



Stated Meeting

of the

Presbytery of Redstone  
Presbyterian Church (USA)

November 20, 2021



Colver Presbyterian Church  
Colver, PA

OR

ONLINE (ZOOM)

**CONTACT PRESBYTERY OFFICE  
FOR MEETING ID# AND PASSWORD**

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Directions to Colver Presbyterian Church  
79 Reese Avenue, Colver, PA 15927  
814.748.7253

**From Route 22**

Route 22 East to Mundy's Corner/Nanty Glo Exit. At stop sign make a left onto 271. Go through Nanty-Glo, there will be a light then an intersection. At intersection, turn right, then a quick left onto Cardiff Road. Follow Cardiff Road to intersection of 422. At intersection, turn left onto 422 W. 0.3 miles turn right onto Reed Hall Road. At end of Reed Hall Road, turn right onto Snake Road. Flow Snake Road to stop sign. At stop sign, turn right. Church sits on the right side.

**Notes for the November 20, 2021 Presbytery Meeting!**

- Requests for any new business should be submitted to the Associate Clerk in writing (use the Chat feature in Zoom) by the close of worship.
- Communion will be part of the Presbytery worship experience. Please prepare ahead of time by having the elements (bread and juice/wine) available at your location where you are participating through Zoom.
- Presbyters are reminded to get “Prayer Requests” to the Clerk through the Chat feature 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 South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church.

**Presbytery of Redstone Gathering  
Colver Presbyterian Church, Colver, PA; November 20, 2021**

9:30 a.m.	<b>Registration and fellowship</b> <i>(new business should be submitted in writing (chat feature on zoom) to Associate Clerk by the close of worship)</i>	
10:00 a.m.	<p><b><u>Formation of the Roll</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Seating of Corresponding Members</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Introduction of Elders</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Arrangements</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Clerk(s) Reports</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Stated Clerk for Administration</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Correspondence log (page 9)</li> <li>• 2020 Minutes review (Appendix A)</li> <li>• Annual Reports (Appendix B)</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Associate Stated Clerk for Constitutional/Judicial matters</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consent Agenda (page 10)</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Treasurer's Report</u></b> (page 12)</p> <p><b><u>History of Colver Presbyterian Church</u></b></p>	<p><b>Rev. Cliff Foster</b></p> <p><b>Rev. Cliff Foster</b></p> <p><b>Rev. Skip Noftzger</b></p> <p><b>Rev. Cliff Foster</b></p> <p><b>John Dickson</b></p> <p><b>Belinda Lambie</b></p>
	<b><u>Executive Presbyter Report</u></b> (page 13-15) --Breakout rooms	<b>Rev. Skip Noftzger</b>
	<b><u>Worship</u></b>	<b>Rev. Owar Ojulu</b>
	<p><b><u>Reports</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pine Springs Camp (page 16-17)</li> <li>• Mission network (page 18) --Mission trip</li> <li>• Synod of the Trinity</li> </ul>	<p><b>Greg Davis</b></p> <p><b>Rev. Sylvia Carlson</b></p> <p><b>Dave O'Hara</b></p> <p><b>Bernice Adams</b></p> <p><b>Cliff Foster</b></p> <p><b>Susan Nesti</b></p>
	<p><b><u>Action Agenda</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Council</b> - (page 19-21) --2022 Budget --Terms of Call for Executive Presbyter</li> </ul>	<b>Chuck West</b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>--Dismissal of Boswell Administrative Commission</li> <li>--Matthew 25 initiative network</li> <li>• <b>Committee on Preparation for Ministry</b> (page 22) --AP/CP preparation</li> <li>• <b>Committee on Ministry</b> (page 23-26) --Introduction of Student Pastor Regina Schrecengost --Introduction of Rev. Doug Marshall</li> <li>• <b>Nominating Committee</b> (page 27)</li> <li>• <b>New Business</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>Rev. Geoff Rach</b></p> <p><b>Rev. Pete Goetschius</b></p> <p><b>Aleda Menchyk</b></p>
	<b><u>Announcement Loop</u></b>	
	<b><u>Benediction</u></b> <b><u>Adjournment</u></b>	

*The next stated meeting of the Presbytery of Redstone will take place on Saturday, January 22, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, Greensburg, PA.*

## GATHERING

PRELUDE

*Sarah Kirsch*

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

*Bonnie Hills*

OPENING PRAYER:

**Dear God, we invite you to be present in our midst today, because we cannot do anything except when you are with us. May we feel your presence in our worship and guide our meeting this morning. Come, Lord, fill us with your Holy Spirit and fill this place with the splendor of your glory. Accept our worship as praise and joyful offerings. Let everything we do today be channeled through your realm in the heavens. Keep us ready, alert, and dressed for action as we witness to others your gracious love. Open the gates of heaven, pour on us your blessings, and fill us with the Holy Spirit and make us ready for your service. Amen**

A Brief History of Our Church

*Belinda Lambie*

CALL TO WORSHIP: *(Responsively) Psalm. 95*

Make a joyful noise to the Lord!

**For he is our God,**

**and we are the people of his pasture,**

**and the sheep of his hand.**

Come, let us kneel before the LORD,

**let us worship and bow down before God**

**let us sing to the LORD!**

\*HYMN #643 Now Thank We All Our God

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison) CTW541B*

*Rev. Alice Tondora*

**God of transformation, you make new life where there was old, dazzling light where there were shadows, peace where there was violence, and friends where there were enemies.**

**Forgive us, O God, when we stand in the way of your transformative love.**

**Forgive us when we do not live as people who have been changed by your grace.**

**Call us to the mountain once more and send us out to be witnesses of your transformative grace. Amen**

*[silent confession]*

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON: *(responsively)*

*Romans 8:34*

Friends, the news is so good if we can sincerely believe it:

God does not hold our sin against us

but pours out abundant grace

and empowers us to share the gospel of love far and near.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, renewed, and sent!**

## THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: *Psalm 99 by Amy Loving – (in unison)*

**Mighty God, you spoke to your people in the pillar of cloud as they walked together in the wilderness. Speak to us through your Word today, that we may hear your calling us out of the wilderness places in our lives and into new places you have promised to show us. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen**

### **SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Kings 19:1-18**

Then [Elijah] was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there. But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep... Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ...Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way..."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: "WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?"

