



2019 Stated Meeting

of the

Presbytery of Redstone
Presbyterian Church (USA)

March 26, 2019



First Presbyterian Church
Irwin, PA

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

Directions to

First Presbyterian Church

617 Main Street
Irwin, PA 15642

724.863.5910

From the PA Turnpike: Use Exit #7 (Irwin/ Greensburg) - After going through toll booth follow the exit sign for going west to Pittsburgh. Exit the ramp onto Route 30 West. At the first red light turn right onto Rocky Road. At the next red light (300 yards) turn left onto Pennsylvania Avenue. Follow Pennsylvania Avenue about two miles and the church will be on your right.

From Route 22 and new Amos Hutchinson Bypass - exit at Exit 4 (Route 30) and go west.

Using Route 30 West - after the PA Turnpike entrance, at the first red light turn right onto Rocky Road (you will see a Kohl's sign). At the next red light (300 yards) turn left onto Pennsylvania Avenue for about two miles and the church will be on your right.

Using Route 30 East - shortly after seeing the Bernardo Car Wash look for a sign pointing to Irwin and make a right-hand turn (immediately after crossing the bridge). At stop sign make a right turn. At next stop sign make a right turn. Church is two blocks on the left side.

**Oak Street is one way into Irwin. Main Street is one way out of Irwin, passing in front of the church. There is an alley next to church between Oak and Main Streets. This is the access to the church parking lot. There is also parking available in the lot directly across Pennsylvania Avenue from the church - turn left at the stop sign.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PRESBYTERY MEETING

There will be people in the parking lot to direct you for parking and entering the church. Registration and the Pine Springs Camp display will be in the Perry edition. This is the room you will be entering off of the parking lot. The Prayer Room will be in the Library. The minutes review will be in the office staff area. The meeting will be in the Sanctuary. These rooms are all in the same general vicinity. There will be folks around the church also to direct you. Refreshments will be available downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. There are restrooms on both levels of the church. There is a chair lift for access to the basement.

Notes for the March 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 received during Presbytery worship at this meeting will be sent to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

Presbytery of Redstone Gathering
 First Presbyterian Church, Irwin
 March 26, 2019
 "Equipping Leadership"

5:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Minutes Review</i> • <i>Registration and fellowship</i> 	<i>Fellowship Hall</i>
6:00 p.m.	<u>Presbytery Gathering Convenes</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formation of the Roll • Seating of Corresponding Members • Arrangements 	<i>Sanctuary</i> Rev. Laura Blank Rev. Cliff Foster Rev. Ron Durika
	<u>Stated Clerk</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correspondence Log - page 5 • Statistics - page 7 • Consent Agenda - page 8 <u>Treasurer</u> - page 9	Rev. Skip Noftzger Rev. Cliff Foster John Dickson
	<u>Gathered in Worship</u> (including proclamation of the Word, Lord's Supper and commissioning of ruling elders to particular service)	Rev. Ron Durika
	<u>Reports</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Executive Presbyter</u> - page 10 	Rev. Skip Noftzger
	<u>Announcements Loop</u>	Rev. Niki Atkinson
	<u>Operations</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council - page 14 Proposed Amendments to the Book of Order (Appendices) --18-A --18-B.1 --18-B.2 --18-C --18-D <u>Equipping Leadership</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee on Ministry - page 17 Examination/Receiving - Molly Hall Ordination commission <u>Enabling Ministry Networks</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addictions Ministry Network <u>Empowering Mission Partnerships</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mission Network • Pine Springs Camp - page 22 <u>New Business</u>	Joshua Scully Rev. Pete Goetschius Rev. Lee McDermott Rev. Sylvia Carlson Greg Davis
	<u>Benediction</u> <u>Adjournment</u> <i>The next stated meeting of the Presbytery of Redstone will take place on May 21, 2019 6:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church Murrysville, PA. Minutes reading will be available prior to the meeting (5:00 p.m.)</i>	Rev. Ron Durika

