



2020 Stated Meeting

of the

Presbytery of Redstone
Presbyterian Church (USA)

January 25, 2020



Maplewood Presbyterian Church
Greensburg, PA

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

**Directions to
Maplewood Presbyterian Church
724.834.4960**

From Uniontown area: Route 70 East to 119 North. Follow to Route 30 East. Take Route 30 East to second exit (Greensburg/Mt. Pleasant exit). Go to stop light and turn right. The entrance to the parking lot of the church is on the right just after Woodland Road.

From Irwin area: Take Route 30 East to Greensburg/Mt. Pleasant Exit. Go to stop light and turn right. The entrance to the parking lot of the church is on the right just after Woodland Road.

From Johnstown/Ligonier area: Route 30 West to Greensburg/Mt. Pleasant Exit. Go to stop light and turn left. The entrance to the parking lot of the church is on the right just after Woodland Road.

From New Kensington area: Route 66 South to and through Greensburg. Turn left onto Mt. Pleasant Road (second light after Family Video on left). Follow Mt. Pleasant Road to Nature's Way (on the right) and bear left to continue on to Mt. Pleasant Road. Go through two traffic lights and the entrance to the parking lot of the church is on the right just after Woodland Road.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PRESBYTERY MEETING

You will enter the church through either the lower entrance off the parking lot shared with the Presbytery Center (Mt. Pleasant Rd.). Registration and fellowship along with the Pine Springs Camp display will be in the Fellowship Hall. The meeting will be held in the Sanctuary. There is an elevator for easier access between floors. The Prayer Team will meet in the Lounge which is across the hall from 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 25, 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 Puerto Rico relief through the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.



REV. LIDDY BARLOW

Through Christian Associates' ministry of connectedness, Rev. Barlow holds a variety of leadership roles in local organizations, serving as acting chair of the City of Pittsburgh's Commission on Human Relations, chair of the Allegheny County Emergency Food & Shelter Board, secretary of the Western PA Regional VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters), steering team member for All for All, and board member for the Foundation of HOPE and Pittsburgh Pastoral Institute. She has been active in the International Association of Women Ministers for over a decade, and serves as Program Chair for this summer's Centennial Assembly. In 2015, she traveled to Israel and Palestine in the inaugural journey of Interfaith Partners for Peace.

Rev. Barlow frequently preaches and speaks at churches and community organizations throughout our region. Her publications include columns in [The Christian Century](#) and the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette; one of her [sermons](#) was featured in a Sojourners project. On June 24, 2019, Rev. Barlow received an Antoinette Brown Award for trailblazing leadership in the United Church of Christ. She was recognized as "40 Under 40" leader by Pittsburgh Magazine, and received a Circle of Courage award from BCC Ministries and a Dialogue Award from the Turkish Cultural Center.

Rev. Barlow is ordained in the United Church of Christ and serves as secretary of the Penn West Conference Board of Directors. She served for six years as chair of the Pittsburgh Association Committee on Ministry, and was a member of the Habakkuk Group, a national United Church of Christ task force that rewrote the church's Manual on Ministry. Rev. Barlow grew up in Keene, New Hampshire and attended Mount Holyoke College. After teaching sixth grade in Rocky Mount, North Carolina with the Teach for America program, she earned a Master of Divinity degree from Andover Newton Theological School. Prior to her ministry at Christian Associates, Rev. Barlow served congregations in downtown Pittsburgh and North Huntingdon. She lives in Pittsburgh with her husband Gregory, a robotics entrepreneur, and their two young children.

In April 2014, Rev. Barlow became the first woman to be installed as Executive Minister of Christian Associates of Southwest Pennsylvania. The Council of Bishops and Judicatory Executives, who represent 28 Protestant, Catholic, and Orthodox church bodies throughout greater Pittsburgh.

Under her leadership, Christian Associates of Southwest Pennsylvania has made unanimous public statements on ending racism and welcoming refugees. She is a key organizer of public worship services and events.

In the aftermath of the anti-Semitic massacre at Tree of Life Synagogue on October 27, 2018, Rev. Barlow offered a clear voice of compassion and hope, representing the Christian community at numerous interfaith and civic events. With partners of many faith traditions, notably the Center for Loving Kindness and Civic Engagement at the Jewish Community Center, she convened interfaith spiritual leaders from 9 world religions and 24 Christian denominations for the "We Have to Talk" initiative.

Presbytery of Redstone Gathering
 Maplewood Presbyterian Church
 January 25, 2020
 "Celebrating Christian Unity"

12:00 p.m.	<i>Registration and fellowship</i>	<i>Fellowship Hall</i>
	<u>WORSHIP AND WORK OF REDSTONE PRESBYTERY</u>	
	<u>GATHERING</u>	
1:00 p.m.	<p><u>Presbytery Gathering Convenes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gathering Song/Prayer • 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 7 • Seating of ruling elder members of Council and commissioned ruling elders for term of service. • Consent Agenda - page 12 <p><u>Treasurer</u> - page 18</p> <p><u>Council</u></p> <p><u>Operations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corporation meeting - page 20 	<p><i>Sanctuary</i> Rev. Laura Blank Rev. Cliff Foster</p> <p>Rev. Steve LaSor</p> <p>Rev. Skip Noftzger</p> <p>Rev. Cliff Foster</p> <p>John Dickson</p> <p>Joshua Scully</p>
	<u>THE WORD</u>	
	<p><u>Celebrating God's Grace in Worship and Work—</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening Hymn/Song • Prayer of Confession/ Assurance of Pardon • Scriptures/Proclamation-Rev. Liddy Barlow, Christian Associates 	Rev. Laura Blank
	<u>THE SACRAMENT</u>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lord's Supper 	Rev. Steve LaSor
	<u>SHARING IN MINISTRY AND MISSION</u>	
	<p><u>Council</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installation of Moderator/Vice Moderator • Necrology recognition (Appendix A) • Overture concurrence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> --OVT-020—"Laying on of Hands" (Appendix E) --OVT- 007 ---"On Streamlining the Sale of Property given as Gift" (Appendix F) • Song of Praise <p><u>Committee on Ministry</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honorable Retirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> --Rev. William King --Rev. Clark Kerr --Rev. Marnie Silbert --Rev. Don Graff • Ordination Anniversaries (Appendix G) • Re-Commissioning pastors • Examination/ Approval of Rev. Mary Kay Glunt to a call First, 	<p>Rev. Laura Blank Chuck West</p>

