



2022 Stated Meeting

of the

Presbytery of Redstone
Presbyterian Church (USA)

March 22, 2022



ONLINE (ZOOM)

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

OR

Rehoboth Presbyterian Church
Belle Vernon, PA

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

Directions to Connect to the Presbytery ZOOM Meeting

USING A COMPUTER WITH A CAMERA, TABLET OR SMARTPHONE

If your computer doesn't have a camera, it will be easier to use dial in by smartphone or landline

<https://zoom.us/j/7248376737>

Meeting ID: 7248376737

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USING A SMARTPHONE TO DO A CONFERENCE CALL (NO VIDEO)

Click one of these and it should log you in:

Using a landline

Dial 1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

Or, click here to find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/abZiP0Z9bI>

When prompted enter the Meeting ID: 724 837 6737

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Zoom Meeting Tips – Presbytery Meeting – January 26, 2021 (join-5:45 for 6:00 start)

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BEFORE THE MEETING, find the computer, tablet or phone that you will use.

1. [Click here](#). It will automatically encourage you to install Zoom on your device. If it says the website is invalid, it's because you need the Zoom account. OR, you can just download the Zoom link from your app store.
2. If you are on a laptop you can go to Zoom.us and create an account there. Remember your login info!
3. If you are on a phone or tablet install the app. If you click on the blue link on your phone/tablet it should have a banner at the top to take you to the zoom app where you can create an account. The app usually remembers the log in, but you should, too! Here is what the app looks like:



Day of the meeting:

15 minutes BEFORE the meeting, click on the blue link again and it should take you directly to the meeting on your laptop/phone/tablet. OR, log into Zoom.us and enter the meeting ID yourself.

To join by phone for audio only all you have to do is dial and then enter the meeting ID

Dial 1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

Or, click here to find your local number: <https://zoom.us/j/abZiP0Z9bl>

When prompted enter the Meeting ID: 727 837 6737

NOTE: If you will be using a cell phone---please call us (724.837.6737) ahead of time to let us know your name/church and cell phone # you will be using.

MEETING DAY:

- Have the Zoom link/information ready and available at least 20-30 minutes before the meeting
- Select a quiet, bright environment with light in front of you. Bright lights or windows behind you or you will be a shadow!
- Select the link/call the number to join the meeting at least fifteen minutes ahead (5:45 p.m.).
- Basic navigation instructions and reminders will be given at that time that include:
 - Renaming yourself/identifying church
 - Muting/unmuting participants
 - Identifying yourself to the moderator for wanting to speak
 - Voting procedures
 - Using the Chat function
 - Responding to "Polls"
 - Using Speaker view and Gallery view

-If you are unable to connect to the meeting and you need assistance, please call Sue Washburn @ 412-760-7469 for tech support.

DURING THE MEETING:

Joining the meeting:

-Name yourself/congregation either by selecting/changing your "square" (three dots..."rename") or by announcing yourself (if using a phone). From there, once the meeting begins, be muted (eliminates background noise) until your need/want to participate orally (see below) at any point.

If you are presenting:

-During the meeting, you will need to unmute yourself and speak when called upon by the moderator. If you have "slides" to show as part of your presentation, please send them to the Presbytery office at least the day before the meeting.

If you wish to speak:

- Signal your desire by using the chat or raise hand function
- The Clerk or Associate Clerk will be monitoring this and will let the Moderator know. When the Moderator recognizes you, then:
 - Remember to unmute
 - Say your name and the congregation/ministry you serve or represent
 - Then share your question, motion, point of order, etc.

Voting:

- Depending upon the action, the Moderator will initiate either a voice vote of acclamation or use of Polls or Hand raising or some other visual clue. If you have DIALED in you will be given an opportunity for either a voice/text vote.

Breakout Rooms:

- Parts of the meeting could also take place through segmenting participants into “breakout rooms” for smaller group discussions.

Online meeting etiquette:

A few tips for your own (and everyone else) benefit.

- Even though it’s tempting, try not to multitask too much. This might include talking to others in your room, checking the phone, eating meals, etc. AND if you give in to any of those temptations, please make sure that you are muted.
- Remember that everyone else can see you in Gallery view, so there is no hiding in the “back pew” or having unobtrusive side conversations. So just be aware.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE MEETING

- The offering for this meeting will go to the South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church.

To make your Offering through online contributions go to www.redstonepresbytery.org and click on the green “GIVE NOW” link on the left of the page.

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.

Directions to
Rehoboth Presbyterian Church
442 Rehoboth Road, Belle Vernon (Rostraver Township) 15012
724.929.7020

Route 70 to Exit #44 (Arnold City) – After exiting Route 70, if you are coming from the east you will turn left, if you are coming from the west you will turn right. You will travel approximately 2/10 mile to Finley Road. (There is no stop sign at this intersection for you.) Make a right onto Finley Road. Travel approximately 1 mile to Rehoboth Road. Make a left onto Rehoboth Road. (This intersection is just before the railroad tracks. You will see a sign for the church as well as a historical marker for Col. Edward Cook.) Rehoboth Church is located 2/10 of a mile from this intersection on the left.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PRESBYTERY MEETING

As you enter the church, Registration will be up the stairs to the right in the room next to the sanctuary. Refreshments will be served in that room as well, and the meeting will be held in the Sanctuary. There are restrooms on both floors of the church. There will be signs showing you where all of these rooms are.

Notes for the March 22, 2022 Presbytery Meeting!

- Presbyters are reminded to get “Prayer Requests” to the Clerk as soon as possible as they will be lifted up during the prayers in the Worship Service.
- The Offering received during worship at this meeting will go to the South Sudan Partnership.

Rehoboth Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon, PA
ZOOM MEETING
 March 22, 2022

5:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Minutes Reading and Review</i> 	<i>In Person</i>
5:30- 6:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Registration and fellowship</i> • <i>Join a breakout room</i> 	<i>In Person or Online</i>
GATHERING		
6:00 p.m.	<u>Presbytery Gathering Convenes</u> Gathering Song/Prayer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formation of the Roll • Seating of Corresponding Members • Introduction of Ruling Elders as first-time commissioners 	<i>Sanctuary/Zoom</i> Rev. Curtis Paul Rev. Cliff Foster
	<u>Reports</u> <u>Stated Clerk</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correspondence Log - pages 13-15 • Statistics - page 16 • Consent Agenda - pages 16-17 <u>Treasurer</u> - page 18 <u>Executive Presbyter</u> - pages 19-20	Rev. Skip Noftzger Rev. Cliff Foster John Dickson Rev. Skip Noftzger
<u>THE WORD</u>		
	Prelude Call to Worship Opening Prayer Opening Hymn Thanksgiving for Baptism Scripture Reading Proclamation Hymn	
<u>RESPONDING</u>		
	Offering - Online giving(www.redstonepresbytery.org) or mail to Presbytery center <i>(The offering will go to our partnership with the South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church)</i>	
<u>THE SACRAMENT – LORD’S SUPPER</u>		
	Invitation Great Thanksgiving Communion Prayer After Communion Closing Hymn Benediction	

PRESBYTERY OF REDSTONE GATHERED IN WORSHIP

The Community Gathered...at the Table

Prelude

*Call to Worship

What shall we return to the Lord for all the
good things God has done for us?

**We will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

And also with you.

*Opening Prayer

O God, light of the hearts that know you,
life of the souls that love you, strength of the thoughts
that seek you:

to turn from you is to fall, to turn to you is to rise,
and to abide in you is to stand fast forever.

Although we are unworthy to approach you,
or to ask anything of you, grant us your grace and
blessing for the sake of Jesus Christ our redeemer.

Amen.

*Hymn #356 - Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475

1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be!

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee.