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
March 14, 2019 - mail	Patton Presbyterian Church	2019 Terms of Call for the Rev. David McCabe along with the Manse Inspection Report and the List of Session Members	To COM and FILE
March 11, 2019 - mail	Laurel Hill Presbyterian Church, Dunbar	Manse Inspection Report and List of Session Members	To FILE
March 7, 2019 - mail	United Presbyterian Church, West Newton	List of Session Members, Manse Inspection Report, and 2019 Terms of Call for the Rev. John Manon	To COM and FILE
March 6, 2019 - mail	Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program	Letter verifying the satisfied loan for the Vandergrift Presbyterian Church	To FILE
March 6, 2019 - mail	Dunbar Presbyterian Church	Request for Waiver of Rotation for Ruling Elder, Manse Inspection Report and List of Session Members	To COM and FILE
February 27, 2019 - email	Delmont Presbyterian Church	List of Session Members and 2019 Terms of Call for the Rev. Caroline Vickery	To COM and FILE
February 27, 2019 - mail	Springhill Furnace Presbyterian Church, Lake Lynn	List of Session Members and Manse Inspection Report	To FILE
February 26, 2019 - email	Ebensburg Presbyterian Church	List of Session Members	To FILE
February 25, 2019 - mail	Revloc Presbyterian Church	List of Session Members and Manse Inspection Report	To FILE
February 25, 2019 - mail	Dunlap's Creek Presbyterian Church, Merrittstown	List of Session Members and Manse Inspection Report	To FILE
February 25, 2019 - mail	Calvin United Presbyterian Church, Scottdale	List of Session Members and Manse Inspection Report	To FILE
February 25, 2019 - mail	West Hempfield Presbyterian Church, Irwin	2019 Terms of Call for the Rev. Andrew Wirt	To COM and FILE
February 21, 2019 - mail	Latrobe Presbyterian Church	2019 Terms of Call for the Rev. Clark Kerr	To COM and FILE
February 20, 2019 - mail	First Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon	List of Session Members	To FILE
February 19, 2019 - mail	Second Presbyterian Church, Johnstown	List of Session Members and 2019 Terms of Call Sheet for Rev. Art Moffat	To COM and FILE
February 19, 2019 - mail	Palmer Community Presbyterian Church, Adah	Request for Waiver of Rotation for Ruling Elder Maxine Hajek, List of Session Members, Manse Inspection Report	To COM and FILE

February 16, 2019 – hand delivered	West Hempfield Presbyterian Church, Irwin	List of Session Members	To FILE
February 16, 2019 – mail	First Presbyterian Church, Irwin	2019 Terms of Call for the Rev. Ronald Wakeman and the Rev. Ronald Durika, and List of Session Members	To COM and FILE
February 16, 2019 – mail	Westmont Presbyterian Church, Johnstown	List of Session Members, Manse Inspection Report and 2018 Annual Report	To FILE
February 13, 2019 – email	Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church, Murrysville	2019 Terms of Call for the Rev. Curtis Paul and the Rev. Marnie Silbert	To COM and FILE
February 11, 2019 – email	Union Presbyterian Church, Murrysville	2018 Statistical Report	To FILE
February 11, 2019 – email	Puckety Presbyterian Church, Lower Burrell	2018 Statistical Report	To FILE
February 11, 2019 – mail	First Presbyterian Church, Greensburg	List of Session Members	To FILE
February 11, 2019 – hand delivered	Sewickley United Presbyterian Church, West Newton	List of Session Members and Manse Inspection Report	To FILE
February 11, 2019 – hand delivered	Congruity Presbyterian Church, New Alexandria	List of Session Members	To FILE
February 7, 2019 – email	Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church, Murrysville	2018 Statistical Report	To FILE
February 6, 2019 – email	First Presbyterian Church, Jeannette	2018 Statistical Report	To FILE
February 4, 2019 – mail	Pleasant View Presbyterian Church, Smock	2019 Terms of Call for the Rev. Laura Blank; Manse Inspection Report and List of Session Members	To COM and FILE
February 4, 2019 – email	Rehoboth Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon	Manse Inspection Report	To FILE
February 4, 2019 – mail	Sewickley Presbyterian Church, West Newton	Extended one-year contract for CP Eric Glisan	To COM and FILE
February 4, 2019 – mail	Grace Chapel Presbyterian Church, Smithfield	2019 Terms of Call for the Rev. Lee McDermott; List of Session Members and Manse Inspection Report	To COM and FILE
February 4, 2019 – mail	Reunion Presbyterian Church, Mt. Pleasant	2019 Terms of Call for the Rev. Sue Washburn; List of Session Members and Manse Inspection Report	To COM and FILE
February 4, 2019 – mail	First Presbyterian Church, Greensburg	2019 Terms of Call for the Rev. Martin Ankrum, and the Rev. Nicole Atkinson	To COM and FILE
February 4, 2019 – mail	Tent Presbyterian Church, Uniontown	List of Session Members, and Manse Inspection Report	To FILE
January 31, 2019 – email	First Presbyterian Church, Avonmore	2018 Statistical Report	To FILE
January 30, 2019 – mail	United Presbyterian Church, New Kensington	2019 Terms of Call for the Rev. Wendy Keys	To COM and FILE
January 28, 2019 – mail	Westminster Presbyterian	Manse Inspection Report	To FILE

