



2024 Stated Meeting

of the

Presbytery of Redstone
Presbyterian Church (USA)

May 28, 2024



ONLINE (ZOOM)

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

OR

Pleasant View Presbyterian Church
Smock, PA

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

Directions to Connect to the Presbytery ZOOM Meeting

USING A COMPUTER WITH A CAMERA, TABLET OR SMARTPHONE

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

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

Meeting ID: 7248376737

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

Click one of these and it should log you in:

Using a landline

Dial 1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

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

When prompted enter the Meeting ID: 724 837 6737

Zoom Meeting Tips – Presbytery Meeting – May 23, 2023 (join-5:45 for 6:00 start)

VIDEO PARTICIPATION

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

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



in, but you should, too! Here is what the app looks like:

Day of the meeting:

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

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

Dial 1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

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

When prompted enter the Meeting ID: 727 837 6737

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

MEETING DAY:

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

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

DURING THE MEETING:

Joining the meeting:

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

If you are presenting:

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

If you wish to speak:

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

Voting:

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

Breakout Rooms:

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

Online meeting etiquette:

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

-Even though it's tempting, try not to multitask too much. This might include talking to others in your room, checking the phone, eating meals, etc. AND if you give in to any of those temptations, please make sure that you are muted.

-Remember that everyone else can see you in Gallery view, so there is no hiding in the "back pew" or having unobtrusive side conversations. So just be aware.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE MAY 28, 2024 MEETING

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

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

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



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

**DIRECTIONS TO
PLEASANT VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Smock, PA 724-677-2149**

FROM POINTS NORTH & EAST

1. From the **New Stanton** interchange of the PA Turnpike, go west on Interstate 70.
2. You will travel west on I 70 for 10 to 12 miles until you reach the exit for Rt. 51. Take **Rt. 51 south** toward Uniontown.
3. From the interchange with Interstate 70 (which is where the Holiday Inn is located), take US Rt. 51 south for about 10 miles, through Perryopolis, passed "Blaney Farms" Trucking Company (on left about 2 miles south of Perryopolis). About 1 1/2 miles further, you'll see a 4' X 8' Pleasant View "With Arms Wide Open" sign on a hillside on the right, and very near it a small green & white PennDot sign that says "**SMOCK**" with an arrow to turn right. **Turn right.** *Note: If you miss this turn you'll come to a traffic stoplight in a mile or two, with a motor-cycle/quad dealership on your left. Turn around and go back to the Smock turn.
4. Wind around up hill & down for about a mile, through the hamlet of Smock, staying on this "main" road. In "downtown" Smock, **bear left when you come to the Honor Roll** vets memorial – it looks as if you should go straight ahead, but don't! You are now 1.75 miles from Pleasant View Church. Continue on.
5. There are a couple of roads that come in on your left, and one on the right, but don't take them. You'll go up and down a couple of hills on this scenic portion of your drive. At the top of one of these hills you'll see a red brick church on the right. That's the Pleasant View Presbyterian Church. Travel time from the point when you cross I 70 is about 20 minutes, and from New Stanton it's about 40 minutes.

FROM UNIONTOWN

1. **From the entrance to the Uniontown Mall, go west on Route 40** (towards Brownsville) 8/10 of a mile to the second traffic light, which is at the intersection with Northgate Highway. Turn right onto Northgate Highway (following signs to PA Turnpike Rt. 43 north, toll road).
2. Travel **8/10 of a mile on Northgate Highway, then turn left** toward entrance to PA Turnpike Rt. 43 north. (following signs)
3. Go 2/10 of a mile, **turn left onto PA Turnpike Rt. 43 north**
4. Travel 3 miles, then **take Exit #18 for "New Salem / Waltersburg"**. At end of ramp **turn right**, go 200 yards, **then turn left** on to PleasantView Smock Road.
5. Continue on for 1 ½ miles to a STOP sign. Stop. Then, continue on straight ahead for another 3/10 of a mile and another STOP sign. The church is directly in front of you.

