



2023 Stated Meeting

of the

Presbytery of Redstone
Presbyterian Church (USA)

March 28, 2023
6:00 p.m.



ONLINE (ZOOM)

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

OR

West Hempfield Presbyterian Church
Irwin, PA

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West Hempfield Presbyterian Church
8 W. Hempfield Drive, Irwin, PA 15642
724.863.1260**

From areas to the south: Take the PA Turnpike to the US 30 exit, Exit 67. Merge onto US 30, toward Greensburg. Go .3 miles to a traffic light and turn right onto Arona Road. Go ½ mile and turn right onto Wendel Road. Go ½ mile and turn left onto West Hempfield Drive. Go .1 mile to the church, on the right.

From areas to the north and east: Take US 30 through Jeannette. Near the Kenny Ross Chevrolet Dealership and Norwin Messenger Service, turn left onto Wendel Road. Go 1.2 miles, proceeding through the intersection with Arona Road, and turn left onto West Hempfield Drive. Go .1 mile to the church, on the right.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE MEETING

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

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

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



- **Presbyters are reminded to get "Prayer Requests" to the Clerk as soon as possible as they will be lifted up during the prayers in the Worship Service.**

West Hempfield Presbyterian Church, Irwin

or

Zoom meeting

March 28, 2023

	<i>Registration, fellowship and food.</i>	<i>In Person or Breakout rooms</i>
	<u>WORSHIP AND WORK OF REDSTONE PRESBYTERY</u>	
	<u>GATHERING</u>	
6:00	<p><u>Presbytery Gathering Convenes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gathering Song • Call to Order/Opening Prayer • Formation of the Roll (any new business should be submitted to the Associate Clerk in writing before the end of worship) • Seating of Corresponding Members <p><u>Stated Clerk(s)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correspondence Log (page 5-8) • Statistics • Consent Agenda (page 8-10) <p><u>Treasurer</u> - (page 11) <u>Executive Presbyter</u> - (page 12-14)</p>	<p>Rev. Dawn Sherwood</p> <p>Rev. Cliff Foster</p> <p>Rev. Skip Noftzger</p> <p>Rev. Cliff Foster John Dickson Rev. Skip Noftzger</p>
	<u>CELEBRATING GOD'S GRACE IN WORSHIP – page 15</u>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening Sentences • Opening Hymn "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" • Prayer of Confession/ Assurance of Pardon • Prayer for Illumination • Scripture Readings • Prayer in Response to Scripture • Hymn "When We Must Bear Persistent Pain" • Offering • Intercession for Healing Hymns ("Come and Fill Our Hearts", "Wait for the Lord", "Jesus, Remember Me", "Spirit of the Living God") • Prayer • Hymn "Why Should I Feel Discouraged" 	
7:30	<u>SHARING IN MINISTRY AND MISSION</u>	
	<p><u>Council</u> – (page 32-34) <u>Book of Order Amendments</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22CC (Appendix D) • 22DD (Appendix E) <p>"On the Road with Redstone"</p>	<p>Rev. Curtis Paul</p> <p>Rev. Don Glunt</p>

	<p><u>Enabling Ministry Networks</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healing and Prayer Ministry <p><u>Empowering Mission Partnerships</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pine Springs Camp - page 25-28 • Mission Subcommittee - page 29 --Congregation mission reports <p><u>Committee on Ministry – (page 35-40)</u></p> <p><u>Engaging Congregations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALICE training update <p><u>Equipping Leadership</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pastor Getaway Retreat – April 18 • Recommend examination of Patrick Ewing for restoration as a member at large to the ministry of Word and Sacrament. <p><u>Committee on Preparation - (page 41-45)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on inquirers, candidates, and IPLF students. <p><u>Nominating Committee - (page 46)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standing committee slate-unexpired terms 	<p>Rev. Jim Farrer</p> <p>Greg Davis Rev. Owar Ojulu</p> <p>Rev. Ed Gray</p> <p>Rev. Geoff Rach</p> <p>Glenn Hart</p>
	<p><u>New Business</u> (should be submitted to the Associate Clerk in writing before the end of worship)</p>	
	<p><u>Attendance Report</u></p>	<p>Rev. Cliff Foster</p>
	<p><u>Announcements Loop</u></p>	
	<p><u>SENDING</u></p>	
	<p>Resolution of Thanks “Soli Deo Gloria”</p> <p><u>Benediction</u></p> <p><u>Adjournment</u></p> <p><i><u>The next stated meeting of the Presbytery of Redstone will take place on May 23, 2023, 6:00 p.m. via ZOOM and at the Ebensburg Presbyterian Church. A Minutes review session will be available at 5:00 p.m. at the same location.</u></i></p>	<p>Rev. Skip Noftzger Rev. Andrew Wirt</p>

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STATED CLERK'S REPORT:

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

Correspondence Log

Date Received	Received From	Content	Action
March 20, 2023 - mail	Colver Presbyterian Church	2023 Terms of Call for Rev. Owar Ojulu	To COM and FILE
March 16, 2023 - mail	First Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon	Manse Inspection Report, List of Session Members	To FILE
March 16, 2023 - mail	First Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon	2023 Terms of Call for Rev. Mary Kay Glunt	To COM and FILE
March 8, 2023 - email	Cresson Presbyterian Church	2023 Terms of Call for Rev. Alice Tondora	To COM and FILE
March 8, 2023 - email	Ebensburg Presbyterian Church	List of Session Members and Church By-Laws	To FILE
March 8, 2023 - mail	Patton Presbyterian Church	2023 Terms of Call for Rev. Alice Tondora	To COM and FILE
March 8, 2023 - mail	Patton Presbyterian Church	Manse Inspection Report, Church By-Laws, and List of Session Members	To FILE
February 28, 2023 - email	Level Green Presbyterian Church, Trafford	Manse Inspection Report	To FILE
February 27, 2023 - mail	Calvin United Presbyterian Church, Scottdale	2023 Terms of Call for CP Doug Yauger	To COM and FILE
February 27, 2023 - mail	Calvin United Presbyterian Church, Scottdale	Manse Inspection Report, List of Session Members	To FILE
February 27, 2023 - mail	New Salem Presbyterian Church	List of Session Members	To FILE
February 27, 2023 - mail	Pleasant View Presbyterian Church, Smock	Manse Inspection Report, List of Session Members	To FILE
February 27, 2023 - mail	Pleasant View Presbyterian Church, Smock	2023 Terms of Call for Rev. Laura Blank	To COM and FILE
February 27, 2023 - mail	Latrobe Presbyterian Church	2023 Terms of Call for Rev. Derek Campbell	To COM and FILE
February 27, 2023 - mail	Palmer Community Presbyterian Church, Adah	Manse Inspection Report, List of Session Members	To FILE
February 27, 2023 - mail	First Presbyterian Church, Murrysville	2023 Terms of Call for Rev. Ed Gray	To COM and FILE
February 23, 2023 - email	Rehoboth Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon	Manse Inspection Report	To FILE
February 21, 2023 - email	Poke Run Presbyterian Church, Apollo	2022 Statistical Information	To GA and FILE
February 21, 2023 - email	Level Green Presbyterian Church, Trafford	List of Session Members	To FILE
February 21, 2023 - mail	Bethany Presbyterian Church, Johnstown	Manse Inspection Report, List of Session Members	To FILE
February 21, 2023 - mail	Bethany Presbyterian Church, Johnstown	2023 Terms of Call for CP Denise Todero	To COM and FILE
February 21, 2023 - email	Trinity United Presbyterian Church, Uniontown	Manse Inspection Report, List of Session Members	To FILE
February 21, 2023 - email	Trinity United Presbyterian Church, Uniontown	2023 Terms of Call for Rev. James Gear	To COM and FILE

February 20, 2023 - email	Level Green Presbyterian Church, Trafford	2022 Statistical Information	To GA and FILE
February 20, 2023 - email	Bolivar United Presbyterian Church	2022 Statistical Report	To FILE
February 20, 2023 - email	United Presbyterian Church, Latrobe	2022 Statistical Information	To GA and FILE
February 20, 2023 - email	Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church, Murrysville	2023 Terms of Call for Revs. Curtis Paul and Travis Webster	To COM and FILE
February 16, 2023 - email	First Presbyterian Church, Johnstown	2023 Terms of Call for Rev. Hyiwot Teshome	To COM and FILE
February 15, 2023 - hand delivered	Westmont Presbyterian Church, Johnstown	2022 Statistical Report, Manse Inspection Report, List of Session Members	To FILE
February 15, 2023 - email	First Presbyterian Church, Avonmore	2022 Statistical Report	To FILE
February 13, 2023 - mail	Third Presbyterian Church, Uniontown	Manse Inspection Report	To FILE
February 7, 2023 - email	Puckety Presbyterian Church, Lower Burrell	2022 Statistical Report	To FILE
February 6, 2023 - email	Poke Run Presbyterian Church, Apollo	Manse Inspection Report	To FILE
February 6, 2023 - email	Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church, Murrysville	Manse Inspection Report, List of Session Members	To FILE
February 6, 2023 - mail	First Presbyterian Church, Masontown	2023 Terms of Call for CP Eric Glisan	To COM and FILE
February 6, 2023 - mail	Reunion Presbyterian Church, Mt. Pleasant	List of Session Members, 2023 Terms of Call for CP Russ Baird	To COM and FILE
February 6, 2023 - mail	McClellandtown Presbyterian Church	List of Session Members	To FILE
February 6, 2023 - mail	Ft. Burd Presbyterian Church, Brownsville	Request for Waiver of Rotation for 1 Ruling Elder, Manse Inspection Report, List of Session Members	To COM and FILE
February 6, 2023 - email	Delmont Presbyterian Church	List of Session Members	To FILE
February 6, 2023 - email	Puckety Presbyterian Church, Lower Burrell	2023 Terms of Call for Rev. Brian Kilbert	To COM and FILE
February 6, 2023 - email	Grace Chapel Presbyterian Church, Smithfield	2022 Statistical Report	To FILE
February 6, 2023 - email	Springhill Furnace Presbyterian Church, Lake Lynn	2022 Statistical Report	To FILE
February 6, 2023 - email	Union Presbyterian Church, Murrysville	2022 Statistical Report	To FILE
February 2, 2023 - email	Sewickley Presbyterian Church, West Newton	2022 Statistical Report	To FILE
February 1, 2023 - mail	Trinity Presbyterian Church New Florence	2023 Covenant Pastor Contract with Rev. Sweeney	To COM and FILE
February 1, 2023 -mail	Patrick Ewing	Responses for examination for possible restoration	To COM and FILE
January 30, 2023 - email	First Presbyterian Church, Greensburg	2023 Terms of Call for Rev. Martin Ankrum	To COM and FILE
January 25, 2023 - mail	Harmony Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon	List of Session Members	To FILE