	Church, Greensburg	and List of Session Members	
January 28, 2019 - email	Level Green Presbyterian Church, Trafford	2019 Terms of Call for the Rev. Geoff Rach	To COM and FILE
January 24, 2019 - email	McClellandtown Presbyterian Church	2018 Statistical Report	To FILE
January 23, 2019 - email	Community United Presbyterian Church, New Alexandria	2018 Statistical Report	To FILE
January 23, 2019 - email	Bolivar United Presbyterian Church	2018 Statistical Report	To FILE
January 22, 2019 - mail	Calvin United Presbyterian Church, Scottsdale	Request for Waiver of Rotation for Elders and Deacons	To COM and FILE
January 22, 2019 - mail	Third Presbyterian Church, Uniontown	2019 Terms of Call for the Rev. Ronald Johnson	To COM and FILE
January 22, 2019 - email	Level Green Presbyterian Church, Trafford	Manse Inspection Report	To FILE
January 22, 2019 - email	Derry Presbyterian Church	2018 Necrology Report, List of Session Members, Manse Inspection Report, and a request for a Waiver of Rotation for several elders	To COM, PRESBYTERY, and FILE
January 22, 2019 - email	First Presbyterian Church, Irwin	2018 Necrology Report	To PRESBYTERY and FILE
January 21, 2019 - mail	Community United Presbyterian Church, New Alexandria	2019 Terms of Call for the Rev. Grafton Eliason	To COM and FILE
January 21, 2019 - email	Palmer Community Presbyterian Church, Adah	2018 Necrology Report	To PRESBYTERY and FILE

2. Summary of 2018 Comparative Statistical Summary for the Presbytery

Membership Statistics	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Active members	14,971	14,799	14,329	13,961	13,679	12,543	11,477	10,628	10,287	10,017
Gains by Profession of Faith - 17 under	136	105	82	102	105	101	85	70	53	58
Gains by Profession of Faith - 18 over	220	169	178	146	154	155	171	170	102	119
Gains by Certificate	126	65	85	79	95	61	56	43	48	57
Losses by Certificate	81	57	95	78	243	519	437	205	65	215
Losses by Death	289	281	274	252	248	252	239	238	187	194
Losses by Other	477	211	511	417	182	781	725	732	304	106
Infant Baptisms	212	140	163	122	158	128	127	110	100	87
Adult Baptisms	29	26	25	22	35	17	24	20	9	13

As of the 2019 deadline for statistical reporting to the General Assembly, churches have filed at least portions of their annual statistical reports for 2018. The following churches failed to submit their Annual Statistical Report based upon the deadline: Covenant, Fort Burd, Hopewell, Tyrone, Fairchance, Leisenring, Pleasant Grove, Merrittstown, New Kensington and Sewickley. For a summary membership report, see **Appendix A**.

3. The following dates represent additional opportunities for Clerks to have their Session minutes and Church Registers reviewed for 2018.

- March 26—5:00 p.m.—First, Irwin (pre-Presbytery)
- April 30—6:00 p.m.—Presbytery Center
- May 21—5:00 p.m.— First, Murrysville (pre-Presbytery)
- May 28—6:00 p.m.—Trinity, Uniontown

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 January 26, 2019 be approved.

From the Council

1. Council **recommends** that the Financial Reports presented to the Council be received and filed for audit. See **Appendix B**.
2. Council **recommends** that the reports of the Stated Clerk and Associate Stated Clerk be received and filed.
3. Council **recommends** that any Executive Presbyter, Treasurer, Mission, Pine Springs Camp and Synod commissioner reports presented to the Presbytery be received and filed.

From the Committee on Ministry

1. The Committee on Ministry **recommends** that the Rev. Norma Murphy (Honorably Retired, Lake Erie Presbytery and former member of Redstone) be received as an Honorably Retired member of Redstone Presbytery. See **Appendix C** for her Statement of Faith.
2. The Committee on Ministry **recommends** the commissioning of Anthony Marciano (Tyrone) and Lynn Mance (Presbytery-wide) during the worship service of the March 26, 2019 meeting. Both temporary pastoral relationships were approved by the Committee on Ministry (**Presbytery Manual**).
3. The Committee on Ministry **recommends** the approval of the waiver request for limitation of terms for Walter Graham (elder) on behalf of the Mt. Washington church.
4. The Committee on Ministry **recommends** the approval of the waiver request for limitation of terms for Paloma Westerman-Cramer, Anita Nicholson (elders) and Neal Snyder, David Ramsey and Thomas Bowman (deacons) on behalf of the Calvin United church in Scottdale.
5. The Committee on Ministry **recommends** the approval of the waiver request for limitation of terms for Maxine Hajek (elder) on behalf of the Palmer Community church in Adah.
6. The Committee on Ministry **recommends** the approval of the waiver request for limitation of terms for James Stark and Marlene Kubina (elders) on behalf of the First Presbyterian church in Fayette City.
7. The Committee on Ministry **recommends** the approval of the waiver request for limitation of terms for Seth Myers(elder) on behalf of the First Presbyterian church in Dunbar.