	<p>Belle Vernon (Appendix H, I, and J)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Song of Praise <p><u>Mission</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pine Springs Camp • Mission Committee--PDA • Presbytery Offering • Doxology 	
	<p><u>Nominating Committee</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nominations slate 	
	<u>New Business</u>	
	<u>Announcements Loop</u>	
	<u>SENDING</u>	
	<p>Resolution of Thanks "Soli Deo Gloria" <u>Benediction</u> <u>Adjournment</u> <i>The next stated meeting of the Presbytery of Redstone will take place on March 24, 2020 6:00 p.m. at the Third Presbyterian Church, Uniontown, PA</i></p>	<p>Rev. Skip Noftzger Rev. Steve LaSor</p>

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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 15, 2020 - email	Synod of the Trinity	Request for a list of churches in the Presbytery with their Sales Tax Exemption numbers	To BOOKKEEPER
January 14, 2020 - email	Derry Presbyterian Church	Necrology report for 2019, Membership Report, List of Session Members and Waiver Request	To PRESBYTERY and FILE
January 13, 2020 - mail	East Liberty Presbyterian Church, Vanderbilt	Mance Inspection Report and List of Session Members	To FILE
January 13, 2020 - email	Patton Presbyterian Church	Necrology Report for 2019 and new email address for church	To PRESBYTERY and FILE
January 13, 2020 - email	Pleasant View Presbyterian Church, Smock	Necrology Report for 2019	To PRESBYTERY and FILE
January 13, 2020 - email	Little Redstone Presbyterian Church, Fayette City	Necrology Report for 2019	To PRESBYTERY and FILE
January 13, 2020 - email	Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church, Murrysville	Necrology Report for 2019	To PRESBYTERY and FILE
January 13, 2020 - mail	West Hempfield Presbyterian Church, Irwin	Necrology Report for 2019 and Manse Inspection Report	To PRESBYTERY and File
January 9, 2020 - email	Third Presbyterian Church, Uniontown	Necrology Report for 2019	To PRESBYTERY and FILE
January 9, 2020 - mail	Trinity United Presbyterian Church, Uniontown	Necrology Report for 2019 and List of Session Members	To PRESBYTERY and FILE
January 8, 2020 - mail	First Presbyterian Church, Johnstown	Necrology report for 2019	To PRESBYTERY and FILE
January 8, 2020 - mail	Harmony Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon	Necrology report for 2019 and Waiver Request	To PRESBYTERY and FILE
January 8, 2020 - email	East Liberty Presbyterian Church, Vanderbilt	Necrology report for 2019	To PRESBYTERY and FILE
January 8, 2020 - email	Susan Barnett, Research Services, PCUSA	2019 Clerk's Annual Questionnaire	To CLERKS OF SESSION and FILE
January 8, 2020 - email	Board of Pensions	Notification of receipt of request to initiate retirement benefits for the Rev. William King	To FILE
January 7, 2020 - online	First Presbyterian Church, Jeannette	Necrology report for 2019, Membership Report, List of Session Members and Waiver Request	To PRESBYTERY and FILE
January 7, 2020 - email	Latrobe Presbyterian Church	Necrology report for 2019	To PRESBYTERY and FILE
January 7, 2020 - by phone	Congruity Presbyterian Church, New Alexandria	Necrology report for 2019	To PRESBYTERY and FILE

January 7, 2020 – hand delivered	Westminster Presbyterian Church, Greensburg	Necrology report for 2019	To PRESBYTERY and FILE
January 6, 2020 – mail	First Presbyterian Church, Murrysville	Necrology report for 2019 and List of Session Members	To PRESBYTERY and FILE
January 6, 2020 – mail	Calvin United Presbyterian Church, Scottdale	Necrology report for 2019	To PRESBYTERY and FILE
January 6, 2020 – mail	Maplewood Presbyterian Church, Greensburg	Necrology report for 2019 and List of Session Members	To PRESBYTERY and FILE
January 6, 2020 – mail	Laurel Hill Presbyterian Church, Dunbar	Necrology report for 2019	To PRESBYTERY and FILE
January 6, 2020 – mail	Marion Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon	Necrology report for 2019, List of Session Members and Mance Inspection Report	To PRESBYTERY and FILE
January 6, 2020 – mail	Tent Presbyterian Church, Uniontown	Necrology report for 2019	To PRESBYTERY and FILE
January 6, 2020 – email	Level Green Presbyterian Church, Trafford	Necrology report for 2019	To PRESBYTERY and FILE
January 6, 2020 – email	Grace Chapel Presbyterian Church, Smithfield	Necrology report for 2019	To PRESBYTERY and FILE
January 6, 2020 – email	New Salem Presbyterian Church	Necrology report for 2019	To PRESBYTERY and FILE
January 6, 2020 – email	Rehoboth Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon	Manse Inspection Report and Necrology Report	To PRESBYTERY and FILE
January 6, 2020 – email	Reunion Presbyterian Church, Mt. Pleasant	Necrology report for 2019	To PRESBYTERY and FILE
December 30, 2019 – email	Rev. Taylor Hall, Associate Pastor for Youth and Faith Formation, First Presbyterian Church, Allentown	Request to distribute information regarding their summer internship program	To FILE
December 27, 2019 – email	First Presbyterian Church, Fayette City	Waiver Request	To COM and FILE
December 27, 2019 – email	Rev. William King	Request for Honorably Retirement status at January 25, 2020 meeting	To COM and FILE
December 19, 2019 – mail	Bethany Presbyterian Church, Johnstown	Necrology Report for 2019	To PRESBYTERY and FILE
December 19, 2019 – email	First Presbyterian Church, Jeannette	Requesting information on how to do a Waiver of Rotation request	To FILE
December 19, 2019 – email	Synod the Trinity	Request for Directory of Churches in Redstone	To AA and FILE
December 18, 2019 – mail	Revloc Presbyterian Church	Contract renewal and 2020 Terms of Call for CP David O'Hara	To COM and FILE
December 13, 2019 – email	Synod of the Trinity	A Save the Date for GA Commissioner Training for April 25, 2020	To FILE
December 13, 2019 – email	Board of Pensions	Information regarding a new program. "Healthy Pastors Healthy Congregations" now being offered for pastors serving in the PC (USA) by the	To FILE