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - dering from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love!
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Written for Pentecost by a British Baptist pastor, this text is full of biblical terms like "Ebenezer" (1 Samuel 7:12), Hebrew for "a stone of help" set up to give thanks for God's assistance. The tune name honors hymnal compiler Asahel Nettleton, who probably did not compose it.

TEXT: Robert Robinson, 1758, alt.
 MUSIC: Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second*, 1813

NETTLETON
 8.7.8.7.D

Thanksgiving for Baptism

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

O Lord our God, we give you thanks for the mercy you so freely offer us through the grace of our baptism— safe passage through the sea, justice rolling down like water, deliverance from sin and death forever. By the power of your Holy Spirit, poured out upon us in baptism, teach us to love and serve you faithfully and reconcile us to you and to one another as members of one living body; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Reading: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

The parable of the Prodigal Son;
he was lost and has been found.

Proclamation: The Dinner Party

*Hymn #280 - Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

THANKSGIVING

649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

CHOCTAW

*Shilombish holitopa ma!
Ishmminti pulla cha
hatak ilbusha pia ha
is pi yukpalashke.*

CREEK

*Po ya fek cha he thlat ah tet
ah non ah cha pa kas
cha fee kee o funnan la kus
um e ha ta la yus.*

NAVAHO

*Nizhóntígo joo bá díits' a'
yisdáshítínígí,
lah yóóiyá, k'ad
shéna'hoosdzin,
doo eesh'íí da tít'ée.*

As was his custom, the author wrote this hymn to accompany his sermon on 1 Chronicles 17:16–17, preached on January 1, 1773; he called it “Faith’s Review and Expectation.” Much of its current popularity comes from this now-familiar tune, an association that began in 1835.

The Lord's Table

Offering

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread And forgive us our debts as we forgive our
debtors And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the
power and the glory forever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion

Prayer after Communion

God of grace, you invite us to your table
and welcome us as part of your family.
You feed us with your body
and satisfy our deepest hunger.
We thank you for these gifts.
Now send us out into the world
by the power of your Spirit
that we may be your witnesses,
sharing the life-giving news of the gospel. **Amen.**

*Hymn: My Life Flows On

821 My Life Flows On

How Can I Keep from Singing?

1 My life flows on in end-less song, a-bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion.
 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? I know my Sav - ior liv - eth.
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!

I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
 It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
 What though the dark-ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv-eth.
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain

No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.

Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

In the *New York Observer* of August 7, 1868, this text was titled "Always Rejoicing," and was attributed to "Pauline T." This may well be where the Baptist pastor and musician to whom it is usually credited encountered the words that he later published with his tune.

TEXT and MUSIC: Robert Lowry, 1869

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING
 8.7.8.7 with refrain

*Benediction

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STATED CLERK’S REPORT:

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

Correspondence Log

Date Received	Received From	Content	Action
March 9, 2022 – email	United Presbyterian Church, West Newton	2022 Terms of Call for Rev. John Manon, Manse Inspection Report, and List of Session Members	To COM and FILE
March 7, 2022 – mail	Tyrone Presbyterian Church, Dawson	Session’s Annual Report for Commissioned Pastor Anthony Marciano	To COM and FILE
March 3, 2022 – mail	Calvin United Presbyterian Church, Scottdale	2021 Statistical Report, List of Session Members, Manse Inspection Report, 2022 Terms of Call for CP Doug Yauger	To COM and FILE
March 2, 2022 – mail	Little Redstone Presbyterian Church, Fayette City	Manse Inspection Report, List of Session Members, 2022 Terms of Call for CP Josh Scully	To COM and FILE
February 28, 2022 – mail	Community United Presbyterian Church	Session’s Annual Report for Commissioned Pastor Len Morgan, List of Session Members, Manse Inspection Report	To COM and FILE
February 28, 2022 – mail	West Hempfield Presbyterian Church, Irwin	2022 Terms of Call for Rev. Andrew Wirt, List of Session Members	To COM and FILE
February 28, 2022 – mail	Patton Presbyterian Church	Manse Inspection Report, List of Session Members	To FILE
February 28, 2022 – mail	First Presbyterian Church, Jeannette	List of Session Members	To FILE
February 28, 2022 – mail	Westmont Presbyterian Church, Johnstown	2022 Terms of Call for Rev. Ben Nti, List of Session Members, Manse Inspection Report	To COM and FILE
February 28, 2022 – mail	Pleasant View Presbyterian Church, Smock	2022 Terms of Call for Rev. Laura Blank, Manse Inspection Report, List of Session Members	To COM and FILE
February 28, 2022 – mail	Congruity Presbyterian Church, New Alexandria	List of Session Members	To FILE
February 28, 2022 – mail	First Presbyterian Church, Avonmore	List of Session Members	To FILE
February 28, 2022 – mail	New Salem Presbyterian Church	List of Session Members	To FILE
February 28, 2022 – mail	First Presbyterian Church, Dunbar	Request for Waiver of Rotation for Ruling Elders, List of Session Members	To COM and FILE

February 28, 2022 – mail	Colver Presbyterian Church	List of Session Members, 2022 Terms of Call for Rev. Owar Ojulu	To COM and FILE
February 17, 2022 – email	First Presbyterian Church, Johnstown	Minutes of Congregational Meeting to Dissolve Pastoral Relationship with Rev. Alice Tondora	To COM and FILE
February 17, 2022 – mail	Palmer Community Presbyterian Church, Adah	List of Session Members, Manse Inspection Report	To FILE
February 16, 2022 – mail	Second Presbyterian Church, Johnstown	2022 Terms of Call for Rev. Art Moffat, List of Session Members	To COM and FILE
February 15, 2022 – email	Analise Brown, National Registrar for 2022 Youth Triennium	Notification of decision to cancel the Presbyterian Youth Triennium 2022 in-person event	To FILE
February 15, 2022 – email	First Presbyterian Church, Fayette City	2021 Statistical Report	To FILE
February 14, 2022 – mail	Rev. John McClure	Letter requesting to be relieved as Moderator of the Pleasant Grove Presbyterian Church, Ligonier	To COM and FILE
February 14, 2022 – email	Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church, Murrysville	List of Session Members	To FILE
February 14, 2022 – email	Cresson Presbyterian Church	List of Session Members and Manse Inspection Report	To FILE
February 14, 2022 – mail	First Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon	2022 Terms of Call for Rev. Mary Kay Glunt, List of Session Members, Manse Inspection Report	To COM and FILE
February 14, 2022 – mail	First Presbyterian Church, Irwin	List of Session Members	To FILE
February 14, 2022 – email	Rehoboth Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon	Manse Inspection Report	To FILE
February 14, 2022 – email	Springhill Furnace Presbyterian Church, Lake Lynn	2021 Statistical Report	To FILE
February 14, 2022 – mail	First Presbyterian Church, Avonmore	Manse Inspection Report	To FILE
February 14, 2022 – hand delivered	First Presbyterian Church, Jeannette	2022 Terms of Call for Rev. Dawn Sherwood	To COM and FILE
February 9, 2022 – email	Level Green Presbyterian Church	2021 Statistical Report, Manse Inspection Report, List of Session Members	To FILE
February 9, 2022 – mail	Sewickley Presbyterian Church, West Newton	Manse Inspection Report, 2021 Statistical Report	To FILE
February 8, 2022 – email	Springhill Furnace Presbyterian Church, Lake Lynn	2022 Covenant Pastor Agreement with Rev. Molly Hall	To COM and FILE
February 7, 2022 – email	Calvin United Presbyterian Church, Brownsville	2021 Statistical Report	To FILE
February 7, 2022 – email	Level Green Presbyterian Church, Trafford	2022 Terms of Call for the Rev. Geoff Rach	To COM and FILE
February 7, 2022 – email	Poke Run Presbyterian	Manse Inspection Report	To FILE

