



2022 Stated Meeting

of the

Presbytery of Redstone
Presbyterian Church (USA)

November 19, 2022



Newlonsburg
Presbyterian Church
and
ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING
MEETING

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

Notes for the November 19, 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 meeting.
- The Offering received during worship at this meeting will go for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for relief efforts in Kentucky.

Redstone Presbytery Gathering

Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church, Murrysville; November 19, 2022

(Zoom videoconferencing available)

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

8:30 a.m.	Registration and fellowship—	
9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening prayer • Formation of the Roll • Seating of Corresponding Members • Introduction of 1st time Commissioners • Stated Clerk’s Report – page 5 • Consent Agenda – page 5 • Treasurer’s Report – page 11 • Synod of the Trinity Commissioners 	<p>Rev. Curtis Paul Rev. Cliff Foster</p> <p>Rev. Curtis Paul Rev. Skip Nofztger Rev. Cliff Foster John Dickson Bernice Adams Rev. Cliff Foster</p>
9:45 a.m.* (Order of the Day)	Worship - page 12	<p>Susan Keaney Rev. Curtis Paul Rev. Travis Webster</p>
	<p>---COM - page 27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examination and approval of candidate and call for First Presbyterian Church of Johnstown • Approval of candidate and call for United Presbyterian Church of Latrobe • Introduction of Rev. Gary Filson (HR) as member of the Presbytery. 	<p>Rev. Ed Gray</p>
	<p>---Council - page 32</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On the Road with Redstone (video) • 2023 Presbytery Budget • Overtures from the 2022 General Assembly AA BB V W X Y Z • Mission Network • Pine Springs Camp 	<p>Belinda Lambie</p> <p>Rev. Cliff Foster</p> <p>Rev. Owar Ojulu Greg Davis</p>

	<p>----CPM - page 40</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inter-Presbytery Leadership Formation <p>----Nominating - page 43</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2023 Vice Moderator • Standing Committees <p><u>ANNOUNCEMENTS LOOP</u></p> <p><u>RESOLUTION OF THANKS</u></p> <p><u>SOLI DEO GLORIA</u></p>	<p>Rev. Geoff Rach</p> <p>Rev. Aleda Menchyk</p> <p>Dennis Yates</p> <p>Rev. Skip Noftzger</p>
	<p><u>ADJOURNMENT</u></p> <p><u>CLOSING SONG/PRAYER</u></p>	
	<p><u>Next Meeting of the Presbytery of Redstone---</u> <u>January 28, 2023 ; 1:00 p.m. @ Westminster</u> <u>Presbyterian Church, Greensburg</u></p>	

STATED CLERK'S REPORT:

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

CORRESPONDENCE LOG

Date Received	Received From	Content	Action
November 9, 2022 - mail	Harmony Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon	2023 Terms of Call for CP Glenn Hart and Manse Inspection Report	To COM and FILE
November 8, 2022 - email	Washington Presbytery	eMinister form regarding releasing Rev. Jennifer Frayer-Griggs to Redstone Presbytery	To COM and FILE
November 8, 2022 - email	Washington Presbytery	eMinister form regarding receiving Rev. William Youmans into Washington Presbytery	To COM and FILE
November 8, 2022 - email	PUCSA	Clarification on restoring minister to active rolls after having been removed to inactive roll	To COM and FILE
November 7, 2022 - email	Latrobe Presbyterian Church	Pastoral Call form for Rev. Ron Durika	To COM and FILE
November 2, 2022 - mail	Union Presbyterian Church, Murrysville	Commissioned Pastor Agreement with Lynn Mance	To COM and FILE
October 31, 2022 - mail	Grace Community Presbyterian Church, Lower Burrell	Transitional Pastor Contract with Rev. Doug Marshall	To COM and FILE
October 25, 2022 - email	Washington Presbytery	Information regarding transfer of Bill Youmans from Redstone	To COM and FILE
October 21, 2022 - email	PCUSA	Annual Statistical Report Information	To CLERKS and FILE
September 29, 2022 - email	Washington Presbytery	Information regarding dismissal of Jennifer Frayer-Griggs to Redstone	To COM and FILE
September 26, 2022 - hand delivered	Derry Presbyterian Church	Letter advising that contract with Rev. Marnie Russell will not be renewed when contract ends on 12/31/2022	To COM and FILE

2. The list of proposed presbytery meeting dates for the 2023 calendar year approved by the Council are presented below. We welcome invitations to serve as meeting host for any of these meetings.
 - January 28 – Greensburg, Westminster (Hybrid-In person/Zoom)
 - March 28 – West Hempfield, Irwin (Hybrid-In person/Zoom)
 - May 23 – Ebensburg (Hybrid-In person/Zoom)
 - September 26 – Latrobe (Main Street), Latrobe (Hybrid-In person/Zoom)
 - November 18 – First Presbyterian, Jeannette (Hybrid-In person/Zoom)

3. Review of the 2021 Session minutes and Church Registers has been completed and submitted to the COM (Appendix A). The minutes and the church registers of the following congregations were not reviewed: Brownsville, Calvin; Brownsville, Hopewell; Dawson, Tyrone; Dunbar, First; Fairchance; Leisenring; Ligonier, Pleasant Grove; Masontown, First; Merrittstown, Dunlap's Creek; Scottdale, Calvin; West Newton, Sewickley; and West Newton, Sewickley United.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

From Executive Committee

1. Following the review of the Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Stated Clerk and Associate Stated Clerk, it is **recommended** that the minutes of the Presbytery meeting of the September 27, 2022, be approved.

From the Council

1. Council **recommends** that the Financial Reports presented to the Council and the Presbytery be received and filed for audit. (Appendix 'B')

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

3. Council **recommends** that the written reports of all committees, networks and task forces be received and filed.

4. Council **recommends** the 2023 terms of call for the Executive Presbyter to include:
 - i. Effective Salary-86,380.27 (70,380.27-salary,16,000- housing allowance)
 - ii. Board of Pensions – Pastor Participation plan (39%)
 - iii. Study leave – 1,500 (able to be carried over if unused)
 - iv. Professional services – 1,800
 - v. Professional travel – 4,750

From the Committee on Ministry

1. The Committee on Ministry **recommends** receiving Rev. Gary Filson, HR (Appendix 'G' and 'H') of the Presbytery of the Coastlands into Redstone Presbytery as a retired Minister of Word and Sacrament.