		Board of Pensions	
December 11, 2019 - mail	Bethany Presbyterian Church, Johnstown	Contract renewal for CP Denise Todero	To COM and FILE
December 11, 2019 - mail	Little Redstone Presbyterian Church	Contract renewal for CP Joshua Scully	To COM and FILE
December 6, 2019 - email	Board of Pensions	Notification of receipt of request to initiate retirement benefits for the Rev. Donald Graff	To FILE
December 2, 2019 - mail	Synod of the Trinity	Letter of approval of mission travel grant for Trinity Presbyterian Church, New Florence	To FILE
November 25, 2019 - mail	Fort Burd Presbyterian Church, Brownsville	Contract renewal for the Rev. Jane Johnson for the Calvin and Ft. Burd Presbyterian Churches	To COM and FILE
November 25, 2019 - mail	Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church, East Liberty	2020 Terms of Call for CP David McElroy	To COM and FILE
November 25, 2019 - mail	Grace Community Presbyterian Church, Lower Burrell	2020 Terms of Call for the Rev. Kenneth Foust	To COM and FILE
November 14, 2019 - mail	Rev. Donald Graff	Letter of intent to retire at the end of 2019	To COM and FILE
November 13, 2019 - mail	Bolivar United Presbyterian Church	2020 Terms of Call for CP James Sunseri	To COM and FILE
November 13, 2019 - mail	Harmony Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon	2020 Terms of Call for CP Glenn Hart	To COM and FILE
November 13, 2019 - mail	Marion Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon	Contract renewal for CP Robert Prinkey	To COM and FILE
November 13, 2019 - mail	First Presbyterian Church, Johnstown	2020 Terms of Call for the Rev. Alice Tondora	To COM and FILE

2. The task forces, networks, and ad hoc committees in existence as of December 31, 2019 were as follows:

a. Committees of Council

1. Budget, Finance and Stewardship
2. Communications
3. Mission
4. Staff Support
5. Task Force on Collaboration with Washington Presbytery

b. Committees of the Committee on Ministry

1. AP/CP 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)

- 2025 – Elsie Deem, Patti Baird, Linda Dickson
- 2023 – Rev. Clark Kerr, Rev. Marnie Russell, Rev. Curtis Paul
- 2021 – Glenn Hart, Rev. John Manon, Rev. Caroline Vickery

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

- 2019 – Jennifer Rega, Nancy Vernon
- 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 – Moderator
- Ruling Elder Belinda Lambie – 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 Bobbi Jo Huebner – Presbytery Council
- Ruling Elder Nancy Peters – Presbytery Council
- Ruling Elder Audrey Cottle- Presbytery Council

5. It was **MSP** that the following Commissioned Pastors (Ruling Elders Commissioned to Particular Pastoral Service) be recognized as members with voice and vote as long as they are serving in that capacity:

- 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 Lynn Mance, Presbytery-wide
- 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 only as long as they are serving in that capacity.

7. The stated meetings for 2020 have been scheduled as follows:

January 25, 2020; 1:00 p.m.; Maplewood Presbyterian Church, Greensburg

March 24, 2020; 6:00 p.m.; Third Presbyterian Church, Uniontown

May 19, 2020; 6:00 p.m.; First Presbyterian Church, Johnstown

September 22, 2020; 6:00 a.m.; Redstone Highlands, Greensburg

November 21, 2020; 9:00 a.m.; Puckety Presbyterian Church, Lower Burrell

8. The Stated Clerk provided the 2019 Necrology Report of Ruling and Teaching Elders. (Appendix A)

9. Equalization

On December 31, 2018, there were 90 ministers of Word and Sacrament on the rolls of the Presbytery, 19 of whom were living outside of the bounds of the Presbytery. There were 68 churches entitled to be represented by 81 ruling elder commissioners. There were also 11 ruling elders commissioned to particular service and 7 ruling elders by virtue of office. On December 31, 2019, 87 ministers of Word and Sacrament were on the rolls of the Presbytery, 18 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 2019, minister of Word and Sacraments members and ruling elder members in attendance were very comparable with slightly with an average difference of less than one over the course of all five meetings. Of course, in any given meeting, the balance may have sided with one group or the other. 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. (Appendix B).

9. The dates for the 2020 Session Minutes Reviews are:

February 8, 2020—Westmont, Johnstown (Enrichment Day)

March 24, 2020—Third, Uniontown (Pre-Presbytery)

April 18, 2020—Presbytery Center (Polity Workshop)

May 19, 2020—First, Johnstown (Pre-Presbytery)

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 23, 2019 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. (Appendix C).
- Council **recommends** that the Executive Presbyter, Treasurer, Mission, Pine Springs Camp 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 2019 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 Marion Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon for a waiver of rotation for Ruling Elder Amanda McKendrick.
- The Committee on Ministry **recommends** that Presbytery grant the request of the United Presbyterian Church of New Kensington for a waiver of rotation for Ruling Elder Donna McLaughlin.
- The Committee on Ministry **recommends** that Presbytery grant the request of the Tent Presbyterian Church for a waiver of rotation for Ruling Elder Jeanne Langley.
- The Committee on Ministry **recommends** that Presbytery grant the request of the First Presbyterian Church, Jeannette for a waiver of rotation for Ruling Elders Diane Joseph Carle and Mark Mennano.
- The Committee on Ministry **recommends** that Presbytery grant the request of the First Presbyterian Church, Fayette City for a waiver of rotation for Ruling Elders Abigail Stark, Emily Stark and Mark Brown.
- The Committee on Ministry **recommends** that Presbytery grant the request of the Harmony Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon for a waiver of rotation for Ruling Elder Mike Moskal.
- The Committee on Ministry **recommends** renewal of all "temporary" pastor agreements (Appendix D) pending submission of the agreement and adequate compensation terms.