January 25, 2023 - email	West Hempfield Presbyterian Church, Irwin	2023 Terms of Call for Rev. Andrew Wirt and List of Session Members	To COM and FILE
January 24, 2023 - mail	New Salem Presbyterian Church	Request for Waiver of Rotation for 1 Ruling Elder	To COM and FILE
January 24, 2023 - mail	Grace Community Presbyterian Church, Lower Burrell	List of Session Members	To FILE
January 24, 2023 - mail	Harmony Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon	2022 Necrology Report	To PRESBYTERY and FILE
January 24, 2023 - mail	Calvin United Presbyterian Church, Brownsville	Manse Inspection Report, List of Session Members, 2022 Necrology Report, and Request for Waiver of Rotation for 2 Ruling Elders	To COM, PRESBYTERY, and FILE
January 23, 2023 - email	United Presbyterian Church, New Kensington	List of Session Members and Request for Waiver of Rotation for 3 Ruling Elders	To COM and FILE
January 19, 2023 - mail	Congruity Presbyterian Church, New Alexandria	List of Session Members	To FILE

2. Summary of 2022 Comparative Statistical Summary for the Presbytery

<u>Membership Statistics</u>	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Active members	14,799	14,329	13,961	13,679	12,543	11,477	10,628	10,287	10,017	9636	9077	8863	8249
Gains by Profession of Faith - 17 under	105	82	102	105	101	85	70	53	58	36	22	31	45
Gains by Profession of Faith - 18 over	169	178	146	154	155	171	170	102	119	98	30	56	89
Gains by Certificate	65	85	79	95	61	56	43	48	57	73	38	63	52
Losses by Certificate	57	95	78	243	519	437	205	65	215	34	18	24	41
Losses by Death	281	274	252	248	252	239	238	187	194	196	250	191	241
Losses by Other	211	511	417	182	781	725	732	304	106	316	344	144	521
Infant Baptisms	140	163	122	158	128	127	110	100	87	56	24	61	43
Adult Baptisms	26	25	22	35	17	24	20	9	13	14	6	10	1

As of the 2023 deadline for statistical reporting to the General Assembly, 57 churches have filed at least portions of their annual statistical reports for 2022. The following churches failed to submit their Annual Statistical Report based upon the deadline: Brownsville, Hopewell; Dunbar; Fairchance; Farmington; Johnstown, Second; Leisenring; Ligonier, Pleasant Grove; Masontown, First; Dunlap's Creek; Uniontown, Tent; West Newton, Sewickley United; and West Newton, United. (See Appendix A.)

3. The following dates represent additional opportunities for Clerks to have their Session minutes and Church Registers reviewed for 2023.

- April 18, 2023 - Presbytery Center
- May 9, 2023 - Trinity Presbyterian Church, Uniontown
- May 23, 2023 - Pre-Presbytery, Ebensburg Presbyterian Church

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

From Executive Committee

1. Following the review of the Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Stated Clerk, and Associate Stated Clerk, it is **recommended** that the minutes of the Presbytery meeting of January 28, 2023, be approved.

From the Council

1. Council **recommends** that the Financial and Treasurer's Reports presented to the Council and the Presbytery be received and filed for audit. (Appendix B).
2. Council **recommends** that the Executive Presbyter, Treasurer, Mission, Pine Springs Camp reports presented to the Presbytery be received and filed.
3. Council **recommends** approval of each of the following amendments to the Book of Order approved at the 2022 General Assembly.

(Annotation and recommendations by standing committees of the Presbytery are included for information only. Full text of each amendment as well as background and rationale are provided in Appendix C).

- 22D (G-1.0503) BUSINESS PROPER TO CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS (ROD-06 1)
Adds receiving a disciplinary decision against a church member (as opposed to a minister) to the list of proper business at a congregational meeting;
PJC-Recommends approval
- 22 EE (D-10.0303) PETITION FOR REVIEW (ROD-04 1)
Amends the current Rules of Discipline to include notifying the person accused if no charges will be filed (instead of just the person(s) who made the accusation)
PJC-Recommends approval
- 22FF AMENDING THE USE OF "THE ACCUSED" IN THE CURRENT RULES OF DISCIPLINE (ROD-04 2)
Changes "the accused" to "the person accused" wherever it occurs in the current rules of Discipline
PJC-Recommends approval
- 22 GG REPLACING THE CURRENT "RULES OF DISCIPLINE" WITH A NEW "CHURCH DISCIPLINE" SECTION (ROD-03)
Proposed a complete revision of the Rules of Discipline,
PJC-Recommends approval
- 22-R (G-3.0401) COMPOSITION AND RESPONSIBILITIES (MC-06)
Authorizes synods to enroll those serving terms in elected offices of the synod as additional members of the synod as a way to fulfill principles of participation and representation
Nominating Recommends approval
- 22S (G-4.0301) TRUST AND CONFIDENTIALITY (ROD-07)
Expands and clarifies "confidentiality" requirements for ministers and commissioned pastors
PJC-Recommends approval

From the Committee on Ministry

1. The Committee on Ministry **recommends** that Presbytery grant the request from the Derry Presbyterian Church, to waive the rotation of service for Richard Dyche, Deacon.

2. The Committee on Ministry **recommends** that Presbytery grant the request from the Ft. Burd Presbyterian Church, Brownsville to waive the rotation of service for Muriel Nuttall, Ruling Elder.
3. The Committee on Ministry **recommends** that Presbytery grant the request from Calvin United Presbyterian Church for a waiver of rotation for Iris Holleran and Brynn Martini, Ruling Elders.
4. The Committee on Ministry **recommends** that Presbytery grant the request from the United Presbyterian Church of New Kensington for a waiver of rotation for Tim Beckes, Donna McLaughlin and Randy Schultz; Ruling Elders.
5. The Committee on Ministry **recommends** that Presbytery grant the request from New Salem Presbyterian Church for a waiver of rotation for Roxanne Gmutza, Ruling Elder.
6. The Committee on Ministry **recommends** that Rev. Marnie Abraham Russell be designated “Honorably Retired.”

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 January meeting of Presbytery. No report to present.

Treasurer's Report

INCOME & EXPENSE REPORT

This report provides an unaudited overview of the finances of the Redstone Presbytery ending February 28, 2023. The month of February represents the second operating month of the 2023 budget period for the Presbytery.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW / INCOME

Church Commitment income received for this period totaled \$28,117. The monthly minimum benchmark of income for budgetary purposes to meet mission objectives is \$27,083. The January treasurers report announced \$15,708 was received, which underscored a below budget goal result, or negative revenue goal variance of -\$11,375. YTD, \$43,825 has been recorded or 13.34%, of a budget goal of 16.67% or a \$54,166 variance to goal.

In review of the Church Commitment report, there remains for 2023 undeclared "pledges" provided. At this point in time, pledges received to the Presbytery should equal 16.67% of a total pledge.

Total Income for the month, which includes Temporarily Restricted, Church Commitments, Investment Income, and Miscellaneous Dollars, ---less amounts released from Temporarily Restricted, totaled \$36,469. YTD, total income received equals \$56,493. This amount is below a budget expectation of \$73,000 for the year.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW / EXPENSES

Total expenses for the month are greater than budget by \$3,656 and below budget for the year at \$806. In review of the monthly expenses, a few categories and line items exceed projected goals; Mission Partnerships/Sudan, office supplies, utilities (gas & electric). Such expenses matters are either timing of support or unavoidable.

EXCESS INCOME OVER EXPENSES

For the month of February, expenses exceed income (-\$3,690) and for YTD as well (-\$15,708).

INVESTMENTS & HOLDINGS

Investments consisting of 1st Commonwealth, PILP, New Covenant, and Petty Cash total \$465,787.

Ameriprise investments total \$587,380. For the month ending February, a negative change in value of -\$11,839 occurred and YTD the value of the account is positive at \$13,704.

