastors for "temporary" pastoral positions.
- Conducted initial orientation and coordinated with nine different Pastoral Nominating Committees in both utilizing the system and conducting appropriate pastoral searches. Participated through active consultation as they walked through the filtering and selection as part of the discernment process. Conducted EP reference checks prior to in-person interviews, arranged neutral pulpit opportunities and assisted the committees in seeking consensus on evaluating candidates.
- Continued oversight and administrative direction of the InterPresbytery Leadership Formation program with participants from Redstone, Washington, UOV and Kiski. The program is providing instruction in courses, workshops, and practicums for ruling elders considering possible commissioning in pastoral service. Arranged supervision and accountability for the practicum experiences for Redstone candidates.
- Initiated new workshops and retreats both for ruling elders and teaching elders within the Presbytery and nearby presbyteries.
- Individual consultations with numerous pastors throughout the year concerning ministry strategy, mission development, leadership practices and organizational issues. With newer pastors, serving as resource person to process their experiences in ministry so far.
- Resourced the GA commissioners participating in the biennial gathering of the General Assembly. Assisted in their preparation and processing the 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

	<p>coordinating field experiences.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resource for candidates outside of Redstone who are considering positions that are open within the Presbytery • Worked alongside the Nominating committee in identifying possible ruling elders and ministers of Word and Sacrament for consideration for positions of leadership within the Presbytery. • Resource all standing committees (Council, COM, CPM), subcommittees, networks and task forces within the Presbytery through administrative support, education and leadership formation. 	
<p>Collaboration- Districts/Network (ENABLE)</p>	<p>Joined and initiated contact both within and outside Redstone---</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated ecumenically as the Presbytery representative in the western Pennsylvania region (Pittsburgh and Johnstown) through joint worship services and organizational planning. Regularly participated in Christian Associates and serve as a member of the Executive Committee. • Assist in the work and implementation of initiatives of the various networks meeting together within the presbytery, including addictions, healing and prayer ministry, prayer groups, pastor gatherings and regional congregational events. • Coordinated promotion and administration of the annual Confirmation retreat sponsored by the Presbytery at Pine Springs Camp. • Served as the chairperson of the Synod of the Trinity "Flourishing in Ministry" grant proposal to the Lilly Foundation. Although not successful in receiving funding, currently serve as a facilitator within the Synod in moving forward with some of the proposed initiatives. • Instigated the possible joint gathering of both Redstone and Washington presbyteries in 2019. Invited one of the co-moderators to be present and to preach at that meeting. Ongoing communication with her about possible other events during her visit as well. • Worked with Addictions Ministry network on the administrative and fiduciary responsibilities related to a grant from the Westmoreland Drug and Alcohol Commission. • Supported networks of regional pastor gatherings within the geographic districts of the presbytery in various purposes from fellowship to continuing education. • Participated in joint gatherings of all of the western Pennsylvania presbyteries to consider opportunities for collaboration and partnership. Initiated a join task force between Redstone and Washington Presbyteries to evaluate real options for more effective and efficient ways of doing ministry 	

	<p>in this region of southwestern Pennsylvania.</p>	
<p>Partnership in Mission promoted (EMPOWER)</p>	<p>Promoted and provided leadership in our partnerships in mission---</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in the New Wilmington Mission Conference and in the meeting of the Sudan/South Sudan presentation and partnership. • Worked with the Mission committee in successful implementation of hosting visitors from the South Sudan. Hosted a luncheon for pastors in order for more personal and presbytery-wide interaction with our two representatives from the South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church. • Served as ex-officio board member for Pine Springs Camp including participating in training and worship for summer staff. Worked with executive and finance committees to address ongoing issues and with the completion of the capital campaign, consideration of a new strategic plan. • Participated regularly in both the Board as an ex officio member and within the Strategy committee of Redstone Highlands. • Privileged to be present for the commissioning of the mission trip participants from various congregations serving with PDA in West Virginia. • Initiated a workshop for the Presbytery on the 1001 Worshiping Communities and ways that we might consider supporting or initiating new ministries and/or communities. • 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. Promoted PDA particular relief efforts and distribution of funds as well as opportunities for known mission trips through Presbytery office. 	
<p>Operational Support</p>	<p>Initiated practices and policies for both greater efficiency and effectiveness---</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worked with Presbytery attorney, realtor and members of the AC in resolving deed issues related to the successful sale of the property of the former West Leisenring congregation. • Along with members of the Administrative Commission, coordinated the removal and distribution of materials, cancellation of suppliers, settling the sale of the property, membership and financial review of the former Windber congregation. • Supervised the close financial management of the budget of the Presbytery in order to retain a balanced budget as possible. Managed the effective cash flow of operations (no premature withdrawals from investments) and limited expenditures in order to minimize the use of reserves and investment assets as a means of propping up the annual budget. By such means, the 2018 actual budget reflected a positive operating variance in the general 	