*Rev. Owar Ojulu*

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

### **A SERVICE OF COMMUNION**

*Rev. Pastor Ben Nti*

### **OFFERING**

Jesus said, "I am the Bread of life. Whoever come to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.

**HYMN #415** Come, Ye Sinners, Poor, and Needy

### **INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God! They will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at table in the kingdom of God. According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he took the bread, and blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him. This is the Lord's table. Our Savior invites those who trust him to share the feast which he has prepared.

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: The Lord be with you

**People: And also with you**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts

**People: We lift them to the Lord**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to **the** Lord our God

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right to give our thanks and praise eternal God our creator. Therefore, we praise you! Joining our voices with the choirs of heaven and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name.

Together we say.....

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and this wine from the gifts you have given us and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us. Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves that our lives may proclaim the one crucified and risen.

Pastor: Great is the mystery of faith

**People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and the blood of Christ and with all who are baptized in his name, that we may be one in ministry in every place.

#### **PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING**

O living God, for your image deep within us, for your life in all its fullness,

**People: we give thanks!**

O Jesus, for your coming to earth and calling us your friends, you sacrificed your life even death on the cross. For this

**People: we give you thanks!**

O Spirit of grace and truth, for revealing yourself in community, healing us in our brokenness and inspiring us to love one another, for this...

**People: We give you thanks!**

God, we call upon you for those who carry heavy burdens and those who are sick in body, mind and spirit . . . (silence or free prayer in which specific needs are named)

We call upon you for those we love and those who love us . . . (silence or free prayer in which specific needs are named)

We call upon you for world peace...(silence or free prayer in which specific needs are named).

In the name of Christ who taught us to pray ...**the Lord's Prayer**

*(lifting the bread and breaking it whiles saying.....)*

We give you thanks that the Lord Jesus, on the night before he died, he took bread, and after giving thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples. Saying take eat. This is my body broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

(*lifting the cup and saying...*) In the same way he took cup, saying this cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it do this in remembrance of me.

Pastor: The gifts of God for the people of God

**People: Thanks be to God**

(*In giving the bread the server will say*) **The body of Christ**

(*Response,*)

*Amen*

**The blood of Christ**

*Amen*

Pastor: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

**People: And all that is within me bless God's holy name**

Pastor: Bless the Lord O my soul

**People: And forget not all God's benefits.**

### **Prayer After Communion**

Gracious God, may we who have received this sacrament live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may show forth your gifts to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

\*HYMN # 475 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE 1 Peter 3:8-9

*Pastor David O'Hara*

Finally, all of you,

be like-minded,

be sympathetic,

love one another,

be compassionate and humble.

And may God shine his loving kindness on you

and give you peace, now and forever. **Amen**

## 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
November 10, 2021 - mail	Bethel Presbyterian Church, New Florence and Bolivar United Presbyterian Church	Combined 2022 CP agreement with CP James Sunseri	To COM and FILE
November 8, 2021 - email	Little Redstone Presbyterian Church, Fayette City	Updated Sexual Misconduct Policy and Child Protection Policy	To FILE
November 8, 2021 - mail	Rev. Cliff Foster	Practicums for Tammy Noss	To CPM and FILE
November 8, 2021 - mail	Marion Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon	2022 Terms of Call for CP Robert Prinkey	To COM and FILE
November 1, 2021 - hand delivered	Rev. Skip Nofztger	Annual Report Other Ministers on the Roll of Presbytery for 2021	To COM and FILE
October 26, 2021 - mail	Sewickley Presbyterian Church, West Newton	2022 Contract and 2022 Terms of Call for CP Karen Kifer	To COM and FILE
October 25, 2021 - mail	Harmony Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon	2022 Terms of Call for CP Glenn Hart	To COM and FILE
October 13, 2021 - mail	The Chow Family	Letter Requesting Prayers for the Rev. Daniel Chow for recent health issues	To PRAYER GROUP and FILE
October 13, 2021 - mail	Insurance Board	Letter Regarding Possible Increase in Premium for 2022	To COUNCIL and FILE
October 13, 2021 - mail	Marion Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon	Change of 2021 Contract for CP Robert Prinkey	To COM and FILE
October 6, 2021 - mail	Dunlap's Creek Presbyterian Church, Merrittstown	Request of Waiver from Rotation for Ruling Elder Marlene Novak	To COM and FILE
September 30, 2021 - email	PCUSA	Requesting potential nominees for the vacancy on the Advisory Committee on the Constitution, Class of 2026	To FILE
September 29, 2021 - mail	New Life Worship Center, Jennerstown	Signed Sales Agreement for Covenant church, Boswell	To COUNCIL and FILE

September 27, 2021 – email	Rev. James Gear	Letter regarding resignation from COM, request to be replaced as Moderator for Mt. Washington and Fairchance Presbyterian churches, and permission to start an Evangelism/Church Growth Task Force in Redstone	TO COM and FILE
September 23, 2021 – hand delivered	Rev. Ben Nti	2 of 3 Mandatory Clearances	To FILE

2. The Stated Clerk presents the 2022 Presbytery gathering dates and locations as approved by Council.
  - a. January 29, 2022, Saturday – 1:00 p.m.; First Presbyterian Church, Greensburg
  - b. March 22, 2022, Tuesday – 6:00 p.m.; Location TBD
  - c. May 24, 2022, Tuesday – 6:00 p.m.; Location TBD
  - d. September 27, 2022, Tuesday – 6:00 p.m.; Location TBD
  - e. November 19, 2022, Saturday – 9:00 a.m.; Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church
3. Review of the 2020 Session minutes and Church Registers has been completed and submitted to the COM (Appendix A). The minutes and the church registers of the following congregations were not reviewed: Brownsville, Calvin; Brownsville, Hopewell; Dawson, Tyrone; Fayette City, Little Redstone; Jeannette, First; Leisenring; Merrittstown, Dunlap’s Creek; Scottdale, Calvin; Uniontown, Third; and West Newton, United.
4. Annual statistical reporting is now open and available for Clerks of Session. Packets are available at the Presbytery website and a handout on the online reporting is in the packet (Appendix B).