Treasurer's Report

INCOME & EXPENSE STATEMENT

This report represents an unaudited overview of the Redstone Presbytery finances for the second budgeted operating month of the calendar year ending February 28, 2019.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW / INCOME

Income derived from Church Commitment receipts for the month ending February was more robust than January, but still has fallen short of a \$30,417 per month benchmark. Both months combined for the year, the Presbytery is -\$20,072 short of budget expectations.

Other income for the month was recorded from miscellaneous resources and funds released from temporarily restricted accounts. Those income categories accounted for \$1,250.

As noted in the January Treasures report and again in February, receipt of income is off to a slow start for the 2019 budget.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW / EXPENSES

Expenses in total are trending below budget for the end of February (11% versus 16.67%). There are a few operating expenses categories that are above the percentage benchmark but are associated with timing matters or circumstances that cannot be controlled like utility usage that is associated to weather conditions.

EXCESS INCOME OVER EXPENSES

For the month and YTD income exceeds expenses (Month / \$5,875 - YTD / \$476).

INVESTMENTS & ASSETS

At the end of February, the Ameriprise account realized a positive change in value totaling \$10,952.31, along with dividends, interest & income totaling \$740. This year, the total change in value for January and February totals \$37,444.83. Total ending value as of February 28th equals \$504,337.

Other investments and holdings from First Commonwealth, PILP, New Covenant and Pine Springs totals \$382,867 (Account totals for this reporting period are carried over from the 12/31/18 report)

Total Investments and Holdings = \$887,204

Respectfully Submitted,

John Dickson

Executive Presbyter Report

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

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

VISION	1/26/2019-3/26/2019
<p>Congregation-centered (ENGAGE)</p>	<p>Visible presence within the Presbytery engaging with congregations--- Church Visits---</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since the January Presbytery meeting, I have visited nine different congregations (some a few times; total-twelve) for either morning worship or special services. • Have been privileged to preach and proclaim the Word on ten of those occasions and to offer a charge to pastor or congregation on two other services. • In four congregations, where their moderator was not available, I moderated six session meetings and two annual congregational meetings. • Continued working alongside of seven Pastoral Nominating Committees in various stages of their search process. Maintained regular communication with each PNC chair and meet personally with four of those committees to resource them in their progress or resolve issues. Additionally, seek out and provide weekly referrals within the CLC search system. Perform all Executive reference checks on more viable candidates. • Provided options and assistance for two different sessions as they consider appropriate options and candidates for short- and long-term pastoral leadership moving forward.
<p>Leadership developed (EQUIP)</p>	<p>Developing and equipping leadership within the Presbytery---</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planned and prepared IPLF courses and workshops through online support and resourcing individual instructors. • Offered a homily, participated and networked with leaders in the annual Enrichment Day sponsored by District Four for leadership development and training. • Initiated conversations with five possible candidates for different pastoral leadership opportunities. Coordinated examination and interviewing for possible matching between candidates and positions. • Personal conversations for ministry strategy, development, vocational discernment, presbytery leadership responsibilities and personal concerns with seven different pastors. • Developed and worked with COM on approval of new and non-traditional

	approaches to “commissioned” pastor options.			
Collaboration-Districts/Network (ENABLE)	<p>Creating and supporting collaboration in ministry both within and outside Redstone---</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiated a joint task force of Redstone and Washington Presbyteries to consider further collaboration and future endeavors in order to increase both effectiveness and efficiency of both presbyteries. Serving as the primary facilitator and coordinator of this group as they work through possible issues in order to reach recommendations. • Served as an active member of the Executive Council and officer within Christian Associates. Collaborated with our colleagues in the UCC for pastoral transitions. • Initiated, along with the moderator, a pastor’s retreat for spiritual renewal. Regular participant with other pastors in regional gatherings and special interest groups. 			
Partnership in Mission promoted (EMPOWER)	<p>Promoted and provided leadership in our partnerships in mission---</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitated the initial stages in strategic planning for Pine Springs Camp as it enters into its next chapter. Serve on the Pine Springs board, particularly in working with the area of finance and policy. • Arranged for the commissioning service in one of our congregations for the team participating in the WV mission trip. • Ongoing participation on the board of Redstone Highlands including the Strategy committee, the board retreat and the annual board meeting. • Working with the Sudan/South Sudan Partnership by maintaining contact with Philip Obang (counterpart who offered video greetings for the January Presbytery). Assisting Mission committee in planning for possible visit in 2020. 			
Operational Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed annual reports for the Office of General Assembly on a number of mid-council areas. Provided oversight and assistance in completion of annual statistical reports. • Successful ordering and installation of technology equipment for the conference room that was obtained by a grant from the Synod for “networking across the Laurel Highlands. • Coordinated the replacement, installation and painting of a new doorway for the Presbytery center that was deteriorating. 			
VALUES	Servant Leadership	Flourishing Community	Witness to the World	Generous and effective Stewardship
<i>Soli Deo Gloria</i>				

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.]