fund.

- Initiated review of our current financial investments through Ameriprise to ensure compliance with investment policy and consider alternatives for additional investments.
- Worked with budget committee on the preparation of 2019 budget in order to both pursue presbytery priorities and to “live within our means.” Correspond with sessions concerning their First Fruits contributions offering gratitude and follow up with pastors or sessions where support is lacking.
- Developed and produced stewardship materials for the presbytery. Contacted all congregations with materials for the purpose of requesting 2019 First Fruits pledges.
- Coordinated the final publication of presbytery minutes in preparation for their review within the synod...Provided oversight and Coordinated session minutes reviews within the presbytery.
- Maintained accurate records and administrative oversight for minister rolls within our presbytery and in communication with other presbyteries(dismissing/receiving) and with the Office of the General Assembly.
- Ensuring updating of congregational statistics and updating our numbers for purposes of per capita assessment with both Synod and General Assembly.
- Provided support for teaching elders, clerks and treasurers negotiating the changes of the new tax laws as well as working through the terms of call worksheet.

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 an unaudited overview of the Redstone Presbytery finances for the twelfth (12th) and final operating month of the calendar year, ending December 31, 2018.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW / INCOME

For the month ending December 2018, proceeds from Church Commitments well exceeded monthly budget expectations at 143% to meet mission / operational needs. Church Commitments recorded at year end totaled 99% of budget or \$350,509.

Total Income for the month inclusive of Investment Income, Miscellaneous Income, and those funds released from Temporarily Restricted accounts to address mission objectives equaled \$84,186.

It is to be noted within the Miscellaneous Income category the recording of Church Income YTD of \$184,528. Such funds represent the sale proceeds of two (2) churches' Windber & West Leisenring and grant funds received from the Vandergrift Church. Such funds as reflected on the Income & Expense Statement (p.5) within Transfer Accounts to Other Funds category were transferred out and placed into the Ameriprise Investments. Deposit of \$184,527.80 is so noted on the Ameriprise Statement ending 12/31/18.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW / EXPENSES

Total Expenses at year end finished 96% of budget or \$14,609 less than budget. Certain budget expense categories finished above projected expectations but are materially minor.

EXCESS INCOME OVER EXPENSES

For the month of December expenses exceeded income (-\$29,071) as a result of funds being transferred and YTD income exceeded expenses at \$32,551. Therefore, the Presbytery essentially broke even for FY 2108 or \$136.00 better than budget.

INVESTMENTS & ASSETS

At month end, there was a negative change in value of the Ameriprise Investments totaling -\$51,227 and for the year -\$55,148. Ending value of the account totals \$ 467,247.

Other investment holdings from First Commonwealth, PILP, New Covenant and Pine Springs total \$382,867.

Total Investment & Holdings = \$850,867

Respectfully Submitted,

John Dickson
Treasurer

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** interruption of the meeting for the purpose of convening the meeting of the corporation of the Presbytery of Redstone.

(Corporation Meeting of the Presbytery of Redstone, January 26, 2019)

Based upon the provisions of the Manual, the following slate of persons are nominated to serve as the Officers of the Corporation for 2019:

President - Mr. Joshua Scully

Secretary - Rev. Skip Noftzger

Treasurer - Mr. John R. Dickson, IV

Assistant Treasurer - Mr. Gerald Cumer

In addition to the officers of the corporation, it is moved that the following person be added to those authorized to sign checks for the Corporation.