	Church, Apollo		
February 3, 2022 – email	Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church, Murrysville	2022 Terms of Call for Revs. Curtis Paul and Travis Webster, Manse Inspection Report	To COM and FILE
February 1, 2022 – email	Board of Pensions	Notification of Rev. Peter Keith initiating retirement	To COM and FILE
February 1, 2022 – email	Grace Chapel Presbyterian Church, Smithfield	2021 Statistical Report	To FILE
January 31, 2022 – email	Synod of the Trinity	Request for Presbytery Directory	SENT
January 31, 2022 – email	Presbytery of Western North Carolina	Seeking concurrence on overture	To FILE
January 31, 2022 – email	First Presbyterian Church, Greensburg	2022 Terms of Call for Rev. Martin Ankrum	To COM and FILE
January 31, 2022 – mail	Reunion Presbyterian Church, Mt. Pleasant	2022 Terms of Call for CP Russ Baird, List of Session Members, Bylaws of the Church	To COM and FILE
January 31, 2022 – mail	Synod of the Trinity	Presbytery Tech Grant in the amount of \$5,000.00	
January 27, 2022 – email	United Presbyterian Church, New Kensington	2021 Statistical Report	To FILE
January 26, 2022 – email	Danielle Kendig	Forms 4 and 5A	To CPM and FILE
January 26, 2022 – email	New Hope Presbyterian Church, North Huntingdon	Practicums for AP Rich Zoltak	To CPM and FILE
January 26, 2022 – email	Grace Community Presbyterian Church, Lower Burrell	Session Member List	To FILE
January 25, 2022 – email	Presbyterians for Middle East Peace	Statement regarding PCUSA Stated Clerk referencing to anti-Semitism	To FILE
January 25, 2022 – email	Tyrone Presbyterian Church, Dawson	1-year contract with CP Anthony Marciano	To COM and FILE
January 24, 2022 – email	Kiski Presbytery	Request to dismiss Rev. William King to Kiski	To COM and FILE
January 24, 2022 – mail	Harmony Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon	List of Session Members	To FILE
January 24, 2022 – mail	Union Presbyterian Church, Murrysville	3-month Interim Pastor Contract with Rev. Sue Washburn	To COM and FILE
January 20, 2022 – email	General Assembly	Notification of GA225 COVID vaccination requirements	To COMMISSIONERS and FILE
January 20, 2022 – mail	Richard Zoltak	Annual AP Report Form	To CPM and FILE

2. Summary of 2021 Comparative Statistical Summary for the Presbytery

<u>Membership Statistics</u>	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Active members	14,799	14,329	13,961	13,679	12,543	11,477	10,628	10,287	10,017	9636	9077	8863
Gains by Profession of Faith - 17 under	105	82	102	105	101	85	70	53	58	36	22	31
Gains by Profession of Faith - 18 over	169	178	146	154	155	171	170	102	119	98	30	56
Gains by Certificate	65	85	79	95	61	56	43	48	57	73	38	63
Losses by Certificate	57	95	78	243	519	437	205	65	215	34	18	24
Losses by Death	281	274	252	248	252	239	238	187	194	196	250	191
Losses by Other	211	511	417	182	781	725	732	304	106	316	344	144
Infant Baptisms	140	163	122	158	128	127	110	100	87	56	24	61
Adult Baptisms	26	25	22	35	17	24	20	9	13	14	6	10

As of the 2021 deadline for statistical reporting to the General Assembly, 58 churches have filed at least portions of their annual statistical reports for 2020. The following churches failed to submit their Annual Statistical Report based upon the deadline: Dunlap’s Creek; Fort Burd; Fairchance; Bethany; Leisenring; Masontown; Mt. Washington; Pleasant Grove; Tent. For a summary membership report, see **Appendix B**.

3. The following dates represent additional opportunities for Clerks to have their Session minutes and Church Registers reviewed for 2021.

- March 22, 2022 – Belle Vernon, Rehoboth; Pre-Presbytery
- April 20, 2022 – Uniontown, Trinity United
- May 11, 2022 – Presbytery Center
- May 24, 2022 – Belle Vernon, First; Pre-Presbytery

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 **recommends** that the minutes of the Presbytery meeting of the January 29, 2022 be approved.

From the Council

1. Council **recommends** that the Financial Reports presented to the Council be received and filed for audit.
2. Council **recommends** that the reports of the Stated Clerk and Associate Stated Clerk be received and filed.

3. Council **recommends** that any Executive Presbyter, Treasurer, Mission, Pine Springs Camp and Synod commissioner reports presented to the Presbytery be received and filed.

From the Committee on Ministry

1. The Committee on Ministry **recommends** that Presbytery grant the request from the First Presbyterian Church, Dunbar to waive the rotation of terms of service for Tammy Rockwell and Seth Myers, Ruling Elders.

From the Sewickley Administrative Commission

1. The Administrative Commission **recommends** that its report be received, filed and recorded in the minutes.

Treasurer's Report

INCOME & EXPENSE REPORT

This report provides an unaudited overview of the second operating month for the Presbytery, ending February 28, 2022.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW / INCOME

Church Commitments receipted for this period total of \$29,213. Said amount exceeds the targeted monthly benchmark of \$26,667 to address mission objectives for the Presbytery. For this period also, an additional \$243.00 was recorded which represents an added contribution. In review of the Church Commitment Report, it is noted several churches met or exceeded the 17% benchmark contribution level for this period. Also recognized for this period, are church's that have not pledged or provided a contribution per the report. It is **hopeful that pledge commitments along with contributions be represented from** all entities in March.

Total income for the month was \$68,721. Major contributing factors for this amount was Temporarily Restricted dollars released (\$31,212) along with recognizing a five-thousand-dollar (\$5,000) technology equipment grant, obtained by the Synod, to enhance hybrid meetings.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW/EXPENSES

Overall expenses for the month are above the targeted amount of \$35,584 per month. Recorded for this period was \$57,449. In review of expenses, some of the major expense's influencers were Disaster Assistance funds applied, building maintenance, and cost of natural gas. Overall, YTD expenses are just above the preferred 17% threshold at 20%.

EXCESS INCOME OVER EXPENSES

For the month income was positive totaling \$11,272 and YTD was also positive at \$5,240.

INVESTMENTS & HOLDINGS

The Ameriprise Statement for the period ending February 28, 2022, reports a negative ending value for the month at -\$13,987 and YTD also a negative ending value totaling -\$50,897. Current account value = \$645,270.

Other holdings and investments (balance sheet) for the Presbytery which include PILP (\$10,000), New Covenant (\$363,175) and First Commonwealth (\$155,270) Current Accounts Value = \$528,445

Total Investments & Holdings = \$1,173,715.00

Respectfully Submitted,

John Dickson

Executive Presbyter Report

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

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

VISION	1/29/2022-3/22/2022	
<p>Congregation-centered (ENGAGE)</p>	<p>Visible presence within the Presbytery engaging with congregations--- Church Visits---</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since the January Presbytery meeting, I have visited or preached at ten different morning worship or special services. One of those services was for an installation of a new pastor in the presbytery. • Met with five different sessions to talk through their various issues and concerns. Three were part of negotiating the terrain of pastoral transitions while others were meetings for six-month check in, addressing issues and providing leadership for regular meetings. • Working alongside five PNC's in various stages of their search process, including searching and filtering, reference checks, finalizing selection of a candidate, anticipating the congregational meeting and preparing for installation. Maintained regular communication with each PNC chair and meet personally as needed. Seek out and provide weekly referrals within the CLC search system. • Provided options and assistance for two different sessions as they consider appropriate options and candidates for part time short- and long-term pastoral leadership moving forward whether through pulpit supply, commissioned pastors, covenant pastors or temporary pastors. 	
<p>Leadership developed (EQUIP)</p>	<p>Developing and equipping leadership within the Presbytery---</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planned and prepared IPLF courses and workshops through online support and resourcing individual instructors. • Consulted with Clerks of Sessions on procedures related to annual reports and basic polity and legal/ecclesiastical organizational issues. • Worked with two potential inquirers through one-one meetings and phone conversations in order to negotiate the process of seminary education and to coordinate expectations for training by the Committee on Preparation for Ministry. • Continued assistance and consultation with members of the Committee on Ministry in their roles as serving as liaisons to individual congregations. Providing individual support in response to inquiries as well as resources and "prompts" for liaison contacts. • Networked with leaders in other presbyteries, seminaries and churches to 	

