



2020 Stated Meeting

of the

Presbytery of Redstone
Presbyterian Church (USA)

September 22, 2020



ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING
MEETING

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

Notes for the September 22, 2020 Presbytery Meeting!

- Presbyters are reminded to get “Prayer Requests” to the Clerk as soon as possible as they will be lifted up during the prayers in the Worship Service.
- The Offering received during worship at this meeting will go to the work and ministry of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

Redstone Presbytery Gathering

ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING; September 22, 2020

“Sharing in Ministry and Mission for God’s glory and for the sake of the world”

6:00 p.m.	Registration and fellowship –	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formation of the Roll • Seating of Corresponding Members • Stated Clerk’s Report – pg. 4-8 • Consent Agenda – pg. 8 Introduction of Elders	
	<u>Worship</u> <u>Commissioning of Pastors (Ruling Elders in Particular Service) – Len Morgan, Community United; Jeff Smith, Tent; Bill Weightman, Laurel Hill</u> <u>Memorial Minute (John Sharp) - See Appendix “A” for a short bio</u>	Rev. Laura Blank Chuck West Rev. Jim Gear
	---Treasurer’s Report - pg. 12 ---Mission Network - pg. 15-16 ---Council - pg. 18-23 2021 Budget –1st Reading Manual revisions approval General Assembly Commissioners Reports “Matthew 25” Presbytery “For Such a Time as This ...” A Statement by Council for Confession, Context and a Call to Action ---COM - pg. 24-26 2021 Minimum Terms of Call Examination of Jeannette candidate/Approval of Call from First Presbyterian, Jeannette ----Nominating - pg. 28 2021 Vice Moderator – 2021 Nominees for Standing Committees	John Dickson Rev. Sylvia Carlson Rev. Laura Blank Rev. Pete Goetschius Rev. Aleda Menchyk
	<u>ANNOUNCEMENT LOOP</u> <u>RESOLUTION OF THANKS</u> <u>SOLI DEO GLORIA</u> <u>ADJOURNMENT</u> <u>CLOSING SONG/PRAYER</u>	
	<u>Next Meeting of the Presbytery of Redstone---</u> <u>November 21, 2020; 9:00 a.m. @ Puckety Presbyterian Church, Lower Burrell.</u>	

STATED CLERK'S REPORT:

1. During the period since the last regularly stated Presbytery meeting, all correspondence that was received was responded to and/or appropriately routed for review and response to the appropriate entity of Presbytery.

CORRESPONDENCE LOG

Date Received	Received From	Content	Action
September 14, 2020 - hand delivered	Rev. Anthony Catullo	Mandatory Clearance Updates	To FILE
September 14, 2020 - mail	Rev. Geoff Rach	2 of 3 Mandatory Clearance Updates	To FILE
September 3, 2020 - email	CP Leonard Morgan	2 of 3 Mandatory Clearance Updates	To FILE
August 24, 2020 - mail	CP Joshua Scully	Signed Acknowledgement of Receipt of Ethics Policy	To FILE
August 20, 2020 - email	Rev. Mary Kay Glunt	Mandatory Clearance Updates	To FILE
August 19, 2020 - email	Rev. Lisa Dormire	Annual Report Other Ministers on the Roll of Presbytery	To FILE
August 17, 2020 - mail	CP James Sunseri	Mandatory Clearance Updates	To FILE
August 17, 2020 - mail	Rev. Rene Whitaker	Signed Acknowledgement of Receipt of Ethics Policy	To FILE
August 17, 2020 - mail	Rev. Lee McDermott	2 of 3 Mandatory Clearance Updates	To FILE
August 13, 2020 - mail	Rev. Wendy Keys	Mandatory Clearance Updates	To FILE
August 12, 2020 - email	Rev. Andrew Wirt	Signed Acknowledgement of Receipt of Ethics Policy	To FILE
August 12, 2020 - email	Rev. Brenda Barnes	Copies of Mandatory Clearances and Mandatory Reporting Certificate	To FILE
August 12, 2020 - email	Rev. Ronald Johnson	3 rd of 3 mandatory clearance updates	To FILE
August 12, 2020 - email	Melanie Roney, PCUSA	Letter regarding Peace and Global Witness Offering	To FILE
August 4, 2020 - email	Rev. Curtis Paul	Mandatory Clearance Updates	To FILE
August 3, 2020 - mail	Rev. Donna Havrisko	Letter of intent to retire in January 2021	To COM and FILE
July 29, 2020 - email	Denise Sciuto, Sudan and South Sudan Mission Network	Minutes of June 29 and 30 meeting	To FILE
July 29, 2020 - email	Tent Presbyterian Church, Uniontown	Contract between the church and CP Jeff Smith	To COM and FILE
July 27, 2020 - email	Rev. Liddy Barlow, Christian Associates	Christian Associates Jubilee sponsorship request	To COUNCIL and FILE
July 27, 2020 - mail	Westminster Presbyterian Church, Greensburg	2020 Terms of Call for the Rev. Donna Havrisko	To COM and FILE
July 27, 2020 - hand delivered	First Presbyterian Church, Murrysville	Record of congregational/corporation meeting	To FILE

July 23, 2020 - email	Rev. Sue Wonderland, Synod of the Trinity	Notice of Huntingdon Presbytery seeking a part time Interim General Presbyter	To FILE
July 22, 2020 - mail	Rev. Alice Tondora	Signed Acknowledgement of Receipt of Ethics Policy and 2 of 3 Mandatory Clearance Updates	To FILE
July 22, 2020 - mail	Puckety Presbyterian Church, Lower Burrell	Letter of thanks for the Interim Pastor service of the Rev. Skip Noftzger along with a check for contributions to Redstone's First Fruits above their normal contribution	To COUNCIL and FILE
July 20, 2020 - mail	Joan Gans, Clerk of Session, Tent Presbyterian Church, Uniontown	Agreement between the church and Jeff Smith to be Commissioned Pastor	To COM and FILE
July 20, 2020 - mail	Rev. David McCabe	Mandatory Clearance Updates	To FILE
July 20, 2020 - mail	CP David McElroy	Signed Acknowledgement of Receipt of Ethics Policy	To FILE
July 17, 2020 - email	Rev. Liddy Barlow, Christian Associates	Announcement of Bishop Ed Malesic being named next Bishop of Cleveland	To FILE
July 16, 2020 - email	CP Richard Watson	2 nd of 3 Mandatory Clearance Updates	To FILE
July 15, 2020 - email	CP David O'Hara	Mandatory Clearance Updates and Verification of Mandated Reporter Training	To FILE
July 14, 2020 - email	CP Richard Watson	1 of 3 Mandatory Clearance Updates	To FILE
July 14, 2020 - email	Rev. Ed Gray	Mandatory Clearance Updates	To FILE
July 13, 2020 - mail	Leisenring Presbyterian Church	2020 Terms of Call for CRE Rick Watson	To COM and FILE
July 6, 2020 - mail	Rev. Skip Noftzger	3 rd of 3 Mandatory Clearances	To FILE
July 6, 2020 - mail	Rev. Ronald Wakeman	Signed Acknowledgement of Receipt of Ethics Policy	To FILE
July 6, 2020 - hand delivered	CP Lynn Mance	Mandatory Clearances and Mandatory Reporter Training Verification	To FILE
June 29, 2020 - mail	Rev. David McCabe	Signed Acknowledgement of Receipt of Ethics Policy	To FILE
June 29, 2020 - mail	Dunlap's Creek Presbyterian Church, Merrittstown	Request for Waiver of Rotation for Elder Joan Moore	To COM and FILE
June 29, 2020 - email	Rev. Sue Washburn	3 rd of 3 Mandatory Clearance Updates	To FILE
June 25, 2020 - email	Stewardship Kaleidoscope	Notice of moving to online	To FILE
June 25, 2020 - email	Rev. James Kirk, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance	Letter regarding COVID-19 Philanthropic Funds List	To FILE