Bookkeeper— Ms. Bobbie Martin

- Council **recommends** the dismissal with thanksgiving of the Windber and West Leisenring administrative commissions since their work in disposition of all necessary matters has concluded.

Information Items

JANUARY 8, 2019

Approval of the Minutes

It was MSP to approve the minutes of the November 27, 2018 meeting.

REPORTS

Moderator

- **There were no consent items approved since the last meeting**

Stated Clerk

- The Stated Clerk presented the correspondence log since the last Council meeting for review by the Council.
- The Stated Clerk distributed the following 2019 Council and Presbytery dates:
 - 1/8/2019—Council
 - 1/26/2019—Presbytery (1:00 p.m.; New Hope Presbyterian, North Huntingdon)
 - 2/26/2019—Council
 - 3/26/2019—Presbytery (6:00 p.m.; First, Irwin)
 - 4/23/2019—Council
 - 5/21/2019—Presbytery (6:00 p.m.; First, Murrysville)
 - 6/25/2019—Council
 - 8/27/2019—Council
 - 9/24/2019—Presbytery (10:00 a.m.; Pine Springs Camp)

10/22/2019—Council

11/23/2019—Presbytery (9:00 a.m.; Pleasant View)

11/27/2019—Council

The Stated Clerk reported on the final sale and closing of the West Leisenring property to the Solid Foundation Ministries, Inc. for 30,000. All funds were transferred into accounts for reserve investments.

It was MSP to recommend dismissal with thanksgiving of both the First Presbyterian, Windber and West Leisenring Administrative Commissions.

The Stated Clerk reviewed proposed Book of Order amendments that would be considered at the February meeting for recommendation or not to the Presbytery at the March or May meetings.

The Stated Clerk presented the list of current Sub-Committees, Task Forces and Networks for consideration. Upon reviewing the list, it was MSP to recommend approval of these groups for 2019.

Executive Presbyter

- Rev. Noftzger welcomed both new and returning members to the Council and outlined the responsibilities of the Council. He also distributed our current iteration of the strategic thinking document and discussed the need to revisit and update it.

The Executive Presbyter reported on the upcoming first meeting of a joint task force of members of both Redstone and Washington Presbytery to discuss greater collaboration and shared services. Redstone members include: Rev. Laura Blank, Chuck West, Rev. Martin Ankrum, and Elder Bobbi Jo Huebner.

Rev. Noftzger called upon Rev. Laura Blank who spoke about possible plans for an upcoming Pastor's Retreat at Pine Springs Camp. As a component of a grant received from the Synod of the Trinity, it reflects an ongoing initiative to use the camp in leadership retreats. The proposed dates, speaker and topic are the following:

Dr. Roger Owens, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary; "What We Need Is Here"
April 28-29 (Sunday evening and Monday morning/afternoon); Pine Springs Camp

It was **MSP** to approve sponsorship of the retreat within Redstone Presbytery.

Rev. Noftzger reminded Council members of the upcoming Confirmation Retreat as well as the opportunities of the Presbyterian Youth Triennium.

A request for permission to use the 2019 study leave for participation in the "Presbyterian Pilgrimage" to Scotland on August 9-22 was presented. It was **MSP** to approve and authorize the study leave request.

Treasurer

John Dickson presented a written treasurer's report based upon the end of November. Reviewing the written document, he highlighted where the Presbytery was at that point.

An unofficial copy of the end of the year, financial reports were distributed. Noting the slight shortfall in anticipated church contributions, nonetheless, it was emphasized the administrative oversight in expenditure controls in order to maintain expenses less than revenues in order to not draw upon reserves to cover deficits.

Executive Director of Pine Springs Camp

No report received.

SUBCOMMITTEES/TASK FORCES/NETWORKS

Staff Support

A Christmas luncheon with the subcommittee and the staff was held on December 13 celebrating the work of the staff over the past year.

Communications

The task force noted the success of the Advent devotional distributed to congregations as well as on Facebook and the Redstone Together blog. Thanks to everyone who participated.

Redstone Stories schedule for the most immediate upcoming editions was shared with the rest to be scheduled at the upcoming January 17 meeting.