Total investment holding for the Presbytery = \$1,053,167

Respectfully Submitted,
John Dickson

MINISTRY AND MISSION REPORTS

Executive Presbyter

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

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VISION	1/28/2023-3/22/2023	
<p>Congregation-centered (ENGAGE)</p>	<p>Visible presence within the Presbytery engaging with congregations--- Church Visits---</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since the January Presbytery meeting, I have visited at eleven different morning worship or special services based in the liturgical calendar or as part of pastor installations. I have preached at nine different morning worship special services. • Met with four different sessions to talk through their various issues and concerns. Two were part of negotiating the terrain of pastoral transitions while others were either regular meetings or addressing issues off church leadership. On occasion I have also served as a moderator for churches without a pastor in need of a session meeting. • Working alongside four PNC's in various stages, including preparation for the ministry profile; searching and filtering, reference checks, finalizing selection of a candidate, anticipating the congregational meeting and preparing for installation. Maintained regular communication with each PNC chair and meet personally with a couple of them as needed. Seek out and provide weekly referrals within the CLC search system. • Initiated discussions with potential pastor candidates for churches in some form of transition. Some are in the search process. Others are in need of part time pastoral leadership. Provided options and assistance for two different sessions as they consider appropriate options and candidates for part time short- and long-term pastoral leadership moving forward. • Moderated and met with three different congregations who needed a teaching elder to moderate their annual congregational meeting. • Coordinated the registration; resource materials and participated in the critical incident training for representatives of our congregations. 	
<p>Leadership developed (EQUIP)</p>	<p>Developing and equipping leadership within the Presbytery---</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planned and prepared IPLF courses and workshops through online support and resourcing both individual instructors and students enrolled in the program. • Consulted with Clerks of Sessions on procedures related to annual reports 	

	<p>and basic polity and legal/ecclesiastical organizational issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offered Elder and Deacon training within the program of the annual Enrichment Day in Johnstown. • Resourced the Nominating Committee in identifying and recruiting new members to our standing committees where there replacement openings. • Continued assistance and consultation with members of the Committee on Ministry in their roles as serving as liaisons to individual congregations. Providing individual support in response to inquiries as well as resources and “prompts” for liaison contacts. • Networked with leaders in other presbyteries, seminaries and churches to identify possible candidates for different pastoral leadership opportunities within our Presbytery. • Personal conversations for ministry strategy, development, vocational discernment, presbytery leadership responsibilities, future ministry positions and personal concerns with many different pastors. 	
<p>Collaboration-Districts/Network (ENABLE)</p>	<p>Creating and supporting collaboration in ministry both within and outside Redstone---</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting and resourcing existing networks within the presbytery including healing and prayer ministry, racial justice and reconciliation, communications, and addictions ministry. • Actively engage within the ministry and work of Christian Associates through both regular meetings and special projects. • Directed the planning programming and evaluations with other participating presbyteries in the ongoing administration of the Inter-Presbytery Leadership Formation program. • Initiated contact and networking will colleagues serving similar roles in our region with churches that we are in full communion. • Coordinated with Ministry relations officer of the Presbyterian Foundation in support of a couple of our congregations. • Serve as primary administrator for the planning and implementation of the annual Wee Kirk conference. Coordinated planning meetings; speaker contacts; fund raising; accounting and the conference web site. 	
<p>Partnership in Mission promoted (EMPOWER)</p>	<p>Promoted and provided leadership in our partnerships in mission---</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serve on the Pine Springs board, particularly in working with the area of finance policy and planning. Consulted regularly with both the Executive Director and the Board chair in the fulfillment of their responsibilities. • Ongoing participation on the board of Redstone Highlands including the Strategy committee, the annual retreat and regular board meetings. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working with the Sudan/South Sudan Partnership by maintaining contact with the moderator and general secretary of the South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church. Serve as co-convenor of the partnership mission network including convening the meetings and coordinating with communications and he annual conference planners. Encouraging and resourcing the Presbytery Mission subcommittee in consideration of opportunities for shared mission. Worked with them in the solicitation of mission project participation among our congregations in order to broker greater collaboration in shared mission. On behalf of the network; initiated and oversaw the transfer of restricted funds through international wire to our partners in South Sudan. 				
Operational Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed annual reports for the Office of General Assembly on a number of mid-council areas. Provided oversight and assistance in completion of annual statistical reports. Reviewed monthly financial reports for accuracy of information. Monitored expenditures and made adjustments to retain to support and retain the financial health of the presbytery. 				
VALUES	Servant Leadership	Flourishing Community	Witness to the World	Generous and effective Stewardship	
<i>Soli Deo Gloria</i>					

The Great Ends of the Church: The Shelter, Nurture and Spiritual Fellowship of the Children of God

A Service of Wholeness for a Congregation (found in the Book of Common Worship, 2018)

“God calls the Church to continue the healing ministry of Jesus Christ, caring for one another, sharing joys and sorrows, providing support in times of stress and need, and offering admonition, forgiveness, and reconciliation. Relying on Christ’s grace and the Spirit’s gifts, the church seeks to shepherd its members through times of danger and death, illness and loss, crisis and celebration, struggle and sin. In particular, these ministries flow from and are nourished by the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord’s Supper, signs and seals of our relationship in the body of Christ.

The worship of God in Christian community is the foundation and context for the ministry of pastoral care. Members draw on the resources of worship in their care for one another, sharing the grace and challenge of the Word, the gift and calling of the Sacraments, the presence and power of God’s Spirit in prayer, and the fellowship and comfort of the community of faith. They take these resources with them, extending Christ’s grace and peace in homes, hospitals, hospices, neighborhoods, schools, and workplaces. All members are called to take part in the ministry of pastoral care, visiting the sick, supporting the weak, and comforting those who mourn. Ruling elders, deacons, and ministers of Word and Sacrament have particular responsibility for the exercise of pastoral care within the community of faith.” (Directory for Worship, W-5.0204)

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GATHERING

Opening Sentences

Rev. Andrew Wirt

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
maker of heaven and earth.

Ps. 124:8

Those who wait for the Lord
shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

Isa. 40:31

*Hymn: Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above GtG 645

645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all
 2 What God's al-might - y power has made God's gra - cious mer -
 3 The Lord is nev - er far a - way, but, through all grief
 4 Thus all my toil - some way a - long I sing a - loud

cre - a - tion, the God of power, the God of love,
 cy keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade
 dis - tress - ing, an ev - er - pres - ent help and stay,
 thy prais - es, that all may hear the grate - ful song

the God of our sal - va - tion. With
 God's watch - ful eye ne'er sleep - eth. With -
 our peace and joy and bless - ing, as
 my voice un - wea - ried rais - es. Be

heal - ing balm my soul is filled, and ev - ery faith - less
 in the king - dom of God's might, lo! all is just and
 with a moth - er's ten - der hand God gent - ly leads the
 joy - ful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and bod - y,

mur - mur stilled:
 all is right:
 cho - sen band: to God all praise and glo - ry!
 take your part:

Confession and Pardon

Jesus said:

Luke 11:9-10

Ask and it will be given you; seek, and you will find;
knock, and it will be opened to you.

**For every one who asks receives,
and the one who seeks finds,
and to the one who knocks it will be opened.**

Friends in Christ, God knows our needs before we ask,
and in our asking prepares us to receive the gift of grace.

Let us open our lives to God's healing presence,
seeking peace with God and reconciliation with our neighbors.

Let us be mindful not only of personal evil
but also of our communal sins of family, class, race, and nation.

Let us confess to God whatever has wounded us or brought injury to others,
that we may receive mercy and become for each other
ministers of God's grace. Let us confess our sin together.

**Eternal God,
in whom we live and move and have our being,
whose face is hidden from us by our sins,
and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts:
Cleanse us from all our offenses,
and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires,
that with reverent and humble hearts
we may draw near to you, confessing our faults,
confiding in your grace,
and finding in you our refuge and our strength;
through Jesus Christ your Son.**

The mercy of the Lord

is from everlasting to everlasting.

I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ,
you are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

May the God of mercy,
who forgives you all your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit
keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Norma Murphy

Scripture Readings:

Psalm 147:2-3

Isaiah 57:18-19

Matthew 4:23-24

James 5:13-16

Prayer in Response to Scripture

Rev. Donna Havrisko

*Hymn: When We Must Bear Persistent Pain GtG #807

LIVING AND DYING IN CHRIST

When We Must Bear Persistent Pain 807



1 When we must bear per - sis - tent pain and suf - fer
2 Sup - port us as we learn new ways to care for
3 We thank you for the bet - ter days when we may
4 In ease or pain, in life and death, to you our



with no cure in sight, come, Ho - ly Pres - ence,
bod - ies new - ly frail. Help us en - dure, and
smile to greet the sun, to do your work with
frag - ile lives be - long, and so we trust you



breathe your peace with gifts of warmth and heal - ing light.
live and love. Hear our com - plaint when pa - tience fails.
clear - ing mind, and bless your name when day is done.
in all things. You are our hope, our health, our song.

Intercession for Healing

Elder Rich Forsyth

God, our creator,
your will for us and for all your people
is wholeness and salvation:

have mercy on us.

Jesus Christ, Son of God,
you came that we might have life
and have it in abundance:

have mercy on us.

Holy Spirit,
dwelling within us,
you make us temples of your presence:

have mercy on us.

To the triune God,
the source of all love and all life,
let us offer our prayers.

For all who are in need of healing . . .

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all who are disabled by injury or illness . . .

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all who are troubled by confusion or burdened by pain . . .

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all whose increasing years bring weariness . . .

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all about to undergo surgery . . .

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all who cannot sleep . . .

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all who practice the healing arts . . .

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, gracious God,
we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Laying on of Hands and Anointing

All are invited to come forward for individual prayer and anointing.

Songs during anointing (each sung several times, meditatively):

Come and Fill Our Hearts 466

Confitemini Domino

D
Bm
D
A

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.
 Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo - nus.