	<p>identify possible candidates for different pastoral leadership opportunities within our Presbytery.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal conversations for ministry strategy, development, vocational discernment, presbytery leadership responsibilities, future ministry positions and personal concerns with many different pastors. 				
<p>Collaboration-Districts/Network (ENABLE)</p>	<p>Creating and supporting collaboration in ministry both within and outside Redstone---</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting and resourcing existing networks within the presbytery including healing and prayer ministry, racial justice and reconciliation, communications, and addictions ministry. Laying the groundwork for a gathering of Matthew 25 congregations. • Actively engage within the ministry and work of Christian Associates through both regular meetings and special projects. • Coordinate with other participating presbyteries in the ongoing administration of the Inter-Presbytery Leadership Formation program. • Providing materials and resources as well as personal consultation with other presbyteries (re)considering the methods for training, mentoring and commissioning new ruling elders in particular pastoral service. 				
<p>Partnership in Mission promoted (EMPOWER)</p>	<p>Promoted and provided leadership in our partnerships in mission---</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serve on the Pine Springs board, particularly in working with the area of finance and policy. Assisting in the development of a possible new iteration of the strategic plan and commitments through the Thriving Boards initiative. • Ongoing participation on the board of Redstone Highlands including the Strategy committee, and regular board meetings. • Working with the Sudan/South Sudan Partnership by maintaining contact with Philip Obang and the mission network. • Encouraging and resourcing the Presbytery Mission subcommittee in consideration of opportunities for shared mission addressing issues of poverty. 				
<p>Operational Support</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed annual reports for the Office of General Assembly on a number of mid-council areas. Provided oversight and assistance in completion of annual statistical reports. • Provided background data on relevant issues for the Finance, Property and Stewardship subcommittee to explore possible options regarding appropriate stewardship of our current building facility. 				
<p>VALUES</p>	<p>Servant Leadership</p>	<p>Flourishing Community</p>	<p>Witness to the World</p>	<p>Generous and effective Stewardship</p>	
<p><i>Soli Deo Gloria</i></p>					

Mission Network

Mission Committee Meeting 03.10.2022

Time for reflection: John 6:1-14

Prayer

1. Upcoming projects (updates):
 - Upcoming soup sale for March 20 to support the WV mission trip
 - Mission trip to West Virginia the week of April 24
 - Skip will reach out to Phyllis Frye for a list of participant names, they will be contacted for a commissioning at the next presbytery meeting
2. Engage our churches (update) Rev. Donna Havrisko
 - Sally Nicholls of Rehoboth and Duffy Greba of Westminster will share mission projects their churches are working on as a way of inspiring others.
 - Highlighting donations to PDA, including Ukraine, especially the synod match for PDA
3. Mission Trip S. Sudan and Ethiopia: Revisit partners post-Covid, learn about their challenges and opportunities and encourage/strengthen our partnership - (create an inviting theme?)
 - The committee is discerning how to engage more in international partnership especially with the challenging situations around the world, even in S. Sudan and Ethiopia. Is a trip to those countries even possible at this time? Could we revive our partnership with Frontera de Cristo in Mexico? Several churches still support mission co-worker Mark Adams so it is a natural fit.
 - a. Such a trip could include application for a Mission Travel Grant | Synod of the Trinity (syntrinity.org)
4. Eradicating Systemic Poverty
 - a. What might a presbytery-wide project look like?
 - b. We will borrow devotions from the denomination's Matthew 25 resources
 - c. The committee will read "Freeing Congregational Mission" by Hunter Farrell

Next meeting is April 7 @ 11AM

Upcoming events:

March 13 Soup sale deadline

March 20 Soup sale distribution

April 24 Redstone Mission trip to West Virginia

August 3-4 South Sudan mission network meeting

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### ***Mission Committee Meeting 02.10.2022***

### ***Devotions: Reading for Reflection: Ruth 2***

Time for reflection

Prayer

Business:

1. Offering for the March 22 meeting of Presbytery will be for the South Sudan Partnership
2. Engagement: The committee will yield a minute or two at each presbytery meeting to a big church and a small church for a mission presentation.

3. The committee encourages support of the upcoming soup sale and mission trip to West Virginia.
4. Tabled a request from Philip Obang \$2,000 for tuition for an advanced degree at Kenya University.
5. Goodwill Industries of Southwestern PA is requesting warm clothing. Mission committee recommends communication encouraging churches to make donations to the local Goodwill. The committee suggests an email from the presbytery and put an announcement on Facebook with a link to the article that inspired the request. Here is the information:

Goodwill industries has issued a plea for warm winter clothing. The Redstone Presbytery Mission Committee is encouraging churches to donate coats, socks, and other warm winter clothing to their local Goodwill or other groups that serve their communities with clothing for the remaining weeks of winter. <http://uniontownapps.ogdennews.com/2022/02/02/goodwill-issues-urgent-appeal-for-clothing-other-donations/>

**We prayed for:**

John Salvison

Ed Highberger

Mission Worker Paula Cooper

The assembly scheduled for March 23 for SSPEC and for trauma healing, civil war in Civil War, flooding, UN estimate 7 million suffering from hunger. Women's empowerment and youth program, church leaders.

Prayer for Sudan as well.

Pine Springs Camp Report - See Appendix "H"

## **Presbyterian Women**

The Spring Retreat will be held on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Pine Springs Camp. The retreat, "Hymns of our Faith and What They Teach", with Retreat Leader Patti Hart, will begin with a continental breakfast and will also include lunch. More information will be included in the PW March newsletter to be published later this month and posted on the Presbytery website.

Sylvia Carlson, Moderator

## Sewickley Presbyterian Church Administrative Commission Report

Meeting Minutes for March 9, 2022 (1:30 p.m. at Sewickley Presbyterian Church)

### **Commission Members:**

Present: Amanda Albright, Rev. Ed Gray, Connie Keefer, Karen Kifer, and Dr. Richard Pry

### **Proceedings:**

Meeting opened with prayer by Karen Kifer  
Bible Reading from Psalm 1  
Review of Agenda of the meeting  
Review of previous meeting minutes

**MOTION** to approve the Administrative Commission Meeting minutes from January 12, 2022, the Annual Congregational Meeting minutes from January 30, 2022, and the General Operating Committee Meeting minutes from February 16, 2022; **MSP**.

### **Reports:**

Report of the Chair – Rev. Ed Gray

Rev. Ed Gray reported the current status of Sewickley Church and the Administrative Commission meeting to the Presbytery.

Report of the Treasurer – Amanda Albright

**MOTION** to approve the February 2022 Treasurer’s report; **MSP**.

Report of the Pastor – Karen Kifer

Former member and Elder, Charles Harvey, requested to rejoin the church. Karen Kifer spoke to Mr. Harvey.

**MOTION** to receive Charles Harvey by re-affirmation of faith; **MSP**.

Wednesday Bible Study has started the Gospel of John for Lent. Average attendance remains 9.  
CPM – Committee on Preparation for Ministry. Karen Kifer reported she is acting as a liaison for two students in the Inter-Presbytery Leadership Formation program that requires some time and occasional mileage. Elders of Sewickley Church believe this is a portion of their mission to the Presbytery and offered to pay the Presbytery mileage rate for any driving required.

### **Administrative:**

The Congregational Meeting was held on January 30, 2022, with Rev. Chuck MacPherson presiding.