Last month, it had been shared that we had applied for an innovation grant from the Synod of the Trinity. We have received notification of funding that proposal that will upgrade conference room technologies with an interactive display and cameras and with licensing for video conferencing both for the room and elsewhere.

Missions

At the end of the year, the Missions network authorized and distributed an additional amount for the South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church in South Sudan.

Budget and Stewardship

While there had not been a recent meeting, the Executive Presbyter reviewed the current status of First Fruits Pledges for 2019. With an increased pledge by some churches, nevertheless there has been a similar number decreasing their pledge for a larger amount. There are still pledges to be received, but this might mean consideration for possible budget revision if the pattern holds.

Addictions Ministry

Moving forward with the grant received, the ministry has completed the survey receiving and collating thirty-one responses. The ministry team has begun working on the curriculum development piece which will be made available with the Life Recovery Bible to congregations.

Presbyterian Women

No report received.

JANUARY PRESBYTERY GATHERING

A proposed agenda was submitted focused on "Celebrating the Past, Imagining the Future." The meeting will be held on January 26, 2019 at the New Hope Presbyterian Church. After discussion, it was MSP to approve the agenda as presented.

PRAYER

The Council concluded with a time of prayer lifting up concerns from family, friends and congregations.

NOVEMBER 27, 2018

Approval of the Minutes

It was MSP to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2018 meeting of Council.

REPORTS

Moderator

- There were no consent items approved since the last 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.
November 27, 2018.
- The Stated Clerk distributed the following 2019 Council and Presbytery dates:
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- The Stated Clerk reported the following outstanding concerns.
 - A sales agreement had been reached for 30000 (exceeding the 25000 threshold). The closing date has been set for December. MSP to authorize Rev. Skip Noftzger, Executive Presbyter/Stated Clerk (Secretary of the Corporation) to sign and execute all documents related to the sale of the property to Solid Foundation Ministries, Inc.
- The Stated Clerk noted that we had received confirmation from Co-Moderator Cindy Kohlmann that

she would participate in the joint presbytery meeting on September 24, 2019. As previously approved, she will be preaching at that gathering of Redstone and Washington Presbyteries.

Executive Presbyter

- The Executive Presbyter provided and reviewed data on congregations and pastoral leadership within the Presbytery of Redstone. Discussion ensued about various changes in the past six years.
- Skip Noftzger noted upcoming events for the spring and summer, including the Confirmation Retreat and Presbyterian Youth Triennium. .
- On behalf of the entire Presbytery, Rev. Noftzger expressed his gratitude for those serving on Council for whom this would be their last meeting. Those included were Alice Tondora and Belinda Lambie.

Treasurer

- A written Treasurer's report for the first ten months of the new fiscal year. Contributions had increased in October, but with November being close to the end of the month, it was noted that November was below expectations. Churches are encouraged to make their end of the year contributions before the closing of the 2018 books on January 7.

Executive Director of Pine Springs Camp

- The Executive Director, Greg Davis provided a written report and talked about the timing of the summer camp promotional materials. Rev. Silbert noted the quality of the presentations made at the "Friends Dinner" and the overall great spirit at the event.

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

SUBCOMMITTEES/NETWORKS/TASK FORCES

Staff Support

- No report.

Communications

- Information about upcoming Redstone Stories, transition in the Announcement Loop administration was noted.
- A "hard copy" of the Advent Devotional was distributed. Daily readings/prayers for this devotional will be posted both on the Redstone Facebook page and the Redstone Together blog.
- Skip Noftzger spoke of the grant that has been submitted to the Synod of the Trinity under the Innovation grant program. If received, funds would be used to upgrade technological infrastructure of the conference room and to provide videoconference capabilities both for training, networking and committee meetings.

Missions

- No report other than there is ongoing consideration concerning a list of projects for the South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church provided by Secretary Phillip Obang and Moderator

James Par Tap.

Budget and Finance

- End of the year projections for 2018 were reviewed. While December tends to be a significantly higher number in terms of contributions, concern was identified. Skip Noftzger assured the Council that we would control whatever expenditures possible in order to finish the year with a positive operating balance.
- While the 2019 budget was passed by the Presbytery, the Council was reminded that we will still seek to tightly control expenditures within those items as ceilings dependent upon cash flow and projected revenues.