**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 September 21, 2021 be approved.

**From the Council**

1. The Council **recommends** that the Financial Reports presented to the Council be received and filed for audit. (See Appendix C)
2. The Council **recommends** that the Executive Presbyter, Treasurer, Mission, Pine Springs Camp and Synod commissioner reports presented to the Presbytery be received and filed.
3. The Council **recommends** that the written reports of all committees, networks and task forces be received and filed.

**From the Committee on Ministry**

1. The Committee on Ministry **recommends** that Presbytery grant the request of the Dunlap’s Creek Presbyterian Church of Merrittstown for Ruling Elder Marlene Novak (2024).

**From the Covenant Boswell Administrative Commission**

1. The Covenant Boswell Administrative Commission **recommends** that its written report submitted in this packet be received and filed.

**From the Sewickley Presbyterian Church Administrative Commission**

1. The Sewickley Presbyterian Church Administrative Commission **recommends** the report of their meeting as submitted in this packet be received and filed.

## Treasurer's Report

### INCOME & EXPENSE REPORT

This report provides an unaudited overview of the Redstone Presbytery finances for the period ending October 2021, which is the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) operating month of the budget.

### FINACIAL OVERVIEW/INCOME

Church Commitments receipted for the month, have met/exceeded the revenue goal for the month (goal \$27,083 / receipted 27,455). Church Commitment revenue YTD is at 77% of budget or -\$20,593 short of goal expectation at \$270,833. For the period ending October, the revenue percentage goal is 83%.

Total Income for the month exceeded the goal for the month (goal \$36,000 / receipted \$48,925). This is a result of recognizing \$16,261 of Miscellaneous Income, nominal Interest Income, and accounting for funds released that were Temporarily Restricted. YTD Total Income is reported at 74% of budget and represents an income shortfall of -\$40,083 for the period.

### FINANCIAL OVERVIEW/EXPENSES & EXCESS INCOME OVER EXPENSES

Expenses in total for this period reflect the Presbytery is operating within the budget percentage parameters (83%) set forth in the budget. For the month of October, there are a few categories / line-item cost that exceed the budgeted expense goal percentage, however such matters are timing issues during the operating year. Monthly expenses exceeded budget by \$4,104.

For month end revenue exceeded income totaling \$9,522, and YTD expenses are greater than income at -\$26,350.

### INVESTMENTS & HOLDINGS

The Ameriprise account ending October 31<sup>st</sup> reflects a positive change in value for the month totaling \$26,463 and YTD, the accumulated value for the year is positive at \$63,485. Total ending value of the Ameriprise account = \$690,485.

Other funds and investment holdings, as reflected on the Balance Sheet for October (First Commonwealth- PILP- New Covenant- Petty Cash) total \$465,127

Total Investments & Holdings = \$1,155,613

Respectfully Submitted,

John Dickson IV

**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	9/21/2021-11/20/2021	
<b>Congregation-centered (ENGAGE)</b>	<p><b>Visible presence within the Presbytery engaging with congregations---</b></p> <p><b>Church Visits---</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Visited seven unduplicated congregations in worship, special services, historic anniversaries or pastor celebrations since the last presbytery meeting. Served as part-time interim pastor, including pastoral care, worship and session leadership. Preached at twelve worship services.</li><li>• Attended or moderated five session or session committee meetings, including those have begun a pastoral transition. Moderated two congregational meeting.</li><li>• Consulted on the preparation of an installation commission and worship service. Preached the sermon for the service.</li><li>• Continue to work with different sessions who are in need of possible interim pastor candidates as well as those considering non-traditional pastoral options, as they negotiate their way through various pastoral transitions.</li><li>• Maintained support for all of the PNC committees both those who are transitioning into installed pastoral leadership and those who continue in the search process. Actively engaged both in referring candidates and recruiting new options for the pool. Assist in conducting reference checks, arranging examinations and set up neutral pulpits. Face to Face orientation/training and consultation with two of them.</li><li>• Consulted with various sessions on technical issues and concerns ranging from financial operations to personnel issues to building concerns.</li><li>• Through written communications in Enews articles and Pastoral letters, provide regular guidance and thoughtful reflection for pastors and presbyters about important issues within the Church at this time.</li></ul>	
<b>Leadership developed (EQUIP)</b>	<p><b>Developing and equipping leadership within the Presbytery---</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Met individually and consulted with pastors in-person conferences, as well as numerous phone calls in order to review pastoral concerns, offer advice and counsel on future ministry plans and issues.</li><li>• Facilitated the development of an opportunity for a student pastor to serve</li></ul>	

