



2022 Stated Meeting

of the

Presbytery of Redstone  
Presbyterian Church (USA)

May 24, 2022



ONLINE (ZOOM)

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

OR

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Belle Vernon, PA

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# 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/abZiP0Z9bl>

When prompted enter the Meeting ID: 724 837 6737

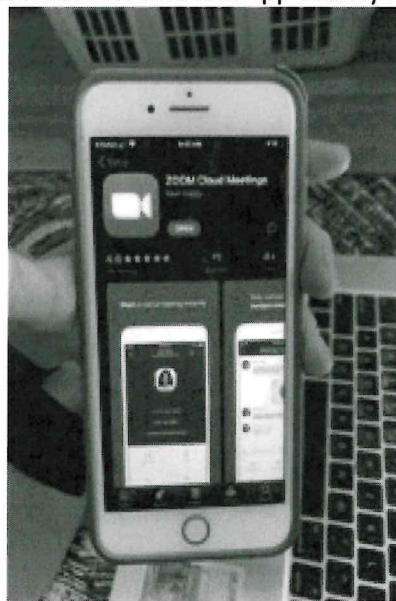
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**Zoom Meeting Tips – Presbytery Meeting – May 24, 2022** (join-5:45 for 6:00 start)

## VIDEO PARTICIPATION

*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. 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 Pine Springs Camp.**

**To make your Offering through online contributions - go to [www.redstonepresbytery.org](http://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 First Presbyterian Church**  
**501 Fayette Street, Rostraver Township, PA 15012**  
**724.929.7616**

Take Route 70 West to Exit 42. Follow exit around to the left over the bridge (Route 70). This will be Fayette Street. There will be a BP Station on the left and a Sunoco Station on the right. Proceed to top of hill to "T" in road. At "T" (St. Sebastian's Church will be on the left and Taylor Auto Service and Antiques Shop will be straight ahead) make left on Broad Street and immediately get into the right lane to turn right at the light. This again becomes Fayette Street. Proceed approximately 1 ½ blocks and church will be on the left. Turn left into parking lot before church.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PRESBYTERY MEETING**

As you enter the church, registration will be down the stairs to the left in Fellowship Hall. Refreshments will be served in that room as well, and the meeting will be held in the Sanctuary. Restrooms are on the lower level of the church. There will be signs showing you where all of these rooms are.

**Notes for the May 24, 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 Pine Springs Camp.



	<p>Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin.</p> <p><b>Merciful God,</b>  <b>in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life,</b>  <b>making us part of the body of Christ.</b>  <b>We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves,</b>  <b>separated from one another.</b>  <b>We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges,</b>  <b>and show reluctance to welcome one another.</b>  <b>We allow the past to hold us captive.</b></p> <p><b>In your loving-kindness, have mercy on us,</b>  <b>and free us from sin.</b>  <b>Fulfill the promises of our baptism</b>  <b>so that we may rise to new life,</b>  <b>and live together in grace.</b></p> <p>As a voice from heaven said to Jesus,  so, in Christ, God speaks to us:  You are my child, my beloved;  with you I am well pleased.</p> <p>In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!  <b>Thanks be to God.</b></p>	
<b><u>THE WORD---REAFFIRMING OUR BAPTISM</u></b>		
	<p><b>ACTS 8</b>  <b>PROCLAMATION</b>  <b>"Christmas Baptism" from <i>Good News from North Haven</i> by</b>  <b>Michael Lindvall</b></p>	
<b><u>RESPONDING—REAFFIRMING OUR BAPTISM</u></b>		
	<p><b><u>HYMN – I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry – page 11</u></b></p>	
	<p><b>PROFESSION OF FAITH</b></p> <p>Trusting in the gracious mercy of God,  do you turn from the ways of sin  and renounce evil and its power in the world?  <b>I do. <i>or</i> I renounce them.</b></p> <p>Who is your Lord and Savior?  <b>Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.</b></p> <p>Will you be Christ’s faithful disciple,  obeying his word and showing his love?  <b>I will, with God’s help.</b></p> <p>With the whole church, let us confess our faith.  Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?  <b>I believe in God, the Father almighty,</b>  <b>creator of heaven and earth.</b></p> <p>Do you believe in Jesus Christ?  <b>I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,</b>  <b>who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,</b></p>	

born of the Virgin Mary,  
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died, and was buried;  
 he descended to the dead.  
 On the third day he rose again;  
 he ascended into heaven,  
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?  
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the holy catholic church,  
 the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body,  
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

**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.**

...To you be all praise, honor, and glory;  
 through Jesus Christ our Savior,  
 who, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
 lives and reigns forever. **Amen**

**HYMN – Baptized in Water – page 12**

While the worship leaders move through the sanctuary  
 sprinkling water, you are invited to be anointed by a member of  
 the prayer team, stationed at the sides.

**RESPONDING-SHARING IN MINISTRY AND MISSION**

**COUNCIL – page 20**

**Empowering Mission Partnerships**

- **Mission Network—**  
 --Mission reports (Congregations)  
 --Special Offerings Report Recognition  
 --Video greeting from new Moderator  
 of South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical  
 Church
- **Pine Springs Camp—**

*Offering*  
*(the offering is designated to support Pine Springs Camp*  
*ministry)*

**Enabling Ministry Networks**

- **Addictions Ministry network—**

**Belinda Lambie**

**Rev. Owar Ojulu**

**Greg Davis**

**Rev. Lee McDermott**

**Rev. Ed Gray**

	<p><b>COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY – page 28</b>  <u>Engaging Congregations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• —Pastors retreat</li> <li>—Commissioning Pastor—  Bob Sheehan (District IV)</li> </ul> <p><b>NOMINATING COMMITTEE – page 39</b>  <u>Equipping Leadership</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nominating Committee</li> <li>—Ben Nti—COM</li> </ul> <p><u>New Business</u></p> <p><b>HYMN – You Have Put on Christ – page 13</b></p>	<p><b>Rev. Aleda Menchyk</b></p>
	<p><b><u>Announcements Loop</u></b></p>	
	<p><b><u>Resolution of Thanks</u></b>  <b><u>Benediction</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Adjournment</u></b></p> <p><i><u>The next stated meeting of the Presbytery of Redstone will take place on September 27, 2022, 6:00 p.m. by Zoom or at the Westmont Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, PA.</u></i></p>	<p><b>Rev. Mary Kay Glunt</b></p>

# 375 Shall We Gather at the River

1 Shall we gath-er at the riv-er, where bright an-gel feet have trod,  
2 On the mar-gin of the riv-er, wash-ing up its sil-ver spray,  
3 Ere we reach the shin-ing riv-er, lay we ev-ery bur-den down;  
4 Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv-er; soon our pil-grim-age will cease;

with its crys-tal tide for-ev-er flow-ing by the throne of God?  
we will walk and wor-ship ev-er, all the hap-py gold-en day.  
grace our spir-its will de-liv-er, and pro-vide a robe and crown.  
soon our hap-py hearts will quiv-er with the mel-o - dy of peace.

*Refrain*

Yes, we'll gath-er at the riv-er, the beau-ti-ful, the beau-ti-ful riv-er;

gath-er with the saints at the riv-er that flows by the throne of God.

A Baptist pastor wrote this hymn while seated at his parlor organ. Created as an alternative to gloomy “river of death” hymns, it is a celebration of the “pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb” (Revelation 22:1 KJV).

