



2022 Stated Meeting

of the

Presbytery of Redstone
Presbyterian Church (USA)

January 29, 2022
1:00 p.m.



ONLINE (ZOOM)

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FOR MEETING ID# AND PASSWORD**

OR

First Presbyterian Church
Greensburg, PA

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**Directions to
First Presbyterian Church
300 S. Main Street, Greensburg, PA 15601
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FROM THE NORTH: The Church is located at 300 South Main Street, which is along State Route 66. The church is three blocks past the Westmoreland County Courthouse which is between Otterman and Pittsburgh streets.

FROM THE SOUTH: US Route 119 leads into Main Street Greensburg. The church is located at the corner of Third and Main Streets at the southern end of the downtown business district.

FROM THE EAST OR WEST: Take US Route 30 to the Route 119 exit. Take Route US 119 north, which leads directly into Main Street. Stay on this street until you reach Third and Main Streets.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE MEETING

- **The offering for this meeting will go to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.**

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You will need to login - or create a profile if you don't already have one - and then designate your offering in the space(s) provided. You may also mail your Offering to the Presbytery office at 1004 Mt. Pleasant Road, Greensburg, PA 15601. Please designate "Presbytery Offering" on the memo line.

- **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.**

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	<i>Registration, fellowship and food.</i>	<i>In Person or Breakout rooms</i>
	WORSHIP AND WORK OF REDSTONE PRESBYTERY	
	<u>GATHERING</u>	
	<p><u>Presbytery Gathering Convenes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gathering Song • Call to Order/Opening Prayer • Formation of the Roll (any new business should be submitted to the Associate Clerk in writing before the end of worship) • Seating of Corresponding Members • Installation of Moderator/Vice-Moderator <p><u>Stated Clerk(s)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correspondence Log (page 6-9) • Equalization report (page 11-12) • Seating of ruling elder members of Council and commissioned ruling elders for term of service. • Minister Rolls (Appendix A) • Consent Agenda (page 12-13) <p><u>Treasurer</u> – (page 19)</p> <p><u>Operations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corporation meeting 	<p style="text-align: center;">Belinda Lambie</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Rev. Cliff Foster</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Belinda Lambie</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Rev. Skip Noftzger</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Rev. Cliff Foster</p> <p style="text-align: center;">John Dickson</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chuck West</p>
	<u>CELEBRATING GOD’S GRACE IN WORSHIP – page 5</u>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call to Worship • Opening Hymn/Song • Prayer of Confession/ Assurance of Pardon • Scriptures • <u>Hymn</u> • <u>Scriptures</u> • Proclamation - • Commissioning of Ruling Elders to Particular Pastoral Service • Presbytery Offering • Lord’s Supper • Prayers/Necrology (Appendix) • Hymn – «For All the Saints” 	<p style="text-align: center;">Karen Kifer Audrey Cottle</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Rev. Skip Noftzger</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Rev. Curtis Paul</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Rev. Owar Ojulu Rev. Laura Blank Rev. Curtis Paul Rev. Dawn Sherwood</p>
	<u>SHARING IN MINISTRY AND MISSION</u>	
	<p><u>Council – (page 25-28)</u></p> <p><u>Enabling Ministry Networks</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharing God’s ministry and mission • Racial Justice and Reconciliation • Healing and Prayer Ministry network 	<p style="text-align: center;">Belinda Lambie</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Belinda Lambie</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Rev. Brenda Barnes</p>

	<p><u>Empowering Mission Partnerships</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pine Springs Camp – page • Mission Subcommittee – page <p><u>Committee on Ministry – (page 29-32)</u></p> <p><u>Equipping Leadership</u></p> <p><u>Engaging Congregations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board of Pensions updates • Ordination Anniversaries • Honorable Retirements ---Rev. Susan Blank • Examination/Receiving/ Approval of calls – Fort Burd/ Calvin ---Cresson/ Patton 	<p>Rev. Jim Farrer Greg Davis Rev. Owar Ojulu</p> <p>Rev. Ed Gray Rev. Doug Portz; BOP Rev. Ed Gray</p> <p>Rev. Cliff Foster Rev. Ed Gray</p>
	<p><u>New Business</u> (should be submitted to the Associate Clerk in writing before the end of worship)</p>	
	<p><u>Attendance Report</u></p>	<p>Rev. Cliff Foster</p>
	<p><u>Announcements Loop</u></p>	
	<p><u>SENDING</u></p>	
	<p>Resolution of Thanks “Soli Deo Gloria”</p> <p><u>Benediction</u></p> <p><u>Adjournment</u></p> <p><i><u>The next stated meeting of the Presbytery of Redstone will take place on March 22, 2022 6:00 p.m. via ZOOM and at the Rehoboth Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon, PA. A Minutes review session will be available at 5:00 p.m. at the same location.</u></i></p>	<p>Belinda Lambie Rev. Skip Noftzger Rev. Martin Ankrum</p>

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PRESBYTERY OF REDSTONE GATHERED IN WORSHIP

The Call to Worship:

Psalm 67:1-3

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.
Let the people praise you, O God;
Let all the peoples praise you!

Rev. Dawn Sherwood

Hymn

“O Worship the King”

The Call to Confession:

Karen Kifer

Scripture reminds us that if we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us come before God in prayer and confession.

The Prayer of Confession:

God of Grace, we acknowledge that you have called us to be your people; you have sustained us during our journey; and you have been true to your promise to abide with us. Yet we have not remained faithful to you: We have been forgiven but have not forgiven others; we have been unconditionally loved, but have placed harsh conditions on the love we extend. Forgive our failures and our sins, we humbly pray. Empower us, Lord, by your Holy Spirit to live in Christ, following his humility and sacrificial love given for us all. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon:

The Lord is merciful and gracious; slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

As high as the heavens are above the earth; as far as the east is from the west - this far, and more, does God remove our sins from us.

Know that through Jesus Christ - the way, the truth, and the life - our sins are forgiven. Amen.

A Reading from the Psalms:

Psalms 65

Audrey Cottle

Hymn

“My Hope is Built”

A Reading from the New Testament:

Romans 5:1-5

Sermon:

“Celebrating Hope”

Rev. Skip Noftzger

Commissioning of Ruling Elders to Particular Service

Rev. Curtis Paul

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation to the Table

The Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

The Words of Institution

The Partaking of the Elements

The Prayer After Communion

Prayers of the People/Necrology Report

Hymn

“For All the Saints”

STATED CLERK'S REPORT:

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

Correspondence Log

Date Received	Received From	Content	Action
January 20, 2022 - email	Homestead Presbytery	Request to Dismiss Rev. Ron Wakeman to Homestead Presbytery to serve as Interim Pastor of the Beatrice Presbyterian Church effective February 1, 2022	To PRESBYTERY and FILE
January 19, 2022 - email	Tyrone Presbyterian Church, Dawson	2021 Statistical Report	To FILE
January 19, 2022 - email	Ebensburg Presbyterian Church	List of Session Members	To FILE
January 19, 2022 - email	Delmont Presbyterian Church	List of Session Members	To FILE
January 18, 2022 - email	First Presbyterian Church, Greensburg	2021 Necrology Report, and List of Session Members	To PRESBYTERY and FILE
January 18, 2022 - email	First Presbyterian Church, Johnstown	2021 Statistical Report	To FILE
January 18, 2022 - mail	Revloc Presbyterian Church	3-year contract with CP David O'Hara	To COM and FILE
January 18, 2022 - mail	Calvin United Presbyterian Church, Brownsville	Request of Waiver from Rotation for Ruling Elder Diane Chuboy	To COM and FILE
January 18, 2022 - mail	Robert Sheehan	Annual AP Report Form and Pastor Evaluation Form	To CPM and FILE
January 12, 2022 - email	Rehoboth Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon	2022 Terms of Call for Rev. Donald Glunt and List of Session Members	To COM and FILE
January 11, 2022 - email	United Presbyterian Church, New Kensington	2021 Necrology Report	To PRESBYTERY and FILE
January 11, 2022 - email	Rev. Brenda Barnes	Pastor Evaluation of Authorized Preacher Rich Zoltak	To CPM and FILE
January 11, 2022 - email	Bethel United Presbyterian Church, New Florence	2021 Necrology Report, Manse Inspection Report, and List of Session Members	To PRESBYTERY and FILE
January 10, 2022 - mail	Trinity United Presbyterian Church, Uniontown	2021 Necrology Report, Manse Inspection Report, List of Session Members, and 2022 Terms of Call for Rev. James Gear	To PRESBYTERY, COM and FILE
January 10, 2022 - mail	Bethany Presbyterian Church, Johnstown	2021 Necrology Report	To PRESBYTERY and FILE
January 10, 2022 - mail	Mt. Washington Presbyterian Church, Farmington	2021 Necrology Report and Manse Inspection Report	To PRESBYTERY and FILE
January 10, 2022 - mail	Linda Gossar-Loesch	Annual AP Report Form	To CPM and FILE
January 10, 2022 - email	Laurel Hill Presbyterian Church, Dunbar	3-year contract with CP William Weightman	To COM and FILE
January 10, 2022 - mail	First Presbyterian Church, Murrysville	2021 Necrology Report, Manse Inspection Report, List of	To PRESBYTERY and FILE