From the Committee on Preparation for Ministry

From the Nominating Committee

From the Committee on Representation

From the Sewickley Presbyterian Church Administrative Commission

1. The Sewickley Presbyterian Church Administrative Commission has not met since the September meeting of Presbytery. No report to present.

MINISTRY AND MISSION REPORTS

Executive Presbyter

Rev. Richard "Skip" Noftzger Executive Presbyter Report		
<i>Communicate the Word, Carry on the Work, Change the World... Together!</i>		
VISION	9/24/2022-11/19/22	
Congregation-centered (ENGAGE)	<p>Visible presence within the Presbytery engaging with congregations</p> <p>Church Visits -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visited churches in person for worship services or special events twelve times in various congregations. Preached in person and/or online ten times in service of four congregations. • Moderated, resourced and consulted with three different sessions. Advised other church sessions on concerns related to finances, pastoral needs, and future ministry options. • Consulted and coached the active PNC's (6) in the process of developing the ministry information, discerning, and making call decisions. At least weekly, scanning CLC and making additional referrals. Checking in regularly with them on progress. Working through details of offering a call, negotiating terms and preparing the candidating presentation. • Mentored a number of current pastors serving as moderators on behalf of the presbytery with other sessions and congregations. • Identified possible options for preaching and other pastoral concerns for congregations without continuing pastoral leadership. 	
Leadership developed (EQUIP)	<p>Developing and equipping leadership within the Presbytery -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consulted and coached on an individual level at least seven pastors and future pastors within the presbytery regarding educational needs, personal development, as well as concerns of conflict mediation, pastoral care, and executive leadership. • Worked with the Nominating Committee in order to recommend possible candidates for consideration for the remaining open positions of leadership within the Presbytery for the next year. • Directed, initiated, scheduled, and promoted Inter-Presbytery Leadership Formation courses and workshops available to all within Redstone and surrounding presbyteries, including the addition of Shenango Presbytery. Currently serving as the instructor for the New Testament course. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consulted with our candidates under care, both inquirers and candidates in their various states of preparation. Provided information on the entire are process as well as checking on progress in their seminary enrollment. • Oriented new pastors to the Presbytery through personal meeting and conference along with administrative resources. Follow up meetings with those in their first year of pastoral service. • Provided pastoral care for pastors encountering personal and family tragedies and uncertainties. 	
<p>Collaboration-Districts/Network (ENABLE)</p>	<p>Joined and initiated contact both within and outside Redstone-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed role of service on the successful search for the Synod of the Trinity Stated Clerk position. • Continue role within Christian Associates, including assisting in developing the next strategic plan efforts for the collegiality priority. Ongoing meetings with my immediate colleagues in UCC and Roman Catholic churches. • Coordinated the work with the steering committee of Wee Kirk in order to renew offering of the conference in 2022. Implemented the successful re-initiation of the conference with fourteen Redstone participants. • Served as a member of the steering committee for the World Mission Initiative conference on "Missional Leadership in a Time of Disruption." • Ongoing engagement with the other presbytery executives in sharing resources, perspectives, and availability of church leadership. • Coordination and contact person for the other Presbytery executives and standing committees making use of the Inter-Presbytery Leadership Formation Program. • Worked through personal engagement with some of the leaders of various networks and task forces within the Presbytery. 	
<p>Partnership in Mission Promoted (EMPOWER)</p>	<p>Promoted and provided leadership in our partnerships in mission -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supported our Sudan/S. Sudan Partnership Network through participation, communication, and administrative leadership. Participated in the meetings of the steering committee of the network. Agreed to serve with Sylvia Carlson as the co-coordinator for the next two years. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assisted the Mission Committee in identifying, supporting and resourcing consideration of additional short term mission trip experiences. Consulted with the incoming president and Executive Director of Pine Springs Camp about possible strategic priorities and board formation during the upcoming year. Participated in the PSC annual "Friends" dinner. <u>Continued service and participation as an ex-officio member of the board of Redstone Highlands.</u> 				
Operational Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oversight of the minutes and registration book reviews. Personally reviewed a number of records. Following up with others who have assumed individual responsibility. Directed necessary maintenance and repairs within the Presbytery center facility. Provided additional outside income streams through speaking, consulting, and coaching outside the presbytery. 				
VALUES	Servant Leadership	Flourishing Community	Witness to the World	Generous and effective Stewardship	
	Soli Deo Gloria				

Treasurer's Report

INCOME & EXPENSE REPORT

This report provides an unaudited overview of the finances of the Redstone Presbytery for the period ending October 31, 2022. For this period, income and expenses are benchmarked at eighty three percent (83%) to budgeted expectations.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW / INCOME

Income recorded for the Church Commitments category (subtotal) for the month totaled \$29,228, which is above the benchmark expectation of \$26,667 or 9%. YTD, Church Commitments category (subtotal) is \$256,909, which is less than the targeted benchmark of \$266,667 or \$9,758.

A total of \$4,241 was recognized within the miscellaneous category for the month, and \$35,814 YTD.

Funds released from Temporarily Restricted for the month totaled \$4,481 and YTD \$78,257.

Total Income for the month of all categories equaled \$37,330 and YTD is \$376,147. Both categories at this time exceed budget expectations.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW / EXPENSES

During this period, there were a few individual line-items expenses that are above the October benchmark of 83%. Said items are either timing matters or uncontrollable.

Expenses for the month are below the budgeted benchmark totaling \$32,479, versus an expectation of \$35,584. YTD, expenses are higher than anticipated at \$19,301.

EXCESS INCOME OVER EXPENSES

For the month ending October, income exceeded expenses totaling \$5,284 and YTD, income also was higher than expenses at \$3,620.

INVESTMENTS & HOLDINGS

The Ameriprise Statement for the period ending October 31, 2022, showed a positive ending value for the month totaling \$26,943, with an YTD negative change / loss of \$130,851. The ending account value totals \$572,319.

Other holdings, including New Covenant (\$290,309), PILP (\$10,000), First Commonwealth (\$146,396) and Petty Cash (\$250.00) total \$446,955.

Total Investments & Holdings (approximant) = \$1,019,274

Respectfully Submitted,

John Dickson

The People Gathered... to Draw the Circle Wide

Prelude

Opening Words Rev. Brenda Barnes

As people committed to justice and peace, we acknowledge the history, spirituality, culture, and stewardship of the people of the lands where we gather today, designated as the traditional territory of the indigenous people of this region: the Adena tribe; the Hopewell tribe; the Monongahela people; the Shawnee, Delaware and Iroquois peoples; and the Seneca nation. We repent of violence and broken covenants. We seek to live in respect and right relation; and we remain mindful of our need to make things right.