June 25, 2020 – email	Rev. Skip Noftzger	2 nd of 3 Mandatory Clearances	To FILE
June 25, 2020 – email	Rev. Ron Johnson	2 of 3 Mandatory Clearances	To FILE
June 23, 2020 – email	PCUSA	General Assembly Update	To FILE
June 23, 2020 – email	Rev. Lee McDermott	2020 Terms of Call for McClellandtown and Smithfield	To COM and FILE
June 23, 2020 – hand delivered	Rev. Skip Noftzger	1 of 3 Mandatory Clearances	To FILE
June 22, 2020 – mail	Rev. Ross Bash	Signed Acknowledgement of Receipt of Ethics Policy	To FILE
June 22, 2020 – mail	Rev. John Manon	3 rd of 3 Mandatory Clearance Updates	To FILE
June 22, 2020 – email	Rev. Jane Johnson	1 of 3 Mandatory Clearances	To FILE
June 22, 2020 – email	Rev. John Michael	Signed Acknowledgement of Receipt of Ethics Policy	To FILE
June 19, 2020 – email	Board of Pensions	Notification of the death of the Rev. John Sharp	To FILE
June 15, 2020 – mail	Rev. James Hepler	Signed Acknowledgement of Receipt of Ethics Policy	To FILE
June 12, 2020 – email	Presbytery of New Hope	Record of Dismissal to another Presbytery for the Rev. Meredith Yuckman	To COM and FILE
June 11, 2020 – mail	Trinity United Presbyterian Church, Uniontown	Application for COVID relief funds	To COUNCIL TASK FORCE and FILE
June 11, 2020 – mail	CP Joshua Scully	2 nd of 3 Mandatory Clearance Updates	To FILE
June 11, 2020 – email	Rev. Sue Washburn	2 nd of 3 Mandatory Clearance Updates	To FILE
June 10, 2020 – email	Presbytery of Lake Michigan	Asking for Job Descriptions for EP and Stated Clerk	RESPONDED with information
June 9, 2020 – email	Rev. Susan Blank	Signed Acknowledgement of Receipt of Ethics Policy	To FILE
June 8, 2020 – mail	Rev. Robert Van Wyk	Signed Acknowledgement of Receipt of Ethics Policy	To FILE
June 8, 2020 – mail	Rev. Richard Sweeney	Signed Acknowledgement of Receipt of Ethics Policy	To FILE
June 8, 2020 – mail	Rev. Marnie Silbert	Signed Acknowledgement of Receipt of Ethics Policy	To FILE
June 8, 2020 – mail	Rev. Owar Ojulu	Signed Acknowledgement of Receipt of Ethics Policy	To FILE
June 8, 2020 – mail	Rev. John Morrow	Signed Acknowledgement of Receipt of Ethics Policy	To FILE
June 8, 2020 – mail	Rev. Aleda Menchyk	Signed Acknowledgement of Receipt of Ethics Policy	To FILE
June 8, 2020 – mail	Rev. Jay Lewis	Signed Acknowledgement of Receipt of Ethics Policy	To FILE
June 8, 2020 – mail	Rev. Ken Foust	Signed Acknowledgement of Receipt of Ethics Policy	To FILE
June 8, 2020 – mail	Rev. Larry Armstrong	Signed Acknowledgement of Receipt of Ethics Policy	To FILE
June 8, 2020 – mail	Rev. John Manon	2 of 3 Mandatory Clearance Updates and Signed Acknowledgement of Receipt of Ethics Policy	To FILE

June 8, 2020 - mail	Rev. Brian Kilbert	New Pastor Form	To FILE
June 8, 2020 - mail	CP Lynn Mance	Signed Acknowledgement of Receipt of Ethics Policy	To FILE
June 8, 2020 - mail	Rev. Cliff Foster	Signed Acknowledgement of Receipt of Ethics Policy	To FILE
June 8, 2020 - email	Rev. Susan Washburn	Signed Acknowledgement of Receipt of Ethics Policy and 1 of 3 Mandatory Clearance Updates	To FILE
June 8, 2020 - email	Rev. William King	Signed Acknowledgement of Receipt of Ethics Policy	To FILE
June 4, 2020 - email	Rev. Skip Noftzger	Annual Report Other Ministers on the Roll of Presbytery	To COM and FILE
June 4, 2020 - email	Rev. Brenda Barnes	Signed Acknowledgement of Receipt of Ethics Policy	To FILE
June 4, 2020 - mail	CP Joshua Scully	1 of 3 Mandatory Clearance Updates	To FILE
June 3, 2020 - email	Presbytery of Washington	Record of Dismissal to another Presbytery for the Rev. Brian Kilbert	To COM and FILE
June 3, 2020 - email	Rev. Brian Kilbert	Signed Acknowledgement of Receipt of Ethics Policy	To FILE
June 3, 2020 - mail	Westmont Presbyterian Church, Johnstown	Interim Pastor Contract for Rev. Rene' Whitaker	To COM and FILE
June 3, 2020 - email	CP Anthony Marciano	Signed Acknowledgement of Receipt of Ethics Policy and current contract	To COM and FILE
June 3, 2020 - email	Rev. Donald Glunt	Signed Acknowledgement of Receipt of Ethics Policy	To FILE
June 1, 2020 - mail	Bethel Presbyterian Church, New Florence	2020 Terms of Call for CP James Sunseri	To COM and FILE
May 27, 2020 - email	United Presbyterian Church, West Newton	2020 Terms of Call for the Rev. John Manon (corrected)	To COM and FILE
May 22, 2020 - email	Presbytery of New Hope	Record of Dismissal to another Presbytery for the Rev. Colin Yuckman	To COM and FILE
May 21, 2020 - email	Rev. Brian Kilbert	3 Mandatory Clearances	To FILE

2. The list of proposed presbytery meeting dates for the 2021 calendar year approved by the Council are presented below. The following congregations and agencies have agreed to host. We are still receiving invitations for March and May.