		Session Members	
January 10, 2022 – mail	Little Redstone Presbyterian Church, Fayette City	3-year contract and Session Annual Report for CP Joshua Scully	To COM and FILE
January 10, 2022 – mail	Bolivar United Presbyterian Church	Session Annual Report for CP James Sunseri	To COM and FILE
January 10, 2022 – mail	Revloc Presbyterian Church	CP 2021 Annual Report and Session Annual Report for CP David O’Hara	To COM and FILE
January 10, 2022 – mail	James Sunseri	CP 2021 Annual Report	To COM and FILE
January 10, 2022 – mail	Congruity Presbyterian Church, New Alexandria	2021 Necrology Report	To PRESBYTERY and FILE
January 10, 2022 – mail	Dunbar Presbyterian Church	2021 Necrology Report, Manse Inspection Report	To PRESBYTERY and FILE
January 10, 2022 - email	Puckety Presbyterian Church, Lower Burrell	2021 Statistical Report, 2021 Necrology Report, List of Session Members, Manse Inspection Report	
January 10, 2022 – email	Grace Community Presbyterian Church, Lower Burrell	2021 Necrology Report	To PRESBYTERY and FILE
January 10, 2022 – email	Patton Presbyterian Church	2021 Necrology Report	To PRESBYTERY and FILE
January 10, 2022 – email	Level Green Presbyterian Church	2021 Necrology Report	To PRESBYTERY and FILE
January 10, 2022 – email	Bethel Presbyterian Church, New Florence	Session Annual Report for CP James Sunseri	To COM and FILE
January 6, 2022 – email	Rev. Brenda Barnes	Annual Report Other Ministers on the Roll for 2021	To COM and FILE
January 6, 2022 – mail	CP Leonard Morgan	Commissioned Pastor 2021 Annual Report	To COM and FILE
January 6, 2022 – email	Grace Chapel Presbyterian Church, Smithfield	2021 Necrology Report	To PRESBYTERY and FILE
January 5, 2022 – mail	Colver Presbyterian Church	Request of Waiver from Rotation for Ruling Elder, Manse Inspection Report, and By Laws for the Church Corporation and Church Congregation	To COM and FILE
January 5, 2022 – mail	Marion Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon	2021 Necrology Report, Manse Inspection Report, and List of Session Members	To PRESBYTERY and FILE
January 5, 2022 – mail	Bethany Presbyterian Church, Johnstown	2022 Terms of Call, 2022 Contract, and Session Annual Report for CP Denise Todero	To PRESBYTERY, COM and FILE
January 5, 2022 – mail	Calvin United Presbyterian Church, Scottdale	2021 Necrology Report, Session Annual Report and 2022 Contract for CP Doug Yauger	To PRESBYTERY, COM and FILE
January 5, 2022 – mail	Delmont Presbyterian Church	2021 Necrology Report	To PRESBYTERY and FILE
January 4, 2022 – hand delivered	Maplewood Presbyterian Church, Greensburg	2021 Necrology Report, List of Session Members, 2022 Terms of Call for Rev. Steve LaSor	To COM and FILE
January 4, 2022 – email	Sewickley Presbyterian Church, West Newton	Session Annual Report for CP Karen Kifer	To COM and FILE

January 4, 2022 – email	Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church, Murrysville	2021 Necrology Report	To PRESBYTERY and FILE
January 4, 2022 – email	Reunion Presbyterian Church, Mt. Pleasant	2021 Necrology Report	To PRESBYTERY and FILE
January 4, 2022 – mail	Congruity Presbyterian Church, New Alexandria	2022 Terms of Call for Rev. Cliff Foster	To COM and FILE
January 4, 2022 – mail	McClellandtown Presbyterian Church	Manse Inspection Report, List of Session Members, and Request of Waiver from Rotation for Ruling Elder Peggy Patitucci and Deacon James Bork	To COM and FILE
January 4, 2022 – mail	First Presbyterian Church, Masontown	2022 CP Contract and Session Annual Report for CP Eric Glisan	To COM and FILE
January 4, 2022 – email	Derry Presbyterian Church	2021 Statistical Report, 2021 Necrology Report, List of Session Members, Manse Inspection Report and Request of Waiver of Rotation for Ruling Elder Linda Miller and Deacons Ron George and Margaret Metcalf	To FILE
December 22, 2021 – mail	Laurel Hill Presbyterian Church, Dunbar	Request of Waiver from Rotation for Ruling Elders Sherry Scully and Cheryl Duncan	To COM and FILE
December 22, 2021 – mail	Laurel Hill Presbyterian Church, Dunbar	Manse Inspection Report, List of Session Members, and 2021 Necrology Report	To PRESBYTERY and FILE
December 22, 2021 – mail	Laurel Hill Presbyterian Church, Dunbar	Letter of Resignation from the Clerk of Session Robert Junk	To FILE
December 20, 2021 – email	Puckety Presbyterian Church, Lower Burrell	2022 Terms of Call for Rev. Brian Kilbert	To COM and FILE
December 20, 2021 – mail	Westminster Presbyterian Church, Greensburg	2022 Interim Pastor Contract with Rev. William Youmans	To COM and FILE
December 20, 2021 – mail	Marion Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon	Session Annual Report for Commissioned Pastor Robert Prinkey	To CPM and FILE
December 20, 2021 – mail	New Salem Presbyterian Church	Session Annual Report for Commissioned Pastor William Wiegand	To CPM and FILE
December 20, 2021 – mail	New Salem Presbyterian Church	2021 Necrology Report and Manse Inspection Report	To PRESBYTERY and FILE
December 16, 2021 – mail	East Liberty Presbyterian Church, Vanderbilt	2021 Necrology Report	To PRESBYTERY and FILE
December 16, 2021 – mail	East Liberty Presbyterian Church, Vanderbilt	2022 Terms of Call, 3-year CP Contract, and Session Evaluation for CP David McElroy	To COM and FILE
December 16, 2021 – hand delivered	Trinity Presbyterian Church, New Florence	2022 Covenant Pastor Agreement with Rev. Richard Sweeney	To COM and FILE
December 13, 2021 – mail	Ebensburg Presbyterian Church	2022 Terms of Call for the Rev. Owar Ojulu	To COM and FILE
December 13, 2021 – email	First Presbyterian Church, Fayette City	Request of Waiver from Rotation for Ruling Elders James Stark	To COM and FILE

		and Marlene Kubina	
December 9, 2021 – email	Trinity United Presbyterian Church, Uniontown	2022 Terms of Call for Rev. James Gear	To COM and FILE
December 8, 2021 – mail	New Hope Presbyterian Church	2022 Terms of Call for Rev. Brenda Barnes	To COM and FILE
December 6, 2021 – mail	Harmony Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon	2021 Necrology Report and Manse Inspection Report	To PRESBYTERY and FILE
December 6, 2021 – mail	Harmony Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon	3-year CP Agreement and 2022 Terms of Call for CP Glenn Hart	To COM and FILE
December 6, 2021 – mail	Harmony Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon	Session Annual Report for Commissioned Pastor Glenn Hart	To CPM and FILE
December 6, 2021 – mail	Congruity Presbyterian Church, New Alexandria	Manse Inspection Report	To FILE
December 6, 2021 – mail	Bolivar United Presbyterian Church	Request of Waiver from Rotation for Ruling Elders Daniel Short, Ronald Betts and Darlene Gregorich	To COM and FILE
November 30, 2021 – hand delivered	First Presbyterian Church, Irwin	Interim Contract with Rev. Dr. Doug Rehberg	To COM and FILE
November 30, 2021 – hand delivered	Rev. Skip Noftzger	2021 Annual Report of Other Ministers on the Roll	To COM and FILE
November 29, 2021 – email	Rev. Becca Siddle	2021 Annual Report of Other Ministers on the Roll	To COM and FILE
November 29, 2021 – mail	New Salem Presbyterian Church	2022 CP agreement with CP Bill Wiegand	To COM and FILE
November 29, 2021 – email	New Hope Presbyterian Church, North Huntingdon	Request of Waiver from Rotation for Ruling Elder Donna Van Allen	To COM and FILE
November 29, 2021 – mail	Rev. Alice Tondora	FBI Background Clearance	To FILE
November 29, 2021 – mail	First Presbyterian Church, Johnstown	2022 Terms of Call for Rev. Alice Tondora	To COM and FILE
November 24, 2021 – mail	Latrobe Presbyterian Church	2022 Terms of Call for Rev. Ron Durika	To COM and FILE
November 22, 2021 – hand delivered	Derry Presbyterian Church	2022 Stated Supply Agreement with Rev. Marnie Russell	To COM and FILE
November 17, 2021 – email	Delmont Presbyterian Church	Renewal of Interim Pastor Contract with Rev. Anthony Catullo	To COM and FILE
November 11, 2021 – mail	Springhill Furnace Presbyterian Church, Lake Lynn	2021 Necrology Report	To PRESBYTERY and FILE
November 11, 2021 – email	Rehoboth Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon	2021 Necrology Report	To PRESBYTERY and FILE

