

## Presbytery of Redstone November 23, 2019

### CALL TO ORDER

The ecclesiastical and corporate meeting of the Presbytery of Redstone was convened at 9: 08 AM on November 23, 2019, at the Pleasant View Presbyterian Church in Smock, and opened with prayer by Moderator Laura Blank. She announced that items of new business must be presented to the clerk by the Announcement Loop.

### FORMATION OF THE ROLL

The Associate Stated Clerk, Rev. Cliff Foster, attested to the fact that a quorum was present in order to conduct the business of the meeting.

<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>MINISTERS</u>	<u>ELDERS</u>
	Susan Blank, MAL	
	Sylvia Carlson, HR	
	James Farrer, HR	
	Jay Lewis, HR	
	Skip Noftzger, EP	
	Norma Murphy, NRHR	
Adah, Palmer Community		
Apollo, Poke Run	Pete Goetschius	
Avonmore, First		
Belle Vernon, First		Bobbi Jo Huebner
Belle Vernon, Harmony		
Belle Vernon, Marion		
Belle Vernon, Rehoboth		David O'Casek
Bolivar, United		
Boswell, Covenant		
Brownsville, Calvin	Jane Johnson, CovP	Diane Chuboy
Brownsville, Ft. Burd	Jane Johnson, CovP	Kathy Haluska
Brownsville, Hopewell		
Colver	Owar Ojulu	Belinda Lambie
Cresson		
Dawson, Tyrone		
Delmont		
Derry		
Dunbar, First		
Dunbar, Laurel Hill		
Ebensburg, First	Owar Ojulu	Jim Stratton
Fairchance		
Farmington, Mt. Washington		
Fayette City, First		
Fayette City, Little Redstone	Joshua Scully, CP	Audrey Cottle
Greensburg, First	Nicole Atkinson, AP	
Greensburg, Maplewood	Steve LaSor	
Greensburg, Westminster		

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Irwin, First		Fred Westcoat Ray Edelman Phyllis Neral Mark Claycomb
Irwin, West Hempfield	Andrew Wirt	
Jeannette		
Johnstown, Bethany		
Johnstown, First	Alice Tondora	Sheila Farrer
Johnstown, Second		
Johnstown, Westmont		Bernice Adams
Lake Lynn, Springhill Furn.	Molly Hall, CovP	
Latrobe	Ronald Durika, IP	
Latrobe, United		
Leisenring		
Ligonier, Pleasant Grove		
Lower Burrell, Grace		
Lower Burrell, Puckety		
Masontown		
McClellandtown	Lee McDermott	
Merrittstown, Dunlap's Creek		
Mt. Pleasant, Reunion	Sue Washburn, CovP	Jeanette Lindsay
Murrysville, First		
Murrysville, Newlonsburg		
Murrysville, Union	Derek Campbell	
New Alexandria, Community		
New Alexandria, Congruity	Cliff Foster	
New Florence, Bethel		Carol Faytol
New Florence, Trinity	Anthony Catullo, IP	Janet Henderson
New Kensington, United		
New Salem	William Wiegand, CP	
N. Huntingdon, New Hope	John Simpson, IP	Helen Connors
Patton		
Revloc		
Scottdale, Calvin	Leonard Morgan, CP	
Smithfield, Grace Chapel	Lee McDermott	
Smock, Pleasant View	Laura Blank	Shirley Rittenhouse
Trafford, Level Green	Geoff Rach	
Uniontown, Tent		
Uniontown, Third	Ronald Johnson	Francis Squires
Uniontown, Trinity	James Gear	
Vanderbilt, E. Liberty		
West Newton, Sewickley		
West Newton, Sewickley U.		
West Newton, United		
Notation: (*) = pastor from another CP=commissioned pastor		

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denomination (#) = pastor from another presbytery (**) = pastor or CP serving more than one church EP=Executive Presbyter	IP=interim pastor CovP=covenant pastor MAL=Member-at-Large HR=Honorably Retired NRHR=Non-resident Honorably Retired
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**By Virtue of Office:** Lynn Mance, Presbytery Council; Chuck West, Vice-Moderator