### **Building:**

Parking lot gravel will need leveled this spring. Two fence posts need repaired or replaced.  
Spring Cleanup will be needed around the building – removing sticks and leaves.

### **Mission:**

Our Lenten project for Mendon Elementary School began on March 6, 2022 and will continue through March 27, 2022. Currently, we have collected approximately \$200 for the mission. Our goal is to provide 10-\$50 gift cards from Aldi’s to the Elementary School.

**Worship:**

Communion was served on February 20, 2022, to 12 congregants. Next communion will be during the Maundy Thursday service on April 14, 2022, at 4:00 pm. Parament and banners were changed for Lent. Invitations are printed for Easter. Most invitations are addressed and ready to send.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

First Presbyterian Church of Murrysville will be holding their tag sale to raise money for mission work on April 29 and 30, 2022. Sewickley Church will send some people to assist in pricing as we did last year.

**Upcoming Events:**

April 14, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. – Maundy Thursday Service

Meeting adjourned with prayer

Next General Operating Committee Meeting will be on April 27, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.

Next Administrative Commission Meeting will be on June 15, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.

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In review, the Administrative Commission (AC) was established at Sewickley church to allow the church time to rebuild without the added pressure of installing a third Elder immediately. In addition, the Commission provides stability and advice to the Elders and Pastor as we work to build a new vision and mission for the church. We are dedicated to worshipping God, growing disciples, and reaching out to our community.

Our average Sunday attendance is 12 to 13 people. We have had special services in the past year, such as Christmas Eve, with 50-60 people attending. At the February AC meeting, we received a member back into the church who returned to worship with us over the past months.

We continue a weekly Bible Study to learn more about God. This Lent we are studying the Gospel of John.

We strive to reach out to our community in ways that make a difference. We distributed hats, scarves, and gloves in December and plan on continuing that mission this year. We donated to the Westmoreland County Food Bank to help provide for those facing food insecurity. For our Lenten Mission, we reached out to Mendon Elementary School and asked how we could help. The principal suggested gift cards to Aldi’s Store which would be given to the families in greatest need. This would provide extra groceries for Easter.

Financially, Sewickley Church is in a good position to meet expenses this year, even with higher costs for oil and electricity.

We continue to pray for the church locally, in the US, and the world,
Karen Kifer, recording secretary, Sewickley AC

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.]

Council Report Items

- **Mission subcommittee report**
 - Mission trip
 - Mission around the Presbytery
 - PDA support for Ukrainian refugees

- **Pine Spring Camp report**

- **Commissioning General Assembly Commissioners**
 - Rev. Brenda Barnes
 - RE Judy Carl
 - RE Audrey Cottle
 - Rev. Dawn Sherwood

- **Matthew 25 network gathering**

Information Items

February 22, 2022 Meeting

Belinda Lambie, Moderator called the meeting to order by videoconferencing (Zoom) at 6:32 p.m. Moderator Lambie welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with prayer.

Rev. Curtis Paul led the devotions based upon Matthew 25 and using some of the Bible study materials provided in the denomination for the Matthew 25 initiative.

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

January 11, 2022 Minutes

It was **MSP** to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2022, 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 noted that we had a request from the First Presbyterian Church of Belle Vernon to serve as the host for the May 24 Presbytery of Redstone meeting. It was **MSP** to receive the request and approve holding the May Presbytery meeting at that location. With that addition, the following schedule for Presbytery gatherings in 2022 become final.

2022 Presbytery meeting dates

1. January 29---First, Greensburg (Hybrid/ ZOOM)
2. March 22 – Rehoboth, Belle Vernon (Hybrid/ ZOOM)
3. May 24--- First, Belle Vernon (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.

April 26
June 28
August 23
October 25
December 6

The 2022 Minutes review dates were announced with their locations.

February 12 – Westmont Johnstown-- completed
March 22 – Rehoboth
April 20---Trinity, Uniontown
May 9 – Presbytery Center
May 24 – First, Belle Vernon

Executive Presbyter Report

Rev. Noftzger reiterated the need to begin the strategic thinking and planning process and solicited volunteers from among the Council. While the priorities remain consistent (*Engaging Congregations, Equipping Leadership, Enabling Ministry Networks, Empowering Mission Partnerships*), there is a need for new objectives and strategies based upon the current environment.

As one part of that exercise, using “Slido,” he engaged the Council in a “word cloud” identifying characteristics that they value within the presbytery. Additionally, Council members brainstormed important ministry networks and ministry partnerships that reflect our shared ministry and mission together as a presbytery.

Rev. Noftzger identified Rev. Laura Blank as assuming the responsibilities of coordinating the worship experiences at the presbytery gatherings, along with the host pastor and other members of Council. Rev. Blank led the Council members in considering possible themes that would carry through the worship experiences at each presbytery meeting. Rev. Noftzger noted that our worship at a presbytery meeting is an opportunity for different forms and liturgy other than the service for the Lord’s Day and should provide creative and meaningful experiences for presbyters.

Treasurer Report

Treasurer John Dickson had submitted a written report based upon the end of the month of January 2022. He reviewed that report noting both the end of 2021 in terms of annual budget, investments and balance sheet. He also reviewed the first month’s (January 2022) income and expenses compared to pro rata monthly expectations.

Pine Springs Camp

There was a written report that Greg Davis provided additional insight through his remarks. Particularly, he noted early, but strong enrollment numbers for the upcoming 2022 upcoming camping season. Ongoing

retreats are being sponsored, but sometimes with necessary adaptations for health and safety protocols.

Subcommittees/Networks

Staff Support

There was no report from the Staff Support subcommittee.

Communications

Skip Noftzger solicited members of Council to participate in writing Enews articles over the next few months. Don Glunt and Skip Noftzger talked about doing short video clips of various congregations in the presbytery by both featuring the drive to their location, talking of their history and hearing about some of their present ministry. Entitled "On the Road with Redstone," it will be patterned after Pastor Don's Yarns which are posted on Facebook by Rev. Glunt. An example of one of those videos was shown to the Council.

Having made a proposal to the Synod of the Trinity for technology, a \$5000 grant has been approved and received. The list of possible technology equipment purchases in the grant proposal was provided and considered in the meeting documents.

Mission

The written Mission subcommittee report was reviewed. The committee encourages support of the upcoming soup sale and mission trip to West Virginia. The committee also tabled a request from Philip Obang \$2,000 for tuition for an advanced degree at Kenya University.

It was acknowledged that the Mission group would be soliciting "minutes for mission" from congregations for presentation during Presbytery gatherings. The March Presbytery offering will be designated for the South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church partnership.

Budget, Finance and Stewardship

Bobbi Jo Huebner reported that the Budget, Finance and Stewardship committee had met just prior to the Council meeting. Work on the task of exploring the options and implications for future use of the Presbytery center building facility continues with individual members assuming responsibility in reviewing the potential impact of the lease agreement, possible technological applications, and current building physical needs,

Racial Justice and Reconciliation Network

The Racial Justice and Reconciliation network provided a written report of their last meeting. Debriefing the Presbytery "teaser," discussion took place on the best ways to continue the conversations even when there is disagreement. Most of the time was spent with Ralph Lowe from Pittsburgh Presbytery in talking through possible next steps. That conversation with Ralph will be continued in the March meeting.

Addictions Ministry Network

No report.

Healing and Prayer Ministry

No report.

Presbyterian Women

No report.

March Presbytery Agenda

The draft version of the March Presbytery agenda was reviewed. Belinda Lambie suggested that additional

information about the formation of a Matthew 25 network should be included. It was MSP to approve the agenda for the meeting subject to any last-minute revisions.