2. The task forces, networks, and ad hoc committees in existence as of December 31, 2021 were as follows:

a. Committees of Council

1. Budget, Finance and Stewardship
2. Communications
3. Mission
4. Staff Support

b. Committees of the Committee on Ministry

1. Examinations and Membership
2. Search and Call
3. Congregations and Leadership--Northwest – Districts I/II
4. Congregations and Leadership-- East – District IV
5. Congregations and Leadership-- South – District III

c. Networks

1. Healing Prayer Ministry Network
2. Racial Justice and Reconciliation
3. Addictions Ministry Network
4. Matthew 25 Network
5. Geographic Districts – I; II; III; IV
6. Women Clergy
7. Presbyterian Women

3. Pursuant to Book of Order D-5.0206b, the Stated Clerk shall report annually the roster of those members of the Permanent Judicial Commission whose terms have expired within the past six years. They are as follows:

Permanent Judicial Commission Roster (Current)

2027 – Rev. Susan Blank, Rev. Jay Lewis, Len Morgan

2025 – Elsie Deem, Patti Baird, Linda Dickson

2023 – Rev. Clark Kerr, Rev. Marnie Russell, Rev. Curtis Paul

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

2021 – Glenn Hart, Rev. John Manon, Rev. Caroline Vickery

2019 – Jennifer Rega, Nancy Vernon

2017 – Rev. Marnie Silbert, Rev. Aleda Menchyk, Elder Leonard Morgan

2015 – Elder Vince Appleman, Elder Richard Currie, Rev. Douglas Stevens

2013 – Rev. Sylvia Carlson, Elder Robert Lightcap, Rev. John Sharp

4. Based upon the provisions of the Manual, the Stated Clerk **moves** that the following Presbytery Officers be recognized as members of the Presbytery, with voice and vote, for their term of service:

Ruling Elder Belinda Lambie – Chair, Presbytery Council

Ruling Elder Audrey Cottle- Presbytery Council

Ruling Elder Tim D’Aurora – Presbytery Council

Ruling Elder Bobbi Jo Huebner – Presbytery Council

Ruling Elder Lynn Mance – Presbytery Council

Ruling Elder Leonard Morgan – Presbytery Council

Ruling Elder Susan Nesti – Presbytery Council

Ruling Elder Nancy Peters – Presbytery Council

Ruling Elder Jim Stenge – Presbytery Council

Ruling Elder Pam Walter – Presbytery Council

5. Based upon the provisions of the Manual, the Stated Clerk **moves** that the following Commissioned Pastors (Ruling Elders Commissioned to Particular Pastoral Service) and any others commissioned during a Presbytery meeting in 2022, be recognized as members with voice and vote as long as they are serving in that capacity:

Ruling Elder Russ Baird, Mt. Pleasant, Reunion

Ruling Elder Eric Glisan, Masontown, First

Ruling Elder Glenn Hart, Belle Vernon, Harmony; West Newton, Sewickley United

Ruling Elder Karen Kifer, West Newton, Sewickley

Ruling Elder Anthony Marciano, Dawson, Tyrone; Leisenring
 Ruling Elder Lynn Mance, Presbytery-wide
 Ruling Elder David McElroy, Vanderbilt, East Liberty
 Ruling Elder Len Morgan, New Alexandria, Community United
 Ruling Elder David O'Hara, Revloc
 Ruling Elder Robert Prinkey, Belle Vernon, Marion
 Ruling Elder Joshua Scully, Fayette City, Little Redstone
 Ruling Elder Jeff Smith, Uniontown, Tent
 Ruling Elder James Sunseri, New Florence, Bethel; Bolivar, United
 Ruling Elder Denise Todero, Johnstown, Bethany
 Ruling Elder William Weightman, Dunbar, Laurel Hill
 Ruling Elder William Wiegand, New Salem
 Ruling Elder Doug Yauger, Scottdale, Calvin

6. Based upon the provisions of the Manual, the Stated Clerk **moves** that the Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and a representative from Pine Springs Camp, Presbyterian Women, and Redstone Highlands be given the privilege of the floor and recognized with voice only as long as they are serving in that capacity.

7. The stated meetings for 2022 have been scheduled as follows:

Saturday, January 29, 2022 - First Presbyterian Church, Greensburg/ZOOM
Tuesday, March 22, 2022 - Rehoboth Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon/ZOOM
Tuesday, May 24, 2022 - (still seeking host)
Tuesday, September 27, 2022 - Westmont Presbyterian Church, Johnstown/ZOOM
Saturday, November 19, 2022 - Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church, Murrysville/ZOOM

8. The Stated Clerk provided the 2021 Necrology Report of Ruling and Teaching Elders. (Appendix C)

9. Equalization

On December 31, 2020, 86 ministers of Word and Sacrament were on the rolls of the Presbytery, 16 of whom were living outside the bounds of the Presbytery. There were 67 churches entitled to be represented by 80 ruling elder commissioners. There are also 13 ruling elders commissioned to particular service and 6 ruling elder presbyters by virtue of office. On December 31, 2021, 83 ministers of Word and Sacrament were on the rolls of the Presbytery, 17 of whom were living outside the bounds of the Presbytery. There were 67 churches entitle to be represented by 80 ruling elder commissioners. There are also 17 ruling elders commission to particular service and 6 ruling elder presbyters by virtue of office.

Based upon the “goal of numerical parity of teaching elders and ruling elders,” the “principles of participation” and the need to communicate the plan for the determining commissioners, the Presbytery has adopted a plan [Book of Order; G-3.0301; Manual; 1.1003] designating the number of commissioners based upon church membership (table below) and designating other ruling elders by virtue of office to be given the privilege of voice and vote at all Presbytery meetings [Manual; 1.1009]. Although with this plan, there is an imbalance regarding the number of eligible ruling elder commissioners (actually more than ministers), the actual participation patterns still reflect a greater number of ministers participating. In 2021, with the complete migration to Zoom and Hybrid meetings, although there were some possible changes as the result of moving to Zoom meetings, nonetheless our patterns have remained fairly consistent. The number of ministers of Word and Sacraments members and ruling elder members in attendance were very comparable with slightly with an average difference of less than one over the course of all four meetings.

Of course, in any given meeting, the balance may have sided with one group or the other. Consequently, in order to continue to aspire to the goal of balance, the current number of possible ruling elder commissioners based upon the existing plan should be retained until actual participation rates change. Therefore, I do not recommend any equalization adjustment at this time.