Additions Ministry

- Follow up on various programming and research efforts from the network were the following:
 - Westmoreland Alcohol and Drug Commission Grant received—\$1,215—
 - Survey solicited—hard copy/Presbytery—7; Google forms—21
 - Additional Narcan training—Poke Run Presbyterian Church—tonight (11/27)

Presbyterian Women

- No report was received.

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

SEPTEMBER PRESBYTERY AGENDA

- An initial draft of possible agenda items for the January 2019 Presbytery meeting were presented. With a focus on celebrating our ministry and mission together, brainstorming about various ways to approach the meeting and items to emphasize were part of the discussion. It was agreed that further suggestions might continue to be made over the next month.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

Adjournment

It was MSP to adjourn at 8:00 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

- The Committee on Ministry **recommends** renewal of all “temporary” pastor agreements pending submission of the agreement and adequate compensation terms.
- The Committee on Ministry celebrates those pastors with ordination anniversaries (5/10-year intervals) in 2019. (See Appendix D)
- The Committee on Ministry presents information about the upcoming Enrichment Day (2/9) and commends it to you for your participation in leadership development. (See Appendix E)
- The Committee on Ministry **recommends** approval of the commissioning service for the Rev. Jane Johnson and the Ft. Burd and Calvin churches in Brownsville. The commissioning service will be conducted by an Administrative Commission appointed by the Moderator.

January 10, 2019

Welcome

- New members of the Committee were introduced to the returning members. Explanation of the role of the committee and the responsibilities of liaisons was reviewed by the Executive Presbyter.

Election of Chairperson

- Rev. Pete Goetschius was nominated to serve as the chairperson of the Committee on Ministry for 2019. It was **MSP** to elect Rev. Goetschius to this position.

Stated Clerk’s Report

a) Correspondence Log

b) Annual Reports Due

- Statistics
Waiver of Rotation forms
Terms of Call forms
Pastor agreement forms
Necrology
Session members
Manse inspection

c) Polity Workshop—March 2, 2019; 9:00 a.m.-12 noon; Maplewood Presbyterian Church

1. 2018 Minutes/Register can be reviewed at that time

d) Other Minutes Review dates

- ii. Enrichment Day – February 9, Westmont, Johnstown
- iii. March Presbytery meeting – March 26, First, Irwin
- iv. May Presbytery meeting – May 21, First, Murrysville

e) Waiver of Rotation requests

- It was **MSP** to recommend approval of the Derry Presbyterian Church request of waiver of rotation for Sandy Dyche (Deacon), Ron George (Deacon), Linda Miller (Elder), Judy Skoloda (Elder), John Walkinshaw (Elder).
 - It was **MSP** to recommend approval of the Bolivar Presbyterian Church request of waiver for Joe Robinson(Elder), Darlene Gregorich.
 - It was **MSP** to recommend approval of the Calvin United Presbyterian Church, Brownsville request of waiver for Diane Chuboy(Elder) and Deborah McKnight(Elder).
- f) It was **MSP** to approve renewal of all “Temporary Pastor” agreements.

These include current and new Covenant pastors, Interim Pastors, Commissioned pastors, and temporary pastors serving in “temporary pastoral relationships” pending submission of agreement and adequate compensation (minimum terms of call prorated) (handout).

1. Moderator Report

a. Moderator appointments

- i. We are in need of a moderator for the First Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon.

2. Structure of subcommittees/Liaison responsibilities (handouts)

3. Reports of Subcommittees

a. Examinations and Membership

i. Information items

1. Preliminary examination completed with a candidate for the Ebensburg and Colver congregations who was in the region for a “neutral” pulpit.
2. Inquiry from Rev. Norma Murphy about transferring back into Redstone Presbytery upon her Honorably Retired status.

b. Search and Call

i. Information items

1. The Transition Chart outlining the current status of all congregations in transition and searching for some form of pastoral leadership. (handout)
2. It was reported that the subcommittee is working on a possible agreement with the Tyrone Presbyterian Church and a commissioned pastor candidate.