Sentences of Scripture and Prayer Susan Keaney, RE

What does the Holy One require of us?

To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.

Let us pray: Mighty and merciful God,
lover of justice and equity,
you call us to support the weak,
to help those who suffer,
and to honor all people.

By the power of your Holy Spirit,
make us advocates for your justice
and instruments of your peace,
so that all may be reconciled
in your beloved community;
through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

We Gather Together 336

1 We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;
 2 Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
 3 We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,

he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;
 or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;
 and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.

the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing.
 so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;
 Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion;

Sing prais - es to his name; he for - gets not his own.
 thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glo - ry be thine!
 thy name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

First published among songs celebrating the end of Spanish control of the Netherlands, this text's blend of patriotism and piety has made it popular at (often ecumenical) Thanksgiving Day services. The tune is named for the Viennese arranger whose male chorus popularized it.

TEXT: Attr. Adrianus Valerius, c. 1626; trans. Theodore Baker, 1894
 MUSIC: *Neder-landsch Gedenck-Clanck*, 1626; harm. Eduard Kremser, 1877

KREMSER
 12.11.12.11
 (this tune in a higher key, 612)

***Confession and Pardon:** Lynn Mance, CP

Acknowledging the unity we have in Christ,
let us confess with open hearts both our fear and our hope,
trusting in God's abundant mercy.

**Loving God, through Jesus Christ you taught us,
“where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”
Yet we continue to put our faith in earthly treasures,
hoarding up possessions that moth and rust will destroy,
clinging to power and privilege whenever we can.
Set us free from greed and fear.
Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
Teach us to trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ, our true redeemer.**

Hear the good news of the gospel!

You are no longer strangers and aliens, *Eph. 2:19–21, 14*

but members together of the household of God,
built upon the foundation of the prophets and apostles,
with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.

In him the whole structure is joined together
and grows into a holy temple in the Lord.

Christ himself is our peace;

in his flesh he has made us into one.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

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Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)
 B^b F B^b F B^b F Gm F

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
 2 World with - out end, ♪ with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
 F B^b E^b B^b Gm7 C7

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
 World with - out end, ♪ with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)
 C7 F A Dm

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
 World with - out end, ♪ with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
 Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

***The Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Please greet those near you with a sign of peace.

Prayer for Illumination

Speak to us, living God,
as you have spoken to our ancestors:
through the voices of your prophets,
the breath of your Spirit,
and the life of your Son,
so that we may live according to your word;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Scripture Reading Colossians 1:11-20

Anthem Newlonsburg Musicians

Scripture Reading Luke 23:33-43 Rev. Curtis Paul

Proclamation Rev. Curtis Paul

O God of Every Nation 756

1 O God of ev - ery na - tion, of ev - ery race and land,
 2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,
 3 Lord, strength-en those who la - bor that all may find re - lease
 4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,

re - deem the whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand.
 from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc - tion through the night,
 from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;
 when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,

Where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,
 from pride of race and sta - tion and blind - ness to your way,
 when hope and cour - age fal - ter, your still small voice be heard;
 till dawns the morn - ing glo - rious when truth and jus - tice reign

in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.
 de - liv - er ev - ery na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray.
 with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.
 and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

If we truly believe that God cares for all people, we cannot limit our prayers and songs for peace to the welfare of our own nation, no matter how much we may love it. This challenging text is set to a stirring Welsh tune, named for a hamlet with a prominent Baptist chapel.

TEXT: William W. Reid Jr., 1958, alt.
 MUSIC: Welsh folk melody; *Llwybrau Moliant*, 1872; harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906
 Text © 1958, ren. 1986 *The Hymn Society* (admin. *Hope Publishing Company*)

LLANGLOFFAN
 7.6.7.6.D

***Affirmation of Faith** Rev. Dawn Sherwood

We believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
who gathers, protects and nourishes the Church
from the beginning of the world to the end.

**The Church is holy; the Church is universal;
it is the fellowship of God's children,
called together from the whole of humanity
to proclaim God's wonderful deeds.**

We believe that the reconciling work of Christ
gives birth to a uniting Church,
because Church unity is a gift from God
and a goal we need to strive for.

**The unity of the Church must become visible
so that the people around us can see
how separation and hatred are overcome in Christ.**

We believe that genuine faith in Jesus Christ
is the only condition for membership in this Christian church.

**We praise God that race, class, gender, or culture
does not determine who belongs to this Church.**

We believe that God has entrusted to the Church
the message of reconciliation;
and that the Church is called
to proclaim and embody this reconciliation;
to be peacemakers;
and to believe and to witness that God conquers all powers
of sin and death, of hate, bitterness and enmity,
through his life-giving Word and Spirit.

**We praise God that the gospel does not separate people
on the basis of race, gender, class, or culture,
but is the power of reconciliation in Christ.**

We believe that God wants to bring about true justice
and lasting peace on earth;
we believe that God is, in a special sense,
the God of the suffering, the poor and the downtrodden.

**We praise God who gives justice to the oppressed
and bread to the hungry;
who sets captives free and makes the blind to see;
who protects strangers, orphans, and widows
and obstructs the plans of the wicked.**

We believe that the Church belongs to God
and that it should stand where God stands:
against injustice and with those who are wronged.

**We commit ourselves to reject all forms of injustice
in ourselves and amongst us;
and to struggle against all forms of injustice
and every teaching that allows injustices to flourish.**

We are called to confess and to do all this
in obedience to Jesus Christ, our only Lord,
even if authorities or laws oppose this,
even if punishment and suffering may be the consequence.

**Jesus is Lord! We will follow Him!
To the one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory for ever and ever.**

—The Confession of Belhar

Invitation to Offering Rev. Owar Ojulu

609 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

D A D

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures

Bm A D G D Bm E A D

high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise

D

God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it

G A D Em A Bm

one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

Em D G A Em G A D

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

***Prayer of Dedication**

Almighty and merciful God,
from whom comes all that is good,
we praise you for your mercies,
for your goodness that has created us,
your grace that has sustained us,
your discipline that has corrected us,
your patience that has borne with us,
and your love that has redeemed us.

Help us to love you,
and to be thankful for all your gifts
by serving you and delighting to do your will,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord's Supper: Rev. Travis Webster

Invitation to the Table

Great Thanksgiving

Children:

Why do we give thanks and praise before this table?

Congregation:

We give thanks for God's work of creation and salvation.