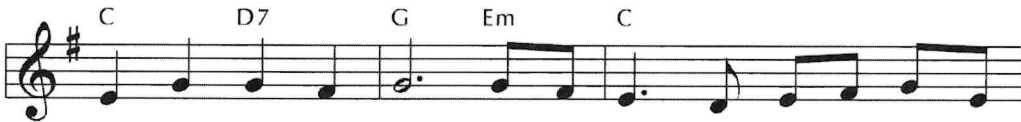
# 488 I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry



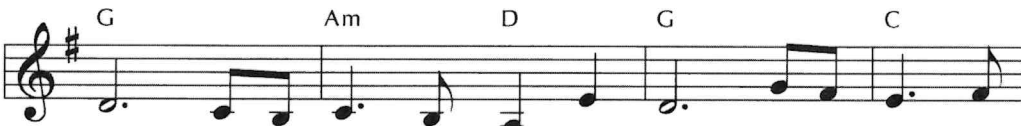
1 "I was there to hear your born - ing cry; I'll be there when  
 2 "When you heard the won - der of the Word, I was there to  
 3 "In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no



you are old. I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to  
 cheer you on. You were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord to  
 lon - ger young, I'll be there to guide you through the night, com -



see your life un - fold. I was there when you were but a  
 whom you now be - long. If you find some - one to share your  
 plete what I've be - gun. When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es



child with a faith to suit you well; in a blaze of  
 time and you join your hearts as one, I'll be there to  
 in and you shut your wea - ry eyes, I'll be there as



light you wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell."  
 make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."  
 I have al - ways been with just one more sur - prise."



4 "I was there to hear your born - ing cry; I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold."

Originally created to accompany a video series on baptism, this hymn speaks in the imagined conversational voice of God, assuring the person being baptized of God's presence throughout the changing stages of life. It offers a reminder that baptism is a once-in-a-lifetime event.

BAPTISM

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Baptized in Water

C Am Dm G F G C

1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the  
 2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the  
 3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the

Em Am Em F G C Am F C/G

blood of Christ our King; heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing the  
 tomb with Christ our King; one with his ris - ing, freed and for -  
 sign of Christ our King; born of the Spir - it, we are God's

Am G C G/B Am G7 C

prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.  
 giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.  
 chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.

Each stanza of this compact and carefully constructed text about baptism begins with allusions to John 3:5 and Ephesians 1:13. The interplay of constant and changing lines accentuates each added image. It is set here to a Gaelic tune first transcribed in the 19th century.

TEXT: Michael A. Saward, 1981  
 MUSIC: Gaelic melody; arr. Dale Grotenhuis, 1985  
 Text © 1982 The Jubilate Group (admin. Hope Publishing Company)  
 Music Arr. © 1987 Faith Alive Christian Resources

BUNESSAN  
 5.5.8.5.5.9

# You Have Put On Christ 491

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in 2/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of two lines. The first line contains two verses of lyrics, with asterisks above the first three notes of each line indicating where the canon begins. The second line contains the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!' with a repeat sign at the end.

1 You have put on Christ; in Christ you have been bap - tized.  
 2 We have put on Christ; in Christ we have been bap - tized.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*\*May be sung as a canon.*

This brief, easily sung congregational response is appropriate for use at baptism, either of children or adults, as well as at occasions including the Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant. It was created by the International Commission on English in the Liturgy.

TEXT: From the Rite of Baptism for Children, ICEL

MUSIC: Howard Hughes, SM, 1977

Text © 1969 International Commission on English in the Liturgy

Music © 1977 International Commission on English in the Liturgy

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST  
Irregular

**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
May 4, 2022 - email	Virginia Rainey, Synod of the Trinity	Checklist for Presbytery Minutes Review at Synod	To FILE
April 29, 2022 - email	Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church, Murrysville	Questions regarding Pastor Emeritus Steps	RESPONDED to FILE
April 29, 2022 - email	PCUSA	Redstone 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2022 Special Offerings Update	To FILE
April 27, 2022 - email	West Hempfield Presbyterian Church, Irwin	Request to Host Presbytery in March 2023	To COUNCIL and FILE
April 26, 2022 - email	PCUSA	Reminder of Overture Advocates	To FILE
April 18, 2022 - email	Leaderwise	Candidate Report for Danielle Kendig	To CPM and FILE
April 11, 2022 - mail	Laurel Hill Presbyterian Church, Dunbar	Session’s Annual Report for Commissioned Pastor William Weightman	To COM and FILE
April 7, 2022 - email	Rev. Derek Campbell	Certificate of Mandatory Reporting Course Completion	To FILE
April 6, 2022 - email	Rev. Derek Campbell	New Pastor Information Form, 3 Mandatory Background Clearances	To FILE
March 30, 2022 - email	Rev. Doug Rehberg	New Pastor Information Form	To FILE
March 16, 2022 - email	Bolivar United Presbyterian Church	2021 Statistical Report	To FILE
March 15, 2022 - mail	Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church, Murrysville	2022 Terms of Call for Revs. Curtis Paul and Travis Webster	To COM and FILE

2. Committee on Representation Annual Report - 12/31/2021

<b>Standing Committees</b>	<b># Members</b>	<b>Gender</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>TE/RE</b>	<b>Ethnicity</b>
Council	17	8-M; 9-F	0-(16-25); 0-(26-35); 3-(36-50); 8-(51-65); 6-(66+)	8-TE; 9-RE	15-W 1-AA 1-NA
Nominating	3	2-M; 1-F	0-(16-25); 0-(26-35); 0-(36-50); 1-(51-65); 2-(66+)	2-TE; 1-RE	3-W
Preparation for Ministry (CPM)	9	4-M; 5-F	0-(16-25); 0-(26-35); 2-(36-50); 5-(51-65); 2-(66+)	5-TE; 4-RE	9-W
Committee on Ministry (COM)	23	12-M; 11-F	0-(16-25); 0-(26-35); 2-(36-50); 12-(51-65); 9-(66+)	11-TE; 12-RE	23-W
Representation	3	1-M; 2-F	0-(16-25); 0-(26-35); 0-(36-50); 1-(51-65); 2-(66+)	2-TE; 1-RE;	3-W
Pine Springs Board	6	3-M; 3-F	0-(16-25); 0-(26-35); 2-(36-50); 3-(51-65); 1-(66+)	2-TE; 3-RE; 1-L	6-W
Permanent Judicial Commission	9	4-M; 5-F	0-(16-25); 0-(26-35); 1-(36-50); 7-(51-65); 1-(66+)	5-TE; 4-RE	9-W
<b>Committee Summary</b>	70	33-M; 37-F	0-(16-25); 0-(26-35); 10-(36-50); 37-(51-65); 23-(66+)	35-TE; 34-RE; 1-L	68-W 1-AA 1-NA
<b>Council Sub-Committees</b>					
Budget and Finance	5	4-M; 1-F	0-(16-25); 0-(26-35); 0-(36-50); 1-(51-65); 4-(66+)	5-RE;	5-W
Communication	7	5-M; 2-F	0-(16-25); 1-(26-35); 2-(36-50); 3-(51-65); 1-(66+)	6-TE; 6-RE	7-W
Mission	9	5-M; 4-F	0-(16-25); 0-(26-35); 0-(36-50); 7-(51-65); 2-(66+)	2-TE; 7-RE	9-W
Staff Support	4	3-M; 1-F	0-(16-25); 0-(26-35); 0-(36-50); 2-(51-65); 2-(66+)	2-TE; 2-RE	4-W
<b>GRAND TOTALS (duplicated)</b>	95	50-M; 45-F	0-(16-25); 1-(26-35); 12-(36-50); 50-(51-65); 32-(66+)	45-TE; 49-RE; 1-L	93-W 1-AA 1-NA

### **Observations and Recommendations:**

- The Racial-Ethnic membership of the churches of the Presbytery equals approximately 1% of the total membership. Among those who are ordained as Ruling Elders, the percentage is even smaller. So, the current balance for Racial-Ethnic inclusion is appropriate on the Committees overall, but there is a need for greater diversity in congregational leadership which serves as the “pool” for potential presbytery leadership. Without those steps, options for increasing racial-ethnic participation in Presbytery will remain limited.
- The Teaching Elder – Ruling Elder ratios are relatively equal with regard total numbers among standing committees, although there could be greater equalization in the Committee on Ministry. This was largely the result of resignations and vacancies and has been addressed in nominations for 2021.
- Gender ratios for the aggregate of all Committees has improved and has become balanced in general across standing committees but remains a concern on the Committee on Ministry (needing more females) but has been addressed in 2021.
- Overall, the report continues to be balanced with progress being made in racial-ethnic, gender and ruling elder status among some of the committees being sustained or improved. This information is being related to the Nominating Committee with encouragement for their work and to continue to address any inequities identified within committees wherever possible.