	<p>one of our congregations without pastoral leadership. Organized and preached for a commissioning service for a student pastor relationship.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scheduled and recruited workshop leaders and course faculty for the Inter-Presbytery Leadership Formation program. Consult with current faculty/facilitators on educational and technical issues. Assigned supervisors for practicum experiences among Redstone students.</li> <li>• Continuing education and development of coaching skills through engagement in International Coaching Federation authorized training.</li> <li>• Initiated contact with all inquirers and candidates under the “care” of the Presbytery. Researched, identified and recommended an alternative for ministry assessment for candidates.</li> <li>• Served as a resource both by phone and in person for several candidates outside and within our Presbytery who are interested in being considered for open pastoral positions.</li> <li>• Assisted the Nominating Committee by soliciting possible ruling elders and teaching elders from our congregations in order to identify leadership for possible Presbytery service in the remaining 2022 slots.</li> <li>• Worked with the AP/CP subcommittee and the chairs of CPM and COM on the transition of those responsibilities being returned to the standing committees.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Collaboration-Districts/Network (ENABLE)</b></p>	<p><b>Joined and initiated contact both within and outside Redstone---</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Networked with a group of Executive Presbyter colleagues with the new President of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Initiated and facilitated a follow up meeting connecting the Rev. Dr. Asa Lee with the current executive of the Coalition for Christian Outreach.</li> <li>• Provided leadership, instruction and coordination of the Inter-Presbytery Leadership Formation program both for the cohort and continuing education workshops for those currently serving.</li> <li>• Participated in the Assembly of the Synod of the Trinity and coordinated the Redstone contributions to recognition of the outgoing Synod Executive.</li> <li>• Active engagement with other presbytery leaders within the Synod and outside both through executive gatherings and individual consultations. Participated in continuing education events with author Susan Beaumont.</li> <li>• Continue to serve as the President of Christian Associates through agenda preparation and conduct, executive resourcing and evaluation and financial review.</li> <li>• Attended and participated in the installation service of the new Episcopal bishop in Pittsburgh and the inauguration of the new President of</li> </ul>	

	<b>Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.</b>				
<b>Partnership in Mission promoted (EMPOWER)</b>	<p><b>Promoted and provided leadership in our partnerships in mission---</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Provided leadership for the commissioning service of the Redstone mission trip team being sent out to serve.</b></li> <li>• <b>Participated in the board of Redstone Senior Care through regular meetings and with particular engagement within the Strategy committee.</b></li> <li>• <b>Engagement and communication with our ongoing South Sudanese partnership (SSPEC).</b></li> <li>• <b>Continue to work with the finance committee within the board of Pine Springs Camp. Active engagement in assisting the camp in adapting to the financial realities of year without summer camp. Participate in the "Thriving Board" initiative for the camp providing leadership in preparation of documents and policies on board and executive roles.</b></li> </ul>				
<b>Operational Support</b>	<p><b>Maintained and strengthened organization infrastructure and ensuring ethical integrity and sustainable financial practices.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Continued communication and contact with Treasurers and Session concerning the financial needs and support of the ministry of the Presbytery.</b></li> <li>• <b>Monitored the performance of resources invested by the Presbytery in two primary sources of financial asset management.</b></li> <li>• <b>Consulted with attorney on the preparation of the sales agreement for the Boswell property. Coordinated the removal of remaining items of value from the facility and arranged for the closing on the sale of the building.</b></li> <li>• <b>Initiated with the Finance and Stewardship committee the study and consideration of possible future uses of the Presbytery center.</b></li> </ul>				
<b>VALUES</b>	<b>Servant Leadership</b>	<b>Flourishing Community</b>	<b>Witness to the World</b>	<b>Generous and effective Stewardship</b>	
<i>Soli Deo Gloria</i>					

## Pine Springs Camp

### THE FRIENDS DINNER IS BACK!



As of now, we feel like it is safe to meet in person for our Annual Friends Dinner. Although there will be safety precautions recommended by St. Vincent College, we are making plans to gather again in celebration of the ministry of Pine Springs Camp. Invitations have been sent and as always, we would appreciate Table Sponsorships from churches and individuals. The cost for a Table Sponsorship is \$450 for a table of 8 and \$60 for individuals.

This year's theme is *A History to Treasure and Future to Celebrate*. We are excited to focus on the incredible history of camp and how it was formed, shaped and molded by God using Churches and individuals since its humble beginnings in the early 1900's. This is just like today, where many have valued the Pine Springs Camp and continue to invest in our mission of outreach. And that is something to treasure and celebrate!

If interested in attending, sponsoring a table, purchasing individual ticket (\$60 per person) or providing an item for our Silent Auction please contact Greg Davis, Executive Director through email [greg@pinesprings.org](mailto:greg@pinesprings.org) or calling the office at 814-629-9834.

Come Treasure the History and Celebrate the Future of Pine Springs Camp.

All proceeds help the General Fund of Pine Springs Camp.

### PSC RETREAT PROGRAMMING

#### OUR FALL RETREATS

We have had to cancel both our Fusion, Grades 4-6, and Women in the Woods Retreat this fall. We changed our BIG One to a one-day event to held on Saturday, October 23. These retreats are an important part of our ministry as it enables us to provide year-round opportunities to invest in the spiritual development of our campers and assists churches in their ministry as well. We are hoping again to run several Spring Retreats but as always, we will monitor, assess, and alter these events as needed. But mark your calendars now for these Spring Retreat opportunities.

#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE PSC SPONSORED SPRING RETREATS



**Winterfest-January 22 (Tentative)**

**Remix-Middle & High School Retreat-February 11-13**

**Women In the Woods- April 1-3**

**Fusion- 4<sup>TH</sup>, 5<sup>TH</sup> AND 6<sup>TH</sup> Grade Campers-April 30-May 1**

**Catalyst-Backpacking Trip- TBA**

### **3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL SPORTING CLAY EVENT**

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual sporting clay event was held at the beautiful 7-Springs venue. The event has been a great addition to our Fundraising Event Annual Program, and this generated over \$5,000 to help our general operating budget. A great time was had by all, and we hope that this event continues to grow.

There were 10 foursomes this year, the most ever and many sponsors that contributed to a successful outcome.

A special thank you to Ryan Hauser for his efforts in making this event a great success.