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	
<i>Communicate the Word, Carry on the Work, Change the World....Together!</i>	
VISION	2019 Annual Report
Congregation-centered (ENGAGE)	<p>Visible presence within the Presbytery engaging with congregations---</p> <p>Church Visits---</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• During this past year, I visited fifty-two different worship or special services of congregations within Redstone Presbytery. Additionally, I was afforded the opportunity to preach or bring a charge on thirty-eight occasions in those services.• Worked, consulted and moderated sessions through eleven separate shared gatherings as well as individual conversations. These engagements range from providing first hand resourcing during emergency pastoral leaves, pastoral leadership transitions to mediating conflict to normal updates and strategizing on ministry. Additionally, I provided as moderatorial leadership for several congregational meetings without pastors.• Participated in special services honoring teaching elders through Presbytery installation services of two ministers of Word and Sacrament serving congregations. Also participated in funeral and memorial services for others.• 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.• 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.• Reviewed Presbytery alternative examinations policy and initiated discussion with additional exam readers on possible consideration of alternative means of testing. Reviewed denominational policies within the current handbook. Presented information to the Committee on Preparation for Ministry for their consideration.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicate regularly within the Presbytery through Enews, including both announcements of events, but offering a devotional or educational article. 	
<p>Leadership developed (EQUIP)</p>	<p>Developing and equipping leadership within the Presbytery---</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 orientation and coordinated with 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. Consulted on negotiating and final elements of extending calls. • Served as the Director of the Inter-Presbytery Leadership Formation program with participants from Redstone, Washington, UOV, Kiski and Pittsburgh. 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. Consulted with other Presbyteries throughout the Synod of the Trinity on developing education and training for possible Commissioned Pastors. • Initiated new workshops and retreats both for ruling elders and teaching elders within the Presbytery and nearby presbyteries. During 2019, there were nine workshops with participants from all of the surrounding 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. • Actively provided possible candidates to the Nominating Committee for consideration for leadership within the Presbytery. • Provided resources and assistance with our candidates under care in their various stages of preparation, including offering pastoral care, academic advice and coordinating field experiences. • Resource for candidates outside of Redstone who are considering positions that are open within the Presbytery • Supported all standing committees (Council, COM, CPM), subcommittees, networks and task forces within the Presbytery through administrative 	

	support, education, policy development and leadership formation.	
Collaboration- Districts/Network (ENABLE)	<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. • Initiated structured conversations between Redstone and Washington Presbyteries on possible contracting, sharing and convergence for greater effectiveness in ministry and mission going forward. As a result of this dialogue, specific proposals were presented and approved by Redstone Council, but are still under consideration by the Council of Washington. • Coordinated the joint gathering of both Redstone and Washington presbyteries in 2019. Coordinated the visit of the co-moderator to various ministries within the Presbytery. • Worked with Communications Team on the coordination of Redstone Stories, Enews, Announcement Loops, Facebook pages and Devotionals. Recruited new participants for leadership to replace members who were leaving for other responsibilities. • Supported regional pastor gatherings within the geographic districts of the presbytery in various purposes from fellowship to continuing education. Active participation in the annual Enrichment Day and offering the homily. 	
Partnership in Mission promoted (EMPOWER)	<p>Promoted and provided leadership in our partnerships in mission---</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in the New Wilmington Mission Conference and in the meeting of the Sudan/South Sudan presentation and partnership. • Worked with the Mission committee in hosting visitors from the Sudan and South Sudan by initiating opportunities at churches. Hosted a luncheon for pastors in order for more personal and presbytery-wide interaction with our two representatives from the Nile Theological College. • 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. • Supported and participated in the Rise Against Hunger event. Promoted its 	

	<p>visibility within social media.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promotion and support for any congregation-initiated or Presbytery short term mission experiences, including soliciting of financial support. 			
Operational Support	<p>Initiated practices and policies for both greater efficiency and effectiveness---</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successful fund raising, ordering, installation and implementation of technology equipment for the conference room in order to enable distributed participation in both standing committees and informal gatherings. Supervised the close financial management of the budget of the Presbytery. 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. Worked with budget committee on the preparation of 2020 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. Ongoing resource and consultation with pastors, treasurers, and sessions concerning employment contracts, annual enrollment and retirement decisions within the medical plan of the Board of Pensions. Confer with the Associate Clerk on any matters related to the constitutional, judicial or operational policies and practices within the Presbytery. 			
VALUES	Servant Leadership	Flourishing Community	Witness to the World	Generous and effective Stewardship
	<i>Soli Deo Gloria</i>			

Treasurer's Report

Income & Expense Report

This report represents an unaudited overview of the Redstone Presbytery finances for both the eleventh (11th) and twelfth (12th) operating months of the calendar periods of November 30, 2019 and December 31, 2019.

Financial Overview / Income

For the month of **November**, Church Commitments received totaled \$21,014 of a budgeted expectation of \$30,417 for the month, presenting a shortfall
Totaling - \$9,403.

In the month of **December**, \$35,793 was collected for Church Commitments which exceeded budget expectations by +\$ 5,376.

During the budgeted calendar year, only the months of October and December did Church Commitments exceed monthly budgeted expectations.

Total Income for November achieved 77.50% of budget versus an expectation of 92%. In December, total income as a percentage of budget totaled 87.91% versus the desired expectation of 100%.

- November Total Income = \$336,357
- December Total Income = \$381,542

Financial Overview / Expenses

November expenses were 84.35% of budget or 7.65% below budgeted expectations of 92% for the month. A few expense categories were ahead of budget but are related to timing matters.

December expenses as a percentage of budget totaled 92.39%. Being that December is the year end, expenses were 7.61% below budget. In review of year end expense categories the areas where expenses exceeded budget were; Triennium, Communication, Audit, Postage, Water, Building Expense, and Travel. It is to be noted, overages were nominal in noted categories.