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

#### **From Executive Committee**

1. Following the review of the Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Stated Clerk and Associate Stated Clerk, it is **recommended** that the minutes of the Presbytery meeting of the March 22, 2022, be approved.

#### **From the Council**

1. Council **recommends** that the Financial Reports presented to the Council be received and filed for audit. See **Appendix A**.
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**

#### **From the Committee on Representation**

1. Committee on Representation **recommends** that the annual report on representation be received, filed, and directed to the Nominating Committee.

#### **From the Sewickley Administrative Commission**

1. The Administrative Commission had no meetings or actions since last Presbytery meeting.

## Treasurer's Report

### INCOME & EXPENSE REPORT

This report provides an unaudited overview of the finances for the Redstone Presbytery, for the month ending April 30, 2022.

#### FINANCIAL OVERVIEW / INCOME

Church Commitments receipted for the month of April, exceed the benchmark of \$26,667, with \$31,098 recorded. This marks the second consecutive month income provided by Church Commitments to the Presbytery have secured budgeted expectations. YTD, receipted Church Commitments are above budget expectations at 38% versus 33%. Compared to last year at this time, Commitments recorded are \$16,025 better than the previous year.

Total Income for the month also exceeds expectations at \$39,583, versus a budgeted expectation of \$35,583. Contributing to this result, is a small interest earnings recording, and Miscellaneous Income. Total Income for the year, also exceeds last years at \$183,407 versus \$ 124,193, or a positive difference at \$59,214.

#### FINANCIAL OVERVIEW / EXPENSES

Expenses for the month in total are below budget, and for YTD above budget, slightly at 37% versus an expectation of 33%. Contributing factors of higher expenses include worker's compensation charges, postage, gas, and building maintenance.

#### EXCESS INCOME OVER EXPENSES

For both the month of April (+\$7,656) and YTD (+\$25,025), income exceeds expenses.

#### INVESTMENTS & HOLDINGS

The Ameriprise Statement ending April 30<sup>th</sup>, reports a negative change in value of -\$44,760, and for the year a negative total in earnings of -\$89,422. The ending value of the account is \$606,720.

Other holdings and investments, including New Covenant (\$344,154.00), PILP (\$10,000.00), First Commonwealth (\$175,307.00) and Petty Cash (\$250.00). Total value for these accounts equals \$529,714.00

Total Investments & Holdings = \$1,136,434

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	3/22/2022-5/24/2022	
<p>Congregation-centered (ENGAGE)</p>	<p>Visible presence within the Presbytery engaging with congregations-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engaged firsthand through in person participation in worship, offering greetings or providing leadership on behalf of the Presbytery on fourteen different occasions in six different congregations. In nine of those occasions I participated through proclamation of the Word, delivery of a charge and worship leadership.</li> <li>• Came alongside to work with three different sessions in order to offer technical and ministry assistance in working through a variety of issues and concerns.</li> <li>• Served as the primary resource person with regular contact and support five Pastor Nominating Committees. Provided initial orientation training and resources as well as guidance through the screening, selection and nominating process.</li> <li>• Provided leadership for congregations that are in transition in identify possible short term or transitional leadership.</li> <li>• Facilitated church mission study workshops in two different congregations.</li> </ul>	
<p>Leadership developed (EQUIP)</p>	<p>Developing and equipping leadership within the Presbytery---</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coached and supported through in person and phone contact through development of ministry strategy, transitional plans, vocational calling and personal and pastoral concerns.</li> <li>• Represented the Presbytery through participation in memorial services for former pastors and leaders who had served among us.</li> <li>• Initiated contacts for possible referrals of new candidates for consideration by some of these open positions. Proactive networking across presbyteries to cultivate possible candidates for open Redstone positions.</li> <li>• Coordinated the ongoing training and education offered through the Inter-Presbytery Leadership Formation program.</li> <li>• Resourced all of the standing committees of the Presbytery along with various subcommittees, networks and task forces.</li> <li>• Prepared, coordinated and taught an orientation program for General Assembly commissioners participating in the 2022 General Assembly.</li> </ul>	

<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"> <li>• In offering the orientation program for our commissioners, made available the opportunity for other presbyteries. In addition to Redstone, participants included commissioners from Washington, Upper Ohio Valley, Beaver-Butler, West Virginia, and Northumberland.</li> <li>• Participated and recruited others for the regional gatherings of the Synod of the Trinity. Actively engaged in networking groups within the Synod for executive presbyters and Synod leaders.</li> <li>• Ongoing support and work with Christian Associates through hosting the gathering of the Council of Judicatory Leaders at Pine Springs Camp. Coached the Executive Minister on the facilitation of strategic thinking and planning efforts.</li> <li>• Participated and serving as a member of the search committee for the next Stated Clerk of the Synod of the Trinity.</li> <li>• Arranged for the transfer of materials and resources for the Wee Kirk conference from Shenango Presbytery to Redstone for the assumption of the role of administrative services. Initiated and facilitated a meeting of the steering committee to rejuvenate the offering of the conference in 2022.</li> </ul>				
<p>Partnership in Mission promoted (EMPOWER)</p>	<p>Promoted and provided leadership in our partnerships in mission---</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worked with the Pine Springs Camp Board on particular issues in preparation for summer camping season. Continue to serve as an active member of the Finance committee offering consultation.</li> <li>• Continued contact and support for our partnership with the Sudan and South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church.</li> <li>• Promoted opportunities for mission giving including the matching funds for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance designated for Ukraine and tornado relief.</li> </ul>				
<p>Operational Support</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conducted ongoing opportunities for annual review of session minutes and church registers. Distributed Clerk handbooks to new clerks of session.</li> <li>• Monitored financial status through monthly review of income and expenditures. Followed up with sessions where expected First Fruits was falling behind. Wrote monthly gift letters expressing thanksgiving and appreciation for financial support.</li> <li>• Assisted the Finance and Stewardship subcommittee in ongoing evaluation of the Presbytery center as a resource for our collective ministry. Evaluation includes possible repairs, technological alternatives, and options for maintenance, rental or sale.</li> </ul>				
<p><b>VALUES</b></p>	<p><b>Servant Leadership</b></p>	<p><b>Flourishing Community</b></p>	<p><b>Witness to the World</b></p>	<p><b>Generous and effective Stewardship</b></p>	
<p><i>Soli Deo Gloria</i></p>					

## ACTION AGENDA

### Presbytery Council

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

#### Council Report Items

- Mission Subcommittee
  - Mission around the Presbytery
  - Greetings from new SSPEC leadership
- Pine Springs Camp
- Addictions Ministry Network

#### Information Items

##### April 26, 2022, Meeting

Belinda Lambie, Moderator, called the meeting to order by videoconferencing (Zoom) at 6:34 p.m. Moderator Lambie welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with prayer.