Presider:

It is our greatest joy, creator God,
to give you thanks in every time and place.
You made the heavens and the earth
and all that is in them—
sun, moon, and stars,
mountains, rivers, and trees,
animals and people.
You even made us in your own image
to love and serve you,
and you show us your mercy every day.
Therefore with all people and all creation,
we shout your praise:

Holy, Holy, Holy

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Capo 3: (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (D)
 F C F B^b C F

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
 2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the

(A) (D/F#) (F#m) (G) (A) (Bm)
 C F/A Am B^b C Dm

pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

(G) (D) (A) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus) (D)
 B^b F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
 MUSIC: American folk melody; adapt. Marcia Pruner, 1980; arr. Richard Proulx, 1984
 Music Adapt. © 1980 Church Pension Fund
 Music Arr. © 1986 GIA Publications, Inc.

LAND OF REST

All glory and blessing are yours, saving God,
 for in your mercy you gave your only Son, Jesus Christ.
 Born a child like us,
 he grew up to be your servant.
 Jesus taught your truth.
 He welcomed, healed, forgave, and loved people.
 In the end, he suffered and died
 to save us from our sin.
 And God raised him up,
 to give us a new life.
 We praise you that before he died,
 our Savior gave us this holy meal
 to eat together until he comes again.

Children:

Why do we eat bread at this table?

Presider:

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread.
After giving thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
saying: 'Take, eat. This is my body, given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

Children:

Why do we drink from the cup at this table?

Presider:

The same night, Jesus took the cup, saying:
This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood,
shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me.

Children:

What do we remember at this table?

Presider:

We remember God's gracious love for us,
Christ's death and resurrection for us,
and the Spirit's tender care for us.

Intercessions for presbytery prayer concerns included here.
And remembering,
we offer ourselves and our gifts for the world.

According to our Lord's commandment:

Congregation:

**We remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory.**

Children:

What do we ask at this table?

Presider:

Merciful God,
pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine,
that in eating and drinking together
we may be made one with Christ
and with one another.
At this table we ask for unity in Christ our Lord,

and we ask for strength to serve the world in his name
until the day you make all things new.

Congregation:

**Through Christ,
all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,
with the Holy Spirit in the holy church,
now and forever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread & Communion

Prayer after Communion 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.

Crown Him with Many Crowns 268

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2 Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,
 3 Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scep - ter sways
 4 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time;

hark, how the heaven-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own!
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise.
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His reign shall know no end; and round his pier - ed feet
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 but down - ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 fair flowers of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
 thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

This text is so familiar that it is easy to miss all its paradox, mystery, suffering, and beauty; it rewards careful reading and meditation outside corporate worship. The tune's composer, chapel organist at Windsor Castle, had much experience in creating a royal sound.

ACTION AGENDA

Committee on Ministry

Action Items

- The Committee on Ministry presents Hyiwot Teshome for examination for ordination to the ministry of Word and Sacrament. Upon successful completion of examination, the Committee on Ministry **recommends** the ordination and receiving of Hyiwot Teshome to become a member of Redstone Presbytery and approval of the pastoral call as installed pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Johnstown. (See Appendix 'C' for his bio, Appendix 'D' for his statement of faith, and Appendix 'E' for the Terms of Call)
- The Committee on Ministry **recommends** the approval of the pastoral call of the United Presbyterian Church of Latrobe to Rev. Ron Durika to serve as installed pastor. (See Appendix 'F' for the Terms of Call)
- Memorial minute for Rev. Carlisle Lloyd
- The Committee on Ministry introduces Rev. Gary Filson, HR to the Presbytery of Redstone.

Information Items

November 3, 2022, Meeting

Approval of Minutes

MSP approval of the minutes of October 6, 2022.

Report of the Stated Clerk

The Stated Clerk updated the committee on the following items:

- Correspondence Log (Meeting Documents).
- Minutes Review
 - List of Churches not yet completed (Meeting Documents)
- **MSP** approval of the dismissal of Rev. William Youmans to Washington Presbytery "if the way be clear."
- **MSP** approval with regret of the request for dissolution "if the way be clear" of the pastoral relationship by Rev. Wendy Keys and The United Presbyterian Church of New Kensington.

Report of the Moderator

- ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter and Evacuate) training will be provided in each district of the Presbytery. The training is planned to be scheduled after the first of the year (2023). One church in each district will host the 2.5 hr training session on a Saturday morning. Each church attending the training may bring a team of two to three people.
- Ed Gray will be moderator of The United Presbyterian Church of New Kensington.

REPORTS OF SUBCOMMITTEES

Examinations and Membership

- Information Items
 - Examination for membership and recommendation for ordination of Hyiwot Teshome (candidate, Baltimore Presbytery).

- Action Items
 - **MP** of the recommendation to the Presbytery of the ordination and receiving of Hyiwot Teshome to become a member of Redstone Presbytery upon approval of the call to First Presbyterian, Johnstown.
 - **MP** of the recommendation, if the way be, for the Baltimore Presbytery to ordain Hyiwot Teshome on behalf of Redstone Presbytery and dismiss Hyiwot Teshome to the Redstone Presbytery.

Search and Call

- Information Items
 - Latrobe United Candidate and Congregation meeting on November 6, 2022.
 - First Presbyterian, Johnstown Candidate and Congregation meeting on November 13, 2022.
 - Union has received a couple recent self-referrals. Will check in on their progress.
 - Transition Chart (handout).
- Action Items
 - **MP** of the approval of the pastoral call and terms for Hyiwot Teshome and the First Presbyterian Church of Johnstown.
 - **MP** of the approval of the pastoral call and terms for Rev. Ron Durika and the Latrobe United Presbyterian Church.
 - **MP** of the approval of the Grace Community Presbyterian Church Ministry Information Form for submission into the CLC system

COM Liaison Responsibilities and Resources

- Liaison “Prompts” of Ministry reflections for conversations
 - Articles for review
- COM DISTRICT PRAYER TIME – Pray within regional groupings for needs identified from liaison reports and oral reports.
- Resources within Presbytery
 - Vital Congregations Toolkit
 - Education and Nurture
 - IPLF Course – Introduction to New Testament
 - IPLF Workshops
 - November 12 – Creative Celebration of Sacraments
 - December 10 – Leading as a Small Church Moderator
 - 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 milestone celebrations (Pastor's 25-year service, a church's 250th anniversary), upcoming Thanksgiving dinners, Veteran concert, organ dedications and recitals with organ music, bells, and vocals.
 - Praises for those attending church online, fall fusion camp, after school programs off to a good start, involvement from youth, students attending Sunday School, and services for youth. Praises for spaghetti dinners, high tea fundraisers, and apple pie sales.
 - Praises for mission-oriented churches that pack shoe boxes, raise money for crop walk, support elementary school food programs, serve drive-thru meals, and hold great coat give away.
 - Prayers for churches searching for organist and music ministries as there is a great need for music ministry for the enrichment that music provides to the worship service especially during the Advent season.
 - Prayers for those on prayer lists, those suffering from cancer, those who have been hospitalized with pneumonia, those going through knee replacement, and for elderly having difficulty driving.
 - Prayers for those serving in the military. Prayers for those who have lost loved ones.