Em
C
Em
A
D

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no. Al - le - lu - ia!

90 Wait for the Lord

(Psalm 27)

Refrain

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord; be strong; take heart!

Jesus, Remember Me 227

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

As we conclude the anointing, we will join in singing Spirit of the Living God, GtG 288

GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Spirit of the Living God 288

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Prayer:

Mighty God, you rise with healing in your wings,
to scatter all enemies that assault us.
As we wait in hope for the coming of that day
when crying and pain shall be no more,
help us by your Holy Spirit
to receive your power into our lives
and to trust in your eternal love,
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

***Hymn: Why Should I Feel Discouraged? GtG #661**

661 Why Should I Feel Discouraged?

His Eye Is on the Sparrow



1 Why should I feel dis-cour-aged? Why should the shad-ows come?
 2 "Let not your heart be trou-bled," his ten-der word I hear,
 3 When-ev-er I am tempt-ed, when-ev-er clouds a-rise,



Why should my heart be lone-ly and long for heaven and home,
 and rest-ing on his good-ness, I lose my doubts and fears;
 when song gives place to sigh-ing, when hope with-in me dies,



when Je-sus is my por-tion? My con-stant friend is he;
 though by the path he lead-eth but one step I may see;
 I draw the clos-er to him; from care he sets me free:



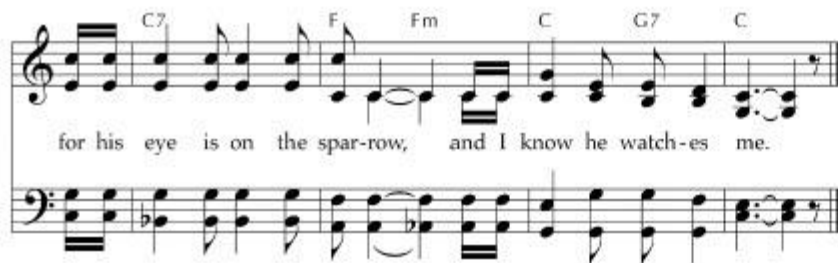
his eye is on the spar-row, and I know he watch-es me;



his eye is on the spar-row, and I know he watch-es me.



Refrain
 I sing be-cause I'm hap-py, (I'm hap-py) I sing be-cause I'm free, (I'm free)



for his eye is on the spar-row, and I know he watch-es me.

The business portion of the meeting resumes.

Rev. Andrew Wirt will offer the benediction at the close of the meeting.

Notes and copyright information for hymns:

THANKSGIVING

645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

The regal divine imagery here will not be new to most singers, but some may not expect the third stanza's image of God as mother. Yet it is part of God's self-description in Isaiah 66:13. This Bohemian Brethren tune resembles both Genevan psalm tunes and French folk songs.

TEXT: Johann Jacob Schütz, 1675; trans. Frances Elizabeth Cox, 1864, alt.
MUSIC: Bohemian Brethren's *Kirchengesang*, 1566; harm. Maurice F. Bell, 1906, alt.

MIT FREUDEN ZART
8.7.8.7.8.8.7

LIVING AND DYING IN CHRIST

When We Must Bear Persistent Pain 807

Reflecting the author's own experience of debilitating migraine headaches, this sung prayer speaks for many people whose lives involve constant pain, often without hope of lasting relief. This text is effectively set to a shape note tune using only five tones of the scale.

TEXT: Ruth Duck, 2004
MUSIC: Walker's *Southern Harmony*, 1835; harm. David N. Johnson, 1968
Text © 2005 GIA Publications, Inc.
Music © 1968 Augsburg Fortress

PROSPECT
LM

Come and Fill Our Hearts 466 *Confitemini Domino*

This prayer chant—intended for repeated singing—was originally created for a Latin text (Psalm 106:1a and Psalm 118:1a, 29a) on which the present English text is loosely based. Chants at Taizé often use Latin because it is a language free of political overtones.

TEXT and MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1982
Text and Music © 1991 Les Presses de Taizé (admin. GIA Publications, Inc.)

CONFITEMINI DOMINO
Irregular

JESUS CHRIST: ADVENT

90

Refrain

Wait for the Lord (Psalm 27)

The refrain for this psalm, drawn from Psalm 27:14, comes from the ecumenical Community of Taizé in France and is most effective when sung in parts. With repeated singing, it can also be used by itself as a contemplative prayer and is especially appropriate in Advent.

TEXT Ref. Taizé Community, 1984
MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1984
Text and Music © 1984 Les Presses de Taizé (admin. GIA Publications, Inc.)
Responsive Reading © 1993 the Order of St. Benedict (admin. The Liturgical Press)

WAIT FOR THE LORD
8.8

Jesus, Remember Me 227

This chant-like setting, intended for repeated singing, comes from the ecumenical monastic community in Taizé, France. Based on the prayer of the penitent thief crucified with Jesus (Luke 23:42), this text is a poignant expression of the desire to be present with Christ in glory.

TEXT: Taizé Community, 1981
MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1981

Text and Music © 1981 *Les Presses de Taizé* (admin. GIA Publications, Inc.)

REMEMBER ME
Irregular

GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Spirit of the Living God 288

Both the words and the music of this prayer-song were written by a Presbyterian minister from Tarboro, North Carolina. The words were initially inspired by Jeremiah 18:1–6; a friend helped him set them to music during an evangelistic meeting in Orlando, Florida, where the song was first sung.

TEXT: Daniel Iverson, 1926; Korean trans. The United Methodist Korean Hymnal Committee; Spanish trans. anon.

MUSIC: Daniel Iverson, 1926

Text and Music © 1933 *Birdwing Music* (admin. EMICMGPublishing.com)

Korean Trans. © 2001 *Birdwing Music* (admin. EMICMGPublishing.com)

LIVING GOD
Irregular

THANKSGIVING

661 Why Should I Feel Discouraged? His Eye Is on the Sparrow

This hymn based on Jesus' saying about God's care for all creatures (Matthew 10:29–30/Luke 12:6–7) began with the refrain's last line, inspired by a woman who had endured much illness. It was first sung in public at the Royal Albert Hall, London, during evangelistic services in 1905.

TEXT: Civilla Durfee Martin, 1905
MUSIC: Charles H. Gabriel, 1905

SPARROW
Irregular

Pine Springs Camp

- I. Summer Camp Update
 - a. Numbers (As of 2/15/23-372 Registered Campers-As of 2/21/22-308) We are grateful for the current numbers but it is hard to predict how trending may occur.
 - b. Early Bird Deadline is March 27-We typically see a significant amount of registrations just prior to the Early bird Date. Be on the lookout for various social media posts concerning Early Bird.
 - c. Mission EX-Mission EX-July 25-29 is full as one youth group from Lancaster is brining between 30-40 people. This is great news this large youth group caught wind of the program and is excited to be participating in a week designed around the needs of middle school students incorporating Mission Projects and Camp fun! Unfortunately, this closes the opportunity for other smaller groups to join, however, many of the groups that have attended Mission EX in the past were getting smaller and smaller, to the point that we have had to cancel the week 3 out of the past 5 years. In addition, Peters Creek Baptist is coming again with about 30 participants, Week 6-July 16-20. This really is a great program for middle school youth leaders and their students. I am the one planning these weeks. Please pray for the service site development for these groups. I need to find meaningful work projects for them.
- II. Recruiting
 - a. Church/Camper
 - i. We are now into the busy part of our recruiting schedule. Mike is visiting churches and has set up 4 home visits. These home visits are a good way for families to connect with PSC.
 - ii. We are hoping to have a PSC Skating Event in each Presbytery. Mike has had difficulty securing “ice time” since it is a highly sought after commodity. We are hoping to have the Redstone Skates at the Nevin Center in Greensburg and the Washington Skates at Southpointe.
 - b. Staff Recruiting
 - i. Mike and Dan have been busy going to college fairs and we are heading to Jubilee this weekend.
 - ii. Recruiting staff continues to be a challenge however, we have a few leadership positions filled and a lot of interest in Timothy Team.
- III. 75th Anniversary
 - a. The June 3rd Celebration planning committee met and came up with a tentative schedule and we divided up into Planning Teams. There is a lot of excitement around this event. The committee will continue to meet and work out details.
 - b. SAVE THE DATE Cards were sent to over 2500 families. Please see the attachment in the email. I am hoping each of you received them; let me know if you didn't.
 - c. In addition to the June 3rd Celebration we, the Friends Dinner will be held at camp on October 29.
 - d. The Presbyteries have been in conversation of trying to plan ways to celebrate the partnership in ministry during this year.
- IV. Golf Outing
 - a. Save the Date Cards were sent last week. The date is Monday, May 22-
 - b. Please consider supporting this event by either golfing or becoming a tee or green sponsor or by providing a silent auction item.
 - c. I will be sending out to churches the attached flyer with a letter to pastors. Our goal is to get 20 churches to be AMEN CORNER Sponsors. Get your church involved!