Greg Davis, Pine Springs Camp Executive Director, led the devotions based upon Hebrews 3:13. Discussion followed on the call to encourage each other daily.

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

February 22, 2022, Minutes were unavailable so the approval of the final copy of the minutes will be considered and approved at the next meeting.

##### Moderator Report

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

##### Stated Clerk Report

In the absence of Stated Clerk Noftzger, the correspondence log was reviewed.

The Council reviewed the proposed meeting dates for 2023 which were the following:

- January 28 – (Hybrid-In person/Zoom)
- March 28---(Hybrid-In person/Zoom)
- May 23---(Hybrid-In person/Zoom)
- September 26 – (Hybrid-In person/Zoom)
- November 18 – First Presbyterian, Jeannette-(Hybrid-In person/Zoom)

It was **MSP** to approve these dates as submitted. Times to be determined in conversation with potential hosts.

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.

June 28

August 23

October 25

December 6

The 2022 Minutes review dates were announced with their locations.

May 11 – Presbytery Center  
May 24 – First, Belle Vernon

The Stated Clerk submitted a request from Pine Springs Camp for authorization of the administration of the Lord's Supper at the beginning and end of PSC Summer Camp season for full time and summer staff. Presiding will be a Minister of Word and Sacrament from either Redstone or Washington Presbyteries. It was **MSP** to approve the request.

### **Treasurer Report**

Treasurer John Dickson had submitted a written report based upon the end of the month of March 2022. He noted that for the first time in a while, the Monthly Income had exceeded the expenses. Our monthly benchmark of \$26,667 was surpassed. The March income was \$42,547. YTD was 29% of anticipated budget. Investments had a positive change in value in the last month, but YTD still recording a loss.

### **Executive Presbyter Report**

Although EP Skip Noftzger was not available for the meeting, a written report was provided and reviewed. General Assembly Commissioner orientation has been initiated by the EP and is scheduled for May 9. Other presbytery commissioners have been invited and we anticipate providing orientation for as well for those from Washington, Upper Ohio Valley, West Virginia, Beaver-Butler and Northumberland.

Additionally, a proposed network gathering of Matthew 25 congregations as well as those interested in the initiative. After some discussion, it was concluded that it was a good idea but may not be possible preceding the May Presbytery meeting as the result of space limitations at the host facility.

### **Subcommittees/Networks**

#### **Staff Support**

No report. April meeting was postponed. Will be discussing annual evaluations and the conclusion of the five-year agreement which ends in 2023.

#### **Communications**

Council members previewed the first iteration of the "On the Road with Redstone" series. The video featured the First Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon. These 3-3.5-minute videos are an attempt to introduce churches to others in the Presbytery and to reflect the rich history of our churches. Led by Rev. Don Glunt, he hopes to get to every church in the Presbytery that will have him.

There is a need for additional technological support for our hybrid Presbytery meetings. If you know of anyone willing to volunteer, please let Skip know.

#### **Mission**

The written Mission subcommittee report was reviewed. The committee will continue to engage congregations by having two churches at each presbytery meeting discuss what they are doing in mission. The committee requested that the offering for the May Presbytery meeting be designated for Pine Springs Camp. This request was **MSP**. The committee is reading a book together that will be discussed at a presbytery meeting.

#### **Budget, Finance and Stewardship**

Bobbi Jo Huebner reported that the Budget, Finance and Stewardship committee continues to work on evaluating the use of the building relative to future presbytery ministry and mission. This includes evaluating potential costs of repairs, possible technological practices and engaging with Maplewood for discussion about options for the future.

**Racial Justice and Reconciliation Network**

The Racial Justice and Reconciliation network provided a written report of their last meeting

**Addictions Ministry Network**

No report.

**Healing and Prayer Ministry**

No report.

**Presbyterian Women**

No report.

**March Presbytery Agenda**

The draft version of the May Presbytery agenda was reviewed. It was **MSP** to approve the agenda for the meeting with the addition of the offering designation to Pine Springs Camp and 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.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by **MSP** with an acclamation by all members of the Council at 7:56 p.m.

## Pine Springs Camp Report

*I John 3:1-Behold what manner of love the father has lavished on us that we should be called the children of God.*

### UPCOMING EVENTS

May 23	22 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Scholarship Golf Outing at the Latrobe Country Club
May 31	First Day of Staff Training
June 12	First Day of Summer Camp 2021!

### OUR FALL 2022 RETREAT SCHEDULE

**Fusion- For 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grades-Saturday, September 17-18**

**Women in the Woods-Friday, September 30-Saturday, October 1**

**The Big One-Middle and High School Retreat-Friday, October 21-Sunday, October 23**

### Summer Camp Update



Camper Registration-CURRENT-728 CAMPERS  
As Summer Camp draws closer, please be encouraging those in your congregation to sign up. Kids need summer camp now more than ever!  
VISIT CAMP-For those that may want to see camp before they sign up, just have them call the office and we can arrange a private tour of camp. The family will get to see the inside of cabin, see the Refuge and walk our beautiful property.  
Continue to pray for.

- For the wisdom to Run a safe and fun camp
- For filling all staff positions, especially male

counselors and lifeguards

- The presence of God would fill camp in a mighty way this summer!

**AND SPEAKING OF SUMMER STAFF...Please consider signing up for our ENCOURAGE A SUMMER STAFFER PROGRAM!**

We will be signing up congregations at the upcoming Presbytery Meeting. Please consider blessing and connecting with a staff person this summer.

A GREAT WAY TO CONNECT WITH THE PSC MINISTRY AND A WONDERFUL WAY TO SUPPORT STAFF WHO ARE COMMITTED TO SERVING CHRIST AND CAMPERS!

*Encourage a Summer Staffer*

A CONGREGATION AGREES TO...

1. PRAY FOR THE STAFF PERSON WEEKLY
2. SEND 2 NOTES OF ENCOURAGEMENT
3. SEND ONE CARE PACKAGEDURING THE SUMMER

IF INTERESTED PLEASE CONTACT THE CAMP

## Mission Committee Report

Time for reflection: Luke 19:28-40

1. Offering for the May 2022 meeting of Presbytery will go to Pine Springs
2. Update: Presbytery Mission Trip  
12 people are going to Summersville, WV and staying at a church with a kitchen and space for sleeping. Trip is planned through WV Advocacy and Camp. The group is unsure of the exact work but expects to build ramps or do repairs or do other projects to make homes livable.
3. Engaging our churches— Rev. Donna Havrisko  
The presentations went well at the March meeting. Donna will be contacting churches to share local mission stories.
4. Continuing discussion— Mission Trip Project: S. Sudan and Ethiopia  
The committee will communicate with the folks in S. Sudan/Ethiopia to see when a good time of year would be. Sylvia will try to get in touch with Thomas Tut  
The committee will contact other presbyteries to see if they may want to partner for a trip.
5. Eradicating systemic poverty— the committee has decided to focus on poverty within the US.
6. The addiction ministry network is beginning to meet again and will be exploring different areas of mission and ministry now that COVID is declining.

## **Addictions Ministry Network Report**

The Addiction Ministry Network started in 2016 when a group of pastors and elders decided to meet to discuss possible ways we could help pastors, elders, and congregations to get involved in addressing addiction in their communities.

The Addiction Ministry Network meets together to learn more about how we can faithfully respond to the Opioid crisis and other alcohol and other drug problems experienced by our communities. People suffering from a Substance Use Disorders (SUD) live their lives surrounded by fear, shame and hopelessness. We seek to remind them of God's love and show them that they are not alone. You are invited to join us to learn more. **Our next meeting is Thursday, June 2, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. at the presbytery office, you can also attend via Zoom.**

### **Into the Light: Christian Responses to Addiction**

The Addiction Ministry Network discovered that church leaders and volunteers are sometimes misinformed about the root causes of addiction. They often aren't aware of the way alcohol and other drug use impacts their congregation and may not stop to think theologically about the challenges of addiction.