FROM BROWNSVILLE

1. **From Brownsville Hill**, at the intersection of Rt. 40/Grindstone Road, go **east on Redstone Way** toward Uniontown 1.5 miles to PA Turnpike Rt. 43 south (toll road).
2. **Turn left** onto PA Turnpike Rt. 43 south. Travel 3.8 miles, then **take Exit #18 for "New Salem / Waltersburg"**. At end of ramp **turn left**, go ¼ mile, **then turn left** on to PleasantView Smock Road.
3. **Continue on for 1 ½ miles** to a STOP sign. Stop. Then, continue on **straight ahead for another 3/10 of a mile** and another STOP sign. The church is directly in front of you.

**PRESBYTERY OF REDSTONE GATHERING
IN WORSHIP AND SERVICE**
Pleasant View Presbyterian Church, Smock, PA
IN PERSON OR ZOOM MEETING
May 28, 2024

5:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Minutes review</i> 	
5:30-6:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Registration and fellowship</i> 	<i>In Person/Online</i>
	<u>GATHERING</u>	
6:00 p.m.	<p><u>Presbytery Gathering Convenes</u> GATHERING SONG “ON THE ROAD WITH REDSTONE” OPENING PRAYER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formation of the Roll • Seating of Corresponding Members • Introduction of 1st time commissioners 	<p><i>Sanctuary/Zoom</i> Len Morgan Rev. Cliff Foster</p>
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	<p><u>Ministry of the Word</u> “A Community of Hope”</p>	<p>Rev. Forrest Claassen Synod of Trinity Executive</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioning of GA commissioners • Offering • Lord’s Supper 	
	<u>SHARING IN MINISTRY AND MISSION</u>	
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	<u>New Business</u> <u>Announcements Loop</u>	
	<u>Resolution of Thanks</u> <u>Benediction</u> <u>Adjournment</u> <i><u>The next stated meeting of the Presbytery of Redstone will take place on September 24, 2024, 10:00 a.m. at Pine Springs Camp or by Zoom.</u></i>	

Presbytery Worship: A Community of Hope

Leading in Worship today--Carol Rittenhouse, Pleasant View PC, Smock,
Chanel McBeth, Leisenring PC, Leisenring, Rev. Forrest Claasen, Executive, Synod of the Trinity
Rev. Laura Blank, Pastor Pleasant View PC, Smock, Member of the Mission Network
Members of the Healing Prayer Network

Prelude

Gathering

Elder Carole Rittenhouse
Book of Order, *F-1.0204*

The Church is the body of Christ.

Christ gives to the Church

all the gifts necessary to be his body.

**The Church strives to demonstrate these gifts
in its life as a community in the world.**

The Church is to be a community of hope,

**bound to Christ's authority and thus free to live
in the lively, joyous reality of the grace of God.**

Where Christ is, there is the true Church.

We affirm that, in the power of the Spirit,

the Church is faithful to the mission of Christ

as it proclaims and hears the Word of God,

administers and receives the Sacraments,

and nurtures a covenant community of disciples of Christ.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray together:

In all our weakness and strength,

with our youth-filled spirits and aging bodies,

we come to be made your people, O God.

Strong in faith and eager with questions,

singing our praise and whispering our hopes,

we come to be made your people, O God.

Filled with saintly determination

yet mindful of our human limitations,

we come to be made your people, O God.

Made strong in your endless love for us,

we know ourselves to be yours and

we come to be made your people, O God.

May we truly become your people,

a community of hope, today.

*Hymn #401 "Here in This Place"

Here in This Place

Gather Us In

401



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Draw near with faith,
That we may put down our defenses and be honest with God. *(pause)*

God of our blessing
we are so often fooled by this world.
We seek its fulfillment in wealth, respect,
constant happiness and even full bellies.
The effort of our lives is to be “fulfilled”
rather than to be filled with you.
Only you, Lord, can take our deepest pain and replace it with hope.
Still, in our despair, we have not loved our enemies,
done good to those who hate us,
prayed for and blessed those who abuse and curse us.
You redeem us, but we are stingy to offer this blessing to others.
And even when we are richly blessed,
we count your blessings as our possessions.
Forgive us, Lord, for the sins we know in our heart.
Save us, Lord, from the sins we hide. *(pause for reflection and self-examination)*
Lord, help us to listen to you
and trust in your ways. Amen

God’s will in Christ is to bless us and forgive us our sins.
For Christ's sake our sins are forgiven.
Praise be to God! Amen.

*Passing the Peace

*Hymn #582 “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

582

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.