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

Committee on Ministry Report Items

- Pastor Getaway Day---April 25; Pine Springs Camp
- The Committee on Ministry recommends examination of Rev. Derek Campbell to be received into the Presbytery of Redstone and approval of the call to an installed pastoral relationship between Rev. Campbell and the Latrobe Presbyterian Church. (See Appendix C for his bio, Appendix D for his statement of faith, Appendix E for his Terms of Call).
- The Committee on Ministry recommends examination of Rev. Doug Rehberg to be received into the Presbytery of Redstone (See Appendix F for his bio, Appendix G for his statement of faith.)

Rev. Rehberg will be serving as the Interim Pastor for First Presbyterian, Church of Irwin which was approved previously as a temporary pastor relationship by the Committee on Ministry.

Information Items

March 3, 2022 Meeting

Approval of Minutes

MSP approval of the minutes of February 3, 2022.

Report of the Stated Clerk

The Stated Clerk updated the committee on the following items:

- Correspondence Log (Email Attachment)
- Annual Reports Statistics Submitted
- Minutes Review Dates
 - March 22, 2022 – Pre-Presbytery meeting (Rehoboth Presbyterian, Belle Vernon)
 - April 12, 2022 – Uniontown (Trinity Presbyterian)
 - May 9, 2022 – Presbytery Center, Greensburg
 - May 24, 2022 – Pre-Presbytery (First Presbyterian, Belle Vernon)
- Waiver of Rotation Requests
 - MSP recommendation of the request from the First Presbyterian Church, Dunbar for waiver of term limits for Tammy Rockwell and Seth Myers as Ruling Elders.

Report of the Moderator

- Moderator appointments
 - First Presbyterian, Johnstown - Rev. Chuck MacPherson
 - Pleasant Grove, Ligonier - looking for a moderator

REPORTS OF SUBCOMMITTEES

Examinations and Membership

- Information Items
 - Looking for any other COM members who would like to participate in the Examinations and Membership subcommittee.

- Met with, reviewed faith statements and examined both Rev. Rehberg and Rev. Campbell.
- Action Items
 - **MP** recommendation of examination and receiving of Rev. Doug Rehberg into the Presbytery of Redstone. (Doug was approved previously to serve as the Interim Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Irwin. He begins service on March 21).
 - **MP** recommendation of examination and receiving of Rev. Derek Campbell into the Presbytery of Redstone if the way be clear. Rev. Campbell candidates with the Latrobe Presbyterian Church on March 20.

Search and Call

- Information Items
 - Transition Chart (Electronically)
- Action Items
 - **MP** of the approval of the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between Rev. Alice Tondora and the First Presbyterian Church, Johnstown. Congregational meeting was held on February 13.
 - **MP** of the approval of the Installation commission for the Rev. Alice Tondora as pastor of Cresson and Patton Presbyterian churches. Installation service will take place on April 3; 3:00 p.m., Patton Presbyterian Church, Patton.
 - **MP** of the approval of the installation commission for the Rev. Kristen Emrick as pastor of the Fort Burd and Calvin Presbyterian churches in Brownsville, PA. Installation service will take place on March 6; 3:00 p.m., Fort Burd, Brownsville.
 - **MP** of the approval of the formation of a PNC for leadership in the Mission study at First Presbyterian, Irwin and First Presbyterian, Johnstown.

COM Liaison Responsibilities and Resources

- Action items follow up
 - Follow up Clerks—completion of stats; plan on participating in one of upcoming minutes review
- Ministry reflections for conversations
 - Possible Questions for Pastor—
 - Throughout Covid, have you been able to maintain collegial relationships of fellowship and support with other pastors? Is there a need or are there ways we might be helpful in regathering pastors together?
 - How have you/are you personally dealing with/managing the intrinsic conflict over Covid restrictions both externally and as a congregation?
 - What are the areas that we can be praying not just for the congregation, but for you as the leader? (offer to pray)
 - Possible Questions for Clerks—
 - Are you aware and planning on participating in any of the upcoming minutes review sessions? If so, which one?
 - Do you need any assistance and support in order to feel effective in fulfilling the responsibilities of the clerk?
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responsibilities of the clerk?

- Resources within Presbytery
 - Vital Congregations Toolkit
 - Education and Nurture –
 - March 5 – “Church Leadership”; Rev. Jason Elliot
 - April 2 – “Multi-generational Christian Formation”; Rev. Peggy Shannon
 - May 7 – “Boundaries and Ethics”; Michelle Snyder
 - Ministry strategy consultation – Rev. Skip Noftzger
 - Pastor Getaway Day – Post-Easter one-day event at PSC

Care of Congregations and Congregational Leaders

- Prayers were lifted in answer to requests that had been received for:
 - Praises for students leading a prayer walk through city talking to merchants and residents.
 - Praises for after-school church club with 14 children in attendance.
 - Praises for new youth program with a wide variety of ages getting off to a great start.
 - Prayers for wisdom on how to approach new faces in attendance to become members of the church. Prayers for churches that are fearful as they look at the impact of Covid had on finances and attendance and how to look forward with confidence.
 - Praises for candidates, new and steady church leadership, and for new beginnings.
 - Praises for churches coming together sharing in Lenten services, hosting Good Friday services together, and spreading the Word with the whole community.
 - Prayers and praises for church having a soup sale to offset the cost of mission trips.
 - Prayers for families with children that are experiencing bullying on social media.
 - Praises for PNC making headway, for weekly men’s breakfast and study, and for seeing the Matthew 25 vision within them.
 - Prayers for those with vision to move forward past Covid and for the work needed to bring people back to church. Prayers for church transformation through outreach by being present and visible along a major highway and to understand what ministry can look like.
 - Prayers for the Music Ministry at First Presbyterian Church Greensburg as their music minister deals with health issues. Prayers for all those going through cancer.
 - Praises for the encouragement of new leadership and the potential that is there.
 - Prayers for a church taking on the challenge of springtime repair projects.
 - Praises to be able to talk to everyone at different functions and services.
 - Prayers for safe places, for the peacemakers, and for all the children of God.
- The following Teaching Elders and Commissioned Pastors were prayed for during this time:
Dawn Sherwood, Rebecca Siddle, John Simpson, Jeff Smith, Douglas Stevens, James Stobaugh, James Sunseri, Richard Sweeney, Denise Todero, Alice Tondora.
- The following churches were prayed for during this time:
Colver Presbyterian Church; Cresson Presbyterian Church; Tyrone Presbyterian Church, Dawson; Delmont Presbyterian Church; Derry Presbyterian Church; First Presbyterian Church, Dunbar; Laurel Hill Presbyterian Church, Dunbar; First Presbyterian Church, Ebensburg; First Presbyterian Church, Fairchance; Mt. Washington Presbyterian Church, Farmington.

Unfinished Business

Plans for Post-Easter one-day event at PSC. Date set for April 25th.

February 3, 2022 Meeting

Approval of Minutes

MSP approval of the minutes of November 4, 2021, and January 6, 2022.

Report of the Stated Clerk

The Stated Clerk updated the committee on the following items:

- Correspondence Log (Email Attachment)
 - Dismissal of Rev. Ron Wakeman to Homestead Presbytery. *(Approved by Presbytery – 1/29)*
 - Dismissal of Rev. William King to Kiski Presbytery. *(Approved by Presbytery – 1/29)*
- Annual Reports Due
 - Statistics due – February 18 – Liaison (table of completed/not completed)
- 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, 2022 – Presbytery Center, Greensburg
 - May 24, 2022 – Pre-Presbytery (Location TBD)

Report of the Moderator

- Consent items authorized and approved between meetings
 - Approval of the terms and the pastoral call between Kristen Emrick and the Fort Burd and Calvin Presbyterian churches. *(Approved by Presbytery – 1/29)*
 - Approval of the terms and the pastoral call between Rev. Alice Tondora and the Cresson and Patton churches. *(Approved by Presbytery – 1/29)*
 - Approval of designating Rev. Susan Blank as “Honorably Retired.” *(Approved by Presbytery – 1/29)*
- Moderator appointments
 - First Presbyterian, Johnstown (may not need a moderator)

REPORTS OF SUBCOMMITTEES

Examinations and Membership

- Information Items
 - Orientation and mentor for Kristen Emrick – Rev. Laura Blank.
 - Intend to meet with and examine Rev. Doug Rehberg (Interim Pastor, First, Irwin) prior to March 3 COM meeting.
 - Intend to meet with and examine and Latrobe Presbyterian church candidate prior to March 3 COM meeting.
 - Marsha Stallings will chair the Examinations and Membership Subcommittee.