**Visitors:** Brenda Barnes; Greg Davis, Pine Springs Camp; Patty Herring, Smock, Pleasant View; Fred Lau, North Huntingdon, New Hope; Bobbie Martin, Presbytery Staff; Jenny O'Casek, Belle Vernon, Rehoboth; Barry Poglein, New Florence, Bethel; Donna Van Allen, North Huntingdon, New Hope

**Teaching Elders Excused:** Ankrum; Buell; Cahn; Carnahan; Chow; Degitz; Foust; Giesey; Graff; Gray; Hepler; Hess; Havrisko; Hickok; Holben; Jalso; Keith; Keys; King; Klein; Lighthall; Lloyd; Macaleer; Manon; Mason; Maxwell; McCabe; McClure; Michael; Morrow; Murray; Orr; Paul; Sharp, J.; Sharp, W.; Silbert; Stevens; Stobaugh; Sweeney; Upton; VanWyk; Vickery; Whitaker; Yuckman, C; Yuckman, M.

**Teaching Elders Absent:** Bash; Bass-Riley; Dormire; Glunt; Maiman; Russell; Siddle; Wakeman;

**Commissioned Pastors Absent:** Glisan; Hart; Marciano; McElroy; O'Hara; Prinkey; Sunseri; Todero; Watson

### **ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET**

The Moderator called for the adoption of the Docket as printed in the Packet. The docket was approved **by consent.**

### **SEATING OF CORRESPONDING MEMBERS AND INTRODUCTION OF OTHER VISITORS**

The Associate Stated Clerk, Rev. Cliff Foster, asked that the following persons be seated as corresponding members: Rev. Brenda Barnes, Kiskiminetas Presbytery. It was **MSP** to seat Rev. Barnes as a corresponding member. Rev. Foster requested that Bill Siebert, Clerk of the New Hope Presbyterian Church be given privilege of the floor. It was **MSP** to give Mr. Siebert voice for the presentation on the call of the New Hope Presbyterian Church.

The Moderator, Laura Blank, invited those who were attending a presbytery meeting as an elder commissioner for the first time to stand to be introduced. On behalf of the Presbytery, the Moderator welcomed each of the first-time presbyters.

### **ARRANGEMENTS**

Rev. Laura Blank welcomed the Presbytery to the Pleasant View Presbyterian Church and gave a brief history of the congregation, she highlighted the upcoming Living Nativity at the church, the location of the restrooms were pointed out and where water is available if someone needs a drink.

### **STATED CLERK'S REPORT**

#### **Report of the Stated Clerk:**

1. Correspondence Log:

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- a. 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.
2. The Stated Clerk noted for all sessions the distribution of the packet for the annual end-of-year reports to be completed by each Clerk of Session.
3. The Stated Clerk presents the 2020 Presbytery gathering dates and locations as approved by Council.
  - a. January 25, 2020; 1:00 p.m.; Maplewood Presbyterian Church, Greensburg;  
(snow date – 2/1/2020)
  - b. March 24, 2020; 6:00 p.m.; Third Presbyterian Church, Uniontown
  - c. May 19, 2020; 6:00 p.m.; First Presbyterian Church, Johnstown
  - d. September 22, 2020; 6:00 p.m.; Redstone Highlands, Greensburg
  - e. November 21, 2020; 9:00 a.m.; Puckety Presbyterian Church, Lower Burrell
4. Review of the 2018 Session minutes and Church Registers has been completed and submitted to the COM. The minutes and the church registers of the following congregations were not reviewed: Brownsville, Hopewell; Dawson, Tyrone; Latrobe, United; Vanderbilt, East Liberty; and West Newton, United.

Rev. Skip Noftzger highlighted the report of the 2018 Session minutes and Church Registers. Skip also pointed out that the 2019 packets for Stated Clerks were available at this meeting for the annual Statistical Report.

### CONSENT AGENDA:

The Associate Stated Clerk of the Presbytery, Rev. Cliff Foster, presented 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 September 24, 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. As part of the 2020 annual budget, the Council **recommends** the approval of the 2020 Terms of Call (see below) for the Executive Presbyter.  
Salary – 55,390; Housing---15,000; Deferred Compensation (403B) ---8,712  
Pensions (medical, retirement, death/disability) ---18,491; Vacation---5 weeks  
Study Leave---2 weeks/1,500 (2019-two weeks carryover); Professional expenses- 1,825;  
Travel-4,750
3. Council **recommends** that the Executive Presbyter, Treasurer, Mission, Pine Springs Camp and Synod commissioner reports presented to the Presbytery be received and filed.
4. Council **recommends** the receipt and filing of the financial review presented by Horner, Wible and Terek, PC.