- January 23, 2021, Saturday
- March 23, 2021, Tuesday
- May 25, 2021, Tuesday
- September 28, 2021, Tuesday
- November 20, 2021, Saturday

3. There remain a number of churches who still need to have reviewed their session minutes and church register for 2019. Two options remain to complete this prior to the November Presbytery meeting when the final report will be recorded in the Presbytery minutes.

- a. Contact your COM liaison who will make arrangements to review them. If you are unsure of contact information for that person, please contact the Presbytery office.
- b. Drop your minutes book and register by the Presbytery office for review by the Stated Clerk. You will be notified when they are reviewed, and you are able to retrieve them.

CONSENT AGENDA:

The Associate Stated Clerk of the Presbytery, Rev. Cliff Foster, presents the following Consent Agenda:

From Executive Committee

1. Following the review of the Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Stated Clerk and Associate Stated Clerk, it is **recommended** that the minutes of the Presbytery meeting of the May 19, 2020 be approved.

From the Council

1. Council **recommends** that the Financial Reports presented to the Council and the Presbytery be received and filed for audit. (See Appendix "B")
2. Council **recommends** that the Executive Presbyter, Treasurer, Mission and Pine Springs Camp reports presented to the Presbytery be received and filed.
3. Council **recommends** that the written reports of all commissions, committees, networks and task forces be received and filed.
4. Council **recommends** the adoption of the proposed 2021 Budget (See Appendix "C") for consideration by the Presbytery for a "first reading." (*This is presented for a First Reading. The Presbytery will take action at the November meeting.*)

From the Committee on Ministry

- The Committee on Ministry **recommends** that Presbytery grant the request of the Dunlap's Creek Presbyterian Church, Merrittstown for a waiver of rotation for Ruling Elder Joan Moore.
- The Committee on Ministry **recommends** the commissioning of Len Morgan (Community United Presbyterian), Jeff Smith (Tent Presbyterian) and Bill Weightman (Laurel Hill Presbyterian) during the worship service of the September 22 meeting. All of these temporary pastoral relationships were approved by the Committee on Ministry (Presbytery Manual).

From the Committee on Preparation for Ministry

From the Nominating Committee

From the Committee on Representation

MINISTRY AND MISSION REPORTS

Executive Presbyter

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

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

VISION	5/19/2020-9/22/2020	
Congregation-centered (ENGAGE)	<p>Visible presence within the Presbytery engaging with congregations--- Church Visits---</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• While in-person presence has been much more limited during this pandemic period, I have initiated and actively engaged almost all congregations through phone calls, Zoom and some in-person visits.• Visited eighteen different congregations in person for worship services or special events. Preached either in person and/or online twelve times in service of eight congregations.• Coordinated, resourced and assisted three sessions in the development and approval of commissioned pastor agreements with three congregations. Have initiated conversations with four other sessions about possible candidates for future pastoral service.• Working with three different sessions and pastors on the transitions process and the identification of a pastor nominating committee. In cases, where the pastor nominating committee has been elected, conducted orientation session with them to get started in the search process.• Consulted and coached the active PNC's (4) in the process of discerning and making call decisions. At least weekly, scanning CLC and making additional referrals. Checking in regularly with them on progress. Working through details with candidate/PNC for Jeannette with possibilities for Newlonsburg and Westmont.• Initiated through Council the Emergency Grants and Loans program for congregations struggling with finances for outreach ministries and cashflow operations through COVID-19.	
Leadership developed (EQUIP)	<p>Developing and equipping leadership within the Presbytery---</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consulted and coached on an individual level almost every pastor in the presbytery through the issues of health and safety protocols, technology expertise, session leadership, personnel and financial issues through this pandemic season with ongoing concerns.• Met with six unduplicated individuals serving in roles of pastoral	

	<p>ministry within our presbytery for the purposes of consultation on vocation, ministry strategies, vision, and skill development. Also offered pastoral concern and care for those dealing with personal matters.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worked with the Nominating Committee in order to recommend possible candidates for consideration for positions of leadership within the Presbytery for the next year. Initiated contact with a number of ruling elders in order that they might consider positions of leadership and to be able to provide a “pool” of candidates for the nominating process. • Directed, Initiated, scheduled and promoted Inter-Presbytery Leadership Formation courses and workshops available to all within Redstone and surrounding presbyteries. • Consulted with our candidates under care in their various stages of preparation, including positions and call search in one case and negotiating educational and field education choices in another while beginning preparation for ordination exams. Provided information on process to two potential inquirers for the future. • Provided pastoral care for a number of pastors encountering personal and family tragedies and uncertainties. Emergency preacher and pastor for pastors needing relief. • Follow up with all pastors in need of renewal of background clearances or signed Presbytery ethics statements. 	
<p>Collaboration-Districts/Network (ENABLE)</p>	<p>Joined and initiated contact both within and outside Redstone---</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serve on the Executive Committee of Christian Associates as well as participate in the Council of Bishops and Judicatories. Initiated and supported efforts of the Jubilee campaign and celebration of Christian Associates. • Coordination and contact person for the other Presbytery executives and standing committees making use of the Inter-Presbytery Leadership Formation Program. • Worked with anti-racism task force for the development of a statement for consideration by the leadership council of the presbytery. • Facilitate cross connections between pastors and sessions in areas of both needs and expertise or prior experiences. • Networked with other presbyteries within the Synod and across the country in order to make available the latest and best resources to negotiate the terrain of this unusual season of congregational life 	

	and ministry.				
Partnership in Mission promoted (EMPOWER)	<p>Promoted and provided leadership in our partnerships in mission---</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engaged in the Sudan/S. Sudan Partnership Network meetings in support of our own partnership with the Sudan and South Presbyterian Evangelical Churches. • Assisted the Mission Committee in identifying, providing and implementing financial support for the South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church in response to particular needs. • Extensive work with the Pine Springs Board of Directors, the Finance Committee and the Executive Director in negotiating new paths for sustainability of the ministry going forward in both a safe and viable manner. • Continue to support individual congregational activities in support of mission and mission trips. 				
Operational Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided comprehensive and historical analysis of financial revenue contributions, expenditure allocations, investment performance for greater shared ownership by the Finance and Budget committee. Developed multiple budget scenarios for their consideration and recommendation. • Oversight of the minutes and registration book reviews during a pandemic season. Personally reviewed a number of records and following up with others who have assumed individual responsibility. • Consultation with the auditors in preparation of the 2019 comprehensive financial review. Provided supporting information and data for review and decision making on designated accounts. 				
VALUES	Servant Leadership	Flourishing Community	Witness to the World	Generous and effective Stewardship	
<i>Soli Deo Gloria</i>					

Treasurer's Report

INCOME & EXPENSE REPORT

The August report represents an unaudited overview of the finances of the Redstone Presbytery, for the eighth (8) month of the budgeted operating year ending August 31, 2020.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW / INCOME

Church Commitments receipted for August totaled \$15,887. Subject to budget, it is hopeful \$29,583 is recorded as to meet the operational needs of the Presbytery. Therefore, for the month, a shortfall of income is recognized at \$13,696 in this category.