This curriculum was created by the Addiction Ministry Network to:

- empower churches to confront the issue of substance use disorders in their communities,
- explore how the Bible can help us to shape our response, and
- open up discussions about how churches can minister to those suffering from addiction.

The curriculum consists of nine sessions and there are ten videos which serve as a companion resource to the first seven sessions of the curriculum.

The Videos are available on the Synod of the Trinity's YouTube channel. The curriculum videos are also available in two other formats; a two-disk set of DVD's, and on a flash drive (with digital PDF copy of curriculum). Copies of the DVD's and Flash Drives are available at the presbytery office. All materials are free of charge (donations welcome). There are also hard copies of the curriculum in loose leaf notebooks available at the Presbytery office. For further information send an e-mail to [redstonetogether@gmail.com](mailto:redstonetogether@gmail.com)

The Addiction Ministry Network is focusing on promotion of the curriculum and videos throughout the Synod of the Trinity. The partial funding for the hard copy notebooks, DVD's, and flash drives were through a grant from the Westmoreland County Drug and Alcohol Commission, Inc, Monessen, PA through the Thomas Nega Drug-Free Lifestyle grants.

#### **NARCAN training and kits**

Naloxone, commonly referred to by its brand name, NARCAN, is a medication that can reverse an overdose that is caused by an opioid drug (i.e. prescription pain medication or heroin). When administered during an overdose, naloxone blocks the effects of opioids on the brain and restores breathing within two to eight minutes. Naloxone has been used safely by medical professionals for more than 40 years and has only one function: to reverse the effects of opioids on the brain and respiratory system, in order to prevent death.

You may have seen the news that overdose deaths are at a record high post-COVID. In Westmoreland County the overdose rate among those 65+ is rising faster than other age groups. This is mainly because of accidental overdoses of prescriptions.

#### **Help To Save A Life! - Get Your NARCAN Kit**

**Free Narcan is available at the following sites:**

**Allegheny Co. Residents - Prevention Point Pittsburgh** 412-247-3404

**Fayette Co. Residents - Fayette County Drug and Alcohol Commission**

You can call 724-438-3576 or complete online form at [www.fcdaa.org/narcan-kits](http://www.fcdaa.org/narcan-kits) You may pick kit at their office in Uniontown or have the kit mailed to your home after you complete the request form.

**Green Co. Residents** - Green County Drug and Alcohol 724-852-5276

**Washington Co. Residents** - Washington Drug and Alcohol Commission

724-223-1181

**Westmoreland Co. Residents** - Westmoreland Drug & Alcohol Commission

You can call 724-243-2220 or complete online form at [wedacinc.org](http://wedacinc.org) and the kit can be mailed to your home.

Other Counties: Please contact your County Drug and Alcohol Commission to receive Narcan. Not all counties provide Narcan directly but use the state site at [nextdistro.org/pachoice](http://nextdistro.org/pachoice) where you can request a kit.

#### **NARCAN Training within Presbytery**

**Union Presbyterian Church**, 656 Route 380, Murrysville PA 15668 - 724-337-3042 will be hosting a Narcan training on **June 14 at 7-8 p.m.** in Union's fellowship hall. Anyone in the Presbytery is welcome to attend. Narcan kits will be available. **If your congregation would like to host a NARCAN training**, there are individuals in presbytery trained to conduct these trainings and you can get more information by sending e-mail to [redstonetogether@gmail.com](mailto:redstonetogether@gmail.com) Churches and pastors should have Narcan available in their first aid kits and offices to insure the ability to respond should a overdose situation occurs.

## **Presbyterian Women Report**

40 Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Redstone gathered at Pine Springs Camp on May 10 for our annual Spring Retreat. Patricia Hart of Harmony Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon, was installed as Vice Moderator and Karol Elmore of First Presbyterian Church, Greensburg, was installed as Resources for Study and Action Coordinator. Patricia Hart led a musical retreat featuring favorite hymns and their back stories. Ellie Davis prepared a continental breakfast and delicious lunch for all of the women who attended. God blessed our day of retreat with lots of sunshine.

The 2022-2023 Redstone PW Directories and PW Mission packets were distributed to the active PW groups. Please watch for a newsletter in late August or early September for the date and location of the Fall Gathering. Active PW groups will also receive their annual goal sheet requests from Moderator Sylvia Carlson in late August. All current PW information is accessible on the Redstone Presbytery website. Any woman who is a member of a PC(USA) congregation is a Presbyterian Woman, whether the congregation has an active PW group or not.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sylvia Carlson, Moderator

## Committee on Ministry

### Committee on Ministry Report Items

- Pastors retreat report
- Commissioning of Ruling Elder in Particular Service – Bob Sheehan, District IV Pastoral service

### Information Items

#### May 3, 2022, Meeting

#### Approval of Minutes

MSP approval of the minutes of April 7, 2022.

#### Report of the Stated Clerk

The Stated Clerk updated the committee on the following items:

- Correspondence Log (Meeting Documents)
- Annual Congregational Statistics Submitted (Meeting Documents)
- Minutes Review Dates
  - List of Churches not yet completed (Meeting Documents)
  - May 11, 2022 – Presbytery Center, Greensburg
  - May 24, 2022 – Pre-Presbytery (First Presbyterian, Belle Vernon)

#### Report of the Moderator

- Moderator appointments
  - Pleasant Grove, Ligonier – Rev. Ron Durika

### REPORTS OF SUBCOMMITTEES

- Pastor Getaway Day report – 20 in attendance sharing in fellowship and relaxation.

#### Examinations and Membership

- Information Items
  - Met with Bob Sheehan (authorized preacher) for examination for consideration as Commissioned Pastor for Temporary Pastoral Service in District IV.
- Action Items
  - **MP** recommendation of approval of Bob Sheehan as Commissioned Pastor for Temporary Pastoral Service in any congregation in District IV (sample agreement).
  - **MP** recommendation for commissioning of Bob Sheehan as a Ruling Elder in Pastoral Service to this role at the May 24, 2022, Presbytery meeting.

#### Search and Call

- Information Items
  - First Presbyterian Johnstown has elected their Pastor Nominating Committee.
  - Trinity Presbyterian Church, New Florence has been tentatively approved for participation in the Board of Pensions Pathways program. They will elect their Pastor Nominating Committee this Sunday, May 8.
  - Latrobe United, Union, Westminster and McClellandtown are in the search process of filtering possible candidates.
  - Transition Chart (handout)
- Action Items
  - **MP** of the approval of the following Installation Commission for the Presbytery Installation

Service for Rev. Derek Campbell at Latrobe Presbyterian Church on May 15, 2022; 3:00 p.m.