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### From the Committee on Ministry

1. It was **MSP** to approve request of the six-year limitation from the Marion Presbyterian Church for Amanda McKendrick, Ruling Elder.

It was **MSP** to approve the Consent Agenda.

### TREASURER AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

Chuck West presented the Treasurer's Report and Financial Reports noting that a written report was available on the table at the registration table. Chuck highlighted a few of the items in the written report. It was **MSP** to receive the Treasurer's Report.

### REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER

Rev. Skip Noftzger reported about the challenge of showing 10 photos on Facebook of things you are grateful for in 2019 which Skip showed several photos of things that had occurred during this past year. Skip highlighted some of the things that he is thankful for: gatherings of worshippers around 4 counties, communities of Christ's disciples, churches who see and understand claiming the name of Christ, congregations and Session who understand commitment to love and serve and who pledge their support, those who study and serve our churches, people who serve as liaisons and pastors who stand in the breach, pastors who are new or retiring and who give leadership, thankful for Christian Associates and working with other Presbyteries, those who work with those struggling with addictions, partnership with South Sudan and Sudan, the ministry of Pine Springs Camp, the work of PDA and thankful for the participation in the Special Offerings. Skip's report ended with everyone joining together in the Soli Deo Gloria.

### WORSHIP

Worship was led by Rev. Laura Blank, Moderator of Redstone Presbytery. Participating in the Worship service were: Elder Tom Liptak, Pleasant View; Rev. Molly Hall, Springhill Furnace; Elder Bill Wiegand, CP New Salem; Rev. Laura Blank, Pleasant View; Elder Kathy Haluska, Fort Burd; Rev. Jane Johnson, Calvin and Fort Burd; Elder Sandy Leichtlter, Pleasant View. The worship service included the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS LOOP

The Announcement Loop was shown to the Presbytery. The Announcement Loop can be found on the Presbytery Website and also on the Presbytery's Facebook page.

*Moderator Laura Blank turned the meeting over to Vice-Moderator Chuck West and Chuck assumed moderating the meeting.*

### PINE SPRINGS CAMP REPORT

Executive Director Greg Davis reported that the Annual Friends Banquet will be held tomorrow evening at the Fred Rogers Center at St. Vincent University. The Banquet is at capacity at 250. Greg highlighted several upcoming retreats at Pine Springs, brochures are available; he highlighted the ink for cash program; the 2020 brochure will be available shortly and will be made available in a few weeks. Greg is grateful for the 1100 campers this past season, the most since 2002. The goal is always to have 1000 overnight campers each year, and the staff is available to come and speak at churches and the upcoming recruiting events. The 2020 Promo video was shown at the conclusion of the Pine Springs Report.

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### MISSION COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL

Rev. Sylvia Carlson reported that there is a written report on page 12 on the meeting packet. The Mission Network will be meeting on Thursday evenings. The Network is planning a trip to the South Sudan at the end of March of 5 people. Several congregations are doing weekend backpacks to provide food for students.

### SYNOD OF THE TRINITY REPORT

Bernice Adams, Synod Commissioner reported that the Synod is made up of 16 presbyteries. Redstone Presbytery commissioners are Rev. Lori Bass-Riley and Elder Bernice Adams. Bernice gave an overview of the work of the Synod of the Trinity, its leadership of Susan Wonderland, Transitional Executive, Dr. Wayne Yost, Stated Clerk, and John Bolt, Moderator. The movie "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood" was shown in State College on the Sunday evening of the Synod meeting in October. Bernice would recommend everyone seeing the movie. Bernice shared with the Presbytery the poster that had been shared with the Synod from our Presbytery at the recently held October meeting. The poster included answers to questions that the Synod asked of each member presbytery.