Council Report Items

- Presentation of proposed Book of Order amendments approved at the 2018 General Assembly and to be considered by individual presbyteries. See Appendix D.
- 1. 18-A – (criteria for congregational Nominating Committee) *Council recommends approval.*
- 2. 18-B.1 (clarification on those who have renounced jurisdiction) *COM recommends approval.*
- 3. 18-B.2 (clarification on those who have renounced jurisdiction) *COM recommends approval.*
- 4. 18-C (political endorsement or opposition) *Council-no recommendation.*
- 5. 18-D (permission for validated ministry "outside the bounds") *Council and COM recommend approval.*

Information Items

Council Meeting
February 26, 2019

Summary

- It was **MSP** to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2018 meeting of Council.

Report of the Stated Clerk

- The Stated Clerk presented the correspondence log since the last Council meeting for review by the Council.
- The Stated Clerk reviewed the scheduled 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; Washington Presbytery will join us)
 - 10/22/2019—Council
 - 11/23/2019—Presbytery (9:00 a.m.; Pleasant View)
 - 11/27/2019—Council

The Stated Clerk presented some of the proposed Book of Order amendments for review and recommendation by the Council. The options presented for each proposed amendment were for the Council to:

----Recommend approval; --Recommend disapproval; --Make no recommendation

- a. 18-A (**MSP** to recommend approval)
- b. 18-C (**MSP** to make no recommendation)
- c. 18-D (**MSP** to recommend approval)
- d. 18-E (**MSP** to recommend approval)
- e. 18-F (**MSP** to recommend approval)

Executive Presbyter

The Executive Presbyter reported on the following items:

- Work and Progress of InterPresbytery Collaboration Task Force (Laura Blank, Chuck West, Martin Ankrum, Bobbi Jo Huebner). Both Rev. Ankrum and Elder Chuck West provided insight on the progress of the task force representing Redstone and Washington presbyteries who have been meeting monthly in 2019. Having considered a variety of possible means and structures for collaboration, work has moved to the tangible areas of particular proposals ranging from sharing staff, facilities, and ministry to possible merger. Both short- and long-term options will be considered at the next meeting.
- With the upcoming sabbatical in summer of 2019, Rev. Noftzger solicited other volunteers to participate in writing the article or devotional for the weekly ENews during those months (June and July).
- The Executive Presbyter promoted the upcoming Pastors Retreat – April 28-29. Dr. Roger Owens, from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, who will be speaking on “What We Need Is Here.” The retreat will take place on Sunday evening, Monday all day at Pine Springs Camp. To register, contact the Presbytery office.
- The Executive Presbyter provided updates on pastoral leadership around the Presbytery. Rev. Katy Brungraber will be moving out of the area to Chambersburg. We anticipate two new Commissioned Pastors; Anthony Marciano who will be serving the Tyrone Presbyterian Church and Lynn Mance who will be serving in a new role as a Presbytery-wide Commissioned Pastor.

Treasurer

- A written Treasurer’s report for the first month of the new fiscal year. As noted, January has been a “slow” month in terms of contributions and was even more so in 2019. The Treasurer reviewed the report and offered insight on “benchmarks” for monthly income and monthly expenditures. The Executive Presbyter clarified that the January expenditures were reduced because with the reporting of statistics, we had not yet begun to pay the per capita. He assured the Council that he would be monitoring expenses in order that we continue to live within the income that we have available.

Executive Director of Pine Springs Camp

- A written report from the Executive Director was received and reviewed.

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

SUBCOMMITTEES/NETWORKS/TASK FORCES

Staff Support

Preparation work has begun in order to complete staff evaluations in the springtime after Easter.

Communications

The Communications team reported on the schedule for the upcoming issues of the Redstone Stories during 2019.

Noting the successful receipt of the technology grant from the Synod of the Trinity, the Council participated in a video conference with Sue Washburn from her home. Skip also demonstrated other applications and uses of the technology equipment within the conference room.

Missions

Announcement of the upcoming mission trip in mid-March to West Virginia.

Additional information was provided on the initial planning for a small group to visit South Sudan (Juba) in March 2020.

Budget and Finance

First Fruits pledges are still being collected. Projections below expectations may require some additional adjustments to the current budget.

Addictions Ministry

The Addictions ministry network has been working diligently on a curriculum to be used in our congregations (Sunday school, sermon series, etc.) on Biblical and theological approaches to addiction and recovery. Recovery Bibles and the curriculum will be shared at the next presbytery meeting as they look for churches who will "pilot" it.

MARCH PRESBYTERY MEETING

The Next Presbytery meeting is scheduled for March 26, 2018 at First Presbyterian Church, Irwin. The proposed agenda and schedule were presented for review by the Council. It was MSP to adopt the agenda with the commissioning of pastors to take place during the Presbytery worship service.