Scripture Reading: II Timothy 1:1-12

Sermon: "Community of Hope"

Rev. Forrest Classen

*Hymn #772 "Live into Hope"

772 Live into Hope

1 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, of sight re -
2 Live in - to hope! The blind shall see with in - sight
3 Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, the right to
4 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed from chains of

gained, the end of greed. The op-pressed shall be the
and with clar - i - ty, re - mov - ing shades of
speak, the right to be, the right to have one's
fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our

first to see the year of God's own ju - bi - lee!
pride and fear, a vi - sion of our God brought near.
dai - ly bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.
full re - lease to faith and hope and joy and peace.

Pastoral Rite of the Church: Service of Commissioning to the 226th General Assembly

RE Robin Jennings, 1st PC, Greensburg

RE Jackie Eckenrod, Westminster PC, Greensburg

TE Brian Kilbert, Puckety PC, Lower Burrell

TE Andrew Wirt, West Hempfield PC, Irwin

Sentences of Scripture

The moderator addresses all present:

As many of you as were baptized into Christ
have clothed yourselves with Christ. Gal. 3:27–28

**There is no longer Jew or Greek,
there is no longer slave or free,
there is no longer male and female;
for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.**

Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called Eph. 4:1–6
making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

**There is one body and one Spirit,
just as we were called to the one hope of our calling,
one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and Father of all,
who is above all and through all and in all.**

Call to Discipleship

The moderator continues:

We are called by God to be the church of Jesus Christ,
a sign in the world today of what God intends for all humankind.

**The great ends of the church are
the proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind;
the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God;
the maintenance of divine worship;
the preservation of the truth;
the promotion of social righteousness;
and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.**

The moderator continues:

The call of Christ is to willing, dedicated discipleship.
Our discipleship is a manifestation of the new life we enter through baptism.
Discipleship is both a gift and a commitment, an offering and a responsibility.

Robin, Jackie, Brian and Andrew, the grace bestowed on you in baptism is sufficient for your calling because it is God's grace.

By God's grace we are saved, and enabled to grow in the faith and to commit our lives in ways that serve Christ.

God has called you to particular service.

Show your purpose by answering these questions.

Who is your Lord and Savior?

Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

I will, with God's help.

Do you welcome the responsibility of this service because you are determined to follow the Lord Jesus, to love neighbors, and to work for the reconciling of the world?

I do.

Will you serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love, relying on God's mercy and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit?

I will, with God's help.

The moderator addresses all present:

Do we, members of the Presbytery of Redstone, accept Robin, Jackie, Brian and Andrew as Commissioners to the 226th General Assembly, chosen by God through the voice of the church, to guide us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Do we promise to support and encourage them as they seek to fulfill their responsibilities in this ministry?

We do.

Commissioning Prayer

Faithful God, in baptism you claimed us;
and by your Holy Spirit you are working in our lives,
empowering us to live a life worthy of our calling.

We thank you for leading Robin, Jackie, Brian and Andrew to this time and place.

Establish them in your truth, and guide them by your Holy Spirit,
that in your service they may grow in faith, hope, and love,
and be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit be honor and glory, now and forever.

All may pray together:

**Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you called disciples
and, by the Holy Spirit, made them one church to serve you.
Be with members of the General Assembly.
Help them to welcome new things you are doing in the world
and to respect old things you keep and use.
In their deliberation, bring about what is best for us and for all people.
As they meet, let your Holy Spirit guide so that the whole church
may be joined in love and service to Jesus Christ, who, having gone before us,
is coming to meet us in the promise of your kingdom.
Amen.**

Charge

The moderator addresses those who are commissioned:

Robin, Jackie, Brian and Andrew,
you are commissioned to service as Commissioners to the 226th General Assembly.

Whatever you do, in word or deed, Col. 3:17
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God through him.

Blessing

The moderator addresses those being commissioned:

May the God of peace make you holy in every way, 1 Thess. 5:23
and keep your whole being, spirit, soul, and body,
free from every fault at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia! Amen

SERVICE MUSIC

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

offering plates are available by the doors

Preface

The musical score for the Preface consists of five staves of music in 3/4 time, written in a single treble clef. The lyrics are written below the notes. Performance directions are indicated by *Leader* and *All* above the staves. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you, And al - so with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord, Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise." The score ends with a double bar line.