### ACTION AGENDA

#### COUNCIL

On behalf of the Council, the following report was presented by Elder Josh Scully:

#### Action Items

- The Council **recommends** the approval of the proposed 2020 Budget for the Presbytery of Redstone. (*This budget was submitted for a first reading in September with a second reading and vote in this November meeting.*) It was **MSP** to approve the 2020 Budget for the Presbytery of Redstone.
- The Addictions ministry network has received a grant from the Westmoreland County Alcohol and Drug Commission. Lee McDermott informed the Presbytery that this was the second year that they have received this grant. With the new grant will be used for some revisions and some alternative sessions of curriculum and to develop videos to augment the curriculum with video resources. Next meeting will be December 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:30PM and anyone is invited to attend.

#### Information

#### Council Meeting

October 22, 2019

Moderator Josh Scully called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Leading in a devotional reading and discussion from the Scriptures, he opened the meeting prayer.

#### Agenda

- Moderator Scully inquired concerning any changes to the agenda. There were none and the agenda was approved by **consent**.

#### Financial Review

- Barb Terek from Horner, Wible and Terek PC was introduced to the Council. This accounting firm has conducted the financial review of the Presbytery bookkeeping for many years. Ms. Terek "walked" the

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Council members through the Financial Review document, including explanations about terms and the significance of various components of the report. Questions were asked and answered about the nature of administrative controls and the use of designated funds versus restricted funds. At the conclusion of the report, it was **MSP** to receive the 2018 Financial Review as the Trustees of the Presbytery and to file. The review is available for viewing by any member of the Presbytery. Additionally, it was **MSP** to contract with Horner, Wible and Terek PC for the services of conducting a Financial Review of the 2019 fiscal year.

### Quietly, Courageous book discussion

The Council continued its ongoing discussion on the book, Quietly, Courageous. This book continues to serve as a valuable prompt for our thinking and prayerful consideration of the type of leadership needed both within our presbyteries and within our congregations. It was agreed to discuss the next section at the November meeting.

### Minutes

- It was **MSP** to approve the minutes of the August 27, 2019 meeting of Council.

### Reports

#### Moderator

- Moderator noted the approval by **consent** between the August and October meetings of the distribution of materials from the Pittsburgh Chapter of the Presbyterian Association of Musicians at the September meeting.
- Following that Rev. Laura Blank presented another request for approval of distribution of materials in the packet and at the Presbytery meeting from the same Pittsburgh Chapter of the Presbyterian Association of Musicians. It was **MSP** to approve this request.

#### Executive Presbyter

- The Executive Presbyter raised the question about the substance of any discussions that took place during the September Presbytery gathering around the substance and efforts of the Joint Task Force of Redstone and Washington Presbyteries. Some comments were shared from the lunchtime conversations, but others did not have the opportunity for much discussion. The Joint Task Force will reconvene in November to share any other feedback.

#### Stated Clerk

- The Stated Clerk presented the correspondence log since the last Council meeting for review by the Council.
- The Stated Clerk noted the dates for the 2020 Presbytery meeting schedule. He presented requests from the Third Presbyterian Church to host the March 24, 2020 gathering and from First Presbyterian, Johnstown to host the May 19, 2020 gathering. It was **MSP** to graciously accept both invitations and approve the meeting locations.
  - **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

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- 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 presented a list of proposed Council meeting dates for 2020. They included the following with each meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Presbytery Center.
  - January 14
  - February 25
  - April 28
  - June 23
  - August 25
  - October 27
  - November 24

These meeting dates were approved by **consent**.

- On behalf of the Associate Stated Clerk and himself, the Stated Clerk made request for appointment of a task force to review and consider revisions in the current Presbytery Manual. A task force was appointed of Council members along with the Stated Clerk and Associate Clerk.

### **Treasurer**

- A written Treasurer's report for the first nine months of the new fiscal year. The Treasurer observed that our income stream from churches during September was better, but we remain behind schedule for the year. Both he and the Executive Presbyter confirmed that we will need to "make up ground" between then and the end of the year in order not to either draw upon reserves or further reduce or not fulfill projected expenditures.

### **Executive Director of Pine Springs Camp**

- The Executive Director provided a written report on the summer camp numbers and the Fall retreats (PSC sponsored). He also noted the hosting and extensive use of the facilities by outside groups. Council members were reminded of the upcoming Annual Pine Springs Camp Friends Dinner. It will be held on Sunday, November 24 at the Fred Rogers Center at St. Vincent College. Churches and individuals can support this even by being table sponsors or providing items for silent auction.
- **By consent**, the Council agreed to receive and file the reports from the Stated Clerk, Treasurer, Executive Director, and Executive Presbyter.