Total Income for the month also fell below monthly expectations, at \$22,225 versus \$29,583.

During this reporting period, it is hopeful income for the year is at a benchmark of 67% of budget. For the category of YTD Church Commitment Income, 57% of budget has been recognized. Total Income is recorded at 58% of budget.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW / EXPENSES

Overall expenses are at 61% of budget, which is below by 6% for the operating year. There are certain line item expenses above the benchmark of 67%; however, such expense items are related to timing matters or seasonal matters. Expenses are appropriately being managed pursuant to the budget.

EXCESS INCOME OVER EXPENSES

For the Current Period and YTD, you'll notice both categories reflect very positive Excess Income amounts (Current Period \$30,255 / YTD \$40,048). This "excess positive income" derives from a bookkeeping adjustment approved by Council, reassigning special restricted accounts to unrestricted. The total transfer amount was \$49,444.

INVESTMENTS & HOLDINGS

The Ameriprise account ending August 1st reports a positive change in value for the month totaling \$22,262 and for the year also a positive value of \$16,196. This is the first time during the 2020 operating calendar, the Presbyteries investments for the year is positive. Total account value = \$575,724

The Presbyteries other investments and holdings consisting of PILP, First Commonwealth, New Covenant, and Pine Springs total \$429,897.

Total Presbytery Investments & Assets = \$1,005,621

Respectfully Submitted,

John Dickson IV
Treasurer

Pine Springs Camp

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction and faithful in prayer. Romans 12:12

KEEP THE FIRE BURNING CAMPAIGN AN INCREDIBLE BLESSING!

We are thanking God for the fruit of the Keep the Fire Burning Campaign that has allowed us to continue to minister and provide opportunities for youth and families to encounter Christ in a vital way. Here is a summary of the campaign.

Total given	\$110,569
Church total giving	\$17,073
Total number of gifts	182

The foundation of your camping ministry is about “the extensive Pine Springs Camp Family”, those who value, love and care for Pine Springs Camp. Thank you to all who generously gave to camp during this needed time.

FALL PROGRAMMING

The Board of Directors decided to suspend all of the camp sponsored retreats for the fall with the hope of rescheduling them in the Spring of 2021. That means that we will not be running the Big One-Middle and High School Retreat, FUSION-Grades 3-6 or Women in the Woods. However, we will be having Family Campground Weekends Harvest Edition this fall. Please see flyer attached (APPENDIX “K”) at the end of the packet.

We are also developing protocols for outside groups to be able to use us for their retreat needs. Your prayers for wisdom would be appreciated as we endeavor to still be a place for the Body of Christ to experience a vital encounter with Jesus Christ.

END OF THE YEAR PLANS

We continue to evaluate our plans for the end of the year as well as our summer 2021 plans. However, I think we can safely say, unless something changes, we will have some type of summer camping program. We will plan to come up with various camp options and communicate these plans in a timely manner.

We will not be having a Friend’s Banquet at an on-site venue. However, we are exploring various options of having a virtual banquet of some type.

In addition, we will have a comprehensive and focused year end Annual fund Drive. Please be looking for details.

MISSION (CABIN) FOCUS REDSTONE HIGHLANDS

This summer, our Mission will be Redstone Highlands. During this difficult time of the pandemic our older population has suffered greatly. Redstone Highlands has many unique and specific needs as COVID-19 is still very present. \$5.00 will be given to the Redstone Highlands Benevolent Fund, for each bracelet sold. Attached to each bracelet is the card below. We will continue to sell these at various events across the Presbytery.

This Red Bracelet Helps Support
the Needs of the Elderly...

LEVITICUS 19:32

Rise in the presence of the aged, show respect for
the elderly and revere your God.



The Benevolence Fund of Redstone Highlands Community, a faith centered retirement and skilled living community will receive \$5.00 as a result of your purchase. The Benevolence Fund enables Redstone Highlands to provide quality care for their patients who have financial need. God tells us that we should care for people of all ages. There have been drastic effects from COVID-19 virus on this segment of the population. We are thankful for Redstone Highland's commitment to provide quality care to those that need it most.

NO SUMMER CAMP, NO MISSION CABIN BUT STILL A MISSION TO SUPPORT!

THE BENEVOLENT CARE FUND OF REDSTONE HIGHLANDS

Many factors lead to the need for benevolent care. People are living longer, and the chances are greater that they will outlive their financial resources. Costs of health care and general services continue to increase beyond the cost of living. Investment income may be inadequate. Gifts to this fund will help ensure that residents and their families in need will have peace of mind knowing that they will continue to receive daily living and healthcare provisions at Redstone.

THANK YOU!

Mission Network

The Rev. Debbie Braaksma is retiring after 34 years of mission service in Africa. Most recently she has served as the Africa area coordinator for Presbyterian World Mission. She said, "I continue to believe, as I always have, that the church in the US and the church in Africa deeply need one another as we seek to proclaim and demonstrate the transforming message of the Gospel that speaks to the world's thirst for Christ's salvation and justice. May God richly bless you in that work!" What wonderful words to us as we move into God's future together. She has served the church faithfully and we will miss her leadership.

Also, Lynn Kandel is retiring as Liaison to the Horn of Africa. His wife, Sharon, will continue in that role, but based in the US and traveling to Africa frequently. Sharon was very helpful in planning the virtual meeting of the Sudan/ South Sudan Mission Network meeting that was held in June.

The Sudan/ South Sudan Mission Network held its annual meeting virtually June 29 and 30. This particular year it focused on the work of our mission co-workers who are mostly sheltering in place here in the United States. 3 people from Redstone attended, at least in part.

Opening worship was led by Rev. Bob Rice, who had been teaching theology and ethics at Nile Theological Seminary in Juba, South Sudan, prior to Covid19. They have been back in the US since March 23. His wife, Kristi, serves as economic development advisor for community development projects of the South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church. They are encouraged that the church in South Sudan seeks to be a light for Christ and a voice for peace in the midst of suffering and conflict. Kristi spoke of the cultural resistance to the whole notion of forgiveness. The South Sudanese culture encourages revenge – and views forgiveness as a sign of weakness. (Frankly, that's not that different than the attitude of many folk here in the US.) They are using a holistic approach to reconciliation -- Bob and Kristi seek to empower and encourage the churches in South Sudan in living out the gospel and ministering holistically to their communities. Bob Rice has been accepted into an on-line PhD program at Stellenbosch University in South Africa. They are in regular contact with church leaders in South Sudan, offering long-distance support and encouragement.

Lynn and Sharon Kandel, sheltering in Ohio, were a part of the planning process for this annual meeting. Lynn is the regional liaison for the Horn of Africa and Sharon and Lynn together are working alongside the Presbyterian Church in South Sudan (PCOSS) doing logistical work to build and rebuild school buildings, help organize a teacher training project, and assist with reporting on a peace and reconciliation project for our South Sudanese partners.

Leisa Wagstaff helps the Presbyterian Church of South Sudan (PCOSS) strengthen its educational ministry by facilitating the repair and construction of primary schools, developing in-service teacher training programs, and nurturing community participation in education in a nation where few children attend school, especially during this time of civil war.