Leader The Lord be with you, *All* And al -
so with you. *Leader* Lift up your
All hearts. We lift them up to the Lord,
Leader Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *All* It is
right to give our thanks and praise.

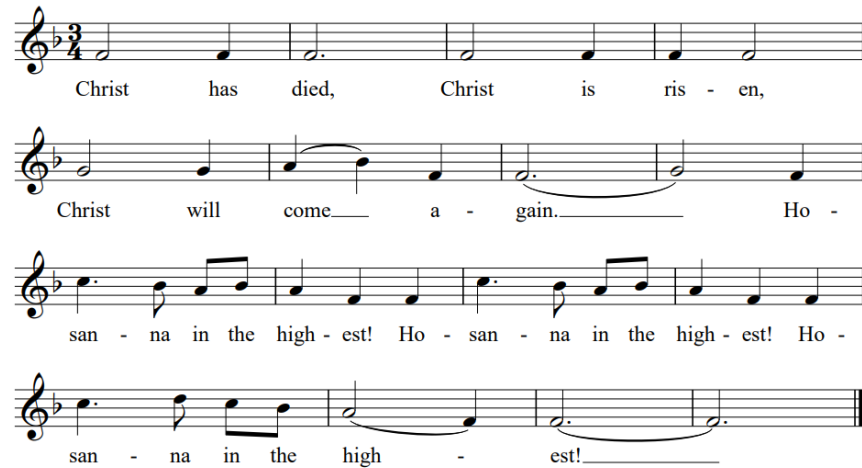
... Therefore we praise you, joining the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord; God of
power and might. Heav - en and earth are
full of your glo - - - -
- ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -
san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high -
est! Blest is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -
san - na in the high - est!

...Great is the mystery of faith:

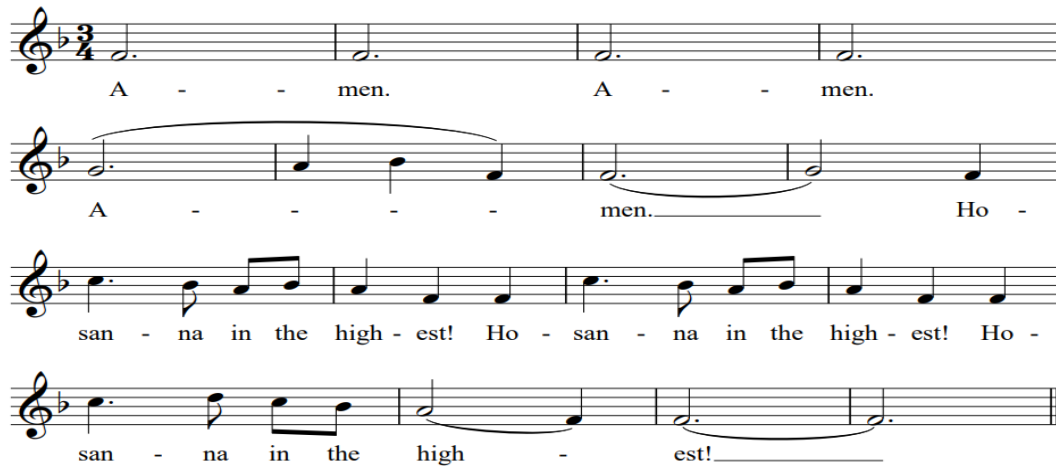
Memorial Acclamation



Christ has died, Christ is ris - en,
Christ will come a - gain. Ho -
san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -
san - na in the high - est!

...Blessing and glory,
Wisdom and thanksgiving,
Honor and power,
Forever and ever!

Great Amen



A - - men. A - - men.
A - - - - men. Ho -
san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -
san - na in the high - est!

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MUSIC: Mark A. Miller

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Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

You are invited to come forward to receive communion. For those who wish to remain seated, an elder will serve you in your pew. Sealed gluten free communion is available. Prayer Teams will be positioned at both sides to the rear of the pews to pray and anoint with oil anyone who has a prayer concern or thanksgiving.