### **SUBCOMMITTEES/NETWORKS/TASK FORCES**

#### **Staff Support**

Provided the revised Staff Policies and Procedures manual for a First Reading by the Council. Biannually, the Staff Support subcommittee reviews for any updates or revisions. This set of policies will be reviewed and voted upon at the November Council meeting.

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Recommended the approval of the terms of call for the Executive Presbyter for 2020 based upon budgeted figures. The following was reported:

Salary – 55,390

Housing allowance – 15,000

403B – 8,712.81

Board of Pensions – 18,491 (9000 medical, 8700 retirement, 791 death/disability)

Study Leave – 2 weeks; 1500 (2019-2 weeks carryover)

Vacation – 5 weeks

It was **MSP** to approve the 2020 terms of call and recommend to the Presbytery through consideration under the consent agenda.

### **Communications**

No report from the Communications team. Reorganization meeting has been scheduled in November.

### **Missions**

Rev. Havrisko offered a report on the Rise Against Hunger event which was held at the Avonmore Presbyterian Church. There was great participation and 18,675 meals were packed that day for later distribution.

She noted to good turnout for the Mission Fair, but also some disappointment that there was not more time for browsing and engagement with those who brought materials.

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

### **Budget and Finance**

The committee noted the presentation earlier in the meeting of the Financial Review of 2018 which it had previously reviewed as a committee.

The proposed budget for 2020 Presbytery shared ministry, shared mission and operations as presented to the Presbytery in September will be considered and voted upon at the November meeting. A narrative to accompany the budget figures will be included.

First Fruits pledges contributions year-to-date were distributed. The need to collect on these funds is imperative. Discussion took place around some of the areas where there have been shortfalls either in pledging or in fulfilling the pledges.

Authorization was sought to approve online access for the Presbytery client account with Ameriprise Financial, Inc. The following motion was presented.

On behalf of the Presbytery of Redstone, the Trustees approve the following people to serve as authorized signers including online access for the client accounts with Ameriprise Financial, Inc.

Richard L. Noftzger Jr.  
Corporation Secretary  
Presbytery of Redstone

John Dickson  
Corporation Treasurer  
Presbytery of Redstone

The motion was **MSP** and is to be communicated to Ameriprise representatives.

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### Addictions Ministry

The Addictions ministry network has applied for another grant from the Westmoreland Drug and Alcohol Commission. This grant will be to augment the developed curriculum with video resources.

### NOVEMBER PRESBYTERY MEETING

The Next Presbytery meeting is scheduled for November 23, 2019 at Pleasant View Presbyterian Church. The proposed agenda and schedule were presented for review by the Council. It was **MSP** to adopt the agenda.

### NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

### COMMUNITY

Moderator Josh Scully solicited prayer requests from the members of Council on behalf of themselves, the Presbytery and our communities. The council joined in a time of corporate prayer.

**MSP** and the meeting was adjourned with prayer at 8:10 p.m.

*Moderator Laura Blank resumed moderating the Presbytery meeting.*

### Committee on Ministry

Rev. Ron Durika presented the following report.

#### Action Items

- The Committee on Ministry **recommends** the approval of the Family and Medical Leave policy as proposed. On behalf of the Committee on Ministry, Rev. Durika moved that "4. Additional Considerations-h." be amended to read, "Study leave may be used for a leave of absence if requested by the Pastor and approved by the Committee on Ministry." It was **MSP** to approve this amendment.

Additional amendments offered were:

Rev. Sue Blank moved to strike the 3<sup>rd</sup> bullet item on page 47 of Presbytery packet (page 4 of 6 of document) under "Maternity Leave" section, "When a Pastor becomes pregnant the Session should ordinarily be consulted within 12 weeks of a physician's confirmation of the pregnancy". It was **MSP** to approve this amendment.

Rev. Sue Washburn moved that the term father be changed to partner. This change is to be made throughout the document. It was **MSP** to approve this amendment.

Rev. Niki Atkinson moved that the "Adoption Leave" be changed from 2 weeks to 8 weeks. This is found on page 49 of Presbytery packet (page 3 of 6 of document). It was **MSP** to approve this amendment.

Rev. Sue Washburn thanked the COM for their work on this policy.