Jim McGill is a water, sanitation, and hygiene specialist serving in South Sudan and Niger, and is still in Africa during this Covid19 pandemic. He spoke via Zoom from South Sudan. Jim grew up in Kinshasa, Congo. His father was a physician who ran a "bush hospital." Jim is a geologist married to Jodi. 50% of the population in South Sudan and Niger lacks safe drinking water.

The Revs. Nancy and Shelvis Smith-Mather participated from Atlanta. Nancy is the project manager for the South Sudan Education and Peace-building Project SSEPP, and Shelvis is the principal of RECONCILE Peace Institute, developing peace-building curriculum for South Sudan and is also studying at the University of Oxford toward a doctorate focusing on reconciliation. They noted that bicycles are needed for travel in the refugee camps. Nancy has been writing children's books to address some of the issues facing South Sudanese.

Rev. Michael and Rachel Weller had been serving in Ethiopia until the church, Mekane Yesus, cut its ties with the Presbyterian Church, USA. They have been here in Norfolk, VA, in a time of discernment as to where God will lead them next. Rachel is a nurse who had been doing Community Health Evangelism in Gambela, Ethiopia. They had both been doing work in trauma healing. Michael taught a course at NTC, Juba, in discipleship.

Christi Boyd and her husband Jeff have served for 30 years in mission. Besides the Congo, Christi works in three other French-speaking African countries, Madagascar, Niger, and Rwanda, and one non-French-speaking country, South Sudan. She accompanies global partners as they seek to remedy the marginalization of women and children in their communities and engages with Presbyterian constituencies in the US who wish to come alongside and promote those efforts.

Debbie Braaksma, the area coordinator for the Africa office of World Mission spoke about the work that she is doing while sheltering in place in Louisville.

We also heard from Santino Odong Othol, Principal of Nile Theological College, in Juba, South Sudan via Zoom. Covid19 has forced students to move to the churches to social distance. NTC has 86 students between the diploma and Bachelor of Arts classes. South Sudan has almost 2,000 cases of Covid19, with 160 dead, and 69 who have recovered. The pandemic has tripled the inflation rate in South Sudan, placing many more people at risk of food insecurity. They are grateful for the monies that they have received from the US for food supplies and PPE materials. They most recently received funds from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and Redstone Presbytery!

Tut Kony joined us also from South Sudan and told us of the work that he is doing in discipleship training in Kampala, Uganda with a focus on reaching out to Muslims in Darfur.

Thomas Tut also joined us from South Sudan and spoke of the work he is doing, along with Tut Kony, to train new converts from Islam. These are two of the men who have had a Darfur ministry for years, formerly traveling from Khartoum, Sudan - but since the separation into two states, they now work from South Sudan.

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia

Presbyterian Women

This is taken from my August 2020 letter to PW groups:

What a year this has been! I think that in the midst of a global pandemic, we need to be reminded that God is good, and that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

I know that this time of “sheltering in place” has placed an enormous strain on all of our congregations as they have been struggling to provide worship and outreach for members and friends. Presbyterian Women have not been immune to the struggle that Covid19 has brought to us. The Coordinating Team of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Redstone has been wrestling with how to reach out to local PW groups, while honoring the need for social distancing. Our Coordinating Team has met via Zoom to try to determine a way forward. We have finally decided that we can NOT hold the Fall Gathering that we had hoped to hold on November 7.

Meanwhile, we can explore new ways to function as Presbyterian Women! Even though we can't gather in large groups in person, we can make use of this time to re-imagine ourselves and how we move forward into a new future that may be very different from “the way we always did it!” I wonder how many of your members would be interested in gatherings that either rely on Zoom, or make use of Facebook live to reach out to other women at this particular time? It would be helpful to hear from you about this, as we determine the way forward. Please feel free to call me with any suggestions!

God be with you all,

Sylvia Carlson, Moderator

ACTION AGENDA

Presbytery Council

[Links to complete copies of the Minutes of Council can be found online at www.redstone.org under the "Presbytery Council Meeting Dates" tab.]

Action Items

- The Council notes the first reading of the 2021 budget (consent) and offers the narrative section for explanation and description. Second reading and consideration of the budget will occur in the November meeting.
- The Council recommends the approval of the revisions to the Manual that we submitted for a First Reading in May and now for the Second Reading and vote. (See Appendix "D")
- The Council presents the 2020 General Assembly Commissioners for a report on the 224th General Assembly.
- The Council recommends the commitment and enrollment as a "Matthew 25" Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). (See Appendix "E")
- The Council has endorsed the "For Such a Time as This ..." statement and presents it to our congregations for consideration in both confession and action in addressing issues of racial injustice. (See Appendix "F")

Information Items

August 25, 2020 Meeting

Since the last Council meeting, the authorization of participation in the Jubilee Campaign of Christian Associates (\$1000) was approved by consent. Chairperson Laura Blank asked if there was any desire to reconsider. Hearing none, the previous action was ratified at this meeting by consent.

The minutes of the June 30, 2020 Council meeting were reviewed. It was MSP to approve the minutes of that meeting as distributed.

Reports

The Chairperson initiated reports from officers and staff.

Stated Clerk

The Stated Clerk reviewed the correspondence log and the upcoming schedule of Presbytery and Council meetings for the remainder of 2020 and for 2021. Among the items received was a request from the Council of Washington Presbytery to join together in meeting in September 2021. Appreciating the request, nonetheless, it was noted the differences in the scheduled September 2021 dates between the two presbyteries.

Consequently, it was MSP to authorize the Moderator and the Executive Presbyter to initiate discussions with their counterparts in Washington to agree to a date that would be acceptable to both presbyteries and to Pine Springs Camp (host).

The Stated Clerk reviewed the procedure for approval of Session minutes and Church Register as the result of cancellation of the various opportunities this past spring. Clerks of Session will be afforded the opportunity to meet with the COM liaison in order to have the documents reviewed or may drop them off at the Presbytery office (call first) to be read and to be notified when they might be picked up. There remain nearly two-thirds of the sessions that need to fulfill this expectation.

Executive Presbyter

Rev. Noftzger reminded everyone about our previous discussions of the Matthew 25 initiative of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. This initiative was to be the focus of the March Presbytery meeting which was cancelled. Some viewpoints were offered on various methods for getting interested parties together to learn more. There was some discussion about the wisdom of either moving forward as a presbytery in order to encourage congregational commitments or to wait for a greater number of sessions to participate to form a critical mass.

Upon conclusion of discussion, it was **MSP** for the Council to endorse and recommend to the presbytery to become a Matthew 25 presbytery.

Noting that the third possible priority of the Matthew 25 initiative commits to dismantling racism, Rev. Noftzger reminded the Council that a task force was commissioned at the last meeting to prepare a statement on behalf of the Council to address current issues of racism as a presbytery and as congregations. Offering thanks to Rev. Laura Blank, Rev. Martin Ankrum, Rev. Donna Havrisko and Rev. Ron Johnson, he called upon Rev. Blank for presentation of the statement.