Search and Call

- Information Items
 - Transition Chart (Electronically)
- Action Items
 - **MP** of the recommendation to the Presbytery approval of the terms of call, if the way be clear, for the Latrobe Presbyterian church candidate.

COM Liaison Responsibilities and Resources

- Action items follow up
 - Follow up Clerks – completion of stats; plan on participating in one of upcoming minutes review
- Ministry reflections for conversations
 - Possible Questions for Pastor or Others –

- Where are you sensing God’s presence in the ministry of your congregation?
- Tell me about your sense of God’s call to serve in this congregation.
- What are the areas that we can be praying not just for the congregation, but for you as the leader? (offer to pray)
- 12 Disruptive Church Trends that will Rule 2022 – Carey Nieuwhof
- Resources within Presbytery
 - Education and Nurture –
 - Enrichment Day – 2/12 – Westmont, Johnstown
 - IPLF Workshops
 - 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
 - Ministry strategy consultation--Skip Noftzger
 - Pastor Getaway Day – Post-Easter one-day event at PSC

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 small churches struggling and not rebounding. Prayers for a way to move forward. Prayers for churches that are transitioning in leadership. Prayers for the leaders going through transitions. Prayers for a church going on a mission trip. Prayers for a church hosting a Day Camp through Pine Springs Camp.
 - Praises for church expanding their session from 9 to 12. Praises for the church that sees the pandemic as pivotal in the work of the Holy Spirit. Prayers for the work of the church.
 - Praises for churches with a new pastor. Prayers and blessings on the new pastor.
 - Prayers and praises for church rediscovering themselves under their commissioned pastor.
 - Praises for churches experiencing attendance higher than pre-Covid. Praises for churches with the blessing of youth and finding ways to keep them engage.
 - Prayers for churches finding ways to help those affected by Covid in ways we don’t see.
 - Praises for two churches celebrating their 250th anniversary. Praises for ministries that reach out and care for homeless in cold weather.
 - Prayers for Westmont hosting the Enrichment Day on February 12th.
 - Praises for the offer of free 2-hour seminar to any congregation on the little engine that could with the only requirement of inviting other surrounding churches in district.
- The following Teaching Elders and Commissioned Pastors were prayed for during this time: Kirk Orr, Curtis Paul, John Pressler, Bob Prinkey, Geoff Rach, Rory Ruder, Marnie Russell, Joshua Scully, William Sharp, Michael Shepard.
- The following churches were prayed for during this time: Poke Run Presbyterian Church, Apollo; First Presbyterian Church, Avonmore; First Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon; Harmony Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon; Marion Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon; Rehoboth Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon; Bolivar United Presbyterian Church; Calvin Presbyterian Church, Brownsville; Ft. Burd Presbyterian Church, Brownsville; Hopewell Presbyterian Church, Brownsville.

Unfinished Business

Donna Havrisko, Molly Hall, Glen Hart and Ed Gray will comprise the task force for the Pastor Getaway Day – Post-Easter one-day event at PSC.

New Business

Discussion on the urgent appeal from Goodwill and St. Vincent DePaul stores for warm clothing donations because of decrease in donations due to the weather combined with a rise in the number of shoppers over recent months. Rev Mary Kay Glunt described how First Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon provides gloves, hats, blankets, and food through their Blessing Box. A question was asked if there could be a coordinated effort to help with the appeal such as a common place for collections.

Committee on Preparation Report Items

- **The Committee on Preparation reports on the evaluation and progress of the training program for authorized preachers and commissioned pastors (IPLF).**

Information Items

March 1, 2022 Meeting

1. Opening in Prayer by Geoff Rach.
2. Approval of minutes of February 1, 2022; **MSP**.
3. IPLF—Spring, 2022 Offerings.
 - a. Congregational Leadership - March 5, 2022.
 - b. Contemporary Spiritual Formation - April 2, 2022.
 - c. Ethics and Boundaries - Saturday, May 7, 2022.
4. Liaison reports/Consultation table
 - a. Bob Sheehan contacted by James Sunseri.
 - i. Bob will meet with CPM on May 3.
 - ii. He is preaching some.
 - iii. Bob has health issues including headaches; heart issues.
 - iv. He has submitted his annual report.
 - b. Jeff Keilman contacted by Jim Sunseri.
 - i. Jeff preached 28 times last year, including 2 times at his home church.
 - ii. When he preaches in Fayette City, he gets \$100 for 42 miles travel and tolls. He breaks even.
 - iii. Jeff says he never writes a sermon. He reviews the scripture and talks about it.
 - c. Laurie Davison - Robin Jennings attempted contact her, but the phone number is bad.
 - i. Laurie didn't not respond to Robin's email. The email address appears to be a business email.
 - ii. Skip Noftzger is aware.
 - d. Linda Gosser-Losech contacted by Robin Jennings.
 - i. Linda will meet with CPM; however, June or July would be better.
 - ii. She is having surgery on March 23 then another 6 weeks later.
 - e. Tammy Noss contacted by Karen Kifer.
 - i. Tammy enjoys working with First Presbyterian Church in Avonmore.
 - ii. Advent went well.
 - iii. Tammy still has Worship and Sacraments and Church Administration practicums to complete.
 - iv. She will meet with the CPM at the May 3 meeting.
 - f. Karen Gray contacted by Karen Kifer.
 - i. Karen is working full time (50+ hours per week) in addition to finishing her classes for IPLF.
 - ii. She also serves on the Presbyterian Scholarship Committee.
 - iii. Karen plans to begin the practicums this fall and hopes to finish all requires by the time she retires in 2023.

5. CPM Checklist review.
6. Consultation with James Vlosich
 - a. Member of Trinity Church, Uniontown – services as Christian Ed Director and mission; 30 hours a week.
 - i. His responsibilities include leading the Adult Sunday School, leading Men’s Dart Ball team, leading Youth Group and Wednesday Teen Group.
 - ii. James has a good relationship with the pastor.
 - iii. James started filling in for the pastor at Trinity and a few other churches in 2018. James mentioned he gets nervous and was assured that is normal.
 - b. James is an inquirer enrolled in Fuller Theological Seminary. He began in 2021 and enrolled as an inquirer under Redstone in March 2021. He is employed in Youth Ministry at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Uniontown, PA.
 - c. James filled out forms 4a & 5.
 - d. Finishing up the winter quarter at Fuller
 - i. Living Missiologically Class – the Professor is from India; the Assistant Professor from Iran.
 1. James’ favorite class.
 2. His professor’s teaching method is different than other professors.
 - ii. Greek A is difficult for James; He is well above passing, but his grade is lower than his normal grades of A’s.
 - e. Spring Quarter that starts in 4 weeks, James will cut back to one class.
 - i. He will take Greek, B alone, so he can concentrate on it.
 - f. Projected to complete classes Winter 2024 or Spring 2025.
 - g. Field Education.
 - i. James is looking forward to a different experience than he is currently working.
 - ii. Fuller Seminary has not provided much detail on the Field Ed opportunities, yet.
 - iii. James will discuss with his advisor, so his field education will meet both the school’s and Redstone’s requirements.
 - iv. Could James do a CPE in the summer and step away from Trinity United responsibilities? He will inquire with the Session.
 - h. John Manon asked, “how is God’s speaking to you?”
 - i. James Vlosich replied that Christianity is so much bigger than I ever imagined growing up in Southwestern PA.
 - ii. Christianity crosses national and cultural boundaries.
 - iii. Fuller Seminary has a diverse student and professor background which has allowed James to see a broader picture.
 - i. James Vlosich asks what is his status with Redstone Presbytery?
 - i. He is an Inquirer.
 - ii. His next step is Candidate –
 1. He must be a Candidate for 1 year prior to graduation
 2. He must be a Candidate to begin taking Ordination Exams.
 3. He can take Bible Content exams as an Inquirer – James will investigate taking these exams in Fall 2022.
 - j. Members of CPM prayed for James Vlosich.
 - k. Committee Conversation after meeting with James:

Discussed the possibility of James taking the Ethics and Boundaries Workshop.