Equalization Plan for 2022 - Church List/# of commissioners

Adah, Palmer Community - 1	Greensburg, First - 3	Murrysville, Union - 1
Apollo, Poke Run - 1	Greensburg, Maplewood - 1	New Alexandria, Community - 1
Avonmore, First - 1	Greensburg, Westminster - 1	New Alexandria, Congruity - 1
Belle Vernon, First - 1	Irwin, First - 4	New Florence, Bethel - 1
Belle Vernon, Harmony - 1	Irwin, West Hempfield - 1	New Florence, Trinity - 1
Belle Vernon, Marion - 1	Jeannette, First - 1	New Kensington, United - 1
Belle Vernon, Rehoboth - 1	Johnstown, Bethany - 1	New Salem - 1
Bolivar, United - 1	Johnstown, First - 1	North Huntingdon, New Hope - 1
Brownsville, Calvin - 1	Johnstown, Second - 1	Patton - 1
Brownsville, Ft. Burd - 1	Johnstown, Westmont - 3	Revloc - 1
Brownsville, Hopewell - 1	Lake Lynn, Springhill Furnace - 1	Scottdale, Calvin - 1
Colver - 1	Latrobe - 2	Smithfield, Grace Chapel - 1
Cresson - 1	Latrobe, United - 1	Smock, Pleasant View - 1
Dawson, Tyrone - 1	Leisenring - 1	Trafford, Level Green - 2
Delmont - 1	Ligonier, Pleasant Grove - 1	Uniontown, Tent - 1
Derry - 1	Lower Burrell, Grace Community - 2	Uniontown, Third - 2
Dunbar, First - 1	Lower Burrell, Puckety - 2	Uniontown, Trinity United - 1
Dunbar, Laurel Hill - 1	Masontown, First - 1	Vanderbilt, East Liberty - 1
Ebensburg - 1	McClellandtown - 1	West Newton, Sewickley - 1
Fairchance - 1	Merrittstown, Dunlap's Creek - 1	West Newton, Sewickley United - 1
Farmington, Mt. Washington - 1	Mt. Pleasant, Reunion - 1	West Newton, United - 1
Fayette City, First - 1	Murrysville, First - 1	
Fayette City, Little Redstone - 1	Murrysville, Newlonsburg - 2	

8. The Stated Clerk provided the current Rolls of the Presbytery and Continuing Members. (Appendix A).
9. The dates for the 2021 Session Minutes Reviews are:
 - o February 12, 2022 – Johnstown; Westmont; Pre-Enrichment Day
 - o March 22, 2022 – Belle Vernon, Rehoboth; Pre-Presbytery
 - o April 20, 2022 – Uniontown (TBD)
 - o May 11, 2022 – Presbytery Center
 - o May 24, 2022 – Greensburg, Redstone Highlands; Pre-Presbytery

CONSENT AGENDA:

The Stated Clerk for Constitutional and Judicial Matters of the Presbytery, Rev. Cliff Foster, presents the following Consent Agenda.

From Executive Committee

1. Following the review of the Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Stated Clerk and Associate Stated Clerk, it is **recommended** that the minutes of the Presbytery meeting of the November 20, 2021 be approved.

From the Council

1. Council **recommends** that the Financial and Treasurer's Reports presented to the Council and the Presbytery be received and filed for audit. (Appendix B).
2. Council **recommends** that the Executive Presbyter, Treasurer, Mission, Pine Springs Camp reports presented to the Presbytery be received and filed.
3. Council **recommends** approval and authorization of the continuation of all subcommittees, networks and task forces functioning at the end of 2021 year as noted in the Stated Clerk's report.

From the Committee on Ministry

1. The Committee on Ministry **recommends** that Presbytery grant the request from the Dunlap's Creek Presbyterian Church, Merrittstown to waive the rotation of service for Marlene Novak, Ruling Elder.
2. The Committee on Ministry **recommends** that Presbytery grant the request from the New Hope Presbyterian Church, North Huntingdon to waive the rotation of service for Donna Van Allen, Ruling Elder.
3. The Committee on Ministry **recommends** that Presbytery grant the request from the United Presbyterian Church, Bolivar to waive the rotation of service requirement for Daniel Short, Ruling Elder; Ronald Betts, Ruling Elder; and Darlene Gregorich, Ruling Elder.
4. The Committee on Ministry **recommends** that Presbytery grant the request from the First Presbyterian Church, Fayette City to waive the rotation of service requirement for James Stark, Ruling Elder; and Marlene Kubina, Ruling Elder.
5. The Committee on Ministry **recommends** that Presbytery grant the request from the Laurel Hill Presbyterian Church, Dunbar to waive the rotation of service requirement for Sherry Scully, Ruling Elder; and Cheryl Duncan, Ruling Elder.
6. The Committee on Ministry **recommends** that Presbytery grant the request from the United Presbyterian Church, New Kensington to waive the rotation of service requirement for Robin Sorch, Deacon.
7. The Committee on Ministry **recommends** that Presbytery grant the request from the McClellandtown Presbyterian Church to waive the rotation of service requirement for Peggy Patitucci, Ruling Elder; and James Bork, Deacon.
8. The Committee on Ministry **recommends** that Presbytery grant the request from the Colver Presbyterian Church to waive the rotation of service requirement for Bonita Hill, Ruling Elder.
9. The Committee on Ministry **recommends** that Presbytery grant the request from the Derry Presbyterian Church to waive the rotation of service requirement for Linda Miller, Ruling Elder; Ron George, Deacon; and Margaret Metcalf, Deacon.
10. The Committee on Ministry **recommends** that Presbytery grant the request from the Calvin United Presbyterian Church, Brownsville, to waive the rotation of service requirement for Diane Chuboy, Ruling Elder.

From the Committee on Preparation for Ministry

From the Nominating Committee

From the Committee on Representation

From the Sewickley Presbyterian Church Administrative Commission

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

Treasurer's Report – 1/29/2022

INCOME & EXPENSE REPORT

This report provides an unaudited overview of the fiscal year end, of the Redstone Presbytery's finances as of 12/31/21.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW / INCOME

Church Commitments receipted for the month exceeded budget expectation by \$3,862 or \$30,945 in total was received. At year end, Church Commitments were at 93.7% of budget or \$304,558 in total. The Presbytery acknowledges all the great efforts by Church's, to meet or exceed their pledged amounts, and provide additional giving in 2021.

Total Income recorded for the year, was 99.67% of budget or \$430,588 in total. For the month, the total amount recognized well exceeded expectation by \$44,499 or \$80,498 in total was recorded. Contributing to the additional funds recorded, are funds released from Temporarily Restricted noted categories, Miscellaneous Preaching / Consulting funds recorded, and \$37,556 submitted by First Greensburg, representing a benefactor title of a deceased member.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW / EXPENSES

For the current period, expenses exceeded monthly budgeted expectations totaling \$2,845 or \$38,827 in total. YTD, expenses are below budgeted expectations at 98%, or \$8,776 in total. In review of some of the expenses categories, it is recognized expenses did exceed projections, but such matters are a result of need, timing, and areas which are uncontrollable by the Presbytery.

EXCESS INCOME OVER EXPENSES

For the current period, income exceeds expenses totaling \$53,753. The largest contributing factors for a positive ending amount for the period, is a result of additional funds as noted within the Miscellaneous Income categories and funds transferred from other sources (CTI-New Covenant). YTD also reflects positive income over expenses totaling \$25,052, along with the annual budget at \$215.00.

INVESTMENTS & HOLDINGS

The Ameriprise accounts for the period ending 12/31/21, reflects a negative change of value totaling -\$26,906 and YTD the account overall reports a positive change in value of \$ 23,553. Dividends, interest & income for the year totaled \$56,964. The ending value for the year is \$694,858.

Other funds and holdings consisting of PILP, New Covenant, and First Commonwealth total \$519,302.

Total Investments & Holdings = \$1,214,160

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

2022 Annual Report

**Congregation-centered
(ENGAGE)**

**Visible presence within the Presbytery engaging with congregations---
Church Visits---**

- **During this past year, I visited seventy-one different worship or special services of twenty-nine congregations within Redstone Presbytery. Additionally, I was afforded the opportunity to preach or bring a charge on fifty occasions in those services.**
- **Worked, consulted and moderated sessions through seven separate shared gatherings (in person or Zoom) as well as individual conversations. These engagements range from providing first-hand resourcing during emergency pastoral leadership transitions, mediating conflict, stewardship interpretation and strategizing on ministry.**
- **Initiated a summer internship experience with a student under care of Kiski Presbytery which later resulted in consideration and approval of her service as student pastor for one of our smaller congregations in a remote location.**
- **Coordinated the work of the Administrative Commission completing the dissolution of the Covenant, Boswell congregation, including communication with the members of the former congregation.**
- **Participated in special services and events honoring teaching elders both who are retiring and those being installed as ministers of Word and Sacrament serving congregations.**
- **Stepped in to provide both pastoral and organizational leadership for McClellandtown Church in the time of transition, following the retirement of Rev. McDermott. The church provides additional funding to the Presbytery to offset my commitment.**
- **Promoted the Matthew 25 initiative (Presbyterian Mission Agency) among our congregations through both materials and in**