- Rev. Curtis Paul-Moderator
- Rev. Laura Blank
- Rev. Skip Noftzger
- Rev. John Simpson
- RE Brian Misner
- RE Susannah Calvo
- RE Marsha Stallings

### **COM Liaison Responsibilities and Resources**

- Liaison “Prompts” of Ministry reflections for conversations
  - Articles for review
    - 11 Benefits of Small Churches
    - 14 Surprising Facts You May Not Know About Pastors
  - Possible Questions for Pastors –
    - How have online and streaming services been continued or not even with return to in-person gatherings? What means of ministry are being used to continue to engage those whose primary participation is online?
    - What plans for study leave have you made or are planning to make during this year (2022)?
    - There have been numerous reports on the number of Pastors who are either resigning or considering it? Are there ways that we might be helpful to reduce the level of anxiety and stress that you might be experiencing? 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 –
    - Do you need any assistance and support in order to feel effective in fulfilling the responsibilities of the clerk?
    - If you have not completed your minutes review, how may I get together with you in order to review your minutes and register?
    - Have you and the session considered ways that you might recognize and express your gratitude for your pastor who probably absorbed much of the changes within the ministry of the congregation during these past twenty-six months?
  - Possible Questions for Others –
    - Are there plans for Vacation Bible School or other special programs?
    - What are your hopes and dreams for where you believe God may be leading you as a congregation?
- Resources within Presbytery
  - Vital Congregations Toolkit
  - Education and Nurture –
    - May 7 – “Boundaries and Ethics”; Michelle Snyder
  - Ministry strategy consultation – Rev. Skip Noftzger

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

- Prayers were lifted in answer to requests that had been received for:  
Praises for choir event, food banks, community partnership, sessions with stability and wisdom, programs that are resuming, post Easter worship, celebrating 250th anniversary honoring and

paying tribute to the past and contemplating the future, collecting shoes for those in need, National Night Out, great turn outs for Youth Groups as they are the future of the church, Baptisms, Pastor receiving a Doctorate in Ministry, well attended Easter service, Bible study resuming, people getting involved, and for getting together in person.

Prayers for children's programs, outreach, change in Clerk of Session due to health concern, struggling with rental of the manse, small churches dependent on limited pulpit supply, and those going through cancer and surgery.

- The following Teaching Elders and Commissioned Pastors were prayed for during this time:  
Martin Ankrum, Larry Armstrong, Russ Baird, Brenda Barnes, Ross Bash, Lori Bass-Riley, Laura Blank, Susan Blank, Cliff Buell, Bruce Cadenhead.
- The following churches were prayed for during this time:  
Second Presbyterian Church, Johnstown; Westmont Presbyterian Church, Johnstown; Springhill Furnace Presbyterian Church, Lake Lynn; Latrobe Presbyterian Church; United Presbyterian Church, Latrobe; Leisenring Presbyterian Church; Pleasant Grove Presbyterian Church, Ligonier; Grace Community Presbyterian Church, Lower Burrell; Puckety Presbyterian Church, Lower Burrell; First Presbyterian Church, Masontown.

### **Unfinished Business**

Expression of thanks to the Pastor Getaway Team for organizing such a wonderful event.

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### **April 7, 2022, Meeting**

#### **Approval of Minutes**

**MSP** approval of the minutes of March 3, 2022.

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

The Stated Clerk updated the committee on the following items:

- Correspondence Log (Meeting Documents)
- Summary of our congregations
- Annual Reports Statistics Submitted
- Minutes Review Dates
  - April 20, 2022 – Uniontown (Trinity Presbyterian)
  - May 9, 2022 – Presbytery Center, Greensburg
  - May 24, 2022 – Pre-Presbytery (First Presbyterian, Belle Vernon)

#### **Report of the Moderator**

- Moderator appointments
  - Pleasant Grove, Ligonier – Rev. Ron Durika

### **REPORTS OF SUBCOMMITTEES**

#### **Examinations and Membership**

- Information Items
  - Met with temporary supply pastor persons Rev. Nicholas Beaty and Rev. Mark Tinsman. Reviewed Presbyterian polity and boundaries.
  - Received the annual report of Rev. Ross Bash, Member at Large.
- Action Items
  - **MP** recommendation of approval of Rev. Beaty and Rev. Tinsman for temporary supply preaching at Palmer (Adah) and Hopewell (Brownsville) respectively.

- **MP** recommendation for Rev. Sue Blank to be added to the pulpit supply list.

### **Search and Call**

- Information Items
  - Rev. MacPherson continues to serve at First, Johnstown as a short-term Interim Pastor. Mission study workshop was facilitated on April 3. Data and focus groups material will now be collated for review. PNC to be elected on April 24.
  - Latrobe United Presbyterian Church has submitted their Ministry Information Form for COM approval.
  - Received request from Trinity, New Florence to elect a PNC to prepare a MIF and begin search for a full-time pastor.
  - Transition Chart (handout)
- Action Items
  - **MP** of the approval of Ministry Information Form of the Latrobe United Presbyterian Church.
  - **MP** of the approval of authorization of the congregation of Trinity, New Florence to elect a Pastor Nominating Committee.

### **COM Liaison Responsibilities and Resources**

- Google Forms completion results (meeting documents) – please complete by the day before the COM meeting in order that all may be included.
- Ministry reflections for conversations
  - Possible Questions for Pastor –
    - As many activities and services have returned to pre-Covid practices, what has been learned that you are bringing forward? What are the practices that were necessary during Covid, but are not necessarily helpful anymore?
    - Are you going to be able to get some rest and renewal time and experiences after Easter? Are you aware and planning on participating in the Redstone Pastors One-Day Retreat at Pine Springs (April 25)?
    - Is the Boundaries and Ethics training coming up on May 7th something that you should consider participating?
    - 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?
  - Possible Questions for Others –
    - How is church community coming together not only for worship, but in discipleship and service to Christ with others?
    - Do you have particular plans going into the summer? VBS? Other fellowship activities? Sponsoring campers for PSC?
- Resources within Presbytery
  - Vital Congregations Toolkit
  - Education and Nurture –
    - May 7 – “Boundaries and Ethics”; Michelle Snyder
  - Ministry strategy consultation – Rev. Skip Noftzger
  - Pastor Getaway Day – April 25, 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 upcoming Easter Egg Hunt Events as these family events welcome many children from the community and share with them a children's Easter message. Praises and prayers for church leadership as they prepare for holy week services providing members and the community opportunities for worshipping, for special afternoon services held for children, and for Good Friday Cross Walk to walk together, share Scripture, and pray. Praises for churches transitioning to full services, for interim pastors, for baptisms and weddings, for community choir, and for well-attended Sunday School programs. Praises for a church providing needed gift cards to an elementary school and for another church holding shoe drive to stock an elementary school care closet demonstrating the mighty power of mission-oriented churches no matter the size. Praises for churches that experience the generosity and thoughtfulness of being remembered through legacy funds and for a church that has been financially blessed through legacy gifts and want to share that blessing by supporting community service groups. Prayers for churches making improvements through volunteers, for volunteers going on mission trips, and for volunteers organizing fundraisers for families in need. Prayers for those looking for organist and those working with new staff. Prayers for those with upcoming and successful surgeries for complete healing, and for all with health issues. Prayers for a dedicated supply pastor to many small churches that is grieving the loss of his wife and for those that can step in to fill the gap in leadership during this period.
- The following Teaching Elders and Commissioned Pastors were prayed for during this time: Robert Upton, Robert VanWyk, Ronald Wakeman, Sue Washburn, Travis Webster, William Weightman, Bill Weigand, Andrew Wirt, Doug Yauger, Bill Youmans.
- The following churches were prayed for during this time: First Presbyterian Church, Fayette City; Little Redstone Presbyterian Church, Fayette City; First Presbyterian Church, Greensburg; Maplewood Presbyterian Church, Greensburg; Westminster Presbyterian Church, Greensburg; First Presbyterian Church, Irwin; West Hempfield Presbyterian Church, Irwin; First Presbyterian Church, Jeannette; Bethany Presbyterian Church, Johnstown; First Presbyterian Church, Johnstown.

**Unfinished Business**

Plans for Pastor Getaway Day / Retreat (see flyer).