- d. I will be meeting with the golf Committee in early March and brochures typically go out the week of the Masters, the first week in April.
- V. ACA Accreditation
 - a. I forgot to mention to the Board at the last meeting that this summer we are due for an on-site accreditation visit from the American Camping Association. I am in the process of working through workshops, working through the more than 200 standards and delegating many to my staff in preparation. These things never come at a great time but the 75th Anniversary stuff just makes things a little busier!
 - b. I will provide a more detailed update on the process at the next Board Meeting.
- VI. Historical Building Project Campaign
 - a. The Board approved over a year ago to start raising money for various historical projects. I attached a flyer. I continue to seek funding for all the projects.
 - b. The Aframe Project has been funded currently to \$50,000 with the potential for more. I am working with a contractor for pricing and design options. I will be also working with the Property Committee and the Board about potential uses of the kitchen renovation shortly.
- VII. UPCOMING EVENTS
 - a. Spring Women in the Woods- March 31-April 1 More info at <https://www.pinesprings.org/women-in-the-woods-spring>
 - b. Spring Fusion Retreat for Grades 4th, 5th and 6th grade. First 2 night Fusion Retreat. More info at <https://www.pinesprings.org/spring-fusion>
 - c. Annual Work Day- Saturday, May 13
 - d. 23rd Annual Golf Outing- Monday, May 22
- VIII. Prayer
 - a. Year-round staff
 - b. Summer staff-that God would draw people to apply and work here this summer
 - c. All the stuff that is happening, that it would be done well and honoring to the Lord.
 - d. Summer Campers
 - e. 75th Celebration

HISTORICAL FUND PROJECTS FOR PINE SPRINGS CAMP

LOG CHAPEL (\$70,000)

The Calvin Hayes Memorial Chapel was built in 1929 and was used for youth and church gatherings for many years. It is currently in need of renovation. We have already installed a new roof, new floor and restored the windows. There is still a need to add new chinking and to do electrical updates.



STUART CHAPEL (\$20,000)

Stuart Chapel named in memory of the Rev. Joseph Stuart, the first Pine Springs Camp Director is a "sacred" spot to many campers. Today, we continue the tradition of walking the Emmaus Road to Stuart Chapel on the last day of camp. Campers walk in silence and are encouraged to reflect on how they saw Christ during their time at camp. Stuart Chapel is in need of refurbishing the stone and flagstone, restoring the original plaque honoring our first director, and installing new benches.



A-FRAME (TBA)

Our beloved A-frame, our long-time dining hall is now a multi-purpose building used for many summer camp and retreat programs. Since the 1960's the A-frame has been a special place of camp memories! Things like singing, table-talk, eating delicious meals, watching silly skits and just experiencing a fun faith community filled this "tiny" and "packed" place. We want the A-frame to continue to be a place where campers experience God's goodness in many ways. We are still developing what improvements and renovations need to be made



THE COVERED BRIDGE (\$20,000)

Our Covered Bridge has been leading campers to "Laney's Lane-the trail up to the Tipi Village Campfire Circle for many years. It is a signature landmark where campers meet and take pictures. We are looking at either constructing a new covered bridge or renovating the current one.



**PINE SPRINGS CAMP 23RD
ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP GOLF
OUTING**



**BECOME AN
"AMEN CORNER"
SCHOLARSHIP
SPONSOR**

**Show your church's support of PSC by
donating \$100 or more to our golf outing! We
will recognize your church on the course and
all funds will help kids come to camp!**

**PLEASE CONTACT GREG AT 724-961-2573 OR
EMAIL AT GREG@PINESPRINGS.ORG**

Thank you for your consideration of being an amen corner sponsor for our annual scholarship golf outing. You can email Greg Davis/executive director if you have any questions. If interested in becoming a sponsor please send in a check for \$100.00 with the registration below. Each sponsoring church will get their own sign placed on a prominent area of the course.

Amen Corner Sponsor-2023 Pine Springs Scholarship Golf Outing

Please send to Pine Springs Camp, PO Box 186, Jennerstown, Pa 15547 or call camp office at 814-629-9834

Church name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Email: _____

Other Info: _____

Mission Network

March 9, 2023, Meeting

Meeting opened in prayer by Owar.

Business:

1. Presbytery Meeting Offering: March Presbytery offering to be donated to PDA. \$8,600 was sent to South Sudan Mission Partnership from January meeting.
2. Presbytery wide Missions Engagement: New Hope, to present at Presbytery meeting.
3. Missions Trips: Sylvia Carlson reported the Webster Springs, West Virginia trip is moving forward and scheduled for April 16-22, 2023. Fundraiser pancake dinner was held at Congruity Presbyterian Church on Feb. 22, 2023 4-7pm. A total of \$1400 was received from the dinner. Chuck reported the host organization is WV Ministry of Advocacy and Workcamps Inc., and campers staying at Mountain Marketplace Mission.

Derek Campbell reported the Madisonville, KY trip coordinated with PDA is scheduled for June 5-10, 2023. Marilyn Fitzsimmons, organizer of trip by 3rd Pres. Uniontown and Trinity New Florence, can provide information regarding resources to Derek.

4. Skip: Mission Network Meeting is scheduled for 7/19-20/2023 preceding the Mission Conference in New Wilmington, PA. Skip and Sylvia will coordinate and work with a steering committee, meeting date to be determined. Sylvia to prepare a statement regarding the Partnership Network. Frontier Fellowship operates with PCUSA and other groups. Hyiwot to learned Mark Adams, and Miriam Maldonado Escobar, are in country who work with Frontero DeCristo and will meet with him regarding a partnership with the Presbytery.

Other:

Skip prepared and sent a survey to all the churches electronically, to request information regarding mission activities of all kinds, in which the churches participate. As of 3/9, 7-8 responses have been received. Debby Koenig reviewed church newsletters from 16 churches as of 3/9.

Derek stated that 2024 is the 250th Anniversary of Unity Chapel. A committee is being formed to plan the occasion.

Prayer Concerns:

Thanksgiving for Martha who had SVT ablation procedure on 2/20, she is recovering well.

Prayers for Sue Blank and family on the passing of Mark Wolfe, Sue's brother.

Prayers for Sheila Orlandi (Fort Burd secretary) who passed away.

Prayers for John Shamble family on his passing

Prayers for Kristen Emerick.

Prayers for Phil Brullia who fell and Amy.

Prayers for Sibby, staff of Faith in Action, who had a massive stroke and is in ICU.

Meeting was closed in prayer by Sylvia.

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### February 9, 2023, Meeting

Meeting opened in prayer.

### **Business:**

- 1.** Presbytery Meeting Offering: January Presbytery offering donated to South Sudan. \$609 was collected bringing the total to \$8,609 to be sent on to South Sudan Mission Partnership, Thomas and Madut.
- 2.** Presbytery wide Missions Engagement: Focus will be on 1 mission program.
- 3.** Missions Trips: Sylvia Carlson reported the Webster Springs, West Virginia trip is moving forward and scheduled for April 16-22, 2023. Fundraiser pancake dinner will be held at Congruity Presbyterian Church on Feb. 22, 2023 4-7pm. Current anticipated cost to volunteers is \$300.  
  
Derek Campbell reported the Madisonville, KY trip coordinated with PDA is scheduled for June 6-10, 2023. Sylvia and Skip will share release forms needed with Derek. Publicity to be discussed going forward.
- 4.** Skip: Mission Network Meeting is scheduled for 7/19-20/2023 preceding the Mission Conference in New Wilmington, PA.
- 5.** List of missions supported by the churches in the Redstone Presbytery. Skip will put a blurb in the eNews letter letting everyone know this will be a project for the committee.

### **Prayer Concerns:**

Prayers for Earthquake victims in Turkey and Syria

Joy for Owar's son who now has a job

Prayers for a 30-year-old woman who was otherwise healthy, had a heart attack

Prayers for Martha who is scheduled for SVT ablation procedure on 2/20

Prayers for Derek's 16-year-old daughter, Elise, who has been diagnosed with Epilepsy

Meeting was closed in prayer by Skip.

## Presbyterian Women

**The Redstone PW Spring Retreat will be held on Tuesday, May 9 at Pine Springs Camp**

**The Theme will be Neighbors Near and Far: How are the Presbyterian Women Neighbors?**

The Rev. Erin M. Davenport, LSW, serves Pittsburgh Theological Seminary as the Director of Strategic Initiatives and Special Projects. As a spouse, mother, daughter, friend, PC(USA) pastor, and social worker, Erin is always in a neighborhood. Erin's passion lies in creating bonds between neighbors that leads to growth and sustainability.

Join us for a day of reflecting on the work and legacy of Mister Rogers, our most famous Presbyterian neighbor. We will look at clips from Mister Rogers Neighborhood, reflect on the lessons learned from the Neighborhood and spend time dreaming of ways to engage in our neighbors near and far. PW has a rich history of serving neighbors, let's join together to remember that legacy and imagine what the future may hold.

If you wish to attend, the cost is \$16 per person and registrations must be mailed by April 28 to Rev. Susan Blank, PW Treasurer, 4068 Bushy Run Road, Jeannette, PA 15644. Please include the names of the women from your church who will be attending and contact information. Please also list any dietary restrictions.

The mission project for the retreat will be to supply the makings for S'mores for campers: graham crackers, marshmallows and milk chocolate bars.

Sylvia Carlson, Moderator

## ACTION AGENDA

### Presbytery Council

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

#### **Presentation and Action Items**

- **Book of Order Amendments for Consideration**  
22CC (Appendix D) - PJC voted not to concur  
22CC (Appendix E) - PJC no recommendation
- "On the Road with Redstone"
- Pine Springs Camp report (page 25-28)
- Mission network report (page 29)

#### Information Items

##### February 28, 2023, Meeting

Curtis Paul, Moderator called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. A quorum of members was established by those in person and participation by Zoom videoconferencing.

- Moderator requested that the agenda as submitted be considered. The agenda was approved **by consent**.
- Audrey Cottle led the devotions with a reading considering significance of Lent particularly focusing on responsibility for care of the earth. Council members participated in a discussion about Lenten experiences and practices.
- The minutes of the January 10, 2023, meeting were approved by **MSP**.