	<p>person conversations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 (ongoing navigation of pandemic, etc.) at this time. • Continued resourcing of churches currently using pulpit supply about possible pulpit supply, pastoral and moderator options. Arranged for the COM moderator appointments of moderators for all congregations in need of longer-term service. 	
<p>Leadership developed (EQUIP)</p>	<p>Developing and equipping leadership within the Presbytery---</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worked with sessions in finding and contracting with pastors for “temporary” pastoral positions. Facilitated the identification and contracting with several interim pastor candidates in four different pastoral positions. Recruited, connected and consulted in the hiring and approval of 3 commissioned pastor relationships and one student pastor relationships. • Conducted orientation and coordinated with different Pastoral Nominating Committees in both utilizing the system and conducting appropriate pastoral searches. Participated through active consultation as they walked through the filtering and selection as part of the discernment process. Conducted EP reference checks prior to in-person interviews, arranged neutral pulpit opportunities and assisted the committees in seeking consensus on evaluating candidates. Consulted on negotiating and final elements of extending calls. • Initiated contact and the arrangement for two new students to begin the candidacy process under the care and supervision and Redstone Presbytery. Coordinated the CP preparation process and communicated expectations to each inquirer. • Documented and submitted the report on the Small Church Leadership grant from the Synod of the Trinity. • Planned and supervised new workshops both for ruling elders and teaching elders within the Presbytery and nearby presbyteries. During 2021, there were ten workshops with one hundred seventeen participants from all of the surrounding presbyteries. <p>Individual consultations with numerous pastors throughout the year concerning pandemic decision-making, ministry strategy,</p>	

	<p>mission development, leadership practices, personnel and organizational issues. With newer pastors, assist in orientation and in serving as resource person to process their experiences in ministry so far.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actively provided possible candidates to the Nominating Committee for consideration for leadership within the Presbytery. • Resource for candidates outside of Redstone who are considering positions that are open within the Presbytery. Network and proactively identify possible candidates to encourage them to self refer to open pastoral positions within the Presbytery. 	
<p>Collaboration-Districts/Network (ENABLE)</p>	<p>Joined and initiated contact both within and outside Redstone---</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Served as the President of Christian Associate in 2021. Provided leadership through the Council in ecumenical events and in representation at installations of area bishops. Participated ecumenically as the Presbytery representative in the western Pennsylvania region (Pittsburgh and Johnstown) through joint worship services and organizational planning. • Provide administrative assistance and resourcing for all of the various networks, task forces and committees of the Presbytery in their work and implementation. • Served as the Director of the Inter-Presbytery Leadership Formation program with participants from Redstone, Washington, Kiski, Pittsburgh. In 2021, worked with and coordinated the addition of Beaver-Butler to the group. Consulted with other Presbyteries throughout the Synod of the Trinity on developing education and training for possible Commissioned Pastors. • Consulted with denominational agencies including the Board of Pensions, Presbyterian Foundation, PILP, Presbyterian Mission Agency, and the office of General Assembly on behalf of the Presbytery and our congregations. • Initiated the one-day event for a Pastor's Getaway day at Pine Springs Camp for April 5. • Proposed and convened a group of Council members interested in exploring further how our Presbytery might continue to educate and respond to the needs for racial justice and reconciliation. • Active participation in the annual Enrichment Day and offering 	

	<p>the homily.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engagement with commissioners and participation in General Assembly, Synod of the Trinity, as well as “Beloved Community” presentations and Executive Presbyter forums. 	
<p>Partnership in Mission promoted (EMPOWER)</p>	<p>Promoted and provided leadership in our partnerships in mission –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in the New Wilmington Mission Conference and in the meeting of the Sudan/South Sudan presentation and partnership. • Assisted the Mission Committee in identifying, providing and implementing financial support for the South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church in response to particular needs. • Served as ex-officio board member for Pine Springs Camp including participating in training and worship for summer staff. Extensive work with the Pine Springs Board of Directors, the Finance Committee and the Executive Director. • Led the commissioning service for those participants in the Redstone mission trip to Summersville, West Virginia. • Continue to support individual congregational activities in support of mission and mission trips. • Participated regularly in both the Board as an ex officio member and within the Strategy committee of Redstone Highlands. 	
<p>Operational Support</p>	<p>Initiated practices and policies for both greater efficiency and effectiveness---</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinated the planning and implementation of Presbytery gatherings to hybrid formats. • Supervised the close financial management of the budget of the Presbytery. Managed the effective cash flow of operations (no premature withdrawals from investments) and limited expenditures in order to minimize the use of reserves and investment assets as a means of propping up the annual budget. Consequently, investments and holdings grew by over one hundred thousand despite a shortfall in revenues for the annual budget. • 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 2022 budget scenarios 	

	<p>for their consideration and recommendation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correspond with sessions with gift letters offering gratitude for First Fruits contributions. • Consulted with auditors on completion of financial review and opportunities to provide future bookkeeping services for the Wee Kirk conference. • Developed and produced stewardship materials for the presbytery. Contacted all congregations with materials for the purpose of requesting 2022 First Fruits pledges. • Supported all standing committees (Council, COM, CPM), subcommittees, networks and task forces within the Presbytery through administrative support, education, policy development and leadership formation. • Coordinated the final publication of presbytery minutes in preparation for their review within the Synod. Provided oversight and coordinated session minutes reviews within the presbytery. • Maintained accurate records and administrative oversight for minister rolls within our presbytery and in communication with other presbyteries (dismissing/receiving) and with the Office of the General Assembly. Completed all end of the year reports for the Office of the General Assembly. • Follow up on pastors serving congregations regarding renewal of background clearances. • Ensuring updating of congregational statistics and updating our numbers for purposes of per capita assessment with both Synod and General Assembly. • Ongoing resource and consultation with pastors, treasurers, and sessions concerning employment contracts, annual enrollment and retirement decisions within the medical plan of the Board of Pensions. 				
VALUES	Servant Leadership	Flourishing Community	Witness to the World	Generous and effective Stewardship	
	<i>Soli Deo Gloria</i>				

Pine Springs Camp



Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:4-5

THANK YOU!

As we continue to seek to do ministry in this time, there is one thing that has been abundantly clear...we are grateful for the support churches and individuals have given. 2021 was a wonderful year in many ways as we were able to safely run summer camp after a year hiatus. Support was incredible from the camp community as the Wellspring Annual Fund was once again robust and our fundraising events were the most successful ever. So, we thank God every time we remember you!



DATES FOR WINTER AND SPRING RETREATS

Mark your calendar for the following Events and Retreats! More information on all these events and retreats will be coming shortly. But feel free to call the camp office now for more details.

OUR POPULAR PSC RETREATS

- **REMIX-MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT-HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FROM FEBRUARY 1-13 TO APRIL 22-24**
- **CATALYST-MENS BACKPACKING WEEKEND MARCH 25-27**
- **WOMEN IN THE WOODS RETREAT-APRIL 1-3**
- **FUSION-ELEMENTARY RETREAT GRADES 4-6 - APRIL 29-MAY 1**

OTHER EVENTS

- **Winterfest- JANUARY 22-An Outdoor Open House! 11 am-4pm**
- **Redd Up Camp Workday-Saturday, May 14**
- **22nd Annual Scholarship Golf Outing-Monday, May 23**

SUMMER CAMP 2022

We are making plans to have summer camp in 2022 and very excited to have another summer where youth and adults learn about the saving grace of Jesus Christ! As always, please spread the word about the PSC ministry.

A FEW UPDATES

- Day Camp will hopefully be up and running on site for three weeks
- **Traveling Day Camp-Murrysville-July 25-29, 2022-Working collaboratively with Murrysville and Newlonsburg Churches. Be looking for more details as we are excited about taking camp to our communities.**
- **Summer Camp has 135 registered campers as of January 10, 2022**

BROCHURES AND CAMP PROMOTIONAL INFO!

- **BROCHURES ARE IN THE MAIL!**
- **CHURCH PACKETS WILL EITHER BE MAILED TO EACH CHURCH OR DISTRIBUTED AT THE PRESBYTERY MEETING**
- **In the packets will be a number of brochures, bulletin inserts, posters and other information to share with your congregation.**

RECRUITING CAMPERS!

- As some churches are meeting in person-please feel to contact us if you would like for us to come to your church to talk about summer camping opportunities for your youth and adults!
- **Don't forget to watch our 2021 Summer Camp Highlight Video and all of our other camp video on our Vimeo Page at www.vimeo.com/pinespringscamp.** Watching these videos are a good way to show your congregation a little of what Pine Springs Camp is like! There are longer videos as well as some short "Hype" videos to get campers excited about camp.
- **AND BE LOOKING FOR OUR POP-UP PICNIC RECRUITING EVENTS IN MARCH AND APRIL-COMING TO A PARK NEAR YOU!**
- We are also trying to see if we can do other events like PSC Skates. We will keep you informed.