Excess Income Over Expenses

Monthly Income for **November** at month end was negative totaling -\$ 6,927 and YTD Income also was negative by -\$25,048.

Monthly Income for **December** at month end was positive totaling \$23,381 and YTD or Year End Income was negative by -\$1,666. (To be noted, \$13,040 was transferred into Income).

Investments & Assets

Ameriprise investments for the month ending **November** experienced a positive change in value totaling \$10,180 and YTD has a positive value totaling \$64,036. Total ending value of the account at November 30, 2019 = \$539,363.

Other investments and holdings consisting of First Commonwealth, PILP, New Covenant and Pine Springs total \$380,837 (Funds in these accounts are carried forward from September report).

Total Investment & Holdings (Estimated) = \$920,200

Ameriprise investments for the month ending **December** experienced a negative change in value totaling - \$11,543 and YTD or Year End had a positive change in value totaling \$52,493. Total ending value of the account at December 31, 2019 = \$549,019.

Other investments and holdings, as of December 2019, consisting of First Commonwealth, PILP, New Covenant and Pine Springs total \$425,374. This represents a positive change in value from the previous quarter totaling \$44,537.

Total Investment & Holdings = \$974,393

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 25, 2020)

Based upon the provisions of the Manual, the following slate of persons are nominated to serve as the Officers of the Corporation for 2020:

President - Rev. Laura Blank

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

- Installation of Chuck West, Moderator and Belinda Lambie, Vice Moderator.
- Reading and honoring those Elders who have joined the Church Triumphant from the Necrology report. (Appendix A)
- Recommend concurrence with OVT-020 on the "Laying on of Hands." (Appendix E)
- Recommend concurrence with OVT-007 "On Streamlining the Sale of Property" (Appendix F)

Information Items

January 14, 2020 Meeting

Rev. Blank inquired whether there were any changes or additions to the presented agenda. Having none, the agenda was approved by **consent**.

Using a reading from the Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 25:31-46 (emphasis and theme promoted by the Presbyterian Mission Agency), the Council entered into a time of "dwelling on the Word." Additional discussions took place between partners and then shared with the entire group. Council members were reminded of the three initiatives associated with the Matthew 25 initiative...

- Congregational vitality
- Eradicating poverty
- Dismantling structural racism

BOOK REVIEW AND DISCUSSION

- Elder Chuck West facilitated the ongoing discussion about the last two chapters from the shared reading of Quietly Courageous; Leading the Church in a Changing World. Particularly, focusing on the substance and style of not just current/former best practices, but upon new practices, Council members were challenged to continue the conversations about what leadership might mean in this new

and “postaberrant” landscape.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- It was MSP to approve the November 26, 2019 minutes as submitted.

REPORTS

- Stated Clerk

1. Skip Noftzger distributed the log and commented on the correspondence received since the last Council meeting.
2. The meeting dates and locations of the 2020 Presbytery gatherings was noted.
 - a. 2020 Presbytery meeting dates
 - i. January 25; 1:00 p.m.; Maplewood Presbyterian Church, Greensburg
 - ii. March 24; 6:00 p.m.; Third Presbyterian Church, Uniontown
 - iii. May 19; 6:00 p.m.; First Presbyterian Church, Johnstown
 - iv. September 22; 6:00 p.m.; Redstone Highlands, Greensburg
 - v. November 21; 6:00 p.m.; Puckety Presbyterian Church, Lower Burrell
3. The meeting dates for all 2020 Council meetings was published.
 - a. January 14
 - b. February 25
 - c. April 28
 - d. June 23
 - e. August 25
 - f. October 27
 - g. November 24
4. The Stated Clerk, for information purposes, provided the dates for the 2020 Session Minutes Reviews.
 - a. February 8, 2020 – Westmont, Johnstown (Enrichment Day)
 - b. March 24, 2020 – Third, Uniontown (Pre-Presbytery)
 - c. April 18, 2020 – Presbytery Center (Polity Workshop)
5. May 19, 2020 – First, Johnstown (Pre-Presbytery)

Having received copies of existing overtures needing a concurrence, the Council began consideration of any and all of these proposals.

- a. Having received a request from Rev. Alice Tondora, the Council reviewed OVT-20 concerning an amendment to the Directory of Worship concerning the "Laying on of Hands" on other occasions than ordination services (eg. Installation). With some discussion, it was **MSP** to recommend concurrence of this overture by the Presbytery of Redstone.
 - b. Other overtures were considered and after some discussion, action was only taken on one other proposal. It was **MSP** to recommend concurrence of the Savannah Presbytery overture "On Streamlining the Sale of Property Given to a Church for Ministry and Mission."
6. As part of the annual review, the Council considered the existing structures of sub-committees, networks and task forces for 2020. It was **MSP** to approve and affirm the existence and operation of these groups on behalf of the Presbytery in 2020.

- **Treasurer**

1. John Dickson, Treasurer, reviewed his written report. He provided explanation on how he was doing each monthly report and his use of straight-line projections for both income and expenses, while acknowledging that there were times when there would be deviations from this pattern. He noted the end of the year finances with lower than projected income, but reduced and controlled expenses in order to seek to achieve a balanced budget.

Rev. Noftzger provided a year-end summary that identified income categories and where there are shortfalls and surpluses over projections. Doing the same with expenses, he identified the ways that cash flow is managed and where expense reductions occur if there is not sufficient income throughout the year.

- **Executive Director of Pine Springs Camp**

1. Although not present at the meeting, Greg Davis provided a written report for review by the Council.

It was **MSP** to approve all reports as presented.

SUB COMMITTEES/NETWORKS AGENDA ITEMS

- **Staff Support Sub Committee**

1. The Committee reported on the successful and enjoyable Christmas lunch that they hosted for the staff members of the Presbytery.

- **Communications Task Force**

1. On behalf of the Communication Team which met in December and will meet again shortly, Skip Noftzger distributed copies of the upcoming schedule of publications for both the "Redstone Stories" and the "Enews" articles.