Committee on Ministry Report Items

- **Examination and receiving Molly Hall, candidate Milwaukee Presbytery and approval to serve as Covenant Pastor for Springhill Furnace Presbyterian Church. See Appendix E for her Statement of Faith and Bio.**
- **Approval of commission to ordain Molly Hall as Minister of Word and Sacrament of the following people.**
 - Laura Blank, Moderator (TE)
 - Jane Johnson, (TE)
 - Sandy Morris (RE)
 - Skip Noftzger (TE)
 - Josh Scully (RE)
 - Doug Yauger (RE)

Information Items

March 7, 2019

Approval of Minutes

It was **MSP** to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2019 meeting as submitted with a revision in members in attendance.

Stated Clerk's Report

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

- Correspondence Log
- Request from Rev. Bruce Cadenhead to be moved to Honorably Retired status on July 1, 2019.
 - It was **MSP** to recommend to the Presbytery at the May 2019 meeting to move Rev. Cadenhead to Honorably Retired status.
- Request for waiver of term limitations by the First Presbyterian Church, Dunbar for Seth Myers, Ruling Elder.
 - It was **MSP** to recommend to the Presbytery approval of the request to waive term limitations for Seth Myers, RE, First Presbyterian Church, Dunbar.
- The Stated Clerk presented some of the proposed Book of Order amendments for review and recommendation by the Committee on Ministry. The options presented for each proposed amendment were for the Committee on Ministry to:
 - Recommend approval; --Recommend disapproval; --Make no recommendation*
 - a. 18-B.1 (**MSP** to recommend approval)
 - b. 18-B.2 (**MSP** to recommend approval)
 - c. 18-D (**MSP** to recommend approval)
 - d. 18-G (**MSP** to recommend disapproval)
 - e. 18-H.1 (**MSP** to recommend approval)

f. 18-H.2 (MSP to recommend approval)

Moderator's Report

No report, no moderators appointed.

Examinations and Membership Committee

Rev. Cliff Foster reported on the following items.

- Examination of Anthony Marciano for consideration as a Commissioned Pastor.
--It was MSP to approve Anthony Marciano as a candidate to serve as Commissioned Pastor.
- Examination of Lynn Mance for consideration as a Commissioned Pastor.
--It was MSP to approve Lynn Mance as a candidate to serve as Commissioned Pastor.
- Examination of Molly Hall for ordination as a Minister of Word and Sacrament.
--It was MSP to present Molly Hall for examination by the Presbytery for ordination and to be received as a member of Redstone Presbytery.
- Examination of Rev. Norma Murphy to be received into Redstone Presbytery as an Honorably Retired member.
--It was MSP to present Rev. Murphy (a former member of Redstone) to be received under the consent agenda for the March meeting.

Search and Call Committee

Rev. Chuck MacPherson presented the report on behalf of the committee.

- Reviewed the churches in transition chart and provided an update on the status of each of the current searches underway.
- Recommended the Commissioned Pastor agreement between the Tyrone Presbyterian Church and Anthony Marciano.
--It was MSP to approve the agreement and proceed to commissioning Mr. Marciano to this particular service during the worship service of the March Presbytery meeting.
- Recommended the Commissioned Pastor agreement between the Presbytery of Redstone and Lynn Mance to serve in Presbytery-wide service with any congregation upon request and approval.
--It was MSP to approve the agreement and proceed to commissioning Ms. Mance to this particular service during the worship service of the March Presbytery meeting.
- Presented the Ministry Information Form submitted by the Westmont Presbyterian Church PNC.
--It was MSP to approve the Ministry Information Form as submitted contingent upon approval of the Session of the Westmont Presbyterian Church.

District Committees and Liaisons

Updates were presented from each of the three subcommittees. A written update was distributed to the entire committee with the information that had been submitted prior to the meeting using the Google Forms.

Prayers were offered for the following pastoral leaders:

Lori Bass-Riley; Laura Blank; Susan Blank; Katy Brungraber; Cliff Buell; Bruce Cadenhead; Cynthia Cadenhead; Robert Cahn; Derek Campbell; and Sylvia Carlson

Prayers were offered for the following congregations:

Colver Presbyterian Church; Cresson Presbyterian Church; Tyrone Presbyterian Church; Delmont Presbyterian Church; Derry Presbyterian Church; First Presbyterian Church, Dunbar; Laurel Hill Presbyterian Church; Ebensburg Presbyterian Church; First Presbyterian Church, Fairchance; and Mt. Washington Presbyterian Church

February 7, 2019

Approval of Minutes

It was MSP to approve the minutes for November 1, 2018 and January 10, 2019 meeting as submitted.

Stated Clerk's Report

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

Correspondence Log

Annual Reports Due—Statistics February 14

Polity Workshop—March 2, 2019; 9:00 a.m.-12 noon; Maplewood Presbyterian Church
(2018 Minutes/Register can be reviewed at that time).