### **SUMMER CAMP 2022 - LET'S START NOW!**

Our 2022 Camp Schedule has been set. We will be promoting and advertising it very shortly and our 2022 Summer Camp Brochure will be out hopefully before Christmas. So that means it is not too early to start thinking about and telling others about our summer camping program.

We are starting to plan our recruiting visits so please contact either Greg or Mike concerning coming to your church, home, or school.

And don't forget we have scholarship money available to help every family or church who desires to get kids to camp!



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR PINE SPRINGS CAMP!**

## **Mission Committee**

Thank you to all of the congregations that participated in the Mission Fair at the September meeting of Redstone Presbytery at Pine Springs Camp. We learned so much about what you are all doing in terms of mission outreach in your communities and beyond. Presbyters were able to discover new opportunities, and to value the work that they are doing in their own communities.

The Redstone Mission Committee has changed their meeting time and day to the Second Thursday of each month at 11 a.m. via Zoom for the foreseeable future.

We continue to partner with the Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church and the South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church as well as Nile Theological College in Khartoum, Sudan and Juba, South Sudan. The General Assembly of the SSPEC denomination had to be postponed to spring. Please pray for our partner Presbyterians as they wrestle with a military coup in Sudan and the ongoing effects of the civil war in South Sudan, as well as Covid 19.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sylvia Carlson, Chair

## **Presbyterian Women**

The Fall Gathering of Presbyterian Women was held on Saturday, November 6 at First Presbyterian Church in Greensburg. The 2021-2022 Horizons Bible Study, *What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus* by Merryl Blair was featured in a presentation by Rev. Donna Havrisko. Donna was awarded with an Honorary Life Membership in Presbyterian Women in thankfulness for 20 years of presenting the Horizons Bible Study at the Fall Gathering.

Mission was featured also at the Gathering. Kathy Haluska presented the Synod PW Mission Project to help to provide transportation for the pastor who visits prisoners in a number of prisons in Malawi. He really would benefit from the use of a vehicle. Phyllis Frye spoke about the mission of Root International, a prior Synod Mission Project. Members of the Redstone Mission Team have made trips to Mercer to help the Root International staff with their ongoing work providing aid to people in Texas, Mexico, and Arizona. Attendees learned about the various PW mission opportunities through regular offerings, such as the Thank Offering, the Birthday Offering, and the Least Coin Offering. It is remarkable what can be accomplished by combining thousands of small gifts. Attendees also had an opportunity to share what their own PW groups are doing with regard to mission.

Information about Redstone Presbyterian Women can be found on the Redstone Presbytery website.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sylvia Carlson, Moderator

## ACTION AGENDA

### Presbytery Council

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

#### Action Items

- The Council recommends the approval of the proposed 2022 Budget for the Presbytery of Redstone. (Appendix D) (This budget was submitted for a first reading in September with a second reading and vote in this November meeting.)
- The Council recommends the approval of the 2022 Terms of Call (see below) for the Executive Presbyter.  
Salary – 55,390; Housing---15,000; Deferred Compensation (403B) ---11,877  
Pensions (medical, retirement, death/disability) ---19,500; Vacation---5 weeks  
Study Leave---2 weeks/1,500; Professional expenses- 1,825; Travel-4,750 (all included in the 2022 budget)
- The Council recommends the dismissal of the Boswell Administrative Commission with gratitude for their work.

#### Information Items

##### October 26, 2021 Meeting

Chuck West, Moderator called the meeting to order by videoconferencing (Zoom). The Council was led in a short devotional and an opening prayer. Moderator West requested that the agenda as submitted be considered. That agenda was approved **by consent**. Moderator West solicited whether there were any additions or revisions to the minutes of the August meeting which had been submitted by email. It was **MSP** to approve the minutes as corrected.

##### Moderator Report

There were no items approved by consent since the last meeting.

##### Stated Clerk Report

Rev. Noftzger noted that the most recent correspondence log was provided through our new system of providing access to the Dropbox meeting folder. He inquired whether this has worked better in both access and timely documents to the Council.

Reviewing the upcoming Presbytery schedule and Council schedule, Rev. Noftzger led a discussion on options for the January 2022 Council meeting. It was discussed and agreed that meeting would be a more "extended" meeting beginning with dinner together at the Maplewood Presbyterian Church.

In a review of the list of dates for the 2022 Presbytery meetings, hosts have been identified for January and November. March, May and September hosts are being solicited.

1. 2022 Presbytery meeting dates
  - i. January 29, 2022
  - ii. March 22, 2022
  - iii. May 24, 2022
  - iv. September 27, 2022
  - v. November 19, 2022

2. The 2022 dates for Council meetings:

January 11  
February 22  
April 26  
June 28  
August 23  
October 25  
December 6

**Treasurer Report**

Treasurer John Dickson had submitted a written report which was reviewed by the Council. Mr. Dickson offered insight on the levels of giving in June and July which remain behind our desirable targets for annual cash flow in contributions.

**Pine Springs Camp**

Greg Davis provided a summary report of the summer camping season and the revisions in fall retreat. He noted that plans have been put in place to have the “Friends” dinner again this year. It will be held at the Rogers Center at St. Vincent College.

**Boswell Administrative Commission**

Belinda Lambie reported that the administrative commission, with the approval of the sale of the property, had consulted with an attorney in preparation of the sales agreement to include the expectation previously identified. That sales agreement was signed on September 21. The purchaser worked with their attorney in completing a title search. The Presbytery provided additional documentation on succession. The closing is scheduled for tomorrow (October 27). She noted this concludes the work of the Commission. Moderator West thanked the group for their efforts. It was **MSP** to recommend dissolution of the commission to the Presbytery and to dismiss them with our gratitude.

**Subcommittees/Networks**

**Communications**

Additional Enews article authors were solicited. Rev. Curtis Paul and Belinda Lambie volunteered to write articles.