Committee on Preparation Report Items

- **No action items.**

Information Items

May 3, 2022, Meeting

1. Opening in Prayer by Geoff Rach.
2. Approval of minutes of April 5, 2022, as amended; **MSP**.
3. IPLF
  - a. Spring, 2022 Offerings
    - i. Ethics and Boundaries – Saturday, May 7, 2022.
      1. This class was recommended for Danielle Kendig and James Vlosich.
      2. James Vlosich is unable to attend due to a mid-term.
      3. Danielle Kendig will not be able to attend due to a class.
      4. The class is recommended for all pastors who have not had the training recently.
      5. The next Ethics Class will be offered no sooner than the Fall of 2022; possibly in Spring 2023.
    - b. Recruit new students for Fall, 2022 (starts in August).
  4. Liaison reports/Consultation table
    - a. Bob Sheehan - follow up from the April CPM meeting.
      - i. Bob Sheehan is current preaching in District IV.
      - ii. He regularly preaches at Trinity / New Florence and Cresson / Patton.
      - iii. Bob Sheehan is interested in a District IV wide commission.
      - iv. He has submitted his statement of faith to COM for review.
      - v. Bob Sheehan will meet with COM for examination this Thursday, May 5, 2022.
      - vi. He will then be commissioned at the May 24, 2022, Redstone Presbytery meeting.
    - b. Danielle Kendig – via Zoom
      - i. Danielle Kendig requested to delay her movement to Candidacy to the September 2022 Presbytery Meeting which is at Westmont Church; **MSP**.
        1. She will have a couple of odd classes to catch up at the end in Fall of 2023 and Spring of 2024.
          - a. Took the first half of church history but did not take the second half in the fall.
          - b. Church History 2 is only offered in the fall terms.
        2. This will allow her to concentrate on ordination exams during those last 6 months of her classes.
      - ii. Leaderwise assessment.
        1. Danielle Kendig felt the assessment was very extensive and she has not read the results, yet.
        2. CPM will table discussion of the results until she can review them.
        3. Danielle Kendig was surprised the accuracy of the personality results.
        4. She took the cultural survey portion of the survey at the beginning of seminary.
          - a. She was disappointed with her results at the beginning.
          - b. She has been intentional to seek out other's points of view.
          - c. This time the survey results showed a marked improvement in the

cultural portion.

5. During her childhood, Danielle Kendig consistently put the desires of other people ahead of her own welfare.
  6. The survey results showed this was an area for continued improvement.
  7. Items in the personality survey show the benefits of a candidate's personality and areas for improvement.
  8. Danielle was honest as she answered the questions despite her nervousness about the things she has experienced.
    - a. Danielle Kendig felt the communication with the interviewer was easy and open.
    - b. The interviewer commented that Danielle Kendig was honest in her responses.
- iii. Field Education over the summer as an intensive.
1. Family issues over the past month have taken a lot of Danielle Kendig's time and energy; therefore, she will not take Field Education this summer.
  2. She will enroll in her first Field Education Class in the Fall 2022 Semester.
    - a. The first semester of Field Education is in a classroom setting.
    - b. The second semester is hands-on setting.
    - c. Redstone requires a second hands-on semester to make certain candidates have the ministry experiences they need before being eligible for ordination.
    - d. Will Danielle have to search out the placement for the field education?
      - i. The seminary has offerings which if they are approved by Redstone Presbytery would fulfill both requirements.
      - ii. Some of the choices are internships; some are volunteer.
      - iii. Johnstown has no specific CPE programs available.
    - e. Danielle Kendig will target Field Education opportunities which are different from her experiences at Westmont Presbyterian Church.
      - i. Westmont is a very busy, active church.
      - ii. Realistically, the church she starts at may not have programs and resources similar to Westmont Presbyterian Church.
    - f. Danielle Kendig will be one of the first students to take all or most of her classes online.
  3. Geoff Rach reminded Danielle Kendig to watch for the Bible content exam for ordination.
    - a. Skip Noftzger said the Bible Content exams are normally offered near Labor Day and again in February.
    - b. Danielle Kendig will check for the registration dates for the exam.
    - c. She can take the Bible content exam as an Inquirer; the other four exams require Candidacy status (theology, worship and sacraments, language, polity)
  4. June 1, 2022 - Danielle's husband will be resigning from his job and going full time at their business which has grown enough to provide needed income.
  5. Committee members prayed for Danielle Kendig.
- c. Linda Gossar Loesch joined the meeting in person.
- i. Linda Gossar Loesch is an AP eligible to be commissioned, if desired.
  - ii. She has been an AP for over 20 years.
  - iii. What has happened in the last year?
    1. She has preached once or twice a month.
    2. Linda Gossar Loesch has been to a number of churches near and far.
    3. Avonmore and Jeannette are places she has been to repeatedly.

- iv. Linda Gossar Loesch had some medical issues this year.
  - v. Skip Noftzger asked, do you still enjoy it?
    - 1. Yes, Linda Gossar Loesch likes to go to different congregations, meeting the people from different places.
    - 2. Linda Gossar Loesch is not interested in taking on a church and being the full-time pastor.
    - 3. She is able to be at her home church a few Sundays a month.
  - vi. Robin Jennings asked if Linda Gossar Loesch used the same sermons or writes fresh ones each time.
    - 1. She had done both writing new and rewriting old.
    - 2. Linda Gossar Loesch doesn't use the same sermon at the same church.
  - vii. Skip Noftzger asked if Linda Gossar Loesch had enough resources to prepare sermons?
    - 1. She has access to the library at Newlonsburg.
    - 2. She also has gathered a number of resources at home.
  - viii. Geoff Rach asked what position Linda Gossar Loesch retired from?
    - 1. She has a Community Ministry degree from Community College.
    - 2. She worked for UPMC as a Communities Director.
  - ix. Motion to renew Linda's status as an AP for 1 year; **MSP**.
  - x. Committee members prayed with Linda Gossar Loesch.
  - d. Laurie Davison could not be contacted by Skip Noftzger.
    - i. Skip Noftzger was able to talk to Bob Prinkney from her home church.
    - ii. Bob Prinkney reported she is not doing well.
  - e. Jeff Keilman has been going to a few churches every month.
    - i. Jeff Keilman regularly preaches at Fayette City and Dunlap's Creek.
    - ii. These churches are quite a drive for him.
  - f. Karen Gray
    - i. Karen Gray will finish her classes in two weeks.
    - ii. She has completed the workshops.
    - iii. She has not started the practicums.
  - g. Tammy Noss has finished class work, workshops and two practicums.
    - i. After she finishes the practicums, the CPM will meet with her.
    - ii. After completing the practicums and meeting with CPM, Tammy Noss will be turned over to the COM for possible commissioning to a church.
5. Update Sewickley Presbyterian Church – Karen Kifer
- a. Sewickley Presbyterian Church resumed Mission Projects at the end of last year, 2021 with a hat, scarf, and gloves give away to anyone in need.
    - i. The initial give-away brought a few families to the church directly.
    - ii. The church partnered with the Baptist Church of West Newton to supply hats, gloves, and scarves for the children on their Angel Tree.
      - 1. In past years, the Baptist Church has supplied hats and gloves through a separate collection at their church; however, the pandemic caused strain to their church, and they decided to run the Angel Tree only.
      - 2. Sewickley Presbyterian church was able to fill that gap for them.
  - b. Our Lent Mission Project for 2022 was to provide gift cards for low-income families of students at Mendon Elementary School.
    - i. Our initial goal was to raise \$500 dollars for 10-gift cards. We raised \$650 for the project.
    - ii. The church elders and pastor presented the gift cards to the principal of the school.
  - c. We thank God for His provision and pray for opportunities for the church to service our members and community.
  - d. Three new members joined the church in 2021 and one member reinstated his membership in

January 2022.