Prayers for changes in worship service start times, deacons, encouragement in church leadership, nominating committees working to find elders, low attendance, and changes in the offering plate. Praises for community thanksgiving service/dinner, outside speakers, for 4 -5 new members, All Saints Day celebration, Veterans Day celebrations, cantatas, and the Festival of Nativity at First Presbyterian Church Johnstown December 2-4, 2022.

- The following Teaching Elders and Commissioned Pastors were prayed for during this time:
Karen Kifer, Brian Kilbert, Dick Klein, Steve LaSor, Jay Lewis, Carlisle Lloyd, Dennis Macaleer, Chuck MacPherson, Becky Maiman, John Manon.
- The following churches were prayed for during this time:
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; Colver Presbyterian Church; Cresson Presbyterian Church; Tyrone Presbyterian Church, Dawson.

New Business

It was discussed that it is the prerogative of the chair and dependent upon the need for any time sensitive action to cancel the December 1, 2022, Committee on Ministry meeting.

Adjournment

It was **MSP** to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. with prayers offered by Rev. Sue Washburn.

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### **October 6, 2022, Meeting**

#### **Approval of Minutes**

MSP approval of the minutes of September 6, 2022.

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

The Stated Clerk updated the committee on the following items:

- Correspondence Log (Meeting Documents) includes communications with Patrick Ewing requesting to be restored to Redstone Presbytery.
- Minutes Review
  - List of Churches not yet completed (Meeting Documents)
- Notification of the non-renewal at the end of 2022 of the Covenant Pastor agreement between Derry Presbyterian Church and Rev. Marnie Russell.

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

- ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter and Evacuate) training will be provided in each district of the Presbytery in the evening. Training is planned to be schedule after the first of the year (2023). Each church may bring a team of two to three people.
- Consent items authorized and approved between meetings
  - An amendment (below in italics) on to the previous motion to be approved by consent: MP of the approval of a 2% increase in effective salary for the 2023 minimum terms of call for installed pastors *and retain the 80% of that effective salary as the minimum salary for Certified Christian Educators*. It was noted in the discussion that effective January 1, 2023, medical dues will increase 2%, from 27% to 29%, bringing the total Board of Pension (BOP) dues to 39% of effective salary, up from 37%.

### **REPORTS OF SUBCOMMITTEES**

#### **Examinations and Membership**

- Information Items
  - Rev. Gary Filson (HR) was examined for membership in Redstone Presbytery.
- Action Items
  - **MP** of the recommendation of receiving into membership Rev. Filson by dismissal from Presbytery of the Coastlands at the November 19, 2022, Presbytery meeting.
  - **MP** of the recommendation of adding Rev. Filson immediately to the pulpit supply roster of the Presbytery of Redstone.

### **Search and Call**

- Information Items
  - Conducted orientation for Grace Community Church on September 7. Anticipate receiving their Ministry Information Form by our November 3 meeting.
  - The Trinity, New Florence PNC has been receiving referrals and is in the process of filtering them. EP met with the PNC on October 5 for consultation.
  - First Presbyterian, Johnstown has been interviewing possible candidates by videoconferencing. Have identified a particular candidate that they might invite for an in-person interview.
  - Latrobe United continue their search processes. Latrobe United has begun advertising online and in various sources.
  - McClellandtown conducted several interviews. Upon evaluation, the PNC was not in agreement about the two finalists, so they continue forward with interviewing other candidates.
  - Union has received a couple recent self-referrals. Scheduled videoconference with a self-referral. Will check in on their progress.
  - Transition Chart (handout).
- Action Items
  - **MP** of the approval of the installation commission for Rev. Jennifer Frayer-Griggs at the Westminster Presbyterian Church on October 16 at 2:00 p.m.
    - Rev. Curtis Paul, Moderator
    - Rev. Brenda Barnes
    - Rev. Laura Blank
    - Mike Travis
    - Marsha Stallings

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

- Liaison “Prompts” of Ministry reflections for conversations
  - Articles for review
- COM DISTRICT PRAYER TIME – Pray within regional groupings for needs identified from liaison reports and oral reports.
- Resources within Presbytery
  - Vital Congregations Toolkit
  - Education and Nurture
    - Wee Kirk Conference – October 10-12
    - IPLF Course – Introduction to New Testament
    - IPLF Workshops
      - October 8 – Preaching Laboratory
      - November 12 – Creative Celebration of Sacraments
      - December 10 – Leading as a Small Church Moderator
  - Ministry strategy consultation – Rev. Skip Noftzger

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

- Prayers were lifted in answer to requests that had been received for:

Prayers for the elderly and the underserved middle generation. Prayers for wisdom, dedication, and volunteerism. Prayers for churches with limited staff and scheduling difficulties. Prayers for those that are part time, but put in a full time workload. Prayers for financial issues, property projects, and continued maintenance.

Prayers for churches in transition, for PNCs, and for all to stay focus on Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.

Prayers for those battling cancer, for healing and comfort, and for the caretakers and spouses walking beside their loved ones.

Praises for fall festivals, soup for the soul, and crop walks. Praises for upgrades and improvements to churches and facilities. Praises for filling a music ministry position and for organists. Praises for those that regularly attend church and for those becoming members for the first time.

Praises for baptisms, home communion, and for youth becoming invested in their church.

- The following Teaching Elders and Commissioned Pastors were prayed for during this time:  
Donald Graff, Edward Gray, Molly Hall, Glenn Hart, Donna Havrisko, George “Joey” Hickok, Douglas Holben, Peter Keith, Clark Kerr, Wendy Keys.
- The following churches were prayed for during this time:  
Third Presbyterian Church, Uniontown; Trinity United Presbyterian Church, Uniontown; East Liberty Presbyterian Church, Vanderbilt; Sewickley Presbyterian Church, West Newton; Sewickley United Presbyterian Church, West Newton; United Presbyterian Church, West Newton; Palmer Community Presbyterian Church, Adah; Poke Run Presbyterian Church, Apollo; First Presbyterian Church, Avonmore; First Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon.