##### Moderator Report

Rev. Paul requested other members of Council to volunteer to lead devotions for the other Council meetings in 2023. Leaders were identified for all meetings.

##### Executive Presbyter Report

Rev. Noftzger provided updates on various ministry activities around the presbytery. He reported on the successful ALICE training in each district. He also reported on the progress of various churches searching for new pastors.

##### Stated Clerk Report

- The Correspondence Log for was reviewed as submitted.
- Council members were reminded of the dates for all Council meetings in 2023. They are the following:
  - **April 25**
  - **June 27**
  - **August 29**
  - **October 24**
  - **November 28**
- Minutes reviews for each session will be conducted prior to the March and May presbytery meetings

along with a date in April (Greensburg) and May (Uniontown).

- Rev. Noftzger introduced the overtures from the 2022 General Assembly that had been referred by the Council to the Permanent Judicial Commission and Nominating for possible recommendations to the Presbytery at the March, 2023 meeting. He asked Rev. Foster to review the following recommendations of the PJC.
  - --22-CC (PJC) – Recommend not to concur
  - -22-D (PJC) – Recommend to concur
  - -22-DD (PJC) – no recommendation
  - -22-EE (PJC) – Recommend to concur
  - -22-FF (PJC) – Recommend to concur
  - -22-GG (PJC) – Recommend to concur
  - -22-S (PJC) – Recommend to concur

Rev. Noftzger reviewed the recommendation coming from the Nominating Committee.

- -22-R(NOM) – Recommend to concur

Upon reviewing each one and the recommendation or not of the PJC and the Nominating Committee, it was **MSP** to submit 22-D; 22-EE; 22-FF; 22-GG; 22-S and 22-R on the consent agenda for the March meeting. It was then **MSP** to place 22-CC; and 22-DD on the action agenda. The particular recommendation of the PJC or Nominating will be included for information purposes with the amendment both in the consent and action agenda for approval.

### **Treasurer Report**

A written report was provided that Treasurer John Dickson summarized orally as well in the meeting. The contributions for the month of January were significantly lower than the necessary monthly projections. Expenses remained stable with some slight increases particularly in the areas of utilities.

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

Executive Director Greg Davis had submitted a written report.

Rev. Dawn Sherwood reported on the work of the task force in their conversations with Greg. As a result the task force is considering a joint worship service for all congregations in Redstone at the Log Chapel of Pine Springs Camp for July 16 followed by a picnic..

It was agreed to receive the reports **by consent** of the Executive Presbyter, Stated Clerk, Treasurer and Executive Director of PSC.

### **Committees/Networks**

- **Staff Support**
  1. There was no report from staff support. The upcoming meeting on March 11 is planned for consideration of annual staff review process.
- **Worship**
  1. Although Rev. Blank was not able to be present Rev. Noftzger noted that the plan for worship for the March meeting was to focus on the second of the “Great Ends” of the Church. Members of the Healing and Prayer Ministry network have been asked to lead in the proclamation withing the worship time.
- **Missions Network**
  1. Rev. Ojulu highlighted the work of the mission network which has included the successful pancake dinner held at Congruity church. He reminded members of the upcoming short term

mission trips being offered by the Redstone team in April and the PDA trip to Kentucky in June with Latrobe serving as the lead church.

2. Rev. Noftzger reported that the mission network would be soliciting from congregations their engagement in local; regional and international mission. The intention is to connect across congregations for opportunities in shared mission and collaboration in areas of mutual interest.
3. Presbytery offering for the March meeting has been designated for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

- **Finance and Stewardship**

1. Committee is waiting to hear back on value and market for the building as they continue to consider options for best stewardship of the building resource.
2. On behalf of the committee Chuck West is consulting with the session of Third Presbyterian Church regarding possible downsizing from their current building and preparation of a request for possible sale for future ministry use.

- **Racial Justice and Reconciliation**

1. The Lenten program on space; race and moments of grace based upon the movie “Hidden Figures” will be offered beginning on March 9 (1:00) at the Presbytery Center

- **Communications**

1. Rev. Glunt acknowledged two videos of “On the Road with Redstone” for Little Redstone and Latrobe that have been completed. He is soliciting suggestions for other congregations for future videos in the series.

### **March Presbytery Agenda**

A proposed Presbytery agenda was submitted. Upon discussion and minor revisions, the agenda for the March meeting was **MSP** and will be published.

### **Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business.

### **New Business**

There was no new business for action.

### **CLOSING PRAYERS/ADJOURNMENT**

It was **MSP** to adjourn. A time of prayer based upon the people and prayer requests mentioned earlier was led by Rev. Curtis Paul. The meeting was closed at 7:40 p.m.

## Committee on Ministry

### Presentation and Action Items

- ALICE Training update
- Pastor Getaway Retreat – April 18
- The Committee on Ministry **recommends** the examination of Patrick Ewing for restoration to the ministry of Word and Sacrament as a member at large. See Appendix F for his statement of Faith.

### Information Items

#### March 2, 2023, Meeting

#### Approval of Minutes

**MSP** approval of the minutes of February 2, 2023.

#### Report of the Stated Clerk

The Stated Clerk updated the committee on the following items:

- Correspondence Log (Meeting Documents).
- Minutes Review Dates
  - March 28; 5:00 p.m.; West Hempfield Presbyterian Church
  - April 18; 6:00 p.m.; Presbytery Center
  - May 9; 6:00 p.m.; Trinity United Presbyterian Church
  - May 23; 5:00 p.m.; Ebensburg Presbyterian Church
- **MSP** to approve the recommendation of the request from Derry Presbyterian Church for a waiver of rotation for Richard Dyche, Deacon.
- **MSP** to approve the recommendation of the request from the Fort Burd Presbyterian Church, Brownsville for a waiver of rotation for Muriel Nuttall, Ruling Elder.
- **MSP** to approve the recommendation of the request from First Presbyterian Church, Fayette City for a waiver of rotation for Abigail Stark, Ruling Elder.

#### Report of the Moderator

- Moderator appointments
  - None
- Completed three of four ALICE training with about 70 participants.
- Pastor Getaway Day - Post-Easter one-day event at PSC
  - Planning Pastor Getaway Day: Tuesday April 18<sup>th</sup> at PSC from 10am – 2pm with lunch provided. Plans include some time outdoors, prayer, praise, and fellowship. Planning team will meet on Monday via Zoom from 12:30 – 1pm.

## REPORTS OF SUBCOMMITTEES

### Examinations and Membership

- Information Items
  - Based upon the prior request for restoration of Patrick Ewing; the committee requested written responses to a series of questions along with a statement of faith. Upon receiving those additional follow-up questions were submitted to Patrick. On February 27 the Examinations committee interviewed Patrick regarding his faith statement and reasons for desiring to return to ordination status in the Presbytery of Redstone.
  - Anticipate meeting with a possible candidate for Grace depending upon finalization of any intention to make an offer to that person.
- Action Items
  - **MSP** to recommend Patrick Ewing to the Presbytery of Redstone for restoration to the ministry of Word and Sacrament as a Member at Large.

### Search and Call

- Information Items
  - Transition Chart (handout)
  - Grace Community Presbyterian; Lower Burrell may be in the final stages with a candidate. There is likely to be an offer in the next week. If accepted it is possible the candidate could be presented at the March Presbytery meeting but more likely the May meeting.
  - Have met with Rev. Larry Armstrong (moderator) about pastoral options (including him) for the Derry congregation. He is meeting with the session on March 12 to discuss which options they may want consider and how to proceed.
  - EP scheduled to meet with the New Kensington session on March 21 to discuss possible interim pastor options after their current “bridge” pastor. Have been reaching out and recruiting any possible candidates for consideration of this position.
  - Tyrone Presbyterian Church is open to calling a part-time commissioned pastor. In the process of seeking to identify any possible options.
- Action Items
  - **MSP** to authorize presentation of the candidate at the March meeting if the way be clear (if the candidate has been examined; the terms of call have been presented and the congregation has voted to extend a call) (If it turns out to be the May meeting the proposed terms of call will be presented at the April or May COM meeting).

### COM Liaison Responsibilities and Resources

- Action items follow up
  - Follow up Clerks – plan on participating in one of upcoming minutes review.

- Ministry reflections for conversations
  - Possible Questions for Pastor
    - Are you planning on coming to Pastor Retreat/Getaway day?
    - Did members of your church participate in the ALICE training? If not; if there is a future training would they have members participate?
    - What are the special services and observances that the congregation using in practice during the Lenten season?
    - Are there continuing education conferences and resources that you have found valuable that we should share with other pastors?
  - Possible Questions for Clerks
    - Do you have/need a copy of the Clerk's handbook (Redstone Presbytery)?
    - Would it be helpful and would you participate (via Zoom or in person) in a training session just for clerks of session? By the end of summer there may be passed amendments in the Book of Order that they might need to be aware.
    - Have you completed the minutes review for this year (2022 minutes)
  - Possible Questions for Others
    - Where are you seeing God at work in your congregation?
    - Are there areas of ministry that you would benefit from collaboration with other congregations?
    - Do you have a chairperson for mission in your church? Do you have contact information for that person in order that we might begin sharing mission projects?
- Resources within Presbytery
  - Articles and Resources
    - 3 Key Steps for Effective Communication in a Small Church
    - 5 Keys to Cast (and Sustain) a Vision for your Church
    - 7 Lies Every Leader Should Stop Believing
    - Examine your Leadership Rhythm
    - Pastors are Not a Commodity
    - The Art of Listening
- Education and Nurture
  - IPLF Upcoming workshops
    - Key to Healthy Church Leadership—3/11

- Disability; Healing and the Scriptures – 4/15
- After the Commission; Reflections on IPLF and pastoral service – 5/13
- Ministry strategy consultation – Skip Noftzger

### Care of Congregations and Congregational Leaders

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

Praises for infant baptism, Fund Day fellowship, new members class, Sunday school programs, organ recital, community choir, and Lenten services with light meals for worship and fellowship. Praises for church's plans for the construction of a new facility. Praises for transitions and new calls adapting well. Praises for young members taking on leadership roles in music and community.