- **Missions Network**

1. The Mission Committee has not yet met during the 2020 year (tomorrow evening).
2. Upcoming mission trips to: WV; March 22-28 NC; March 7-14 were promoted.
3. The offering at the Presbytery gathering will be designated for the Puerto Rico relief of the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

- **Budget and Stewardship**

1. The Council received a request from Tent Presbyterian Church to approve possible sale of the manse. After renting the house for many years, the Session recommended, and the congregation voted on November 24, 2019 to make this request. The manse and the church building are on separate deeds. After an acknowledgement that funds should be used for ongoing ministry and mission, it was **MSP** to approve the request.

- **Additions Ministry**

1. Lee McDermott reported on the progress of the development of video resources to supplement the curriculum as well as revisions in the Additions Ministry adult formation curriculum. Videotaping began last weekend at Westminster Presbyterian Church.

- **Healing and Prayer Ministry**

1. The Council received a request to approve and authorize promotion of "A Retreat Morning on Thomas Merton's Life and Influence" – May 30; 9:00-12:00. It was **MSP** to approve this request.

- **Presbyterian Women**

1. A request for authorization of the Lord's Supper at the Summer PW Gathering taking place within the bounds of Redstone was submitted by Elder Susan Nesti of the Synod PW. It was **MSP** to approve this request as well.

PRESBYTERY AGENDA – January 25, 2020

- Skip Noftzger distributed copies of the proposed agenda for the January Presbytery gathering. With particular attention to the integration of worship and work, various liturgies, music and prayers were scattered throughout the meeting time. After consideration, the proposed agenda was **MSP**.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- As a follow up to those who volunteered to review the current Manual for possible updates and revisions, a meeting is in the process of being scheduled. A draft report will come to the February Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

PRAYERS FOR EACH OTHER AND OUR COMMUNITIES

Rev. Blank solicited prayer requests from among the community. Concerns were shared for members and

friends where there has been loss of a loved one or friend. After a time of intercession, Rev. Blank closed in prayer.

ADJOURNMENT

It was MSP to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

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November 26, 2019 Meeting

Moderator Pro Tem Laura Blank called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The Council was led in a devotional reading and then, engaged discussion from the Scriptures in both in small groups and as a whole (in order that Laura would be better prepared for her upcoming sermon ☺). Rev. Blank opened the meeting prayer.

Agenda

- Rev. Blank inquired concerning any changes to the agenda. There were none and the agenda was approved by consent.

Quietly, Courageous book discussion

The Council continued with a robust discussion of the book, Quietly, Courageous. It was agreed that we would continue on with discussion of this book as we move forward into next year.

Minutes

- It was MSP to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2019 meeting of Council as submitted.

Reports

Moderator

- There were no items approved by consent between the meetings to report at this meeting.

Executive Presbyter

- The Executive Presbyter noted that there would be another meeting in January preceding the next Presbytery meeting, but asked for authorization to request Rev. Liddy Barlow, Executive Minister of Christian Associates to preach at the January gathering. It was MSP to approve asking her to preach at the January 25, 2020 meeting.
- Rev. Noftzger distributed a copy of the calendar for Redstone Enews and Redstone Stories throughout the year. He solicited volunteers from among the Council to participate by writing one of the Enews articles that are published with the list of announcements, events and activities.
- The Inter-Presbytery Leadership Formation program progress was mentioned. Currently, the Reformed Theology course is concluding (Rev. Ankrum, instructor) with four students from Redstone, three students from Kiski, and two students from Pittsburgh. We anticipate a few new students enrolling in January.
- For information purposes, Rev. Noftzger shared that the Presbytery Center (along with Maplewood) had experienced a theft recently. Since that point in time, the locks on the outside door have been changed.

Stated Clerk

- The Stated Clerk presented the correspondence log since the last Council meeting for review by the Council.
- The Stated Clerk confirmed the dates for the 2020 Presbytery meeting schedule.
 - **2020 Presbytery of Redstone Gathering dates/times/locations**

- January 25, 2020; 1:00 p.m. Maplewood Presbyterian Church, Greensburg
- March 24, 2020; 6:00 p.m. Third Presbyterian Church, Uniontown
- May 19, 2020; 6:00 p.m. First Presbyterian Church, Johnstown
- September 22, 2020; 6:00 p.m. Redstone Highlands, Greensburg
- November 21, 2020; 9:00 a.m. Puckety Presbyterian Church, Lower Burrell
- The Stated Clerk identified the Council meeting dates for 2020. They are:
 - January 14
 - February 25
 - April 28
 - June 23
 - August 25
 - October 27
 - November 24
- The Task Force on Manual Revisions will begin working on this endeavor right after the first of the year.

Treasurer

- A written Treasurer's report for the first ten months of the new fiscal year. While income picked up in September and October, so far in the month of November it was projected to decline again.

Executive Director of Pine Springs Camp

- The Executive Director provided a written report on the upcoming summer camp season and Winter retreats (PSC sponsored). He offered an enthusiastic report on the recently completed Pine Springs Camp Friends Dinner at the Fred Rogers Center at St. Vincent College.
- It was **MSP** to receive and file the reports from the Stated Clerk, Treasurer, Executive Director, and Executive Presbyter.

SUBCOMMITTEES/NETWORKS/TASK FORCES

Staff Support

Submitted the revised Staff Policies and Procedures manual for a Second Reading and consideration by the Council. After a brief overview of the changes, it was **MSP** to approve the Staff Policies and Procedures revision as submitted.

Announcement was made that the sub-committee would be sponsoring a Christmas luncheon for the staff.

Communications

The Communications team has met to reorganize. New members include Dennis Yates, Nick Cramer, and Amy Wilkinson.

The selection and schedule of upcoming Redstone Stories was distributed.

Dennis Yates has agreed to prepare the Announcements Loop going forward.

Missions

The Mission network continues to explore the viability of sending a team for representation and interpretation to the South Sudan.

Five thousand dollars in disaster relief has been wired to the South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church. Consideration is being given to sending an additional five thousand to Nile Theological College divided between the Khartoum and Juba campuses.