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Elder Chuck West moved that the title of the column “Paternity Leave “ be changed to Parental Leave. It was MSP to approve this amendment.

It was MSP to approve the Family and Medical Leave Policy as amended.

- The Committee on Ministry presented Rev. Brenda Barnes for examination and approval of the call to serve as Pastor of the New Hope Presbyterian Church, North Huntingdon. A report was heard from the PNC and the Clerk of Session of that congregation testifying to the nomination of Rev. Brenda Barnes to this call. Helen Connors attested to the work of the PNC of the New Hope Presbyterian Church that led them to Rev. Brenda Barnes. Bill Siebert, clerk of Session attested to the congregational vote that was taken on November 10, 2019. The vote was 63 Yes to 1 No. The acceptance of the call was announced by the conclusion of the meeting.

Rev. Barnes told the presbytery about what has been going on in her life over the last couple of years since she has been serving in Kiski Presbytery, mentioning that her husband had suffered a stroke.

Rev. Barnes was examined by the Presbytery. It was MSP to sustain the examination and deem it sufficient. It was MSP to receive Rev. Brenda Barnes and to approve the call and its associated terms from the New Hope Presbyterian Church to Rev. Barnes. Rev. Skip Noftzger prayed for the New Hope Presbyterian Church and for Rev. Barnes.

- Rev. Durika noted the approved impending dissolution of pastoral relationships and dismissals of Rev. Derek Campbell and Rev. Niki Atkinson to Pittsburgh Presbytery. Rev. Durika invited both pastors forward and led the assembly in a time of prayer of blessing in the next chapters of their pastoral service. Tomorrow is Rev. Niki Atkinson’s last Sunday at Greensburg 1<sup>st</sup>, she will be pastor of the Cross Roads Presbyterian Church in Gibsonia, PA. Rev. Derek Campbell will be going to Unity Presbyterian Church in Plum, PA. Moderator, Rev. Laura Blank, prayed for Niki and Derek in their future ministries.

### Information Items

November 7, 2019 Meeting

#### Stated Clerk’s Report

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

Correspondence Log

MSP to approve request of the six-year limitation from the Marion Presbyterian Church for Amanda McKendrick, Ruling Elder.

#### Moderator Report

Moderator appointments

Union, Murrysville – Pete Goetschius

Sewickley Presbyterian, West Newton – Ed Gray

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Trinity, New Florence - TBD

Family and Medical Leave Policy –comments from Presbytery have been addressed and will be presented at Presbytery in November for a second reading.

### Reports of Subcommittees

Examinations and Membership (Presented by Skip (Cliff Foster & Pete Goetschius)

Information items Examined candidate for New Hope Presbyterian Church who will be candidating there on November 10.

Examined Ford Campbell for addition to the Pulpit Supply roster.

### Action items

**MSP** To Approve of the addition of Ford Campbell to the Pulpit Supply list under the category of non-Presbyterians permitted to preach **only**.

### Search and Call (Chuck MacPherson & Jim Stratton)

### Information items

Transition Chart (handout)

Contracts for Rev. William King for Jeannette and Rev. Tony Catullo for Trinity, New Florence will expire by the end of the year and will not be renewed.

Eric Glisan has resigned from serving the Sewickley Presbyterian Church effective December 31, 2019

Rev. Skip Noftzger will be providing part time pastoral leadership for the Puckety congregation beginning in January 1.

Neutral pulpit for the First Presbyterian Church of Belle Vernon has been scheduled with a candidate for November 17.

### Action Items

**MSP:** To Approve the dismissal of Rev. Derek Campbell to Pittsburgh Presbytery pending the congregational vote on dissolution at their meeting on November 10.

**MSP:** To approve the dismissal of Rev. Nicole Atkinson to Pittsburgh Presbytery pending the congregational vote on dissolution at their meeting on November 10.

**MSP:** To approve the dissolution of the relationship between Rev. Don Graff and the Latrobe United Presbyterian Church effective December 31, 2019 pending the congregational vote on dissolution at their meeting on November 17. (including the time he has served as a student pastor he has served over 40 years.)

**MSP:** To recommend the Rev. Don Graff for Honorably Retired status at the next Presbytery meeting that he would be in attendance.