Rev. Blank reminded the members that this would be a statement endorsed and made by the Council to and for our sessions, congregations and members. Various members of the task force offered their additional comments about the process, structure and wording of the statement. Some council members commended the task force for producing a statement that was important and reflected the Biblical and theological values necessary in our context. Rev. Blank made the motion to endorse the statement as a Council.

It was **MSP** to endorse the statement as distributed with one grammatical change.

Treasurer

A written treasurer's report from John Dickson based upon the July financial report (seven months) had been distributed. He commended the presbytery for significant increases in June and July in church contributions but reminded everyone that we remain behind on YTD income compared to what was planned and budgeted. Meanwhile, he also noted the careful monitoring of expenditures.

Executive Director of Pine Springs Camp

A written report from Greg Davis, Executive Director had been distributed to the members of the Council. Greg expressed his gratitude for the response to the "Keep the Fire Burning" campaign with now over 100,000 dollars raised so far. These generous gifts have made it possible to sustain staffing and other necessary costs through a season even when there was no summer camp. He also noted the success of the Family Camp (ground) weekends and though there will not be any PSC overnight retreats, there will be a number of these same Family Camp weekends offered in the fall.

September Presbytery Gathering

The proposed agenda for the September Presbytery gathering was presented and reviewed. After some discussion, it was **MSP** to approve the agenda and to authorize conducting the meeting by ZOOM, except for platform participants (if they choose).

It was **MSP** to receive the reports of the officers and staff members.

SUB COMMITTEES/NETWORKS AGENDA ITEMS

- **Staff Support Sub Committee**

Rev. Martin Ankrum reported on the completion of the staff evaluations and shared both in writing and orally on some of the feedback for the Executive Presbyter. He also mentioned some of the conversations with Rev. Noftzger and possible priorities for the future. Rev. Noftzger commented on the evaluation of Bobbie Martin and commended her to the Council for her continued good work even in the midst of the adjustments related to health and safety concerns.

- **Communications Task Force**

Rev. Noftzger noted that we would continue to solicit announcements for an upcoming announcements loop at the September meeting even though conducted by Zoom. He also solicited writers for some upcoming schedule of Enews articles. Volunteers included the following:

September 16---Donna Havrisko; September 30---Lori Bass Riley; October 21---Martin Ankrum; November 11---Chuck West

- **Missions Network**

Rev. Donna Havrisko reported for the Mission Network and referred to the written report. She rehearsed the importance and learnings from the Sudan/South Sudan Mission Network meetings. Rev. Noftzger noted that last week, with the authorization of the Mission Network, an additional \$5000 had been sent to the South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church for general and flood relief. Rev. Havrisko called the Council to consider signing on to a public letter to be sent to the Department of Homeland Security requesting an 18-month extension of the Temporary Protected Status (TPS) designation of South Sudan which is set to expire this month. It was **MSP** to endorse this letter and sign on to its submission.

- **Budget and Stewardship**

The Council had received through email both a spreadsheet and of the ongoing cash flow in the Presbytery not only for 2020, but previous years (2016-2020) for comparison. Additionally, the proposed 2021 budget had also been distributed ahead of time.

Chuck West acknowledged the depth of reports and analysis (historic revenue and expense management ratios) considered by the Finance and Budget committee in preparation of recommending this budget as well as other actions. He observed that the committee has received and is reviewing a copy of the Presbytery lease with the Maplewood church. In this period of greater remote work environments, the committee is becoming aware of what are our options moving forward in either retaining, leasing or selling the building as a current fixed asset. Considerations are only very preliminary, and no conclusions or recommendations have been even proposed. The auditors have been in the office doing the field work and reviewing data. It is anticipated that we will receive the product of their work in a full financial review by our October meeting.

Upon reviewing the nature of our “unrestricted assets” that are currently considered “designated” by previous Councils and their overlap with General Fund Temporary Restricted accounts, it was **MSP** to “undesignate” these accounts and list them only as unrestricted. Rev. Noftzger clarified that monies received either from donors with restrictions or provided for a particular purpose have and will continue to be honored.

Acknowledging the financial burden that has been placed upon Pine Springs Camp during this pandemic season, the current loan obligations had been temporarily deferred. On behalf of the Finance and Budget Committee, it was **MSP** to defer payments on that loan obligation through the rest of 2020.

In consideration of the proposed budget, Mr. West reviewed the process in which the committee had reviewed four possible budget scenarios. Working from a more conservative projection on church contributions, the first three addressed reduced revenues through reductions in either personnel, shared mission, or shared ministry priorities. The fourth budget, which was recommended by the committee, augmented such declines by increased use of reserve funds. Rev. Noftzger provided an analysis of the use of these funds in relationship both to the budget and to portfolio at that time. The projected use of these funds within the proposed budget was 5.6%. This is slightly higher than the

median over the past twenty years, but well below the “peak” periods. Mr. West also noted that if church contributions exceed the more conservative estimates, then it will reduce or eliminate the use of these funds. On behalf of the committee, he moved recommendation of the 2021 proposed budget. It was **MSP** to recommend the budget to the presbytery (1st reading-9/20; 2nd reading/vote-11/20) as submitted.

- **Addictions Ministry**

Lynn Mance reported that the network had not met since the outset of the pandemic.

- **Healing and Prayer Ministry**

Donna Havrisko reported that the program on “A Retreat Morning on Thomas Merton’s Life and Influence” have not established a make-up date yet.

- **Presbyterian Women**

No report.

It was **MSP** to receive the reports of the subcommittee, task forces and networks.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

June 30, 2020 Meeting

Report of the Stated Clerk

The Stated Clerk reviewed the nature of our cancellation of the March Presbytery meeting and the first-ever distributed meeting held in May. He noted the upcoming Presbytery meeting dates and locations and recognized that it would not be possible to hold the September meeting at Redstone Highlands, Greensburg. Rev. Noftzger solicited suggestions from the Council concerning possible locations. Rev. Ankrum volunteered the First Presbyterian Church, Greensburg because of the size of the sanctuary, but noted the meeting would not be able to held in the evening. Greg Davis offered the camp facility for an outdoor meeting in the sports pavilion. After some discussion, consensus was reached to plan for Pine Springs Camp sports pavilion or outside the Refuge with a backup plan for First Presbyterian, Greensburg. It was also mentioned that Zoom would be offered as an alternative for those unable/unwilling to attend and/or as the primary meeting place if the pandemic conditions worsened.

Previously approved meeting dates for both the Presbytery and Council during the calendar year of 2021 were presented as a reminder. The Stated Clerk noted that we will need to be soliciting possible hosts for those 2021 Presbytery dates.

The Stated Clerk reviewed the procedure for approval of Session minutes and Church Register as the result of cancellation of the various opportunities this past spring. Clerks of Session will be afforded the opportunity to meet with the COM liaison in order to have the documents reviewed or may drop them off at the Presbytery office (call first) to be read and to be notified when they might be picked up.