**Mission Committee**

A written report was received. Executive Presbyter Skip Noftzger solicited feedback and reviewed the success of the mission fair as part of the September Presbytery meeting. It was agreed to continue to offer this networking opportunity annually. The Presbytery offering designated for Ethiopian relief was reviewed.

**Finance and Stewardship**

Chuck West reminded Council members that the 2022 budget would be presented for second reading and vote at the November Presbytery meeting. Rev. Noftzger suggested that, if possible, it might be a good idea to put together a video presentation of the budget request. Volunteers were solicited.

The Council reviewed the 2022 terms of call for the Executive Presbyter. Rev. Noftzger suggested that, though this was typically added as a “consent” agenda item in the Presbytery meeting (is also included in the budget proposal), because the terms reflected a significant raise, it would be better for it to be an action item agenda. In that way, any Presbytery consideration could include deliberation and debate. It was **MSP** to recommend the 2022 terms of call and to submit to the Presbytery within the Council action agenda.

Members of Council were solicited for feedback on their particular follow up with sessions on their possible 2022 First Fruits contributions.

Chuck West acknowledged that the Finance and Stewardship subcommittee would begin reviewing multiple options with advantages and disadvantages for long-term use of the Presbytery center building. Upon review and analysis of available options, any recommendations would be presented to the Council.

### **Addictions Ministry Network**

Lynn Mance reported that there was nothing new to report.

### **Racial Justice and Reconciliation Network**

Brenda Barnes noted that they have finally agreed upon a regular meeting date/time.

### **Healing and Prayer Ministry Network**

There was no report.

### **Staff Support**

It was noted Rev. Marnie Silbert, longtime member of the Presbytery and the Staff Support subcommittee has not only moved to Massachusetts but has requested transfer to the Northern New England Presbytery. With her departure, members were solicited for possible participation in the Staff Support subcommittee. Bobbi Jo Huebner volunteered and was affirmed as a new member of this subcommittee.

### **Presbyterian Women**

Susan Nesti noted current PW activity in the Presbytery and the upcoming Synod PW meeting that will take place at Antiochian Village in September.

### **Executive Presbyter**

Rev. Noftzger provided updates on various transitions and pastoral searches that are ongoing within Redstone Presbytery. Having noted Rev. Silbert's departure, he also acknowledged that there are others who will be soon leaving their current position.

Having returned from an Executive Presbyter gathering with consultant and author Susan Beaumont, Rev. Noftzger shared some insights on "how to lead when you don't know where you are going." The type of leadership required in our current era (not just during a pandemic) demands of us that we are willing to move forward in times of ambiguity and unpredictability. While there is much that is/will be unknown, we do know that God will be with us.

Rev. Noftzger presented the working agenda for the November Presbytery gathering. After consideration, it was **MSP** to approve the agenda as submitted with the possibility of any necessary re-ordering of items.

## Committee on Preparation for Ministry

### Action Items

- **The Committee on Preparation for Ministry reports on the assumption of responsibilities of the Authorized Preachers/Commissioned Pastors subcommittee.**

### Information Items

#### October 5, 2021 Meeting

- I. Opening prayer by Chairperson Rev. Geoff Rach.
- II. **MSP – Sept. 7, 2021 minutes were approved as presented**
- III. Meet with Inquirer James Vlosich:
  - James has been working at Trinity Church in Uniontown for over three years, primarily as “Discipleship Coordinator” but also shadowing the pastor in multiple other ways
  - He became an Inquirer in Feb. 2021
  - He is in his 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of studies at Fuller Seminary, with all classes being offered online
  - His focus has been on mission recently, both with classes and activities outside of Seminary; he has been volunteering at West End Community Center (includes food bank and childcare)
  - James is currently serving on Session at the church where he is employed; he and his wife also have their membership at Trinity
  - James inquired about the role CPM will play in assisting him in the near future; committee members explained Field Ed (and its requirements) and CPE placement, as well as the ordination track in general
  - Dawn closed this section with prayer for James and his discernment process
- IV. **MSP – CPM approved the use of the Leaderwise Assessment tool for Inquirers** (Pittsburgh Pastoral Institute is not currently offering assessments, so this will serve as the alternative)

## Committee on Ministry

### Action Items

- The Committee on Ministry wants to introduce Regina Schrecengost who has been approved to serve on an annual contract as a student pastor for the Grace Chapel Presbyterian Church, Smithfield.
- The Committee on Ministry wants to (re)introduce Rev. Doug Marshall who has returned to Redstone Presbytery and has begun service as Interim Pastor at Grace Community Presbyterian Church, Lower Burrell.

### Information Items

November 4, 2021 Meeting

#### Approval of Minutes

It was MSP to approve the minutes of October 7, 2021 as corrected.

#### Report of the Stated Clerk

The Stated Clerk updated the committee on the following items:

- Correspondence Log (Email Attachment)
- Final report on Minutes/Register review.
- MSP recommendation of the request from the Dunlap's Creek Presbyterian Church for waiver of term limits for Marlene Novak as Ruling Elder.

#### Report of the Moderator

- Rev. Lee McDermott to moderate Fairchance, First Presbyterian Church.

### REPORTS OF SUBCOMMITTEES

#### Examinations and Membership

- Information Items
  - Examination of Regina Schrecengost.
- Action Items
  - MSP approval of validated ministry of Rev. Brenda Barnes to serve as chaplain at Redstone Highlands North Huntingdon campus.

#### Search and Call

- Information Items
- Transition Chart (Email Attachment)
- Having completed a survey and workshop, the PNC from McClellandtown is working on the MIF preparation.
- Transitional Pastor search committee for First, Presbyterian, Irwin is interviewing possible interim candidate(s).
- Action Items
- MSP approval of the revision in contract between Robert Prinkey and Marion Presbyterian Church in service as Commissioned Pastor
- MSP authorization of the Search and Call Committee to approve a Ministry Information Form from the McClellandtown Presbyterian Church anticipated to be submitted in December.