**MSP:** To approve the installation commission listed below for conducting the installation service of Rev. Owar Ojulu on November 17; 3:00 p.m. @ Ebensburg.

Rev. Laura Blank; Moderator, Pleasant View, Smock

James Stratton; Ebensburg

Belinda Lambie; Colver

Rev. Alice Tondora; First, Johnstown

Rev. Skip Noftzger; Executive Presbyter

Corresponding members invited to participate:

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Rev. Leigh Benish; Beaver-Butler Presbytery  
Rev. Jeff Powell; Western New York

Care of Congregations and Congregational Leaders (update handout)

Important Updates and Prayer Requests:

Pastors being prayed for tonight are: Robert Prinkey, Geoff Rach, Rory Ruder, Marnie Russell, Joshua Scully, John Sharp, William Sharp, Michael Shepard, and Rebecca Siddle

Congregations being prayed for tonight are: Dawson, Tyrone; Delmont; Derry; Dunbar, First; Dunbar, Laurel Hill; Ebensburg, First; Fairchance, First; Farmington, Mt. Washington; Fayette City, First; and Fayette City, Little Redstone

*Please use these lists to remember these churches in your prayers throughout this month*

AP/CP Subcommittee (COM/CPM)

IPLF Workshop on Nurturing Elders will be on Saturday Jan. 11 @ 12:30.

AP/CP Dinner scheduled for February 23, 2020.

**MSP** to authorize Robert Fleishman serve communion the first Sunday in Advent December 1 at Puckety and on Christmas Eve at Union Presbyterian Church.

Unfinished Business:

Authoritative interpretation on policy on moderating (GA 2018)

Non-Presbyterian ministers moderating in our churches. Would like to reserve that on a per case basis the COM would take this into consideration. If we decide to this, we need to have a policy.

New Business

**MSP:** COM will not meet in December meeting

**MSP:** COM to change January 2020 meeting date from January 2 to January 9

Skip Noftzger, Pete Goetschius and the entire COM thanked the following COM members for serving on the COM. Committee extends special thanks and appreciation to: Jim Farrer, Cliff Foster, Linda Loesch, Marnie Russell, and Carole Isley Corey.

It was **MSP** to adjourn at 7:30 P.M. with prayer by Cliff Foster

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October 3, 2019 Meeting

Approval of Minutes

It was **MSP** to approve the minutes for September 5, 2019 meeting as submitted.

**Stated Clerk's Report**

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

Correspondence Log

Minutes Review - Minutes MUST be reviewed by November 13

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Minutes not completed: Brownsville, Calvin; Brownsville, Ft. Burd; Brownsville, Hopewell; Colver; Dawson, Tyrone; Fairchance; Fayette City, Little Redstone; Irwin, First; Latrobe, United; Leisenring; Masontown; Smithfield, Grace Chapel; Uniontown, Third; Vanderbilt, East Liberty; West Newton, Sewickley; West Newton, United

**MSP:** To accept the resignations from COM of Carol Faytol and Bill Wiegand

### **Moderator Report** -

Moderator appointments:

Puckety – Rev. Ken Foust

Community – Rev. Jay Lewis (through December); Rev. Larry Armstrong (beginning January)

Family and Medical Leave Policy -comments from Presbytery

Question - Why can't we use our Study Leave if we are sick? (see page 5 h of Policy)

**MSP:** Study leave could be used for leave of absence if requested by a Pastor and approved by the COM.

### **Reports of Subcommittees**

Examinations and Membership (Presented by Skip (Cliff Foster & Pete Goetschius)

Information items

We will be naming someone for orientation and mentor for Rev. Owar Ojulu

Anticipating the need to schedule examination for a candidate for New Hope.

Action items

**MSP:** To recommend examination of Rev. Owar Ojulu for possible installed pastor relationship with Ebensburg and Colver.

Search and Call (Chuck MacPherson & Jim Stratton)

Information items

Transition Chart (handout);

Rev. Jay Lewis will be providing pastoral services at Community United, New Alexandria between now and the end of 2019.

Anticipating a call to be extended for the New Hope Presbyterian Church, North Huntingdon.

Action items

**MSP** to Recommend to the Presbytery to move Rev. Clark Kerr to Honorably Retired status at a date to be determined by his availability.