Executive Presbyter

Rev. Noftzger reminded everyone about our previous discussions of the Matthew 25 initiative of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. This initiative was to be the focus of the March Presbytery meeting which was

cancelled. He noted that so far, one congregation (Fort Burd) has “signed on” to pursue the priorities of the Matthew 25 initiative while others are considering it. He encouraged Council members to be promoting this option and how as a Presbytery, we might also join in this collective endeavor.

Rev. Noftzger spoke briefly about our current context where awareness of issues of racism have risen to the surface. Even when not overtly acknowledged continue to be part of our experiences even in the church. During this period of time, Rev. Noftzger has addressed in writing both pastors and congregations about our responsibility concerning these issues. Yet, he acknowledged that when he does so, his words and influence as the Executive Presbyter represents himself, so he requested that the Council be willing to craft a collective statement both on behalf of the Presbytery and to our congregations addressing the responsibility of the church regarding racism. Such a statement might declare clearly not only our lament, but our challenge and ultimately, our hope. He requested a smaller task force to work him on such a statement. Volunteers included Rev. Martin Ankrum, Rev. Donna Havrisko, and Rev. Laura Blank. Drafts of the statement will be distributed to all Council members for consensus approval prior to public dissemination.

Treasurer

A written treasurer’s report from John Dickson based upon the May financial report (five months) had been distributed. Mr. West commented on the slowdown of income receipts in the recent months. Rev. Noftzger noted that he would speak in more detail about the cash flow during the Budget and Finance report.

Executive Director of Pine Springs Camp

A written report from Greg Davis, Executive Director had been distributed to the members of the Council. Greg expressed his gratitude for the response to the “Keep the Fire Burning” campaign with over 80,000 dollars raised so far through the “week of giving.” He reviewed the decision-making process for cancelling the camp and their efforts to retain retreat groups for the fall, along with alternative programming in the summer. Members of the Council commended him and affirmed the decision to cancel the summer camp as both appropriate and wise.

SUB COMMITTEES/NETWORKS AGENDA ITEMS

- **Staff Support Sub Committee**

Rev. Martin Ankrum reported that the staff evaluations, while delayed for a few months during the pandemic, are now in process. Jack Battenhouse and Marnie Silbert are coordinating the EP/SC evaluation, while the Executive Presbyter oversees the evaluations of other staff members.

He also noted that celebration of Administrative Professionals Day has been postponed until the time when staff members feel comfortable being able to go out to a restaurant.

- **Communications Task Force**

Rev. Noftzger noted the upcoming schedule of Enews articles by the four General Assembly commissioners from the Presbytery of Redstone. At this time, he offered the “floor” to Rev. Laura Blank and Bobbi Jo Huebner for reactions and comments on their “virtual” General Assembly experience. Both shared of their experiences but acknowledged that the much of the energy and affect of a General Assembly is not able to be adequately communicated through computer screens. Rev. Blank noted that because of the learning in this GA, it may mean some possible revisions in the schedule and structure for future Assemblies.

- **Missions Network**

Rev. Donna Havrisko reported for the Mission Network and referred to the written report. Much of the last meeting was focused on issues and concerns of racism where there was an honest discussion. She also reported on the Sudan/South Sudan Mission Network meeting that took place the past two

days. While the presentations were great, of course, there is still something missing by not being able to gather in person.

- **Budget and Stewardship**

The Council had received through email both a spreadsheet and charts with graphs of the cash flow in the Presbytery not only for 2020, but previous years (2016-2020) for comparison. As evidenced in the data, cash flow can be uneven in most years, but the shortfall in the months of March, April, and May of 2020 is significant and of some concern. Rev. Noftzger identified that he had personally reached out to churches who had not offered any contributions in 2020 and addressed the concern with them. Many of them responded in June. Consequently, the amount in June is above the necessary monthly average, but not sufficient to make up for the deficits of the previous three months. The larger amount in June may also be attributable to a number of congregations paying ahead for the entire rest of the year.

- **Addictions Ministry**

Lynn Mance reported that the network had not met since the outset of the pandemic. Three videos had been completed and were in the editing process. The reporting deadline for the grant received for the program has been extended until the end of the year.

- **Healing and Prayer Ministry**

Donna Havrisko reported that the program on “A Retreat Morning on Thomas Merton’s Life and Influence” had been postponed without a makeup date established yet.

- **Presbyterian Women**

A written report was provided.

Committee on Ministry

Action Items

- **The Committee on Ministry recommends the approval of the required 2021 minimum terms of call for installed pastors and certified Christian Educators as proposed. (these are the same as 2020) (Appendix "G")**
- **The Committee on Ministry recommends the examination of Rev. Dawn Sherwood to be received into Redstone Presbytery and approval of the call to serve as pastor of the Jeannette Presbyterian Church, effective September 27. See Appendix "H" for her BIO, Appendix "I" for her Terms of Call, and Appendix "J" for her Statement of Faith.**

Information Items

June 4, August 6, and September 3 meeting dates

Report of the Stated Clerk

- >>Minutes Review
 - ~ COM Liaison follow-up - individual
 - ~ Presbytery Drop Off - call for appointment
- >> **MSP** to recommend approval of the waiver request from Dunlap's Creek Presbyterian Church for Ruling Elder, Joan Moore
- >> **MSP** to approve dismissal of Rev. Colin Yuckman and Meredith Yuckman to the New Hope Presbytery
- >> **MSP** to approve dismissal of Rev. Suzanne Currie to the Beaver-Butler Presbytery

Report of the Moderator

- >>Moderator Appointments
 - ~ Scottdale - Josh Scully
 - ~ Delmont - Cliff Foster
 - ~ Avonmore - Caroline Vickery
 - ~ Community UP - Leonard Morgan

REPORTS OF SUB-COMMITTEES

Examinations and Membership

Action Items

- >> **MSP** of the recommendation of examination of the candidate for First Presbyterian Church, Jeannette (at the next Presbytery meeting) by the Presbytery, if the way be clear.
- >> **MSP** of the recommendation of no change in the minimum terms of call for installed Pastors and Certified Christian Educators in 2021
- >> **MSP** of the approval of William Weightman eligible for consideration as possible Commissioned Pastor
- >> **MSP** of the approval of the validated ministry of Rev. Skip Noftzger as Executive Presbytery within Redstone Presbytery
- >>**MSP** the approval of the validated ministry of Rev. Lisa Dormire at Redstone Highlands within Redstone Presbytery.