 - i. This class is concentrated on sexual misconduct.
 - ii. Could James have had the training at Trinity because he works with youth?
 - iii. Discussed him continuing to serve on Session as a staff member – which is permitted if

caution is exercised not to vote on motions related to his staff position.

7. Future meeting schedule/consultations

- a. April 5--- Bob MacPherson; Rich Zoltak(?)
- b. May 3--- Tammy Noss; Bob Sheehan; ordination exam readers.
- c. June 7---Karen Gray(?); Bill Poninsky(?)
- d. July 5--- Linda Gosser Loesch; no meeting(?)
- e. August 2— certified Christian educators
- f. September 6---Laurie Davison(?) Jeff Keilman(?)
- g. October 4---Danielle Kendig
- h. November 1---James Vlosich
- i. December 6---no meeting(?)

8. New business

- a. Bob MacPherson filled out an application to start IPLF in Fall of 2022.
 - i. He has been preaching 3 out of 4 Sundays at Roscoe Presbyterian Church at Washington Presbytery.
 - ii. Bob volunteers at Redstone Highlands in North Huntingdon.
 - iii. CPM approved Bob MacPherson to meet with CPM next month and begin the IPLF program in the fall; **MSP**

Geoff Rach will contact Bob to meet with CPM at the April meeting.

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February 1, 2022 Meeting

1. Opening in Prayer by Geoff Rach.
2. Approval of minutes of January 4, 2022; **MSP**.
3. IPLF— Workshops for the Spring 2022 are held the first Saturday in February, March, April, and May.
 - a. Pastoral Care - February 5, 2022.
 - b. Congregational Leadership - March 5, 2022.
 - c. Contemporary Spiritual Formation - April 2, 2022.
 - d. Ethics and Boundaries - Saturday, May 7, 2022.
 - i. Encouraged for all those in IPLF and all TE and CP's who have not been involved in ethics training in the past 4 years.
 - ii. Could be beneficial for James Vlosich.
4. Liaison reports/Consultation table
 - a. Dawn Sherwood spoke to Rich Zoltak on February 1, 2022.
 - i. Rich Zoltak is working on his last practicum, Pastoral Care.
 - ii. Rich Zoltak completed is ministry report. It is available in the Dropbox.
 - b. Laurie Davison needs to complete her annual report.
 - c. Skip Noftzger will add contact information for the IPLF students to the Consultation Sheet in the Dropbox.
5. Ordination in the Presbyterian denomination occurs after an individual has received a degree from a seminary, passed all ordination examinations, is "Certified Ready" to receive a call by the CPM; and received a call to ministry in a Presbyterian congregation or validated ministry.
6. CPM Checklist review

7. Consultation with Danielle Kendig
 - a. Danielle is an inquirer enrolled in Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.
 - i. She began in 2020 and enrolled as an inquirer under Redstone's care in March 2021.
 - ii. She is employed in Christian education/youth at Westmont Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, PA.
 - iii. She has finished her Hebrew instruction.
 - iv. She is taking her second semester of Greek at present.
 - v. She has not taken any in person instruction due to COVID.
 - vi. Sequencing
 1. Danielle is on target to graduate upon completion of the Winter 2023 or Spring 2024 semester.
 2. She had gone full time in Fall, which was difficult with home and work obligations. She decided to drop back to 3 classes a semester.
 3. She has 3 children under ten and a part time Christian Education Director
 4. Danielle is far enough along to begin considering Candidacy.
 - a. She would appear before the Presbytery at the March or May meeting.
 - b. A student must be a candidate for one year before graduation.
 5. Danielle filled out the forms from Leaderwise – Ministry Assessment and is waiting for the results, thus the May Presbytery Meeting would be better logistically.
 6. After Danielle becomes a Candidate, the CPM would give her permission to take the Bible Content exam.
 7. Field Education experience required by Pittsburgh Seminary.
 - a. First semester – Fall 2022 – is in-class.
 - b. Second semester – placed in field.
 8. Field Education required by Redstone Presbytery.
 - a. Redstone Presbytery requires two field education experiences (CPE is recommended); there is no in-class requirement.
 - b. An effort to consider previous experiences and provide Field Education in different areas.
 - c. Field Education is normally unpaid, but there are special cases.
 - d. Danielle reported her studies have been refreshing spiritually, and she loves the classes.
 9. She has some concern about health care coverage when her husband's job is lost.
 - a. His position will be eliminated at some point in the future; however, a termination date has not been given.
 - b. The Board of Pensions accepts students.
 10. Danielle is taking Polity, which is an intensive course.
 - a. She has a UCC (United Church of Christ) background, so Presbyterian polity is very different.
 - b. She enjoys the class.
 11. She created an Advent devotional for 2021 which was a good experience but required a lot of work in conjunction with all the classes and preparation for the season.
 - a. Danielle has a strong Sense of call to Pastor a church which is a change from her originally draw toward Hospice.
 12. How can CPM help?
 - a. Danielle asked what is the difference between a Spiritual Director, Christian Faith based counselor and a Coach?
 - i. Spiritual Director – helps guides a person to discovery who she is

- in Christ.
 - ii. Christian Faith based counselor - helps you repair hurts and injuries of the past.
 - iii. Coach - helps encourage you and develop your goals, interests, talents, and skills.
 - b. Danielle asked how to sign up for Ordination Exams?
 - i. Become Candidate in May (not necessary for Bible Content Exam).
 - ii. Next ordination exam is ?? (ordination examination dates will be forwarded to her).
 - iii. Then signup online.
 - iv. Ordination Exams are posted ahead of time.
 - v. You do not have to take all the exams at the same time; however, it is common to take multiple exams. If necessary, exams can be taken again.
 - vi. The most common mistakes include not answering the question asked and answering the question in scholastic terms without practical terms applications.
 - c. Danielle would like to have more multicultural experience. Especially, related to making people comfortable in worship.
 - d. Danielle requested a copy of the Manual of Operations for Redstone.
 - b. Members of the CPM prayed for Danielle
 - c. After a brief discussion, the CPM will wait until we can see her assessment from Leaderwise before recommending her to become a Candidate at the May Redstone Presbytery meeting.
- 8. Future meeting schedule/consultations
 - a. March 1---James Vlosich; inquirer
- New business

Nominating Committee

Nominating Committee Report Items

- **The Nominating Committee nominates the following people for the respective standing committees and terms.**

Committee on Ministry

Carol Faytol, Bethel, New Florence

- **The Nominating Committee nominates the following people to serve as PCUSA ordination examination readers in 2022.**
 - RE Robin Jennings**
 - RE Karen Kifer (alternate)**
 - Rev. John Manon**
 - Rev. Richard Sweeney (alternate)**

Information Items

- **As we prepare for the upcoming season (June-September) of identifying new leadership, the Nominating Committee is in need of your suggestions and recommendations for ruling elder candidates to serve within the various committees and structures of the Presbytery. Please email any nominations to Aleda Menchyk, Nominating Committee Chair.**