Budget and Finance

The committee noted the YTD Financial Report previously by the treasurer. November contributions are lagging with only 16,028 received thus far.

The Executive Presbyter confirmed that an end of the year would be sent out along with information about the closing of the books for 2019. First Fruits pledges are being received for 2020. Among the few that have been received, there is a net reduction.

The Budget and Finance committee will need to explore cash flow alternatives for 2020 if pledges appear to be deficient.

Additions Ministry

The Thomas Negra grant for \$2000 has been received and plans are being made for both a curriculum revision and addition of video resources.

JANUARY PRESBYTERY MEETING

A preliminary draft of the proposed agenda was distributed. The agenda included a more integrated approach with worship and work. A discussion ensued about the balance between those who attend for worship and fellowship and those who want to participate because of significant "business" and decision making. A revised agenda will be submitted to the Council at its January meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

COMMUNITY

Moderator Laura Blank solicited prayer requests from the members of Council on behalf of themselves, the Presbytery and our communities.

MSP and the meeting was adjourned with prayer at 8:20 p.m.

Committee on Ministry

Action Items

- The Committee on Ministry honors the pastoral service and recommends designation of “Honorably Retired” for the following presbyters:
Rev. William King; Rev. Clark Kerr; Rev. Marnie Silbert; Rev. Don Graff
- The Committee on Ministry celebrates those pastors with ordination anniversaries (5/10-year intervals) in 2020. (Appendix G)
- The Committee on Ministry has approved the renewal of the current ruling elders commissioned to pastoral service and requests their re-commissioning in this meeting.
- The Committee on Ministry recommends the examination of Rev. Mary Kay Glunt to be received into the Presbytery of Redstone and the approval of the call from First Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon. (See Appendix H for her Statement of Faith, Appendix I for her background information, and Appendix J for the pastoral call information)

Information Items

January 9, 2020 Meeting

The Committee on Ministry held its stated meeting at 6:30 p.m. on January 9, 2020 at the Redstone Presbytery Office, Greensburg. Meeting was opened with devotions from Acts 11:19-30 as read by Ed Gray. Time was spent discussing the passage within small groups and Skip Noftzger ended the devotional as it relates to the work of the COM and with prayer.

Formation of the Roll

Guests: none

Quorum Statement: A quorum was present.

Election of Chairperson and Secretary

MSP to elect Pete Goetschius as moderator and Helen Toms as secretary.

Approval of Minutes

MSP to approve the minutes for November 7, 2019 meeting as submitted.

Stated Clerk's Report

Discussion of the Correspondence Log (handout).

Annual Reports Due

- Statistics
- Waiver of Rotation forms
- Terms of Call forms
- Pastor agreement forms

- Necrology
- Session members
- Manse inspection

Polity Workshop – April 18, 2020; 9:00 a.m.-12 noon; Redstone Presbytery Center

2019 Minutes/Register can be reviewed at that time

Other Minutes Review dates

- Enrichment Day – February 8, Westmont, Johnstown; 11:00 a.m.
- March Presbytery meeting – March 24, Third, Uniontown; 5:00 p.m.
- May Presbytery meeting – May 19, First, Johnstown; 5:00 p.m.

MSP to approve the recommendation of Waiver of Rotation requests.

- First Presbyterian Church, Fayette City-request of waiver of rotation
- Tent Presbyterian Church-request of waiver of rotation
- The United Presbyterian Church of New Kensington-request of waiver of rotation
- Marion Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon-request of waiver of rotation

MSP to approve all current covenant pastors, Interim Pastors, Commissioned pastors, and temporary pastors for pastors serving in “temporary pastoral relationships” pending submission of agreement and adequate compensation (minimum terms of call prorated) (handout).

MSP to approve request from Rev. William King to the Committee on Ministry to recommend change of status from active to Honorably Retired at the January 25, 2020 meeting.

Moderator Report

Sign-up sheet for the opportunity to lead the opening devotion was made available.

Moderator appointments:

- Trinity, New Florence – Rev. Carole Isley Corey
- Puckety Presbyterian, Lower Burrell – Rev. Skip Noftzger
- First, Jeannette – Rev. Tony Catullo

Structure of subcommittees/Liaison responsibilities (handouts)

Subcommittees and liaison assignments were re-organized to integrate new committee members.

Reports of Subcommittees

Examinations and Membership

- Preliminary examination completed with a candidate for the First Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon.
- Preliminary examination with a candidate for the Puckety Presbyterian Church who was in the

region for a “neutral” pulpit.

- **MSP** to approve the recommendation of examination of Rev. Mary Kay Glunt to be received as a member of Redstone Presbytery.

Search and Call

- Transition Chart (handout).
- **MSP** to approve the Interim Pastor agreement between the Latrobe United Presbyterian Church, Latrobe and Rev. John Simpson (effective Feb 1, 2020).
- **MSP** to approve the Ministry Information Form for the Associate Pastor position of the Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church.
- **MSP** to approve Installation Commission for the Rev. Brenda Barnes, Pastor of the New Hope Presbyterian Church.

Care of Congregations and Congregational Leaders

- Cards signed and to be sent to the following Elders and Commissioned Ruling Elders: Marnie Silbert, John Simpson, Douglas Stevens, James Stobaugh, James Sunseri, Richard Sweeney, Denise Todero, Alice Tondora, Robert Upton, Robert VanWyk.
- Cards signed and to be sent to the following churches: First Presbyterian Church, Greensburg, Maplewood Presbyterian Church, Greensburg, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Greensburg, First Presbyterian Church, Irwin, West Hempfield Presbyterian Church, Irwin, First Presbyterian Church, Jeannette, Bethany Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, First Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, Second Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, Westmont Presbyterian Church, Johnstown.
- Prayers for churches especially within District IV experiencing the loss of faithful members.
- Prayers for congregations within District II working hard to be sustainable and viable.

Authorized Preachers/Commission Pastors (AP/CP) subcommittee (COM/CPM)

- AP/CP dinner – February 16, 2020.
- Upcoming workshops schedule provided.
- Reformed Worship and Sacraments cohort (begins-January 11); 4 – Redstone; 3 – Kiski; 3 – Washington; 3 – Pittsburgh.