ii. Action items

1. It was **MSP** to approve the agreement (Covenant Pastor) between the Fort Burd Presbyterian Church, Brownsville and Rev. Jane Johnson.
2. It was **MSP** to approve of the agreement (Covenant Pastor) between the Calvin United Presbyterian Church, Brownsville and Rev. Jane Johnson.
3. It was **MSP** to recommend the Presbytery to conduct a commissioning service

recognizing her new pastoral call as a Covenant Pastor.

c. Care of Congregations and Congregational Leaders

i. Districts I and II (Northwest)

1. Important Updates

2. Prayer requests

ii. District III (Southwest)

1. Important Updates

2. Prayer requests

iii. District IV (East)

1. Important Updates

2. Prayer requests

d. AP/CP subcommittee (COM/CPM)

i. AP/CP dinner – January 20, 2019

ii. Upcoming workshops

iii. Old Testament cohort (begins-January 12)

4. Executive Presbyter report

5. Unfinished Business

6. New Business

The Executive Presbyter requested volunteers to work on a task force to develop a proposed Family and Medical Leave Policy for consideration by the Committee on Ministry and the Presbytery.

7. Adjournment with Prayer

Committee on Preparation for Ministry

Action Items

- No action items for this meeting.

Information Items

- Current candidates and status is the following:
Richard Watson -
Has completed all ordination examinations except exegesis. Will be sitting for that exam in February. Currently, is working on details to participate in his third and final Supervised Practical Ministry with Rev. Ron Johnson, Third Presbyterian Church, Uniontown.
- Current Inquirer and status is the following:
Cynthia Bellina -
Has enrolled again full time through the Dubuque Theological Seminary program. She has been actively participating as an American Red Cross Disaster Spiritual Care Responder. In the fall, she was in California for an extended period of time. An article appeared in the Uniontown Herald Standard about her work.

Nominating Committee

Information Items

- There remain a couple openings for positions on standing committees of the Presbytery. Additionally, there are always opportunities on various subcommittees, task forces and networks. Please submit names of Teaching and Ruling Elders to the Nominating Committee through either Curtis Paul or Skip Noftzger.

Pine Springs Camp

It's Complete! Faith for the Future Campaign Raises \$1,918,500!

We are giving thanks to God that we have surpassed \$1,918,000 in pledges for the campaign. Through the generous support of individuals, churches and foundations, we were able to do the following:

- Completed construction on "The Refuge" our incredible new dining hall and multi-purpose building.
- Completed the Adventure Fort called Fort Legacy. It is tons of fun for all ages.
- Installed 4 belay tree climbs as part of our Natural Playground Area.
- Renovated the Nurse's Station. It enabled our nurses to better care for our campers.
- Installed a climbing wall in the pool.
- Winterized our Creekside Cabins.
- Spent over \$30,000 making improvements to our Polaris Village Cabins, the place that our Volunteer Weekly Directors stay during the summer.
- Purchased 12 RC Crawler Trucks and built an obstacle course. This was a big hit for many campers including our Grandmas, Moms and Tots Campers!
- Purchased 8 new canoes, pfd's and paddles.
- Increased the Carrie Foust Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund.

We are celebrating this incredible phase in the history of Pine Springs Camp.

More Improvements on the Horizon!

The continued effects of the campaign will be felt for years to come. Within the next few months we will be working within the committee structure of the Board to propose various items that will be a part of the 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:

- Revamping our Adventure High Ropes area
- Continued improvements to the Nurses Station
- Metal roofs on two Creekside Cabins
- Improved Signage across camp
- Continued Development of the Natural Playground Area
- Improvements to the play area in the bowl
- Improvements to the A-Frame
- Complete the Refuge Basement
- Improvements to Graham Village

The Blessing of This Place... an incredibly sweet way to help Campers come to Pine Springs

Laurie and Tim Martin decided to take up a hobby in their retirement. They became beekeepers! All proceeds from the sale of their honey goes toward the camp scholarship fund at Poke Run Presbyterian Church. The Martin family has been involved with Pine Springs for generations. Laurie's mother was a counselor, Laurie was a camper, Laurie's children were campers and now her grandchildren are campers! What a wonderful testimony to a ministry that has reached out to generations. Yes, it is something to be A BUZZ about! There are many churches and individuals who are strong believers in the ministry of Pine Springs Camp. We are grateful to the multitude of ways churches help families afford camp. Special thanks to the Martins and Poke Run for this creative way of helping kids experience a week of Camp!