*Hymn during communion #501 “Feed Us Lord”

Feed Us, Lord

501



1 Feed us, Lord. Feed us, Lord. In the bro - ken bread,
2 Quench us, Lord. Quench us, Lord. On this thirst - y ground,
3 Fill us, Lord. Fill us, Lord, with the bread and wine
4 Lead us, Lord. Lead us, Lord, nour-ished here by Christ,



be re - vealed a - gain. Come and feed our hearts, O Lord.
may your love flow down. Come and quench our hearts, O Lord.
of the ris - en Christ. Come and fill our hearts, O Lord.
giv - en strength for life. Come and lead our hearts, O Lord.

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn #353 “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less 353

1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and
 2 When dark-ness seems to hide his face, I rest on his un -
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the
 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in

right - teous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, but
 chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my
 whelm-ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he
 him be found, dressed in his right - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

Refrain

whol-ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand; all
 then is all my hope and stay.
 less to stand be - fore the throne.

oth - er ground is sink - ing sand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Notes and Copyright Info on Hymns

Here in this Place 401 Gather us in

The “you/your” mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God’s witnesses and for God’s purposes.

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GATHER US IN
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Glory to God, 582 Whose Goodness Shine on Me

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MUSIC: Paul M. Vasile, 2008
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GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)

Live into Hope 772

This text on Luke 4:16–20, the author’s first, was written for the United Presbyterian Women’s National Meeting in July 1976 because the team planning worship could not find a suitable hymn on that passage. She wrote the words with this vigorous 18th-century tune in mind.

TEXT: Jane Parker Huber, 1976
MUSIC: *Musica Sacra*, c. 1778
Text © 1980 Jane Parker Huber (admin. Westminster John Knox Press)

TRURO
LM

Praise God, from Whom 609

TEXT: Brian Wren, 1989
MUSIC: *Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1623; harm. Hal H. Hopson, 1998
Text © 1989 Hope Publishing Company
Music Harm. © 1998 Hope Publishing Company

LASST UNS ERFREUEN
LM with alleluias
(alternate harmonization, 10)

Mark Miller’s Communion Setting is found in *Sing the Faith*. Permission is given to congregation’s for use in worship, provided the copyright citation and source are included on the duplications.

WORDS: From *The United Methodist Hymnal*
MUSIC: Mark A. Miller

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Source: *The Faith We Sing*, no. 2257-d.

Feed Us, Lord 501

Not many Lord’s Supper hymns call attention to the post-Resurrection meals Christ shared with his disciples, but the first stanza here alludes to the meal at Emmaus, when he was made known in the breaking of the bread (Luke 24:13–35), and stanza three refers to “the risen Christ.”

TEXT and MUSIC: Greg Scheer, 2007
Text and Music © 2007 Greg Scheer

FEED US
3.3.5.5.7

My Hope is bult on Nothing Less 353

This hymn develops the imagery of Jesus’ remark (Matthew 7:24–27/Luke 6:47–49) that those who believe in him and act on that belief are like someone who builds a house on a rock. The text is set to a tune created for it by a prolific 19th-century American composer and editor.

TEXT: Edward Mote, c. 1834, alt.
MUSIC: William Batchelder Bradbury, 1863, alt.

SOLID ROCK
LM with refrain

Prayer of the Day adapted from *‘From Seasons of the Spirit: All Saints Day – Year A’*,
by Christine Longhurst. Published by WoodLake Publishing. Reposted:
<https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/10/opening-prayer-all-saints.html>.

STATED CLERK’S REPORT:

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

Correspondence Log

Date Received	Received From	Content	Action
May 20, 2024-mail	Synod of the Trinity	Brotherhood Mutual report and stipend.	File
May 17, 2024- email	Prebyterian Investment Loan Program	Resolution to guarantee and certification of incumbency for Puckety.	Council and File.
May 13, 2024 - mail	Christian Associates of Southwest PA	Letter of support for Silver Sponsorship and Rev Liddy Barlow 10 th Anniversary Celebration on 4/11/2024	File
May 13, 2024 - mail	Sewickley United Presbyterian Church	2024 Terms of Call for Glenn Hart	To COM and File
May 2, 2024 - email	Presbyteriy of Kiskiminetas	Letter certifying Regina Sturiale is ready to receive a call	File
May 1, 2024 - email	2 nd Presbyterian Church, Johnstown	2024 Terms of Call for Art Moffat	To COM and File
April 30, 2024 - inperson	Union Presbyterian Church	2024 Terms of call for Robert Ruefle & 2023 End of Year Reports	To Com and file
April 29, 2024 - email	Grace Chapel Presbyterian Church of Smithfield	Covenant Pastor Agreement for Regina Sturiale	To Com and File
April 24, 2024 - mail	Laurel Hill Presbyterian Church	2024 Terms of Call for William Weightman	To COM and File
April 22, 2024- mail	Matt Meyer	Advocacy for 2024 GA overture	To Council and File
April 18, 2024 - mail	East Liberty Presbyterian Church, Vanderbilt	2024 Terms of Call for H. David McElroy	To COM and File
April 18, 2024 - mail	Fort Burd /Calvin UPC	2024 Terms of Call for Kristen Emrick	To COM and File
April 18, 2024 - mail	Little Redstone Presbyterian Church	2024 Terms of Call for Joshua Scully	To COM and File
April 18, 2024 - Email	Community United Presbyterian Church	2024 Terms of Call for Leonard Morgan	To COM and File
April 18, 2024 Email	Latrobe United Presbyterian Church	2024 Terms of Call for Ronald Durika	To COM and File
April 17, 2024- mail	Calvin Presbyterian Church, Scottdale	Request for authorization for manse sale.	To COUNCIL and File

April 17, 2024 - Email	Westminster Presbyterian Church, Greensburg	2024 Terms of Call for Jennifer Frayer-Griggs	To COM and File
April 17, 2024 - Email	West Newton United Presbyterian Church	2024 Terms of Call for John Manon	To COM and File
April 17, 2024 - mail	Donald Hamm & Sons Insurance	Cancellation Request/Policy Release for First PC of Fayette City	File
April 16, 2024 - Email	McClellandtown Presbyterian Church	2024 Terms of call for Rebecca Abbott	To COM and File
April 16, 2024 - Email	First Presbyterian Church, Irwin	2024 Terms of call for Doug Rehberg	To COM and File
April 16, 2024- Email	Latrobe Presyterian Church	2024 Terms of Call for Derek Campbell	To COM and File
April 16, 2024 - Email	Reunion Presbyterian	2024 Terms of Call for Russell Baird	To COM and File
April 8, 2024 - Email	Newlonsburg	Corrected 2024 Terms of Call for Travis Webster	To Com and File
April 8, 2024 - mail	Patrick Ewing	Annual Report - Other Ministers on the Roll of Presbytery	To COM and File
March 25, 2024 - email	Poke Run	Manse Report	File
March 25, 2024 - mail	Ebsenburg Presbyterian Church	Student Pastor Agreement for Danielle Kendig	To Com and File
March 21, 2024 - mail	Little Redstone, Fayette City	2024 Mance Inspection	File
March 18, 2024 - mail	United Presbyterian Church of new Kensington	Waiver Request	To COM and File
March 18, 2024 - mail	Dunbar First Presbyterian Chuch	Waiver Request, List of Session Members	To COM and File

2. Committee on Representation Annual Report - 12/31/2023

Standing Committees	# Members	Gender	Age	TE/RE	Ethnicity
Council	15	8-M; 7-F	0-(16-25); 0-(26-35); 4-(36-50); 6-(51-65); 5-(66+)	7-TE; 8-RE	14-W 1-AA
Nominating	3	2-M; 1-F	0-(16-25); 0-(26-35); 0-(36-50); 1-(51-65); 2-(66+)	1-TE; 2-RE	3-W
Preparation for Ministry (CPM)	9	5-M; 5-F	0-(16-25); 0-(26-35); 3-(36-50); 5-(51-65); 1-(66+)	4-TE; 5-RE	8-W 1-AA