### **Adjournment**

It was **MSP** to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. with prayers offered by Rev. Sue Washburn and Pastor Joshua Scully.

## Presbytery Council

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

### Action Items

- The Council recommends the approval of the 2023 budget as presented both in the September and November meetings. (See Appendix 'I')
- The Council presents and recommends approval of each of the following overtures approved by the 2022 General Assembly and disseminated to presbyteries for consideration. (See Appendix 'J')

---AA

---BB

---V

---W

---X

---Y

---Z

Schedule of Overtures for consideration at upcoming Presbytery meetings (Appendix 'K') (for the full booklet of all proposed amendments, please see this link on the presbytery website -- <http://redstonepresbytery.org/docman-lists/linked-documents/1869-book-of-proposed-amends-2022>)

- The Council presents the report from the Mission Network.
- The Council presents the report from Pine Springs Camp ministry.

### Information Items

#### October 25, 2022, Meeting

- Moderator requested that the agenda as submitted be considered. The agenda was approved by consent.
- The minutes of the August 23, 2022, meeting were corrected with a few typos and approved by MSP.

#### Moderator Report

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

#### Stated Clerk Report

The Council reviewed the meeting dates and a possible host for 2023 which were the following:

- January 28 – (Hybrid-In person/Zoom) – Westminster, Greensburg-confirmed
- March 28---(Hybrid-In person/Zoom)--- West Hempfield, Irwin-
- May 23---(Hybrid-In person/Zoom)---
- September 26 – (Hybrid-In person/Zoom)---Latrobe Presbyterian-confirmed
- November 18 – First Presbyterian, Jeannette-(Hybrid-In person/Zoom)

- Rev. Ojulu confirmed that he would be soliciting from the session of the Ebensburg church whether they would be interested in making a request to host the May 2023 meeting.
- Rev. Noftzger confirmed the dates for all Council meetings in 2023. They are the following:
  - **January 10**
  - **February 28**
  - **April 25**
  - **June 27**
  - **August 29**
  - **October 24**
  - **November 28**
- Rev. Noftzger thanked the “Bills and Overtures” task force for their work and Rev. Ankrum presented their report of referrals and possible schedule for placement on the Presbytery docket. He recommended that among those referred to Council, they could be considered at this meeting for confirmation on scheduling and any recommendation.

Upon review and discussion, it was **MSP** to schedule the following overtures for consideration by the Presbytery at the May 2023 meeting.

- 22-A
- 22-B
- 22-O
- 22-P

Upon review and discussion, it was **MSP** to schedule these following overtures for consideration by the Presbytery at the upcoming November 2022 meeting.

- 22-AA
- 22-BB
- 22-V
- 22-W
- 22-X
- 22-Y
- 22-Z

In consideration of those overtures scheduled for November 2022, it was **MSP** to recommend to the Presbytery that each one be affirmed.

### **Treasurer Report**

Treasurer John Dickson had submitted a written report based upon the end of the month of September 2022. He noted that Church Commitments receipted for the months of August and September, fell short of the monthly goal. The Presbytery hopes at a minimum, to record \$26,667 and in September, the Presbytery fell short by between 9,481. Church contributions for the year were recorded at 227,680 vs. an expected amount of 240,000.

### **Executive Director of Pine Springs Camp**

Executive Director Greg Davis had submitted a written report.

### **Committees/Networks**

### **Staff Support**

A written report was submitted. The upcoming Christmas luncheon for staff members is scheduled for December 8. The 2023 schedule of holidays and office closings as approved by the committee was provided.

Previously, the Staff Support committee had provided to the Finance and Stewardship committee recommendations on compensation for staff in 2023. Those recommendations were received and included in the proposed 2023 budget. Based upon that proposed budget, the committee recommended approval of the following terms of call for the Executive Presbyter for 2023.

- Effective Salary-86,380.27 (70,380.27-salary,16,000- housing allowance)
- Board of Pensions – Pastor Participation plan (39%)
- Study leave – 1,500 (able to be carried over if unused)
- Professional services – 1,800
- Professional travel – 4,750

### **Communications**

Another one of the “One the Road with Redstone” videos focusing on Fort Burd, Brownsville has been prepared. This video will be shown as part of the November Presbytery gathering.

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 for October was reviewed. At the November Presbytery meeting, presbyters will hear about mission activities from the Jeannette and Newlonsburg congregations. Rev. Campbell (Latrobe) has contacted possible sites in Kentucky for a PDA short term mission project in 2023. Details and schedule are being identified.

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

There will be a second reading of the 2023 budget and a vote at the November Presbytery meeting.

Rev. Noftzger reminded everyone that all churches within the Presbytery have received stewardship materials and a request for their 2023 First Fruits pledge. Any support with congregations that you have contact is appreciated.

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

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

### **Addictions Ministry Network**

There was no report.

### **Healing and Prayer Ministry**

No report.

### **Presbyterian Women**

A written report was provided by Rev. Sylvia Carlson.

### **Executive Presbyter Report**

Rev. Noftzger provide updates on various things going on in the Presbytery including the passing of Rev. Carlisle Lloyd and the scheduled candidating congregation meetings at First Presbyterian, Johnstown and Latrobe United. He also noted the expected receiving of Rev. Gary Filson (HR) at the upcoming meeting.

### **November Presbytery Agenda**

A draft of the agenda for the September Presbytery meeting was presented and reviewed. Upon review, it was **MSP** to approve subject to any necessary late 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 7:58 p.m.

## Mission Network

November 10, 2022

Present: Owar Ojulu, Derek Campbell, Sylvia Carlson, Skip Noftzger

- Reading and Reflection on *Luke 10:2*

“He told them: “The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few. Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest.”

- Prayer requests and time of prayer for individual needs, for the church in Sudan and South Sudan, for the implementation of the peace agreement in Ethiopia.
- It was decided to cancel the December meeting and to make arrangements for the January Presbytery meeting at the January 12 Mission Network meeting.
- Offerings at the Presbytery meeting will be designated for the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance relief efforts in Kentucky.
- Report on the Presbytery Mission Trip to Mingo County, West Virginia. There were twelve participants (Westminster, Congruity, Revloc, Union, Greensburg, Rehoboth) working in three teams (roofing, bathroom renovation, skirting for a trailer and a ramp for the trailer) during the week of October 23-30. Dates for the spring mission trip will be scheduled in January.
- Minutes for Mission reports at the upcoming Presbytery meeting will be given by the Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church and the First Presbyterian Church of Jeannette.
- Update on the planned Presbytery Mission Trip being initiated by Latrobe Presbyterian Church to Madisonville, Kentucky coordinated with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Tentative date for the mission trip is scheduled for June 5-10, 2023. Maximum capacity of participation is 38.
- Brainstorming of ideas and plans for the upcoming year (2023).
- Next meeting will be January 12 in person at the Presbytery Center.