Information Items

- >> Orientation of Rev. Brian Kilbert, Puckety Presbyterian Church
- >> Examination of candidates for Newlonsburg and Jeannette

Search and Call

Action Items

- >> **MSP** of the approval of agreement between Bill Weightman and the Laurel Hill Presbyterian Church to serve as the Commissioned Pastor (effective October 1) and the recommendation of commissioning at the next Presbytery meeting.
- >> **MSP** of approval of the call of the First Presbyterian Church, Jeannette to Rev. Dawn Sherwood "if the way be clear" (congregational meeting - September 13) and upon examination by the Presbytery
- >> **MSP** of the approval of agreement between Jeff Smith and the Tent Presbyterian Church to serve as the Commissioned Pastor (effective September 6). Jeff has served as a Commissioned Pastor previously at Laurel Hill Presbyterian Church
- >> **MSP** of approval of formation of Pastor Nominating Committees for both Latrobe Presbyterian Church and Union Presbyterian Church, Murrysville.
- >> **MSP** of the approval of the commission for the installation of Rev. Brian Kilbert at Puckety Presbyterian Church tentatively scheduled for June 28, 2020 with a backup date of July 26, 2020
 - ~ Connie Cauvel - RE
 - ~ Debbie Artman - RE
 - ~ Rev. Laura Blank
 - ~ Rev. Skip Noftzger
 - ~ Rev. Ken Foust
 - ~ Chuck West - Moderator

Information Items

- >> Masontown is in conversation with Eric Glisan about possible service as a Commissioned Pastor.
- >> Ongoing Conversations (phone/email) with the PNC chairs of Newlonsburg, Westmont, and Jeannette
- >> Rev. Larry Armstrong has restored his retirement date from First, Avonmore to the end of June

AP/CP Subcommittee (COM/CPM)

- >> Inter-Presbytery Leadership Formation program
 - ~ Start-up of the Introduction of the New Testament (8/22)
 - ~ Recruiting ruling elders who have shown interest and may be called to either preaching or as a commissioned pastor
 - ~ Workshop Schedule (for IPLF, current CP's, and current TE's)
 - August 22 - Preaching, Rev. Ken Foust
 - September 12 - Polity, John Rodgers, SC, Washington Presbytery
 - October 10 - Transforming Congregational Mission, Rev. Hunter Farrell, PTS
 - November 14 - Boundaries/Ethics, Michelle Snyder, Crows Feet Consulting
 - December 12 - Pastoral Care, Rev. Marnie Silbert
 - ~ Completion of the Reformed Worship and Sacraments

Care of Congregations and Congregational Leaders

- >> **MSP** to recommend to Council the Emma Johnston application from Little Redstone for \$2000 for their facility which, in turn, supports their mission.
- >> Prayers were lifted in answer to requests received
- >> Prayers were lifted for Teaching Elders and Commissioned Pastors - Sylvia Carlson, Terry Carnahan, Anthony Catullo, Carole Isley Corey, Daniel Chow, Suzanne Currie, Eugene Degitz, Lisa Dormire, Ron Durika, Jim Farrer, Cliff Foster, Ken Foust, Jim Gear, Jim Giesey, Don Glunt, Mary Kay Glunt, Pete Goetschius, Don Graff, Ed Gray, and Molly Hall.
- >> Prayers were lifted for Churches - New Hope Presbyterian Church, North Huntingdon; Patton Presbyterian Church, Revloc Presbyterian Church, Calvin United Presbyterian Church, Scottdale;

Pleasant View Presbyterian Church; Level Green Presbyterian Church, Trafford; Tent Presbyterian Church, Uniontown; Third Presbyterian Church, Uniontown; Trinity United Presbyterian Church, Uniontown; East Liberty Presbyterian Church, Vanderbilt; Sewickley Presbyterian Church, West Newton; Sewickley United Presbyterian Church, West Newton; Palmer Community Presbyterian Church, Adah; Poke Run Presbyterian Church, Apollo; First Presbyterian Church, Avonmore; First Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon; Harmony Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon; and Marion Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon.

Unfinished Business

>>Emergency Grant and Loan Program (ongoing after continue food insecurity and other program that is in jeopardy)

~ Ongoing Mission Support with Vulnerable Populations - \$1,000

~ Opportunity Ministry Support/new ministry initiatives - \$1,000

~ Emergency Cash Flow Loan (no interest/2021) - \$3,000

Action Items

- **NO ACTION ITEMS.**

Information Items

Inquirers-none at this time

Candidates – Rick Watson, Calvin, Scottdale; Cynthia Bellina, Third, Uniontown

September 1, 2020 Meeting

- I. The meeting was opened with prayer.
- II. Rev. Vickery explained changes to CLC (Church Leadership Connection), primarily that opportunities will now be searchable by smaller units instead of simply at the state level.
- III. Committee met with Candidate Cynthia Bellina for update:
 1. Cynthia shared about a medical issue that has had chronic implications throughout the spring and summer. She also discussed how her physician recommends correcting the issue.
 2. She did not complete her previous academic term, due to medical leave; she received a “Withdrawal” not an “Incomplete” on her transcript.
 3. She did register for the Bible Content Exam and plans to take in Feb. 2021.
 4. Due to illness, has had to put Supervised Practical Ministry on hold.
 5. Courses taking when she withdrew: Heb I, Church Hist. II, Caregiving I, and Spiritual Formation (one credit)
 6. Does not feel academic load was a stressor that may have contributed to illness onset.
 7. Since having to withdraw, has experienced time for more introspection and questioning state of the mission field in the near future. She confirmed she DOES still feel strong call to ministry.
 8. **MSP** - to receive the completed Form 3 from Cynthia Bellina and file.
 9. Individual members reiterated their availability for her for conversation and assistance.
- IV. Rev. Rach closed this portion of the meeting with prayer.
- V. **MSP - Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.**

Action Items

- **The Nominating Committee nominates Rev. Curtis Paul to serve as Vice Moderator, 2021 for the *Presbytery of Redstone* (any other nominations from the floor should be made at this meeting (September). This office will be elected at the November stated meeting, Manual 2.1201).**
- **The Nominating Committee nominates the following persons for the Offices/Classes indicated:**

PRESBYTERY COUNCIL:

- Chuck West, Puckety, Lower Burrell (chair) (2021)
- Rev. Martin Ankrum, First, Greensburg (2023)
- Nancy Peters, First, Jeannette (2023)
- Bobbi Jo Huebner, First, Belle Vernon (2023)
- Rev. Owar Ojulu, Ebensburg/Colver (2023)

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY:

- Glenn Hart, Harmony/Sewickley United (2023)
- Rev. Ed Gray, First, Murrysville (2023)
- Rev. Brian Kilbert, Puckety, Lower Burrell (2023)
- Rev. Wendy Keys, United, New Kensington (2023)
- Rev. Mary Kay Glunt, First, Belle Vernon (2023)
- Rev. James Gear, Trinity United, Uniontown (2023)
- Susan Keaney, Newlonsburg (2023)

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY:

- Rev. Geoff Rach, Level Green, Trafford (2023)
- Karen Kifer, West Hempfield, Irwin (2023)
- Rev. Dave McCabe, Patton/Cresson (2022)

PINE SPRINGS CAMP:

- Rev. Mary Kay Glunt, First, Belle Vernon (2023)
- Rev. Andrew Wirt, West Hempfield, Irwin (2023)

COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION

- Rev. Laura Blank, Pleasant View, Smock (2023)

Information Items

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