Mission Network

Lectio Divina reading and reflection on Matthew 25

Solicitation of Prayer requests

Agenda items

1. Offering for the January 29 meeting of Presbytery at the Frist Presbyterian Church in Greensburg will be for PDA to address the damage from the tornado in KY and wildfires in CO.
2. Redstone Mission Team is planning a trip to Summersville, WV the week of April 24-30. Phyllis Frye is the coordinator. There will be a soup fundraising event on Saturday, March 19 for "soup to go" at Congruity. Please put this date on your calendar to support the mission team's April trip to West Virginia.
3. Matthew 25 ideas for the Mission committee:
Emphasis on eradicating systemic poverty, especially where it intersects with racism. All members are asked to read the document that Skip sent and to think about how the presbytery committee can best respond.

Opportunities:

Coming soon! Committee on racial justice and reconciliation planning a simulation game about race and poverty. It will be presented at the next presbytery meeting. The racial justice committee meetings are the first Wednesday of the month at 4PM. Brenda Barnes is the chair.

Webinar: Called out to Serve

Living Out Our Missional Identity in Christ - YES, Even During Covid.

Rev. Dr. Alonzo Johnson

Thursday Jan. 27 6:30-8:30

Register:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScSM0I65Z2IINR8sL8NQ6I3AqeTRWjBLQuqaYS2VqmHJSCAGg/viewform>

Save the date! Mission trip to Summersville, WV the week of April 24-30. Details are currently being worked out.

Presbyterian Women

Redstone Presbyterian Women are pleased to announce that two new women have joined the Coordinating Team: Patti Hart, Belle Vernon, Harmony, will serve as Vice Moderator and Karol Elmore, First Presbyterian, Greensburg, will serve as the Resources for Study and Action Coordinator. They join Rev. Sylvia Carlson, Moderator; Carolee Ackinclose, Secretary/ Historian; Linda Blick, Communications Coordinator; Rev. Sue Blank, Treasurer; Kathy Haluska, Mission Interpretation Coordinator; and liaisons to local PW groups: Linda Blick, Phyllis Frye, Susan Nesti, and Florence Shearer.

We want to encourage all Presbyterian women to engage in monthly Bible studies using the Horizons magazine annual Bible study: *What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus* by Merryl Blair. You'll find it fascinating! If you don't presently receive Horizons magazine, you'll want to subscribe – and receive your own copy of the annual Bible study as well as meaningful articles of interest to any Presbyterian woman. Men would also find the magazine very useful.

<https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/subscribe>

Please mark your calendars for the PW Spring Retreat that will be held on Tuesday, May 10, at Pine Springs Camp, with Patti Hart, organist, New Hope Presbyterian Church, featuring favorite hymns and the stories behind them.

Respectfully submitted,
Sylvia Carlson, Moderator

Discernment Team/Administrative Commission Reports

Report of the Sewickley Presbyterian Administrative Commission

Proceedings:

Meeting opened with prayer by Karen Kifer; Bible Reading from Psalm 36:5-7

MOTION to approve the Administrative Commission Meeting minutes from October 20, 2021, MSP.

Organization:

Chair – Rev. Ed Gray, MSP.

Treasurer – Amanda Albright elected as treasurer, MSP.

Secretary – Dr. Rick Pry elected as secretary, MSP.

Recording Secretary – Karen Kifer elected as recording secretary, MSP.

Reports:

Report of the Chair – Rev. Ed Gray

CP Report for Karen Kifer was written and submitted by Rev. Ed Gray.

Report of the Treasurer – Amanda Albright

MOTION to approve the Treasurer's report from November and December 2021, MSP.

Budget 2021 Review Update

Report of the Commissioned Pastor – Karen Kifer

Wednesday night Bible Study will resume on January 19.. Average attendance remains 9.

Pastor Lynn Mance was the pulpit supply on October 31, 2021.

November 7, 2021 - Three new members joined the church. We enjoyed a time of fellowship afterward.

Building Projects update:

General maintenance including replacement of burnt-out bulbs and lubricating locks for the winter.

The church was decorated for Christmas on November 24, 2021 and removed on January 9, 2022.

Administrative:

Congregational Meeting

Congregational Meeting to be held with Rev. Chuck MacPherson to moderate the meeting, MSP.

MOTION to hold the Annual Congregational Meeting on January 30, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. after Sunday Service, MSP.

Mission Report

The church purchased \$500 worth of hats, gloves, and scarves and collected donations from those attending worship and the Bible Study. Distribution of hats, gloves, and blankets to local individuals in need occurred during the first two weeks of December..

Contacted the Mendon Elementary School which serves the local area and asked what the church can do to help. The principle suggested the church purchase \$50 Aldi's gift cards to be distributed to the students most in need. Aldi's offers lower prices and more food items in comparison to other local stores.

Worship

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service was held at 4:00 p.m. and included special music, scripture readings by members of the congregation, and hymns. Attendance was 60 people.

MOTION to donate \$300 from the Christmas Eve collection to the Westmoreland Food Bank,

MOTION to have communion bimonthly, normally on the third Sunday of the month,

MOTION to have a Maundy Thursday Service to include communion on April 14, 2022, at 4:00 p.m., MSP.

Audit Committee to review the financial records of the church.

MOTION to appoint Connie Keefer and Karen Kifer as the audit committee to review the financial records of the church, MSP.

Property Insurance was reviewed and found adequate for the church and manse.

Meeting adjourned with prayer by Rev. Ed Gray.

Next Administrative Commission Meeting will be March 9, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.

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.]

Presentation and Action Items

- Installation of Rev. Curtis Paul, Moderator and Rev. Dawn Sherwood, Vice-Moderator
- The Council recommends interruption of the meeting for the purpose of convening the meeting of the corporation of the Presbytery of Redstone.

(Corporation Meeting of the Presbytery of Redstone, January 29, 2022)

Based upon the provisions of the Manual, the following slate of persons are nominated to serve as the Officers of the Corporation for 2022:

President - Ms. Belinda Lambie

Secretary - Rev. Skip Noftzger

Treasurer - Mr. John R. Dickson, IV

Assistant Treasurer - Mr. Gerald Cumer

In addition to the officers of the corporation, it is moved that the following person be added to those authorized to sign checks for the Corporation.

Bookkeeper – Ms. Bobbie Martin

- Reading and honoring those Elders who have joined the Church Triumphant from the Necrology report during worship service. (Appendix C)
- Racial Justice and Reconciliation presentation
- Pine Springs Camp report
- Mission network report

Information Items

January 11, 2022 Meeting

Belinda Lambie, Moderator called the meeting to order by videoconferencing (Zoom) at 6:32 p.m.. Moderator Lambie led the group through talking about her experience in suicide prevention and training and the need for hope. Beyond those at the point, we are all in need of hope. She offered the reading from the 61st chapter of Isaiah as a devotional reading and for reflection. Upon conclusion, she opened the meeting with prayer.

Moderator requested that the agenda as submitted be considered. That agenda was approved **by consent**.

With the first meeting of the year and members rotating off and new members joining, the Council engaged in a time of introductions to one another including their name, home congregation and their favorite "oldie" hymn. "How Great Thou Art" "won" as the most mentioned among the group.

Moderator Lambie asked EP Noftzger to offer some introductory remarks on the nature and purpose of the

Council within the life of the Presbytery. In his comments grounded in the language of the Presbytery Manual of Operations, Rev. Noftzger emphasized three main “roles” of the Council that included the following:

1. Serving as the Trustees of the Presbytery, acting on its behalf with regard to financial and legal matters. This also includes managing and approving requests of use of property assets by congregations within the Presbytery. As Trustees, the Council also assumes fiduciary responsibility and provides for accountability and control of finances.
2. Coordinating the shared ministry and mission of the Presbytery. Both in oversight of existing task forces, networks and subcommittees and initiating new ministries that transcend the work of any single congregation. The Council becomes the leadership group who serve the broader ministry and mission that we might participate in together both in and beyond our local congregations.
3. Initiating and coordinating the shared experiences as a Presbytery which include regular Presbytery gatherings for times of worship and fellowship and the opportunities to engage in both hearing and participating in the work that God is doing among us.

October 26, 2021 Minutes

It was **MSP** to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2021 meeting of Council as recorded and submitted.

Moderator Report

There were no items approved by consent since the last meeting. Ms. Lambie requested that members of the Council “sign up” through the Chat function to lead devotions for the 2022 Council meetings. After a few minutes, all “slots” were filled by willing members.

Stated Clerk Report

Reviewing the upcoming Presbytery schedule, Rev. Noftzger identified possible host sites based upon communication with congregational leadership for four out of the five meetings. He noted that conversations were ongoing regarding hosting the May, 2022 meeting. It was MSP to approve the hosts of the meetings based upon the following schedule.