Prayers and praises for Recovery Service with the community. Prayers of healing and continued progress for congregational members recovering from stroke, open heart surgery, long treatment process for illness, and dealing with stage 4 cancer.

Prayers for family and friends grieving the accidental death of a child.

Prayers for youth director and music director searches. Prayers for small churches to keep going as they continue to do good work for God. Prayers for new ways for discerning alternative sources of income such as fund raising and grants. Prayers for the general wellness of the congregation.

- The following Teaching Elders and Commissioned Pastors were prayed for during this time:

Leonard Morgan, John Morrow, Norma Murphy, Rodney Murray, Skip Noftzger, Ben Nti, David O'Hara, Owar Ojulu, Kirk Orr, Curtis Paul.

- The following churches were prayed for during this time:

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; McClellandtown Presbyterian Church; Dunlap's Creek Presbyterian Church, Merrittstown; Reunion Presbyterian Church, Mt. Pleasant.

### Adjournment

It was **MSP** to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. with prayers offered by Rev. Brian Kilbert.

### February 2, 2023, Meeting

#### Approval of Minutes

**MSP** approval of the minutes of January 5, 2023.

#### Report of the Stated Clerk

The Stated Clerk updated the committee on the following items:

- **MSP** to accept the resignation of Sally Nicholls.
- Correspondence Log (Meeting Documents).
- Annual Reports Due from Clerk of Session
  - Statistics due – February 18 – Liaison (table of completed/not completed – meeting documents)
- Minutes Review Dates
  - February 11; 10:15am; Westmont Presbyterian Church
  - March 28; 5:00 p.m.; West Hempfield Presbyterian Church

- April 18; 6:00 p.m.; Presbytery Center
- May 9; 6:00 p.m.; Trinity United Presbyterian Church
- May 23; 5:00 p.m.; Ebensburg Presbyterian Church
- **MSP** to approve the recommendation of the request from Calvin United Presbyterian Church for a waiver of rotation for Iris Holleran and Brynn Martini, Ruling Elders.
- **MSP** to approve the recommendation of the request from the United Presbyterian Church of New Kensington for a waiver of rotation for Tim Beckes, Donna McLaughlin and Randy Schultz; Ruling Elders.
- **MSP** to approve the recommendation of the request from New Salem Presbyterian Church for a waiver of rotation for Roxanne Gmutza, Ruling Elder.

### **Report of the Moderator**

- Moderator appointments
  - **MSP** to approve First Presbyterian; Avonmore— Rev. Brenda Barnes
- Pastor Getaway Day - Post-Easter one-day event at PSC
  - Molly Hall, Ben Nti, Glenn Hart, and Mary Kay Glunt volunteered to plan the Pastor Getaway Day.

### **REPORTS OF SUBCOMMITTEES**

#### **Examinations and Membership**

- Information Items - None
- Action Items - None

#### **Search and Call**

- Information Items
  - Membership
  - Transition Chart (handout)
  - Average time frames
- Action Items
  - **MSP** of the approval of the following installation commission for Rev. Robert Ruefle, Union Presbyterian Church - February 19, 2023.
    - Rev. Dawn Sherwood, Moderator
    - Rev. Derek Campbell
    - Rev. Brenda Barnes
    - RE Donna Doyle
    - RE Greg Neavin
    - RE Gib Roupe

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

- Action items follow up
  - Follow up Clerks— completion of stats; plan on participating in one of upcoming minutes review.
- Ministry reflections for conversations
  - Possible Questions for Pastor or Others
- Resources within Presbytery
  - Articles and Resources
  - 5 Pastoral Promises We Need to Make
  - 10 Steps to Better Prepare Your Church to Respond to Trauma

- Americans Most Want to Avoid Fear and Anxiety, Gain Freedom and Safety
- Pastor Concerns with Growing Leaders, Reaching Outsiders
- Ten Characteristics of Churches that Keep Young Adults
- Education and Nurture
  - Enrichment Day – 2/11 – Westmont, Johnstown
  - IPLF Upcoming workshops
    - Forming Spiritual Leadership in Elders – 2/11
    - Key to Healthy Church Leadership – 3/11
    - Disability; Healing and the Scriptures – 4/15
    - After the Commission; Reflections on IPLF and pastoral service – 5/13
  - Ministry strategy consultation – Skip Noftzger

### Care of Congregations and Congregational Leaders

- Prayers were lifted in answer to requests that had been received for:
  - Prayers for those who are grieving. Prayers for church families who have lost many within the past year. Prayers for Pastoral Care and Grief Share Groups that provide comfort to those who have experienced loss.
  - Praises for Lenten programs and churches that have learned to lean into the changes they are experiencing.
  - Prayers for small churches struggling with finances. Prayers for churches that are transitioning in leadership.
  - Prayers for those with staffing needs and praises for when those gifted are matched to a staffing need that works to bring You honor and glory.
- The following Teaching Elders and Commissioned Pastors were prayed for during this time:
  - Doug Marshall, Gail Mason, Bruce Maxwell, Dave McCabe, John McClure, Lee McDermott, David McElroy, Aleda Menchyk, John Michael, Art Moffat.
- The following churches were prayed for during this time:
  - 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; Second Presbyterian Church, Johnstown; Westmont Presbyterian Church, Johnstown; Springhill Furnace Presbyterian Church, Lake Lynn.

### New Business

- Take up the challenge to live in peace with all people regardless of differences.
- April meeting date change due to Maundy Thursday: April 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30p.m.

### Adjournment

It was **MSP** to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. with prayers offered by Rev. Derek Campbell.

## Committee on Preparation for Ministry

### Action Items

- **The Committee on Preparation for Ministry reports on the current status of inquirers; candidates and IPLF students under the care of Redstone Presbytery.**

### Information Items

#### March 7, 2023, Meeting

1. Approval of minutes of February 7, 2023, as written; **MSP**.
2. Master Chart--Roster, Liaisons, and Checklist Review.
  - a. Cynthia Bellina – Geoff Rach attempted to contact her to determine if she will be able to continue with her schooling with the health problems she has experienced.
  - b. Seth Myers – AP
    - i. He has completed the classes and workshops and is an Authorized Preacher.
    - ii. He has been preaching at Dunbar; he has 26 weeks planned for 2023.
    - iii. Seth Myers is very content at Dunbar, where he is as pulpit supply and Clerk of Session.
    - iv. He is interested in completing the practicums.
    - v. Dunbar church will have a Baptism on April 2, 2023. Seth Myers will be assisting with the Baptism.
    - vi. working with the current moderator at Dunbar on the Church Administration and the Worship and Sacraments practicums.
    - vii. The COM limits an AP's preaching to a couple of times a month at a single church.
      1. Preaching more than that implies a commitment between the AP and church that does not exist.
      2. A Commissioned Pastor and the church congregation do have a reciprocal commitment to each other.
      3. In the past, COM did not permit a commissioned pastor to be commissioned at his/her home church.
        - a. Recently, the committee has made exceptions.
        - b. This will not be the normal practice.
    - viii. Seth Myer's sermons are not recorded at Dunbar. Skip Noftzger asked him to make arrangements to have one of these sermons videoed for the Preaching and Proclamation Practicum.
  - c. James Vlosich – an Inquirer.
    - i. His candidacy assessment with Leaderwise was performed on February 9, 2023. Results have been received.
    - ii. The CPM will meet with him on May 2, 2023.
3. Consultations
  - a. Danielle Kendig – became a Candidate in September 2022.
    - i. She is enrolled in Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.
    - ii. On January 26, 2023, Danielle Kendig took the Polity Ordination exam and passed.
    - iii. She is continuing her field education under Art Moffatt at Second Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, for the Spring 2023 semester.
      1. Her first field education experience is going well and will conclude soon.
      2. Danielle Kendig has done a lot of pastoral care visits, including death, shut-ins, and home communion to nursing home residents