- **MSP** authorization of the Search and Call Committee to approve a possible Interim Pastor agreement for the First Presbyterian Church, Irwin.

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

- Intro to Reformed Theology.
- Fall Workshops
  - 11/13---Diseases of Despair; Michele Snyder; Crows Feet Consulting
  - 12/11---More than a Rule Book; Faith Foundations of Presbyterian Polity; Skip Noftzger, EP and Stated Clerk, Redstone Presbytery
- Transition of AP/CP subcommittee responsibilities to the Committee on Preparation for Ministry and the Committee on Ministry. Meeting on Wednesday, November 3

**Care of Congregations and Congregational Leaders**

- Sewickley Administrative Commission Report
- LIAISON REMINDERS
- Prayers were lifted in answer to requests that had been received for:
  - Praises to churches holding and planning special services such as St Andrew Day celebrating Scottish traditions, Pastor Appreciation, All Saints Day, and Christ the King Sunday on November 21.
  - Prayers for members in poor health, those who have had surgery, aging congregations, members and family combatting illness, the newly diagnosed, those with advanced cancer, and babies born early.
  - Prayers for those grieving lost loved ones, for special seminars to help those grieving through the holidays, and for Blue Christmas services.
  - Prayers to discern how to involve more community in life of church and for engaging more volunteers.
  - Praises for “warm hugs” prepared lunches for homebound members, harvest home with food collection, crop walks, and congregations serving Thanksgiving dinners plated or take out.
  - Praises for a coffee house before service, work completed on roof, for continuing to grow Sunday services, Festival of the Nativity December 3-5, 2021, Christmas Shoeboxes, and feeling strong about the upcoming holidays. Prayers for congregations as they look forward and prepare for Christmas Eve and safely managing larger groups for holidays.
  - Prayers for those with pulpit supply to call a Pastor and feel like church again with a sense of mission and direction, for those feeling frustrated in seeking a candidate, and praises for Pastors who have been at their churches for a year.
- The following Teaching Elders and Commissioned Pastors were prayed for during this time: Becky Maiman, John Manon, Anthony Marciano, Gail Mason, Bruce Maxwell, Dave McCabe, John McClure, Lee McDermott, David McElroy, Aleda Menchyk.
- The following churches were prayed for during this time: Congruity Presbyterian Church, New Alexandria; Bethel Presbyterian Church, New Florence; Trinity Presbyterian Church, New Florence; United Presbyterian Church, New Kensington; New Salem Presbyterian Church; New Hope Presbyterian Church, North Huntingdon; Patton Presbyterian Church; Revloc Presbyterian Church; Calvin United Presbyterian Church, Scottdale; Grace Chapel Presbyterian Church, Smithfield.

**New Business**

It was **MSP** to cancel the December 2, 2021 Committee on Ministry meeting.

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**October 7, 2021 Meeting**

**Approval of Minutes**

It was **MSP** to approve the minutes of September 2, 2021.

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

The Stated Clerk updated the committee on the following items:

- Correspondence Log (Email Attachment)
- **MSP** to accept the resignation of Rev. Jim Gear from the Committee on Ministry.
- **MSP** to dismiss Rev. Caroline Vickery to the Presbytery of Carlisle.
- **MSP** to dismiss Rev. Marnie Silbert to the Presbytery of Northern New England.
- **MSP** to approve Rev. Paul Milz for ministry within the bounds of the Presbytery of Redstone on a limited basis. Rev. Milz is Honorably Retired from Hudson River Presbytery.

### **Report of the Moderator**

- Moderator appointment for Mt. Washington Presbyterian Church, Farmington - Josh Scully.
- Looking for a moderator appointment for First Presbyterian Church, Fairchance.

## **REPORTS OF SUBCOMMITTEES**

### **Examinations and Membership**

- Information Items
  - Examination of Regina Schrecengost.
- Action Items
  - None.

### **Search and Call**

Information Items

- Transition Chart (Email Attachment)
- Having completed a survey and workshop, the PNC from McClellandtown is working on the MIF preparation.
- Transitional Pastor search committee for First, Presbyterian, Irwin is interviewing possible interim candidate(s).
- Commissioning service of Regina Schrecengost (Student Pastor) at Grace Chapel, Smithfield, PA on October 24<sup>th</sup> with Rev. Skip Noftzger and Rev. Molly Hall.

Action Items

- **MSP** approval of Student Pastor agreement between Regina Schrecengost (Candidate, Kiski Presbytery) and Grace Chapel, Smithfield, PA.

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

- Intro to Reformed Theology.
- Fall Workshops
  - 10/9---American "Holy" Days—How to Think Theologically about Secular Culture; James Calvin Davis; Professor Religion and Liberal Arts, Middlebury College; author of American Liturgy: Finding Theological Meaning in the Holy Days of U.S. Culture
  - 11/13---Diseases of Despair; Michele Snyder; Crows Feet Consulting
  - 12/11---More than a Rule Book; Faith Foundations of Presbyterian Polity; Skip Noftzger, EP and Stated Clerk, Redstone Presbytery