Other Minutes Review dates

Enrichment Day – February 9, Westmont, Johnstown

March Presbytery meeting – March 26, First, Irwin

May Presbytery meeting – May 21, First, Murrysville

- Waiver of Terms of Service Limitations (rotation) requests
MSP to recommend a waiver to Mt. Washington Presbyterian, Farmington
Elder Walter Graham
- Book of Order Proposed Amendments to be considered at upcoming Presbytery Meetings
COM members need to consider the following:
 - 18-B.1 Clarification on those who have renounced jurisdiction – Gov't
 - 18-B.2 Clarification on those who have renounced jurisdiction – Discipline
 - 18-D Permission for validated ministry outside the "bounds"
 - 18-G Sexual abuse contrary to Scripture and constitution - Discipline
 - 18-H.1 Time limit on charges for sexual abuse or negligence
 - 18-H.2 Removes "mental" as the sole adjective defining capacity

See handouts on proposed amendments for more information

Moderator Report

Moderator appointments

MSP To appoint Rev. Donald Glunt as moderator of First Presbyterian Church in Belle Vernon

MSP To appoint Rev. Aleda Menchyk as moderator of Laurel Hill Presbyterian Church

Structure of subcommittees/Liaison responsibilities

Liaison Reports for Districts 1 - 4

Each member of the COM is assigned several Churches in their District to contact monthly representing the Presbytery. This outreach may be done via: phone, email or personal visit. Skip gave us several questions in a Google Doc to use - these include:

- a) What are the ministries and places where they are seeing God's presence and activity?
- b) How might we (COM/Presbytery) be praying for them?
- c) Where might the COM/Presbytery be helpful to them (expertise, consultation, resources, etc.)?

Each month we break in to the 4 Districts and discuss Liaison reports from each committee member about each church and how the Presbytery can help and support them. The committee shares the needs and prayer requests of each Church.

Care of Congregations and Congregational Leaders

Below are the names of the Teaching Elders and Commissioned Ruling Elders for whom we prayed and will send cards this month.

Rick Watson, Rene Whitaker, Bill Wiegand, Andrew Wirt, Colin Yuckman
Meredith Yuckman, Martin Ankrum, Larry Armstrong, Nicole Atkinson
Ross Bash

These are the names of the Churches for whom we prayed for at this meeting.

First Presbyterian Church, Avonmore,
First Presbyterian Church Belle Vernon
Harmony Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon
Marion Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon
Rehoboth Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon
United Presbyterian Church, Bolivar
Covenant Presbyterian Church, Boswell
Calvin Presbyterian Church, Brownsville
Ft. Burd Presbyterian Church, Brownsville
Hopewell Presbyterian Church, Brownsville

Reports of Sub-Committees

Examinations and Membership - Cliff Foster & Pete Goetschius, WRE

Cliff Foster gave the following updates:

Information items

Anthony Marciano and Lynn Mance will be examined in the near future for possible commissioning to pastoral service.

Inquiry from Rev. Norma Murphy about transferring back into Redstone Presbytery upon her Honorably Retired status. Follow up with Lake Erie Presbytery

Search and Call - Chuck MacPherson

Chuck MacPherson gave the following updates:

Information items

Transition Chart (handout); benchmarks

Working on a possible agreement with the Tyrone Presbyterian Church and Anthony Marciano.

Working on a possible commission for validated ministry for pastoral service to any of our congregations with Lynn Mance.

MSP to create position of Presbytery-wide Commissioned Pastor who will serve in the capacity of Pastor when needed.(see description and rationale)

AP/CRE subcommittee (COM/CPM) - Chuck MacPherson

Upcoming workshops:

Enrichment Day – Saturday - February 9, Westmont, Johnstown

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

Executive Presbyter's Report

- As we are talking to churches if it is something distinctive please share with Niki Atkinson who writes Redstone Stories.
- The most recent issue of Redstone Stories announced our new video conferencing equipment. See

excerpt from the February issue below:

“Networking Across the Laurel Highlands”

“Next time you come to Redstone Presbytery’s office in Greensburg, you may notice a weird little “statue” in the conference room, like the one pictured here. That’s no statue, but an OWL camera! After applying for an Innovation Grant from Synod of the Trinity for \$5,500, we were able to make some major upgrades to our networking and meeting capabilities.”

Unfinished Business

Family and Medical Leave Policy task force (2018 General Assembly overture):

Helen Toms, Jeff Smith Cliff Foster volunteered for the task force to work on a Presbytery policy.

Authoritative Interpretation on creating a policy on moderating by non-Presbyterian pastors

Cliff Foster, and Chuck MacPherson will work on the task force to present a policy and practices.

New Business:

Katy Brungraber initiated a discussion on how we honor retiring Teaching Elders at our Presbytery meetings.

Adjournment with a heartfelt goodbye and prayers for Katy Brungraber as she & her husband move to Central PA to be closer to family.