## Presbyterian Women Report

We had a very successful Fall Gathering at the Ft. Burd Presbyterian Church in Brownsville on November 5. Pastor Kristen Emrick led us in morning devotions, with a focus on justice. Rev. Donna Havrisko, HR, presented the 2022-2023 Horizons Bible Study, *Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight* by Carol Bechtel, in her usual wonderful way, complete with handouts that will be very useful as circles use the study. We heard from the Director of the program called Communities that Care, and from high school students from 3 different schools -- from Monessen, from Laurel Highlands and from Brownsville about this program that has changed their lives. What a difference this organization is making in the lives of young people and their families! The hospitality of the Ft. Burd church was impressive.

Any woman who is a member of a Presbyterian Church (USA) congregation is a Presbyterian Woman. Our information is available on the Redstone Presbytery website on the Side Menu under Enabling Ministry Networks. If you want to hear from us, please make sure that we have your current e-mail address.

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia Carlson, Moderator

## Pine Springs Camp Report

### SUMMER PROGRAM

- Traveling Day Camp-Murrysville-July 25-29, 2022-was a great experience and more clearly defined partnership roles with churches
- Goal is to expand to at least one more in the Redstone area next summer
- 780 Campers- 32 Campers Cancelled due to covid related reasons
- Summer 2023 Brochures should be out mid-November
- Our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is 2023! We will be forming a committee to plan various events.



### YEAR-ROUND RETREAT PROGRAM

- Fusion Retreat had 39 campers-Discussing with Program Committee and Staff about expanding to full Weekend
- Discussion of running a Spring Fusion Retreat
- Women in the Woods-50 women attended
- Big1 Retreat for Middle and High School Students-October 21-23, we currently have 75 registered
- Retreat Dates for Spring
  - Remix-Middle and High School Winter Retreat-February 10-12
  - Women in the Woods- March 31-April 1
  - Fusion-A Retreat for 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Graders-(New Spring Retreat) April 21-23
  - Catalyst-Men's Backpacking Weekend-TBA

### PARTNERS IN THE KINGDOM

- The incredible response of churches supporting our summer staff through the Encourage a Summer Staff Program
- The blessing of 4 churches from Washington Presbytery helping pay for staff brunch
- Retreat Ministry Teams-Fusion-already exists. Women in the Woods is forming one

### PROPERTY AND RESOURCES

- Continuing work on the Log Chapel and trying to get the History Fund Campaign off the ground
- Have raised funds for refurbishing the stonework on Stuart Chapel
- Pool Repairs were expensive-\$8,500
- Blessing of designated gifts
- Property Committee is meeting at camp to assess and prioritize

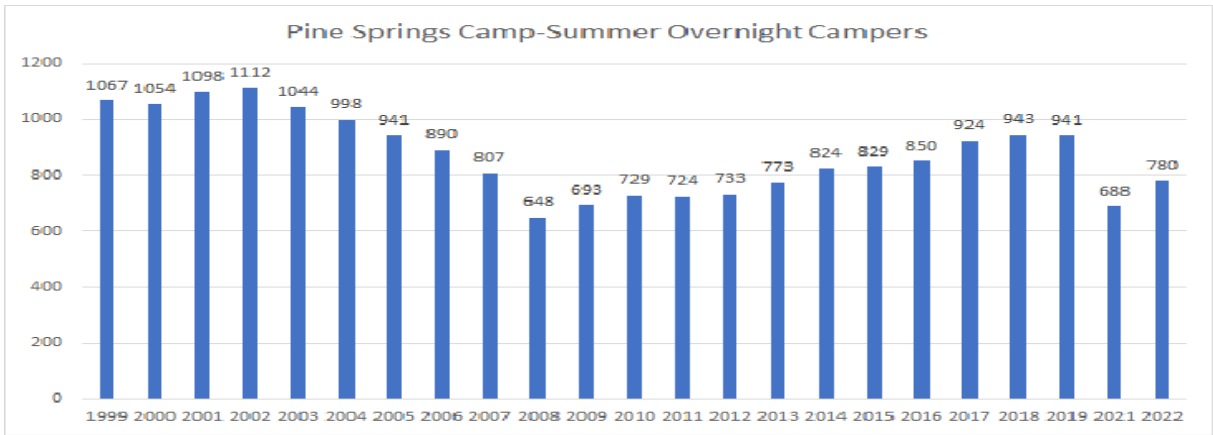
### OTHER INFO

- A very important End of the Year Campaign is necessary
- Clayshoot had 44 participants-Great Day! The event raised close to \$7,000 for the general fund of PSC.
- Friends Dinner, November 20 at St. Vincent College

### 2022 FRIENDS DINNER



Invitations to all churches, donors and past sponsors were mailed on Monday, October 17. This is a great way to celebrate the ministry just before Thanksgiving. Please consider either individuals or churches becoming a Table Sponsor. Table sponsorship is \$450 for a Table of 8. Silent Auction items are also needed. For more information, please go to our web-site or call the office at 814-629-9834 or email [info@pinesprings.org](mailto:info@pinesprings.org)



**Enrollment-**

July 4-804, July 13-826, July 30-802, August 15-780

Lost approximately 32 campers dues to COVID related concerns

**SUMMER DAY CAMP ON-SITE AND MURRYSVILLE TRAVELING DAY CAMP**

| Week            | Total      |
|-----------------|------------|
| PSC ON-SITE 1   | 23         |
| PSC ON-SITE 2   | 28         |
| PSC ON-SITE 3   | 22         |
| PSC MURRYSVILLE | 34         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>    | <b>107</b> |

| MURRYSVILLE             | Total     | %   |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----|
| Presbyterian Affiliated | 13        | 39% |
| Other church            | 17        | 50% |
| Non-church              | 4         | 11% |
| <b>TOTAL</b>            | <b>34</b> |     |



The first ever PSC Traveling Day Camp was an incredible blessing as we partnered with the Murrysville and Newlonsburg Churches. We are hoping to do one more camp next summer at a location yet to be determined!