MSP to adjourn and closing prayer led by Skip Noftzger.

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 his M.Div. degree through the Dubuque Seminary. Has completed all ordination examinations except exegesis. Upon passing this exam, Committee will consider him for certification eligibility for a call.
- Current Inquirer and status is the following:
Cynthia Bellina -
Has enrolled again full time through the Dubuque Theological Seminary program. Continues to take courses through both residency intensives and online education.

December 3, 2019 Meeting

- I. Rev. Catullo opened the meeting with prayer.
- II. MSP - Sept. 3 meeting minutes were approved by acclamation.
- III. Update on Candidates:
 - a. Cynthia Bellina - Results from her PPI tests have been received, and the committee heard the summary of said results.
 - b. Rick Watson
 1. On his PIF, question was raised about how to answer certain responses that give credence to his years of experience as a commissioned pastor but does not imply that he has served as a Minister of Word and Sacrament.
 2. Consideration was given to offering an alternative exegesis examination but was declined at this time.
 3. MSP - Recommendations were made about resources and strategies for future test-taking.
- IV. Meeting was adjourned with prayer offered by Rev. Bash.

Nominating Committee

Actions Items

- The Nominating Committee **recommends** the following people be elected to serve on these committees for the Offices/Classes indicated.
 - Rev. Brenda Barnes, Council (2022)
 - Rev. Mary Kay Glunt, Pine Springs Camp (2020)
- The Nominating Committee **recommends** Joshua Scully, Dunbar, Laurel Hill, to serve as a Ruling Elder Commissioner for the 224th General Assembly.

Information Items

- A couple openings for positions on standing committees of the Presbytery remain. 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 Barry Poglein, Aleda Menchyk, or Skip Noftzger.

Pine Springs Camp

End of Year Update

We are very grateful to God for another year of ministry at Pine Springs Camp. We were once again able to post a small "profit" at the end of the fiscal year. Over the year our summer camp and retreat revenue were up significantly, and we are humbled that over 380 individuals and churches gave financially to the ministry.

Several correspondences went out in December including...

1. The 2020 Brochure
2. The Emmaus Road-our E-newsletter
3. Our Annual Camp Christmas Card
4. The end of the year Annual Fund letter
5. Splash Newsletter-Old School in the mail type of thing!

New Camp Management System

We are excited to announce that we will have a new on-line registration and camp data-base management system. Our new system, CAMPMINDER, is designed specifically for summer camp and retreat centers and we believe it will be more user friendly. Both the on-site and on-line registration process will be more efficient and adaptable to camper family needs. The new system went live on January 1 and so far, things have gone smoothly!

2019 Friend's Dinner-PSC-A Beautiful Place of Faith

What a wonderful evening – we hosted 31 tables- almost 250 guests, which happens to be the largest event ever! The evening was a celebration of what God is doing at camp and we raised close to \$25,000 for the general operating budget.

Here are some of the highlights of the evening:

- The beautiful singing of Broadway campers, Amarah Narus and Taylor Pears that set a beautiful spirit of praise for the evening.
- The testimony of two campers, Mason Beres and Mary-Claire Sherman. They each shared the impact that Pine Springs has had on their faith, friendships and family.
- Recognizing the 25 year partnership with the McFeely-Rogers Foundation. What a generous friend and neighbor the foundation has been to Pine Springs.
- Honoring the Legacy Work Crew from Canonsburg United Presbyterian Church. This group of men are third generation volunteers who have poured thousands of hours into the building and grounds at Pine Springs for over 35 years!
- Our first ever Live Auction- Mike Hurley auctioned off a day of adventure and fun at Pine Springs-the auction raised \$1000!

We left the event both elated and humbled. Elated to witness the community of faith that surrounds Pine Springs- the former campers and staff, pastors and Christian Education folks, volunteer Weekly Directors and Nurses and humbled by the generosity of these same people who commit to serve, pray and give financially to this ministry.

Upcoming Events

- February 14-16 **Remix-Middle and Senior High Winter Retreat**
- March 27-29 **Women In the Woods Retreat**
- April 24-26 **Catalyst Men's Backpacking Trip**

- “ May 16 Annual Redd Up Camp Work Day
- “ May 20 20TH Anniversary of the Pine Springs Camp Scholarship Golf Outing
- “ May 16 Annual Redd Up Camp Work Day
- “ May 30 PSC Staff Alumni Homecoming Day
- “ June 14 First Day of Summer Camp
- “ August 12 Last Day of Summer Camp

OUR 2020 SPRING RECRUITING EVENTS...

Also be looking for our annual Spring Recruiting Events like PSC Skates and PSC Jumps. More details concerning these events will be coming soon. Don't forget these events are a great way to introduce youth and families to the ministry of Pine Springs Camp!

Summer Camp 2020

We are looking forward to our 74th Summer of offering a summer camp program focused on having campers encounter Christ in a vital, life changing way. We are now beginning to head out on the Camper Recruiting Trail. This year we are calling our recruiting effort the **QUEST for 1000!** We are praying that we will have 1000 overnight campers and we need help achieving this goal. Please connect us with your church, consider hosting a **QUEST Home Pizza Party** (we will provide the pizza!) or attend and invite others to one of our upcoming fun events. Please contact Mike Hurley, Summer Camp Director to help us with our recruiting.

YOU ARE THE BEST ADVERTISING FOR OUR CAMP!

Church packets will be mailed to some churches within the week and we will distribute the remaining at the Presbytery meetings.

We are contacting churches to set up visits to recruit campers, share the story of Pine Springs Camp and to say thank you for the continued support and encouragement they provide. **PLEASE CONTACT MIKE HURLEY IF YOU WANT US TO COME TO YOUR CHURCH, YOUTH GROUP OR AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM.**

YOUR CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR THE MINISTRY OF PINE SPRINGS CAMP ARE APPRECIATED!

Mission Network - No written report

Presbyterian Women - No written report

Discernment Team/Administrative Commission Reports - No written report