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

- Sewickley Administrative Commission Report
- LIAISON REMINDERS

- Covid Guidelines
- BOP Employer agreements
- Continuing education for pastors
- Fall activities
- Prayers were lifted in answer to requests that had been received for:
  - Prayers and praises for those starting new callings and for baptisms.
  - Praises for fall activities including Trunk or Treat, youth costume party, and bonfires.
  - Prayers for those serving on judiciary committees.
  - Praises for Bible studies, Deacon programs, adult Sunday School, youth programs, special Scottish service, and plans for a first responder service.
  - Praises for Soup for the Soul, those collecting clothes for school students, little library, hygiene kits, Angel trees, and food pantries.
  - Prayers for Pastors during Pastor Appreciation Month and all year, for volunteers, and for Deacons and Elders that have accepted the call from Nominating Committees.
  - Prayers and praises to Sewickley United for planning its 250th anniversary in 2022.
  - Prayers and praises to Trinity for celebrating 125 years in its current facility with dinner and organ concert.
  - Prayers for those with cancer, those moving away, and those affected by COVID.
  - Prayers for those grieving the loss of a loved one.
- The following Teaching Elders and Commissioned Pastors were prayed for during this time:  
Karen Kifer, Brian Kilbert, Bill King, Dick Klein, Steve LaSor, Jay Lewis, Kent Lighthall, Carlisle Lloyd, Dennis Macaleer, Chuck MacPherson, Josh Scully.
- The following churches were prayed for during this time:  
Grace Community Presbyterian Church, Lower Burrell; Puckety Presbyterian Church, Lower Burrell; First Presbyterian Church, Masontown; McClellandtown Presbyterian Church; Dunlap's Creek Presbyterian Church, Merrittstown; Reunion Presbyterian Church, Mt. Pleasant; First Presbyterian Church, Murrysville; Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church, Murrysville; Union Presbyterian Church, Murrysville; Community United Presbyterian Church, New Alexandria.

### **Executive Presbyter Report**

From Ezra 3:10-13, we learned that in the process of rebuilding the temple *many of the older priests and Levites and family heads, who had seen the former temple, wept aloud when they saw the foundation of this temple being laid, while many others shouted for joy. No one could distinguish the sound of the shouts of joy from the sound of weeping, because the people made so much noise. And the sound was heard far away.* As a Committee on Ministry member, when we are in contact with the congregations, it is an opportunity to hear their stories. Sometimes it is stories of how the present is not like the past or it may be stories of hope and of the future. Therefore, their shouts of joy may comingle with shouts of disappointment. As liaisons we do more than check in, we are sent out to listen to the stories of how the people of our congregations are doing and what God is doing in their lives.

## Nominating Committee

### Action Items

- The Nominating Committee nominates Rev. Dawn Sherwood (Jeannette) to be the Vice Moderator of the Presbytery of Redstone in 2022.
- The Nominating Committee nominates the following persons for the Offices/Classes indicated:

#### COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

- Rev. Bill Youmans; Westminster (2023)
- Rev. Lee McDermott; HR (2024)

#### PINE SPRINGS CAMP BOARD

- Mallie Stephens; Westmont (2024)

#### PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION

- Rev. Susan Blank, Validated Ministry (Term Expires 2027)

### 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.

## **REPORT OF THE COVENANT BOSWELL ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION**

Upon completing all other matters, the Boswell Administrative Commission has diligently pursued the future of the property in Boswell, Pennsylvania over a period of time. This process involved multiple steps, commission consideration and discussion, and several periods of discernment. A title search was conducted, and we began meeting with groups of different kinds who expressed interest in touring the facility. As part of this discernment process, the AC was committed to sell (rather than rent) the property to a church or non-profit group. Our preference, based upon the history and mission of the congregation, was to identify a church that would continue to have worship and ministry

On Monday, August 23, 2021, the Boswell Administrative Commission gathered with representatives of the New Life Full Gospel Church in Jennerstown, Pennsylvania, including Pastor Cletus Leasure. The New Life Congregation (Full Gospel) had previously expressed interest in acquiring the property in Boswell as a new place of worship for their congregation, which currently meets at a private residence in Jennerstown, Pennsylvania. The church has worshiped together since 1997 and were eager for the opportunities the property presented for their worship and mission. As a small congregation, their resources are limited. Their offer for the purchase was \$15000 with the promise of continuing to be stewards of the building for worship and ministry. After a period of fellowship and prayer, which included the communication of the expectations of the Boswell Administrative Commission, the representatives from New Life Full Gospel expressed a desire to continue to pursue the property.

The Commission outlined the following expectations to the New Life Full Gospel representatives that would be prerequisite to any possible sale: (1) an area of the church serve as a "historical display" of various artifacts from the life of Presbyterian congregations that worshiped there; (2) reversionary clause would be recorded in the sales agreement that if the New Life Full Gospel congregation cease worshipping at that location the property will revert to Redstone; (3) it would be sold "as is" in order to permit continued function as a house for worship (fixtures no longer be needed by New Life congregation would be offered first back to the Presbytery), (4) materials related to the history would remain with the Presbytery; (5) anticipated legal expenses associated with a possible transaction and recording of the deed would be split between the two parties. The New Life Full Gospel congregation also became aware of certain concerns shared by a property neighbor regarding trees and a tank located on the church property. Pastor Cletus Leasure assured us that he was aware and that "we will be a good neighbor to him".

On August 24, the Commission recommended to the Council (Trustees) the sale of the property to the New Life Gospel Center. The Council affirmed that recommendation and approved that sale. In consultation with an attorney, a sales agreement with the reversionary clause was signed. The purchaser initiated with their attorney the review of title. Additional information from Redstone Presbytery records on the succession of First Presbyterian to Covenant to the Presbytery was provided to that attorney. Any items of particular value to the Presbytery were retrieved from the property. On October 27, the closing of the sale of the property was finalized in Somerset and access to the property passed on. The Administrative Commission has concluded its work.

## **REPORT OF THE SEWICKLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION**

The Administrative Commission of the Sewickley Presbyterian Church met Tuesday, October 20 in the church fellowship hall. All members of the Commission were present. The commission heard positive reports on the progress of the church and the work of their commissioned pastor, Karen Kifer, which included initiation of a weekly Bible Study and increased worship attendance. They approved the following items: 1) Reception of three new members of the congregation; 2) Celebration of the Lord's Supper during the Advent season; 3) the approval of the Commissioned Pastors contract for 2022; 4) approval of the 2022 budget for the congregation; 5) Receiving a special offering for Christmas Eve for mission cause; and 6) Designating a new local mission initiative. The commission will meet again January 12, 2022.