Closing Prayer by Jim Farrer and Katy Brungraber including prayers for the Churches, Teaching Elders, and Commissioned Pastors listed above.

Committee on Preparation Report Items

- **No action items**

Information Items

February 5, 2019

Summary

- The agenda for the meeting was approved by consent.
- As part of organizing for the year, nominations were held for the positions of chairperson and secretary. It was **MSP** to elect Rev. Caroline Vickery as chairperson and Rev. Becca Siddle as secretary for 2018.
- It was **MSP** to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2017 meeting.
- The updated roster for all inquirers and candidates was provided by the Executive Presbyter to the committee. Having reviewed and not noting any necessary changes, the roster was received by the committee.
- The committee met with Inquirer Cynthia Bellina (Third Presbyterian Church, Uniontown) about her progress. She has re-enrolled through the M.Div. program offered by Dubuque Theological Seminary. She talked with the committee about her experiences as a Red Cross spiritual care responder and her sense of vocation related to missions.
- A specific update was provided on candidate Rick Watson concerning his completion of coursework and examinations for ordination. Rick will be completing a supervised practical ministry experience this semester at Third Presbyterian Church, Uniontown with Rev. Ron Johnson.

Nominating Committee

Nominating Committee Report Items

- No action items

Information Items

- As we prepare for the upcoming season (June-September) of identifying new leadership, the Nominating Committee is in need of your suggestions and recommendations for ruling elder candidates to serve within the various committees and structures of the Presbytery. Please email any nominations to Rev. Curtis Paul, Nominating Committee Chair.
- Currently, we have available one opening on the Committee on Ministry. If you or someone you know would be interested in serving in this way, please contact either Rev. Skip Noftzger or Rev. Curtis Paul.

Pine Springs Camp

Upcoming Events

- March 29-31 Women In the Woods Retreat
- April 14, 11:30am-3:00 Four Guys @ Four Different, Five Guys (Washington, Irwin, Johnstown, Greensburg)-
- Fundraising and Recruiting Event-(20% of total spent will be given to camp)
- April 27-29 Men's Backpacking Trip to the PA Grand Canyon-Led by Justin Shaffer
- May 11 Work Day
- May 20 18th Annual Scholarship Golf Outing at the Latrobe Country Club
- May 29 Staff Training Begins

Retreating Ministry

- We will have 22 weekends where there are more than 50 guests between September 1, 2018 and May 31, 2019
- Remix, our Middle School and High School Retreat was awesome. We have 68 participants and despite some warmer weather there was still enough snow to do some ice-tubing. Of the 68 campers, about 28 were individual campers and the rest were apart of three different youth groups. These weekends are a great blessing and its very encouraging to see campers come to camp in the winter, experience a great atmosphere and hear the Gospel of Jesus and be strengthened in their faith. It also is great to be able to provide a retreat experience where youth leaders can bring their youth and have everything planned for them.

Summer Camp Update

- Camper Registration March 13, 2019=400 compared to March 13, 2018=313
- Summer Staff is almost full
- Summer Theme-WIPEOUT-Studying the theme of Forgiveness
- Our camper numbers just surpassed the 2018 end of the month number from last year. As of today we have 240 campers registered and on March 1, 2018 we had 234 campers registered. Please continue to pray for campers and spread the word that now is the time to sign up for Camp! The Early Bird Deadline to receive a \$30 discount is March 18! FYI-Each of Our Grandmas, Moms and Tots Camps is tracking way ahead of last year, although ample space in each they could fill up quickly and Family Camp is almost full already.

Women In the Woods

Women in the Woods is March 29-31. The speaker for the weekend is the Rev. Ayana Teter-Director of Vocational Discernment at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. For more information go to <https://www.pinesprings.org/women-in-the-wood>

Camper Recruiting

We are busy trying to recruit campers. Not only are we visiting churches as often as we can, but we have our events each designed where youth and families can participate and bring their friends, especially those who may have never been to PSC. Our two major upcoming events are.

Events Highlighted

1. 4 Guys at 4-5 Guys Restaurants-Johnstown, North Huntington, Greensburg and Washington. This is a fundraising and recruiting opportunity. More information will follow.
2. Mark your calendars for REDD Up Camp Day-Saturday, May 11-More information to come

19th Annual Scholarship Golf Outing-Monday, May 20

This is an important event for the ministry as all the money raised will go to helping campers attend camp this summer. We need churches to supply golfers, silent auction items and become Amen Corner Sponsors. Our goal is to get 20 churches from Washington and Redstone Presbyteries to be Amen Sponsors this year.

The Blessing of this Place

This was posted by Kristen who was a long-time camper, served on summer staff and is not a Volunteer Weekly Director. She posted this while she was serving as a VWD last summer. We thank the Lord that Pine Springs Camp is a place where Christ changes and touches the heart of many!