A Place Like No Other... A First Year Counselor's Perspective

There I was in my driveway, both hands on the wheel as I blasted "Should I stay, or should I go" by The Clash to the beat of my racing heart. I couldn't believe what I was about to do. Who is their right mind would drive 4 hours away from home to spend their entire summer at a place they had never been to before, especially when they had so many other job offers and opportunities for much higher pay? My mind, my family, and my friends were all telling me to stay but deep down there was something in me telling me that I needed to go.

"Well, this isn't the first crazy idea you've had Zane" I thought to myself, "and besides... Dan Duffield would never let me hear the end of it after he spent hours trying to convince me to go here in the first place." So I switched over to my driving playlist and played "Carry on My Wayward Son" by Kansas. The drive was very long and full of doubts. How was I going to teach kids of all ages about the Bible and Jesus when I was not the most well-versed person and how was I going to fit it when I had never been to a camp before and some of the kids and people I would be working with have been there for years? I was about ready to turn around. When I finally pulled up to camp tired from a long and stressful drive, Dan Duffield was there waiting in the road to welcome me to camp and sent me off to register! I was surprised to see just how beautiful the camp was because in all honesty I have expected there to be no electricity and for all of the buildings to be falling apart! It wasn't until I got to actually meet the people I would be working with that I finally realized that I had made the right choice in coming. Through training together, we became a big family. All of the handbook sessions and training helped eliminate many of the doubts but what ultimately put me at peace was learning from all of my peers that God makes use of all of our skills, quirks, and experiences and uses them to get his work done. When campers finally came in, I could see how God placed the right campers in my cabin for me and my co-counselors. Many times, campers came to me with struggles. During my time at camp I worked with many special needs campers because I have a severely autistic brother, was able to draw from my personal experiences helping to raise him. I was not only to pour into these campers through a deep understanding and love for them despite their struggles but also taught me so much about myself. At the end of the summer I walked away a new person with invaluable lessons, experiences, and loving people that cannot be found anywhere else. It scares me to think that I thought I knew better than God and that I almost chose not to go because I don't want to think of where I would be if I had chosen not to go. Words literally can't describe this place and it's meaning to me. --- Zane is currently a Sophomore at Penn State, University Park

2018 Summer Review

"Pine Springs Camp strives to provide every camper with a VITAL ENCOUNTER with Jesus Christ that leads to growth in Christian faith and discipleship." If Pine Springs Camp has come to your church or home, if you have come to a PSC recruiting event or spent any amount of time with someone from our staff, you have probably heard that mission statement recited. You may even be able to recite our mission statement yourself from memory. Pine Springs Camp believes and has lived this mission statement for the past 70 years! We believe in it so much that we based our entire 2018 summer camp program around that theme, "Vital Encounters." Going into last summer I was so excited about this theme! The change for campers to dive into the Gospel of Luke, to hear and see other vital encounters that followers of Jesus had would make the Gospel so much more real to them. Campers were able to hear different stories about how these characters in Scripture encountered Jesus. Not only were their lives changed, but their eternity as well. That is what we strive to do as a full-time staff and as a camp! My favorite part of the "Vital Encounters" theme was that it gave our summer staff an opportunity to speak to our campers from an authentic place about where their faith started. To have our staff, whom our campers look up to, share their own stories of encounters with Christ was another element of this theme that made it so special. Our staff rose to the challenge and were more than willing to share their stories at campfires, Bible studies, during Pine Springs Praise Night (PSPN) or in their cabins.