2022 Presbytery meeting dates

1. January 29---First, Greensburg (Hybrid/ZOOM)
2. March 22 – Rehoboth, Belle Vernon (Hybrid/ZOOM)
3. May 24--- ??? (Hybrid/ZOOM)
4. September 27---Westmont, Johnstown (Hybrid/ZOOM)
5. November 19---Newlonsburg, Murrysville (Hybrid/ZOOM)

Rev. Noftzger highlighted the upcoming Council meeting schedule and reminded members that all members of the Council (Teaching Elder/Ruling Elder) are designated by office members of the Presbytery with voice and vote.

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

December 6

The current roster of ongoing networks, task forces and subcommittees was offered for review and recommendation to the Presbytery.

- a. Mission Subcommittee
- b. Staff Support Subcommittee
- c. Budget and Stewardship Subcommittee
- d. Communications Task Force
- e. Presbyterian Women Network
- f. Addictions Ministry Network
- g. Healing and Prayer Ministry Network
- h. Racial Justice and Reconciliation Network
- i. Matthew 25 Network

Upon review, it was **MSP** to recommend their approval for ongoing endorsement and support within the Presbytery of Redstone.

Treasurer Report

Treasurer John Dickson had submitted a written report based upon the end of the month of November, 2021. He reviewed and highlighted the report through the use of a football metaphor, noting that it was the end of the fourth quarter and questions about how we would “finish” the game. He also noted the end of the year performance in our investments both in New Covenant Funds and with Ameriprise.

Pine Springs Camp

While there was no written report, Greg Davis provided an oral summary report of ongoing activities related to Pine Springs Camp. He offered thanksgiving for the most successful “Friends” dinner as well as the end of the year fund raising campaign. Like all ministries, they continue to weekly adjust and adapt many of their plans for retreats and activities based upon the ever-changing prevalence or decline of Covid.

Subcommittees/Networks

Staff Support

Martin Ankrum provided an oral summary of the activities of the Staff Support team that were listed in their submitted report. He noted the approval of the 2022 holiday schedule in which the Presbytery office would be closed. He also informed the Council that the person serving in custodial services had resigned and the Presbytery would be looking for possible options going forward.

Communications

While the Communications task force has been inactive, Skip Noftzger did report that he would be soliciting writers again this year for Enews articles. He also noted the availability of Synod of the Trinity grants to presbyteries for technology upgrades and that, on behalf of the presbytery, he had submitted a proposal for five thousand for their consideration.

Mission

Owar Ojulu noted that there had not been a December meeting, but that the Mission subcommittee would be meeting this Thursday, January 13 @ 11:00 a.m.

Budget, Finance and Stewardship

Bobbi Jo Huebner provided the report from the Budget, Finance and Stewardship committee. She noted that the group was taking up the task of exploring the options and implications for future use of the Presbytery center building facility. Preliminary work on the necessary issues to be considered will begin by individual

members. She mentioned the Presbytery staff had been asked to consider providing the bookkeeping services for the annual Wee Kirk conference. For a small stipend, these bookkeeping services would be integrated into the existing workflow and responsibilities of our current operations. The committee recommended entering into this service relationship for a period of a couple years to be evaluated at the end of that time. It was **MSP** to form this agreement and provide these services to the Wee Kirk conference. The current income and expense statements for 2021 were provided to the Council although the closing date for entries is the following day.

Racial Justice and Reconciliation

Brenda Barnes stated that the task force has been meeting regularly. Their work included reviewing resources and books for use for study on these issues in our congregations. As one of their meetings, they participated in a racial wealth gap simulation (Bread for the World) that was facilitated by Rev. Liddy Barlow of Christian Associates of Southwest Pennsylvania. She requested twenty minutes time on the January Presbytery agenda for a presentation and discussion using just one example from the simulation to provide a “teaser” for what would be a future sponsored workshop. Future activities might also include experiences with firsthand experiences with various museums. Written reports for the last two gatherings were submitted to the Council.

Addictions Ministry Network

No report.

Healing and Prayer Ministry

While there was no written report, Skip Noftzger reported that we had received a request for a few minutes docket time on the January agenda for the Healing ministry.

Presbyterian Women

No report.

Executive Presbyter

Rev. Noftzger provided updates on various activities, pastoral care needs and pastoral searches that are ongoing within Redstone Presbytery. Within the past month, we have “lost” three retired clergy who had served within our Presbytery with the deaths of Rev. Alex Jalso, Rev. Kent Lighthall and Rev. Robert Cahn.

As we move into the new year of life within Redstone Presbytery, Rev. Noftzger promoted the need to revisit and reconsider our movements and priorities over the next few years. Consequently, he invited members of the Council who were interested to participate in a “strategic thinking” task force to begin the conversations that would then take greater shape and substance at future Council meetings.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

New Business

There was no new business for action.

PRAYERS FOR EACH AND OUR COMMUNITIES

Prayer requests were solicited, then lifted up in intercession by various members of the Council.

Committee on Ministry

Presentation and Action Items

- Updates from the Board of Pensions (Appendix D)
- Celebration of 5-year ordination anniversaries. (Appendix E)
- The Committee on Ministry recommends designating Rev. Susan Blank as “Honorably Retired.”
- The Committee on Ministry recommends examination of Kristen Emrick for ordination and approval of the call to an installed pastoral relationship between Kristen Emrick and the congregations of Fort Burd and Calvin Presbyterian Churches. (See Appendix F for her bio, Appendix G for her statement of faith, and Appendix H for the Terms of Call)
- The Committee on Ministry recommends approval of the installed pastoral call extended by the congregations of Patton and Cresson Presbyterian Churches. (See Appendix I for the Terms of Call)

Information Items

January 6, 2022 Meeting

Election of Chairperson and Secretary

MSP to elect Rev. Ed Gray as moderator and Helen Toms as secretary.

Review of COM Purpose and Responsibilities

Rev. Skip Noftzger reviewed the responsibilities and duties of the Committee on Ministry that were provided electronically to the committee members. The role of a liaison is to serve as pastor, counselor, and advisor and is the initial face of presbytery. The liaison interfaces with their respective churches and systematically relates to the Presbytery what their churches are excited about or their needs and concerns so that the Presbytery can offer support and resources as needed.

Approval of Minutes

Postponed the approval of the minutes of November 4, 2021.

Report of the Stated Clerk

The Stated Clerk updated the committee on the following items:

- Correspondence Log (Email Attachment)
- Annual Reports Due
 - Statistics (membership, giving, etc. which will be submitted GA)
 - Waiver of Rotation forms
 - Terms of Call forms
 - Pastor agreement forms (temporary pastor)
 - Necrology
 - Session members (for 2022)
 - Manse inspection

- Minutes Review Dates
 - February 12, 2022 – Westmont, Johnstown (Enrichment Day)
 - March 22, 2022 – Pre-Presbytery meeting (Location TBD)
 - April 12, 2022 – Uniontown (Location TBD)
 - May 9, 2021 – Presbytery Center, Greensburg
 - May 24, 2021 – Pre-Presbytery (Location TBD)
- **MSP** to approve the recommendation of Waiver of Rotation requests as listed in the table below.

Church Name	First Name	Last Name	Ruling Elder/ Deacon
Merrittstown, Dunlap’s Creek	Marlene	Novak	Ruling Elder
North Huntingdon, New Hope	Donna	Van Allen	Ruling Elder
Bolivar United	Daniel	Short	Ruling Elder
Bolivar, United	Ronald	Betts	Ruling Elder
Bolivar, United	Darlene	Gregorich	Ruling Elder
Fayette City, First	James	Stark	Ruling Elder
Fayette City, First	Marlene	Kubina	Ruling Elder
Dunbar, Laurel Hill	Sherry	Scully	Ruling Elder
Dunbar, Laurel Hill	Cheryl	Duncan	Ruling Elder
United, New Kensington	Robin	Sorch	Deacon
McClellandtown	Peggy	Patitucci	Ruling Elder
McClellandtown	James	Bork	Deacon
Colver	Bonita	Hill	RE/Deacon
Derry	Linda	Miller	Ruling Elder
Derry	Ron	George	Deacon
Derry	Margaret	Metcalf	Deacon

- **MSP** of the approval of the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between Rev. Ron Wakeman and First Presbyterian Church, Irwin. Rev. Wakeman will be designated as a member at Large pending dismissal to another presbytery.
- **MSP** to approve all current covenant pastors, Interim Pastors, Commissioned pastors, and temporary pastors for pastors serving in “temporary pastoral relationships” pending submission of agreement and adequate compensation (minimum terms of call prorated).
- **MSP** of the recommendation to the Presbytery that Rev. Susan Blank be designated “Honorably Retired”.

Report of the Moderator

- Consent items approved between meetings
 - Approval of the submission and posting of the Ministry Information Form of the McClellandtown Presbyterian Church.
 - Approval of the Interim Pastor agreement between Rev. Dr. Doug Rehberg and the First Presbyterian Church, Irwin.