- e. Church finances have stabilized with the church bringing in slightly more than current expenses each month.
  - i. A donation was made to Samaritan's Purse from the excess.
  - ii. In addition, money is being set aside for building maintenance costs.

6. Geoff Rach closed meeting in prayer.

7. Future meeting schedule/consultations

- a. June 7---Karen Gray(?); Rich Zoltak (?)
- b. July 5---no meeting(?)
- c. August 2---certified Christian educators
- d. September 6---Laurie Davison(?) Jeff Keilman(?)
- e. October 4---Danielle Kendig
- f. November 1---James Vlosich
- g. December 6---no meeting(?)

8. New business

9. Adjournment/Prayer by James Sunseri.

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**April 9, 2022, Meeting**

10. Approval of minutes of March 1, 2022, as corrected; **MSP**.

11. IPLF

- a. Spring, 2022 Offerings
  - i. Contemporary Spiritual Formation - April 2, 2022.
  - ii. Ethics and Boundaries - Saturday, May 7, 2022.
    - 1. Recommended for Danielle Kendig and James Vlosich.
    - 2. Recommended for all pastors who have not had the training recently.
- b. Recruit new students for Fall, 2022.
  - i. Bob MacPherson requested IPLF enrollment.
  - ii. Bob MacPherson preaches regularly in Washington Presbytery.
  - iii. The West Newton United Presbyterian Church Session approved his request.
  - iv. CPM planned to meet with Bob MacPherson tonight.
  - v. Bob MacPherson submitted a letter withdrawing his application.
  - vi. He was informed by Washington Presbytery that he should enroll in the IPLF program to continue his teaching assignment.
  - vii. Skip Noftzger will notify Washington Presbytery Bob MacPherson will not be attending the Fall, 2022 session.

12. Liaison reports/Consultation table.

- a. Jeff's Keilman was contacted by Jim Sunseri in the past month.
  - i. Jeff Keilman's wife passed away recently.
  - ii. Jeff Keilman desires to service communion.
  - iii. He is an AP but has not completed the program to be eligible for commissioning.
  - iv. The two churches he preaches at are small in Fayette County: Dunlap's Creek (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday) and Fayette City (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday).
  - v. He can keep preaching as an AP but cannot do more than this unless he completes the IPFL program.
  - vi. Small churches in Fayette County have a supply pastor rotation list; they do not have a permanent pastor.

- vii. Ruling Elders are permitted to preach at churches until preaching reaches the regularity that implies a relationship between the congregation and the pastor. When such a relationship develops the RE must have more training through the IPLF to be commissionable.
  - b. Laurie Davison - Skip Noftzger tried to contact Laurie with no results.
    - i. Skip Noftzger reached out to Bob Prinkey and could not get a response.
  - c. James Vlosich was contacted by Geoff Rach.
    - i. James Vlosich contacted his advisor to find out Field Ed Requirements.
  - d. Rich Zoltak - Skip Noftzger contacted.
    - i. Rich Zoltak originally did class work and did not want to be commissioned
    - ii. Later, Rich Zoltak wished to be commissioned and began to work with Reverend Barnes.
    - iii. He has completed 3 of 4 practicums and is working on the 4<sup>th</sup>.
    - iv. He is a retired engineer.
  - e. Linda Gossar Loesch – Barbara Rissler contacted.
    - i. Linda Gossar Loesch has completed her 1<sup>st</sup> surgery and is doing well.
    - ii. She will need a second surgery.
    - iii. Linda Gossar Loesch may meet with committee in June or July.
  - f. Danielle Kendig – Skip Noftzger contacted.
    - i. Danielle Kendig needs to complete her ministry assessment to be eligible for candidacy in May.
    - ii. She needs to complete a personal interview with Leaderwise which she will do soon.
    - iii. Danielle Kendig will meet with Redstone Presbytery, and they will move her to Candidacy status.
      - 1. She must be a candidate for 1 year prior to graduation.
      - 2. Redstone Presbytery members can ask her questions about her call, but not her statement of faith during this interview.
    - iv. CPM would like to have Danielle at May CPM meeting (perhaps on Zoom) – Robin Jennings will ask her to attend.
  - g. Tammy Noss – Karen Kifer will contact Tammy and see how she is doing.
    - i. Meet with CPM only if she will be done with the practicums.
13. Consultation with Bob Sheehan.
- a. Bob Sheehan is preaching in District IV between Trinity / New Florence and then Cresson / Patton.
  - b. He did 60 services last year, working 35 to 40 Sundays.
  - c. He mentioned it seems to take him more time to prepare a message than before he was retired.
  - d. Bob Sheehan remains involved with his home church and his local food bank.
  - e. He was asked, “What kind of resources he uses?”
    - i. Bob Sheehan uses two sets of commentaries from opposing point of views.
    - ii. He concentrates on preaching God’s Word and not his own.
    - iii. He writes out his sermons ahead of time.
    - iv. Bob Sheehan primarily uses the RCL unless the pastor is preaching a series.
      - 1. Dawn Sherwood suggested *Feasting on the Word* and *Connections* as good references.
      - 2. *Feasting on the Word* is very theological.
      - 3. *Connections* is more congregation focused.
    - v. Redstone Presbytery allocates \$200 per year for each AP to acquire different resources
    - vi. Bob Sheehan missed the previous mission trip due to health concerns; however, he is feeling better
  - f. Robin Jennings asked “what is Your greatest satisfaction.”
    - i. Bob Sheehan gets satisfaction from sharing God’s Word.

- ii. Bob Sheehan does not save his sermons, so the same scriptures often reveal different messages/
- g. Skip Noftzger asked if he had given a particular sermon that seems to stand out.
  - i. Bob Sheehan's last sermon prior to mission trip in 2019 was about being the servant; giving and not receiving.
  - ii. He attempts to match the liturgy and sermon each week, but this specific week it was particularly appropriate.
  - iii. He then left to go on a mission trip and it felt as if he was living out the sermon.
  - iv. Bob is concerned about reaching people who do not know Christ.
  - v. Are you interested in being commissioned for District IV wide?
    - 1. This would enable Bob Sheehan to serve communion and fill in as a moderator for Session meetings
    - 2. If asked to preach, he could automatically accept or decline.
    - 3. If asked to serve communion, he would check in with Skip Noftzger before making the decision.
    - 4. Bob will pray about it and consider it.
- h. Bob Sheehan has 10 to 12 Sundays scheduled so far this year.
- i. Most churches have been very good to him and have given him 3-4 weeks lead time.
- j. Is he paid appropriately for each Sunday?
  - i. Some places pay appropriately; some not.
  - ii. Bob Sheehan's concern is not for the money, but to reach people.
  - iii. Skip Noftzger reminded him some pastors rely on the money earned for expenses, so a gentle word to churches who do not pay according to the recommendations is appropriate.
- k. Bob Sheehan has preached at nursing homes.
  - i. The nursing home local to Bob is run by the Sisters of Mercy and they have their own program now.
- l. Bob has opportunities to speak at community functions.
  - i. There is a small restaurant that has a Sunday morning Bible discussion for truckers.
  - ii. The local community is mostly Roman Catholic.
  - iii. The percentage of unchurched has been growing recently.
- m. Jim Sunseri led the committee in prayer for Bob Sheehan.

14. Dawn Sherwood closed meeting in prayer.

15. Future meeting schedule/consultations

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16. 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

**Rev. Ben Nti, Johnstown, Westmont (Class of 2022)**

### **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.
- In the upcoming months, we will be considering candidates to serve as Vice Moderator in 2022. If you desire to nominate someone (including yourself), please contact either Rev. Aleda Menchyk or Rev. Skip Noftzger.