### **Care of Congregations and Congregational Leaders**

Important Updates and Prayer Requests:

Pastors being prayed for tonight are: John Michael, Art Moffat, Leonard Morgan, John Morrow, Rodney Murray, Skip Noftzger, David O'Hara, Kirk Orr, Curtis Paul, and John Pressler

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Congregations being prayed for tonight are: Belle Vernon, Harmony; Belle Vernon, Marion; Belle Vernon, Rehoboth; Bolivar, United; Boswell, Covenant; Brownsville, Calvin; Brownsville, Ft. Burd; Brownsville, Hopewell; Colver; and Cresson

*Please use these lists to remember these churches in your prayers throughout this month*

### AP/CP Subcommittee (COM/CPM)

ISAIAH (Advanced Scripture) Workshop – Dr. Jerome Creach, PTS; 10/12/2019; Redstone Presbytery Center

Possible new enrollees from Redstone are Tammy Noss, James Vlosich

### Executive Presbyter Report

#### Unfinished Business

Authoritative interpretation on policy on moderating (GA 2018)

Non-Presbyterian ministers moderating in our churches. Would like to reserve that on a per case basis the COM would take this into consideration. If we decide to this, we need to have a policy.

#### New Business

Wee Kirk starts next Monday - 120 people signed up

Jesus Methods and Models in Denver. Jim Farrer will be speaking.

#### Committee on Preparation for Ministry

No oral report was given but the following information items were included in the packet:

##### Information Items

- The Committee on Preparation continues to meet with and update our two current candidates for ministry.
- **Rick Watson** – Rick has graduated from the Dubuque Theological Seminary and continues to serve as a Commissioned Pastor within Redstone at the Leisenring congregation. Rick is in the process of completing the ordination examinations with the exegesis exam remaining. The committee is exploring options concerning possible alternative examination based upon the Redstone policy if the need arises.
- **Cynthia Bellina**---Cynthia continues her enrollment as a student at Dubuque Seminary. Beginning in January, she will be starting one of her requires Supervised Practical Ministry experiences (field ed). Having become a candidate in September, we anticipate that she will be sitting for the Bible content exam in the near future.

#### Nominations Committee

Barry Poglein, presented the following report and action items of the Nominating Committee:

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- The Nominating Committee nominates Elder Chuck West to be the Moderator of the Presbytery of Redstone in 2020. The Nominating Committee nominates Elder Belinda Lambie (Colver) to be the Vice Moderator of the Presbytery of Redstone in 2020. It was **MSP** to elect Chuck West as the 2020 Moderator and Belinda Lambie as the 2020 Vice Moderator. Moderator Rev. Laura Blank prayed for Chuck and Belinda on their election as Moderator and Vice-Moderator of the Presbytery of Redstone.
- The Nominating Committee nominates the following persons for the Offices/Classes indicated:

Rev. Cliff Foster, Synod Commissioner

Ms. Jeanne Hurst, Committee on Ministry

Ms. Barbara Rissler, Committee on Preparation for Ministry

Ms. Patti Baird, Redstone Presbytery Permanent Judicial Commission

Ms. Elsie Deem, Redstone Presbytery Permanent Judicial Commission

It was **MSP** to approve the slate of nominees presented by the Nominating Committee for the listed Offices/Classes as indicated.

### Information Items

- The Nominating Committee is requesting suggestions and recommendations for possible positions both on standing committees and subcommittees of the Presbytery. If you or others (ruling elders) you know desire to participate in some form of Presbytery leadership, please offer your name or others as suggestions for consideration by the Nominating Committee.

### NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business for the Presbytery at this time.

### ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Associate Stated Clerk, Rev. Cliff Foster gave the attendance report. He reported that there were 28 Teaching Elders, 3 Commissioned Pastors, 19 Ruling Elders representing 16 churches, 0 Christian Educators, 2 Ruling Elders by Virtue of Office, and 8 visitors for a total of 60. There also were 52 congregations without elder representation.

### AJOURNMENT

It was **MSP to adjourn** with prayer at 11:41 a.m.

### BENEDICTION

Rev. Laura Blank offered the benediction prayer.

*The next stated meeting of the Presbytery of Redstone will take place on Saturday, January 25, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. at the Maplewood Presbyterian Church, Greensburg.*

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Laura Blank, Moderator

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Cliff Foster, Recording Clerk

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