- Devotions sign-up
- Rev. Skip Noftzger to moderate First Presbyterian Church, Irwin.

REPORTS OF SUBCOMMITTEES

Examinations and Membership

- Information Items
 - Examinations completed with candidates for both Transitional Pastor positions and Commissioned Pastors.
- Action Items
 - **MSP** of the recommendation of examination of Kristen Emrick for ordination and installation as a member of Redstone Presbytery if the congregations of Fort Burd and Calvin Presbyterian affirm the candidate and call.

Search and Call

- Information Items
 - Transition Chart (Electronically)
- Action Items
 - **MSP** of the approval of the formation of a Pastor Nominating Committee of the Latrobe United Presbyterian Church.
 - **MSP** of the request authorization from the COM to approve and recommend the call and the terms for the Cresson and Patton congregations if the way be clear and the congregations affirm the candidate and call on January 23.
 - **MSP** of the request authorization from the COM to approve and recommend the call and the terms for the Fort Burd and Calvin congregations if the way be clear and the congregations affirm the candidate and call on January 23.

AP/CP Subcommittee (COM/CPM)

- Upcoming Workshops
 - January 8 – “Lenten Practices: Leaders and Congregations”; Rev. Sue Washburn
 - February 5 – “Pastoral Care”; Gary Gibson, Presbyterian Senior Care
 - March 5 – “Church Leadership”; Rev. Jason Elliot
 - April 2 – “Multi-generational Christian Formation”; Rev. Peggy Shannon
 - May 7 – “Boundaries and Ethics”; Michelle Snyder
- Reformed Worship and Sacraments cohort (begins January 8)
 - Redstone Presbytery – 2; Washington Presbytery – 1; Beaver Butler Presbytery – 3; Pittsburgh Presbytery – 1; Upper Ohio Valley – 2

COM Liaison Suggested Timeline

A Presbytery/Church “Season” calendar was provided electronically for Liaison contact awareness. The timeline provided guidance on how to be aware of what’s going on in the life of the church such as Presbytery-wide events and church seasons throughout the year. The timeline is not a requirement to strictly follow, but to be used as a prompt or starting point to navigate relationships with churches and their leaders.

Care of Congregations and Congregational Leaders

- Liaison assignments were re-organized to integrate new committee members.
- Prayers were lifted in answer to requests that had been received for:
 - Prayers for the families of Kent Lighthall and Alex Jalso as they grieve the loss of these honorably retired pastors that had faithfully served God and the congregations of Redstone Presbytery.
 - Prayers for churches looking forward to new leadership especially for Fort Burd / Calvin and Cresson / Patton as they progress to affirm their respective candidates and calls.
 - Prayers for those working to schedule pulpit supply up through the Easter holiday.
 - Praises for churches that did well over Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany.
 - Prayer for those who are traveling during winter weather.
- The following Teaching Elders and Commissioned Pastors were prayed for during this time: John Michael, Art Moffat, Len Morgan, John Morrow, Norma Murphy, Rodney Murray, Skip Noftzger, Ben Nti, David O'Hara, Owar Ojulu.
- The following churches were prayed for during this time: Pleasant View Presbyterian Church, Smock; 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; United Presbyterian Church, West Newton; Palmer Community Presbyterian Church, Adah.

New Business

The Search and Call subcommittee asked if anyone is interested in joining. The subcommittee meets one-half hour before the regular COM meeting. Jill Gaetano volunteered to serve on the Search and Call.

Adjournment

It was **MSP** to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m. with prayer offered by Rev. Aleda Menchyk.

Committee on Preparation for Ministry

Action Items

- No action items and no oral report.

Information Items

January 4, 2022 Meeting

1. Meeting opened with prayer
2. Organizational
 - a. Election of chair – Geoff Rach; **MSP**
 - b. Election of secretary – Karen Kifer; **MSP**
 - c. Meeting schedule – First Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm approved
3. Responsibilities of CPM summary
 - a. Teaching Elder preparation – inquiry/candidating process
 1. Help them identify their call, coordinate academic, field education, ordination exams, and Personality Inventories
 - b. CP and AP preparation – Inter-Presbytery Leadership Formation
 - c. Oversight and liaison with Authorized Preachers
 - d. Oversight and liaison with Certified Christian Educators
 - i. Cynthia Bellina (personal health challenges)
 - ii. James Vlosich
 - iii. Danielle Kendig
4. COM had authorized the AP/CP's sub-committee to oversee the Authorized Preachers and Commissioned Pastors in the past.
 - i. This AP/CP sub-committee has been dissolved and responsibilities have returned to COM and CPM.
 - ii. The COM has transferred oversight of the students in the IPLF and the APs to CPM.
 - iii. Once the individual has been commissioned, oversight of the person returns to the COM.
5. Authorized Preachers (AP)
 - i. Ruling Elders who have completed sufficient training and been examined in order to be authorized as a preacher.
 - ii. Role – fill the pulpit for various churches intermittently as needed.
 - iii. Listed on the pulpit supply roster for availability.
 - iv. Mentor is normally the Teaching Elder of the AP's home church.
 - v. CPM will assign a liaison to each AP.
 - vi. Annual forms to fill out to be renewed as an AP.
 - vii. CPM, as a committee, will meet with each AP annually.
 - viii. Fills the pulpit for various churches as needed.
6. Commissioned Pastor (CP)
 - i. Also called a Ruling Elder Commissioned to Particular Service.
 - ii. Currently, 30% of congregations are being served by CPs.
 - iii. Mentor is often the Teaching Elder of the CP's home church.
 - iv. Commissioned to a particular ministry to serve an ongoing role. Pastoral authority and

responsibilities are limited to that commissioned ministry.

- v. Must have completed the training, workshops, and practicums and been examined by the COM Examinations committee in order to be eligible to be considered to be commissioned by Redstone.
- vi. IPLF – Inter-Presbytery Leadership Formation provides the education experiences (courses, workshops, practicums) for both AP and CP’s.
 - b. Certified Christian Educations
 - c. Liaison from the CPM – must record the date of meetings and discussions with each AP/CP

7. Review Master Chart---Roster and Checklist

Inquirer/Candidate	Authorized Preacher	IPLF Student	Certified Christian Educator
Cynthia Bellina-Candidate	Linda Gosser Loesch	Rich Zoltak	Cheryl Rhea
Danielle Kendig – Inquirer	Bob Sheehan	Karen Gray	
James Vlosich – Inquirer	Jeff Keilman	Bill Poninsky	
	Laurie Davison		
	Seth Myers		

8. IPLF – Spring, 2022 Offerings

- a. Completed the Reformed Theology in 12/2021 and associated workshops
- b. Course for the IPLF Spring 2022 – Reformed Worship and Sacraments – Dr. Peter Bower (editor to the Companion to the BCW)
- c. Workshops for the IPLF Spring 2022 Term – Lenten Practices; Upcoming Leadership; Boundaries and Ethics; Pastoral care

9. Update on Candidate and Inquirers

- a. Cynthia Bellina – Candidate – ½ through her studies, but not currently enrolled in classes due to health challenges; left it with her as to when it is good for her to continue (summer 2022?)
- b. James Vlosich – Inquirer---conversations about boundaries with current job at Trinity; serves on Session; enrolled online in Fuller Seminary, taking Greek this semester
- c. Danielle Kendig – Inquirer---enrolled in Pittsburgh Seminary, this past semester was full time, but may scale back, on staff at Westmont, 2nd year of studies, will be invited to February meeting.

10. Leaderwise – James and Danielle were sent invitations to fill out the personality assessment

11. Future meeting schedule/consultations

- a. February 1 – Danielle Kendig; inquirer
- b. March 1---James Vlosich; inquirer
- c. April 5---two authorized preachers/IPLF students
- d. May 3---two authorized preachers/IPLF students; ordination exam readers
- e. June 7---no meeting(?)
- f. July 5---no meeting(?)
- g. August 2 – certified Christian educators
- h. September 6---two authorized preachers/IPLF students;
- i. October 4---Danielle Kendig
- j. November 1---James Vlosich
- k. December 6---no meeting(?)

12. New business - none

13. Adjournment with Prayer

Nominating Committee

Actions Items

- **No action items and no oral report.**

Information Items

- There remain a couple openings for positions on standing committees. These include:
 - 1 Male Ruling Elder-Committee on Ministry

Please submit names of possible Ruling Elders for consideration to the Nominating Committee through either Aleda Menchyk, or Skip Noftzger.

Additionally, there are always opportunities on various subcommittees, task forces and networks.