3. She took the Pastoral Care class in the Fall of 2022.
  4. Danielle Kendig preached at Second Presbyterian Church in front of people that she didn't know; this experience helped to improve her confidence in preaching.
  5. She has gotten constructive feedback on her performance to help her improve in various areas including preaching.
- iv. Skip Noftzger asked what areas do you feel you need more work"
1. Danielle Kendig is concentrating on learning more Bible content.
  2. She feels comfortable with the pastoral skills that she has done; however, she understands there will be new situations in the future.
  3. In January 2022, she went on a mission trip to Guatemala and the experience brought her closer to her classmates.
    - a. Skip Noftzger asked about her Guatemala missionary trip.
    - b. Danielle Kendig explained it was a 10-day trip comprising six people in the group.
    - c. This trip was a completely different experience from her missionary trips as a high school student.
    - d. Being a mother and wife allowed her to connect with the families she encountered in a much deeper way.
    - e. She visited three different areas of Guatemala, including city and country life.
    - f. She hopes to speak to various groups during the summer and share her experiences.
  4. Danielle Kendig stays Monday through Friday at an apartment in Pittsburgh, which allows her to concentrate on her studies during the week and spend time with her family on the weekends.
  5. She is currently taking 5 classes.
  6. She has 3 or 4 classes left and will finish at the end of December 2023.
    - a. She needs her second Christian theology, Missional Leader, second Field Education, and an elective.
    - b. A group of students has approached the Dean and arranged a Chaplaincy over the Summer of 2023; Danielle Kendig will join this group for her second Field Education requirement.
      - i. Skip Noftzger advised her to reach out to Conemaugh and Somerset to see if there are Chaplaincy opportunities available over the summer.
      - ii. Windber Hospital may be looking for a Chaplain at this time.
      - iii. Danielle Kendig will check if there would be a mentor available for this position.
      - iv. She will not be in class in the Summer, just the Chaplaincy
  7. Skip Noftzger suggested that Danielle Kendig review her courses with the registrar to verify that she will meet all requirements for graduation.
- v. Danielle Kendig still needs to pass the ordination exams (except for Polity, which she has passed).
1. The next opportunity for the Bible Content Exam is September 2023.
  2. Worship and Sacrament, Exegesis, and Theology exams are also required; they are offered on April 20th; the deadline to register is March 31, 2023; Danielle Kendig will register to take the exams.
  3. Robin Jennings encouraged Danielle Kendig that she is well prepared for Worship and Sacraments.
  4. The test consists of practical questions in essay form.

5. The questions require the student to take the theory learned in the classroom setting and apply it to a practical situation.
6. Christian Theology is offered in the Spring and Fall.
- vi. Danielle Kendig will still need to develop her statement of faith before she can be ordained.
- vii. Skip Noftzger asked what can CPM do to support you and help you through the process. Danielle Kendig appreciates the review of the requirements she needs to accomplish.
- viii. Geoff Rach asked how much experience she had in Westmont Church.
  1. She had 10 years of experience in youth programs, preaching, and as a liturgist during worship services.
  2. She also had experience putting together a worship service.
- ix. CPM members prayed for Danielle Kendig.

4. Adjournment/Prayer by Kristen Emrick.

5. Future meeting schedule/consultations

- a. April 4—No meeting (Holy week)
- b. May 2--- Inquirer James Vlosich; Determine recommendations for ordination examination readers
- c. June 7--- Meet with 1-2 inquirer/candidate/IPLF student/ Authorized preacher
- d. July 5---no meeting(?)
- e. August 1 – Meet with 1-2 inquirer/candidate/IPLF student/ Authorized preacher
- f. Determine any scholarship funds offered to seminary students for academic year
- g. September 5--- Meet with 1-2 inquirer/candidate/IPLF student/ Authorized preacher
- h. October 3--- Meet with 1-2 inquirer/candidate/IPLF student/ Authorized preacher
- i. November 7--- Meet with 1-2 inquirer/candidate/IPLF student/ Authorized preacher
- j. December 6---no meeting(?)

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### **February 7, 2023, Meeting**

1. Approval of minutes of January 3, 2023, as written; **MSP**.
2. Exegesis Examination controversy.
  - a. There is no one taking the Exegesis Examination and no one reading this year from Redstone Presbytery.
  - b. Exam takers are given material to prepare.
    - i. February 3, 2023, was the deadline to submit the Exegesis Exam.
    - ii. The passage selected by the exam committee was Judges 19:1-30, which contains references to rape and sexual assault.
    - iii. This passage is in the context of Judges which includes evil done by the Israelites.
    - iv. Could this cause trauma to students who had experienced such violence?
    - v. Is this an appropriate passage to test your exegetical ability?
    - vi. The best type of passage is not exceptionally easy, yet, not the most difficult passages.
  - c. The exams are created by a committee - which responded to the questions.
    - i. How do you properly respond and exegete the passage in Judges which show where the Israelites had wandered off the path of God?
    - ii. An exegesis test is an attempt to determine if the students are grounded enough in the

- scriptures that they can understand and express the meaning of a passage.
- iii. The tone deafness of the exam committee's reply compounded the issue.

3. Master Chart---Roster, Liaisons, and Checklist Review.

- a. Cynthia Bellina – Geoff Rach will contact her to determine if she will be able to continue with her schooling with the health problems she has experienced.
- b. James Vlosich – an Inquirer.
  - i.
  - ii. His Ministry Assessment interview with Leaderwise was on January 26, 2023 – Results should be results back soon.
  - iii. Geoff Rach and Skip Noftzger have met with him.
    - 1. The main topic of conversation was field education.
    - 2. He currently serves at Trinity in Uniontown; therefore, he will have field education in a different setting.
  - iv. February 3, 2023 – James Vlosich took the Bible Content Exam and passed
  - v. The CPM will meet with him on April 4, 2023.
- c. Danielle Kendig - a Candidate
  - i. January 26, 2023 – took the Polity Ordination exam – awaiting results.
  - ii. Danielle Kendig did not take the Bible Content Exam in February.
  - iii. She is continuing her field education at Second, Johnstown for the Spring 2023 semester.

4. Consultations

- a. Bill Poninsky – IPLF student.
  - i. Bill Poninsky is taking his last course this Spring 2023; he has completed the required workshops.
  - ii. Bill Poninsky was challenged to take the courses.
    - 1. He spent time in prayer considering the program.
    - 2. Bill Poninsky has had opportunities to teach Sunday School classes and Bible studies.
    - 3. He went to Slippery Rock as an intern for 4 years, then became a YMCA program director for 30 years in Uniontown before his retirement.
    - 4. He is teaching Physical-Education at a catholic school.
    - 5. Bill Poninsky cuts lawns in the summer.
    - 6. He preaches twice a month at 3<sup>rd</sup> Presbyterian, Uniontown; the church does not have a full-time pastor.
    - 7. He has preached at Fairchance Tent, Rehoboth, and Leisenring when asked.
  - iii. IPLF – Bill Poninsky enjoyed the program and has high praise for the instructors.
    - 1. They put a lot of time effort and study into their classes
    - 2. It has been a challenge is finding time to complete all assignments and reading.
    - 3. This cohort is a great group of students who are helping each other.
  - iv. Skip Noftzger asked what do you hope for at the end of the class?
    - 1. Bill Poninsky is not sure
    - 2. In the beginning, he wanted to get more knowledge to help with his preaching because he enjoys preaching and teaching.
    - 3. Bill Poninsky sees himself more as a teacher than a preacher.
  - v. Skip Noftzger asked are you ready to start practicums? (Church Administration, Pastoral Care, Preaching, Worship, and Sacraments)
    - 1. Practicums provide an opportunity to experience different aspects of a pastoral role with the guidance of a mentor.
    - 2. Bill Poninsky does not have to complete all the courses and workshops before

- starting the practicums.
      - 3. Bill Poninsky's mother-in-law is bedridden and his mother also needs help which requires a significant portion of his time; therefore, summer is a better time to begin.
    - vi. Committee members prayed for Bill Poninsky.
  - b. Jackie Eckenrod – IPLF student.
    - i. This is Jackie Eckenrod's second class with IPLF; she passed the NT and started in the OT class.
      - 1. She started the program because she is a newer Christian (6 years) and wanted to learn more about the Bible.
      - 2. The Youth program has fallen off in her church.
      - 3. Her pastor suggested she become more involved, then Jackie Eckenrod saw the information about IPLF.
      - 4. Her goal is to get more prepared and help to enlarge the youth program.
      - 5. Jackie Eckenrod is taking classes to finish her Master's degree in Pastoral Counseling; she has one more semester.
      - 6. She was interested in working in hospice; she worked for 2 years in hospice.
      - 7. Jackie Eckenrod has filled in at Westminster, Greensburg, as a preacher.
        - a. She also preached 8-10 times at Dunlaps Creek and enjoyed the experience.
        - b. There were 15 people attending.
      - 8. Westminster Presbyterian has a new pastor.
      - 9. Jackie Eckenrod is on Session and the Worship Committee at Westminster Presbyterian.
      - 10. She teaches at New Directions and is a part-time drug and alcohol counselor.
    - ii. Skip Noftzger asked what is the best thing about the program and what struggles have you had.
      - 1. Jackie Eckenrod said the best thing is the students support each other in the program.
      - 2. She said she is a bit concerned about the application of all the information we have learned in the classroom.
    - iii. Geoff Rach asked has your sense of call narrowed or expanded through your experiences?
      - 1. Jackie Eckenrod has a heart for groups of people who seem to be left out or perceive to be left out.
      - 2. Westminster Presbyterian concentrates on people in the 30-70 age range.
      - 3. Jackie Eckenrod wonders about those who are home-bound, on hospice, or younger people?
    - iv. Committee members prayed for Jackie Eckenrod.

5. Adjournment/Prayer by Kristen Emrick.

## Nominating Committee

### **Actions Items**

- **The Nominating Committee nominates the following persons to serve on the standing committees for the respective terms.**

#### **Council**

- Scott Cole, RE, Latrobe United Presbyterian Church (Class of 2023)
- Jill Cavalet; RE; Cresson Presbyterian Church (Class of 2024)

#### **Committee on Ministry**

- Becca Siddle, TE, Redstone Highlands (Class of 2023)

#### **Pine Springs Camp Board**

- Ken Foust; TE; Honorably Retired (Class of 2024)

### **Information Items**

- There remain a couple openings for positions on standing committees. These include:

Please submit names of possible Ruling Elders for consideration to the Nominating Committee through either Glenn Hart or Skip Noftzger.

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