2018 Friends Dinner - A Very "Joyful" Celebration

Each November we host the Pine Springs Camp Friends Dinner. This year's event, "Rooted in Joy," was a celebration and a success! The goal of the dinner is two-fold: to celebrate God's faithfulness to the ministry and to raise money to supplement the general operating budget. We truly enjoyed a joy-filled evening as we hosted 21 tables and 180 guests which made for an enthusiastic and fun crowd. I am pleased to report that we raised close to \$20,000 towards the general operating budget of the camp and pledge cards and donations are still coming in. The theme of joy was heard repeatedly throughout the night in song, testimonies, and conversations. The guests enjoyed hearing from Lily Hefner, a long-time camper, and Nicole Wolfgang, a camper, past staff member and now camper parent. Each shared how Pine Springs has shaped their faith and

impacted their lives. Emma Herrle, a 2018 Cornerstone Counselor, shared her gift of music throughout the evening. Each year we honor someone from Pine Springs Camp family who has committed extraordinary time and devotion to the ministry. This year we honored Ken and Pam Dzialowski for their 20 years of service as camp nurse (Pam) and devoted handyman (Ken). Nurse Pam and Dr. Ken have been "Long Week" fixtures since 1998. We thank God for their partnership and faithful service. The Friends Dinner is a wonderful opportunity to connect with old friends and to expose new people to what is happening at camp. We would love for more people to enjoy this wonderful event. Consider joining us for this celebration next November!

Mission Network

The Redstone Presbytery Mission Committee met on Wednesday, January 16 at the Presbytery office.

The coordinator for the Tri-City Meals on Wheels, Jessica Dunn told us about their work to provide nourishing meals for people in Jeannette, Greensburg, and Harrison City. The meals are prepared at a kitchen in Southwest Greensburg and delivered by volunteer drivers and runners. She asked us to consider how we might encourage congregations in the presbytery to widen their service area. Presently, they deliver 130 meals a day, and have the capacity to prepare a hot meal and cold snack for up to 200. Flyers will be available at the January Presbytery meeting. Meals on wheels is a ministry to homebound persons, regardless of income. Recipients are billed \$3.50 per meal, which mostly covers the cost of the food. Meals on Wheels relies on contributions from individuals and churches to be able to operate.

It was suggested by members of the committee that it would make sense to ask people to contribute money toward the making of Church World Service Emergency Bucket kits, which cost roughly \$75 to assemble, plus a processing fee of \$3/ bucket. That way, complete buckets can be assembled and shipped to New Windsor, MD, to the distribution center. There are occasionally pick up points for the various kits in the Indiana, PA area. Those times and locations are listed on the Church World Service website cwskits.org/ship-kits/

We continue to ask congregations to pray for the people of Sudan and South Sudan, and particularly for the work of the Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church (SPEC) and the South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church (SSPEC). PCUSA mission co-worker Kristi Rice recently conducted a peacemaking and trauma healing event in Pochalla, South Sudan. Please pray for a lasting peace in South Sudan so that people can begin to return to their homes and rebuild their lives.

The Redstone Mission Team will travel to West Virginia March 24-30 to work with West Virginia Camps and Advocacy to help rebuild homes that have been affected by flooding from recent hurricanes and heavy rains. There will be a pancake supper at Congruity Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, March 5 (Fat Tuesday) from 4 to 7 p.m. to raise money for the work that will be done in West Virginia.

We will share the news of other mission trips and projects as the information becomes available.

The Redstone Mission Committee ordinarily meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7 at the Presbytery Office. We would welcome new members who are interested in local and global mission.

Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Redstone will hold our Spring Gathering at the Fort Burd Presbyterian Church in Brownsville on Saturday, April 27 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Any Presbyterian woman may attend and may bring friends who may be interested in the program for the day. You can access the flyer for the gathering on the Redstone Presbytery website, or you can request that you receive PW e-mails. Linda Blick is the communications coordinator for Redstone PW and would be pleased to add your e-mail to her list. Please note that reservations for the gathering need to be received by the Rev. Susan Blank at least a week before the event, so that the host church can make appropriate preparations for the day.

The Spring Retreat will be held on Tuesday, May 28 in the Refuge at Pine Springs Camp from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. This focus of this year's retreat will be music. Again, reservations should be received by the May meeting of Presbytery on May 21 so that adequate preparations may be made.

Any woman who is a member of a Presbyterian Church (USA) church is a member of Presbyterian Women. For further information please contact Sylvia Carlson, Moderator, at sylviac65@comcast.net