**PRAY FOR PSC**

- Our year-round staff
- Our search for a Registrar
- End of the year fund drive

## Committee on Preparation

- The Committee presents the Inter-Presbytery Leadership Formation for the consideration of new students in the program.

### Information Items

#### October 4, 2022 Meeting

1. Approval of minutes of September 6, 2022, as written; **MSP**.
2. James Vlosich joined the meeting in person.
  - a. James Vlosich was enrolled as an Inquirer under the care of the Presbytery on March 2, 2021.
  - b. James Vlosich is a member and on the staff of Trinity United Presbyterian Church, Uniontown, PA.
    - i. His work at Trinity is supposed to be 30 hours per week. His original duties included Sunday School, VBS, teaching youth, and Young Adult ministry. Now, most of his activities are tied to the youth.
    - ii. Also, He serves on Session at Trinity.
    - iii. Six kids graduated from High School and thus were no longer a part of the Youth Group. James Vlosich started a small group at his house with those students – this small group has grown to nine.
  - c. He is starting his second year at Fuller Theological Seminary.
    - i. He needs 76 credits (18 classes) to finish; his projected completion is winter 2025.
    - ii. James Vlosich will take 2 classes per quarter after finishing his languages.
    - iii. He still needs to complete an internship – comparable to field education classes.
    - iv. James Vlosich has been assigned a PC(USA) liaison from Fuller Theological Seminary.
  - d. James Vlosich is about 2 weeks into Hebrew.
    - i. He is much more comfortable with Hebrew than he felt in his Greek class at the same point.
    - ii. He is applying study methods he learned in Greek to his class in Hebrew.
    - iii. James Vlosich is very nervous about taking Hebrew because he knows he has to pass the class, and Greek was exceptionally difficult for him.
    - iv. Skip Noftzger encouraged James Vlosich to continue working on his languages, but not to get overwhelmed
    - v. James Vlosich has reached out to the professor for opportunities for extra instruction.
  - e. During one of the early classes, James Vlosich recalls other students using Greek words in their discussion responses.
    - i. He was overwhelmed by this at the time.
    - ii. He found himself doing the same thing in the Revelation Class, which made him appreciate the depth of his study.
    - iii. The zoom meetings and discussions have challenged James Vlosich to be more focused and purposeful in all aspects of his life.
    - iv. The exegesis course is separated from the language at the beginning of learning the language, but there is a course after Hebrew 1 & 2, which was an exegesis of a book in Hebrew.
  - f. James Vlosich is enrolled in a seminary with different denominations and students from different countries.
  - g. Skip Noftzger asked how the intensive study helps you to develop a deeper understanding of Christ,

- i. James Vlosich has realized he has so much more to learn, especially in his class in Revelation.
    - ii. The study of Revelation has excited him and ignited a desire to read more.
  - h. James Vlosich does pulpit supply on occasion.
  - i. Robin Jennings asked what he found the most challenging.
    - i. James Vlosich said prioritizing his time to fulfill all his responsibilities well is challenging.
    - ii. He has stopped reading fiction, which he loves to read, during this study.
  - j. Geoff Rach asked about his other classes.
    - i. Practical theology was exceptionally helpful in situational solutions.
    - ii. Identifying the sacred cows of the specific church and how to handle things.
    - iii. Dawn Sherwood asked about a class in Spiritual Formation - Yes, James Vlosich took this class at Fuller.
  - k. Skip Noftzger reviewed the progression from Inquirer to Candidate.
    - i. A ministry assessment is required by LeaderWise. James Vlosich must complete this assessment before he can move to Candidate.
      - 1. This is an overview of James Vlosich's skills and recommendations on areas for improvement.
      - 2. James Vlosich answered the intake questions, but he did not complete the 3 hours of the follow-up interview.
      - 3. He will schedule a follow-up Zoom assessment with LeaderWise.
      - 4. After this, LeaderWise will generate a report and send it to the CPM and James Vlosich.
    - ii. James Vlosich will sign up for the Bible Content exam.
      - 1. Enrollment opens on November 1, 2022, for the February 2023 Exams.
      - 2. He can take the Bible content exam as an Inquirer.
    - iii. James Vlosich will investigate Fuller Seminary's requirements for Field Education.
      - 1. Presbytery requires two field education experiences.
      - 2. CPM will help find the field education situations for him, and his advisor from Fuller Seminary will help him fill out the paperwork.
      - 3. James Vlosich will ask about the seminary core minimum requirements.
      - 4. He will ask how demanding the Field Education classes are and if he can/should take another class with the Field Education.
      - 5. Dawn Sherwood mentioned that usually, there is a class that goes along with the Field Education and acts as a debriefing class to help the students process their experiences.
      - 6. James Vlosich will contact Trinity United Presbyterian Church concerning his job requirements with Trinity while doing field education.
        - a. His financial situation may be a factor, also.
        - b. Is the Field Education position a paid position? Some can be.
    - iv. He is required to take a Polity Class, which will be available in the future; he missed it in 2022 due to languages.
  - l. James Vlosich has learned to be more open to asking for help from anyone who can help him.
    - i. Greek was the first class that he did not understand the concepts even after weeks of study.
    - ii. James Vlosich appreciated all the help and encouragement from his classmates and professors.
  - m. Committee members prayed for James Vlosich.

3. Liaison reports/Consultation table.

- a. Karen Kifer agreed to be Jackie Eckenrod's liaison for the CPM.

- b. Tammy Noss has only one or two items to complete on her practicums before she is eligible to be commissioned.
- c. Rick Zoltak spoke with Dawn Sherwood in February 2022; the Liaison Chart has been updated.
- d. Seth Myers - Skip Noftzger will invite to the CPM November 1 meeting.

4. New business - none.

5. Adjournment/Prayer by Geoff Rach.

6. Future meeting schedule/consultations

a. November 1--- no meeting

December 6---next meeting

## Nominating Committee

### Action Items

- The Nominating Committee nominates Len Morgan to serve as Vice Moderator, 2023 for the Presbytery of Redstone.
- The Nominating Committee nominates the following persons to serve on the standing committees for the respective terms.

#### **Council**

- Jack Battenhouse, RE, Level Green Presbyterian Church (Class of 2025)

#### **Committee on Ministry**

- Jennifer Frayer-Griggs, TE, Westminster Presbyterian Church (Class of 2023)
- Derek Campbell, TE, Latrobe Presbyterian Church (Class of 2023)