Committee on Ministry (COM)	23	12-M; 11-F	0-(16-25); 0-(26-35); 4-(36-50); 13-(51-65); 6-(66+)	11-TE; 12-RE	21-W 1-AA
Representation	2	0-M; 2-F	0-(16-25); 0-(26-35); 1-(36-50); 0-(51-65); 1-(66+)	1-TE; 1-RE;	1-W 1-NA
Pine Springs Board	6	3-M; 3-F	0-(16-25); 0-(26-35); 2-(36-50); 2-(51-65); 2-(66+)	3-TE; 3-RE;	5-W 1-AA
Permanent Judicial Commission	9	4-M; 5-F	0-(16-25); 0-(26-35); 1-(36-50); 2-(51-65); 6-(66+)	5-TE; 4-RE	9-W
Committee Summary (duplicated)	67	34-M; 33-F	0-(16-25); 0-(26-35); 14-(36-50); 29-(51-65); 24-(66+)	32-TE; 35-RE;	63-W 3-AA 1-NA
Council Sub-Committees/Networks	# Members	Gender	Age	TE/RE	Ethnicity
Budget and Finance	5	4-M; 1-F	0-(16-25); 0-(26-35); 0-(36-50); 1-(51-65); 4-(66+)	5-RE;	5-W
Mission	8	4-M; 4-F	0-(16-25); 0-(26-35); 2-(36-50); 2-(51-65); 4-(66+)	5-TE; 3-RE	7-W 2-AA
Staff Support	4	3-M; 1-F	0-(16-25); 0-(26-35); 0-(36-50); 2-(51-65); 2-(66+)	1-TE; 3-RE	4-W
Racial Justice and Reconciliation	6	3-M; 4-F	0-(16-25); 0-(26-35); 2-(36-50); 3-(51-65); 1-(66+)	5-TE; 1-RE	7-W
Addictions Ministry	8	3-M; 5-F	0-(16-25); 0-(26-35); 2-(36-50); 2-(51-65); 04-(66+)	3-TE; 5-RE	8-W
Worship	3	1-M; 2-F	0-(16-25); 0-(26-35); 1-(36-50); 0-(51-65); 2-(66+)	3-TE; 1-RE	3-W
GRAND TOTALS (duplicated)	103	52-M; 51-F	0-(16-25); 1-(26-35); 21-(36-50); 42-(51-65); 39-(66+)	48-TE; 53-RE;	97-W 7-AA 1-NA

Observations and Recommendations:

- The Racial-Ethnic membership of the churches of the Presbytery equals approximately 1% of the total membership. Among those who are ordained as Ruling Elders, the percentage is even smaller. So, while there is a need for greater diversity in congregational leadership which serves as the “pool” for potential presbytery leadership progress has been made with presbytery committees and structures. Our commitment remains to increase the representation of all members of the body of Christ; but without those steps, options for increasing racial-ethnic participation in Presbytery will remain limited.
- The Teaching Elder – Ruling Elder ratios are roughly equal within the standing committees of the presbytery where it is required. Some imbalance exists within networks and subcommittees which is largely driven by the engagement in these groups is based upon personal initiative and interest.
- Gender ratios are balanced among individual committees and only remain slightly unbalanced in the aggregate resulting from the odd number of participants in some of the committees.

- This addresses and an imbalance that was present in the previous year a result of mid-term resignations.
 - Overall, the report continues to be balanced with progress being made in racial-ethnic, gender and ruling elder status among some of the committees being sustained or improved. There remains a need to attract and nominate ruling and teaching elders in our younger age categories. This information is being related to the Nominating Committee with encouragement for their work and to continue to address any inequities identified within committees wherever possible.
3. Council has approved and is publishing the following meeting dates for 2025.
- January 25, 2025
 - March 25, 2025
 - May 27, 2025
 - September 23, 2025
 - November 22, 2025

If your church is interested in serving as a host for any one of those meetings, please contact Rev. Skip Noftzger to make the request of the Council.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

From Executive Committee

1. Following the review of the Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Stated Clerk and Associate Stated Clerk, it is **recommended** that the minutes of the Presbytery meeting of the March 28, 2023, 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. See **Appendix A**.
2. Council **recommends** that reports of the Stated Clerk and Associate Stated Clerk be received and filed.
3. Council **recommends** that any Executive Presbyter, Treasurer, Mission, Pine Springs Camp and Synod commissioner reports presented to the Presbytery be received and filed.

From the Committee on Ministry

1. The Committee on Ministry **recommends** that Presbytery grant the request from the United Presbyterian Church of New Kensington to waive the rotation of service for Julia Yockey and Mark Bondra, Ruling Elders and Kathryn Whitacre and Karen Grillo, Deacons.
2. The Committee on Ministry **recommends** that Presbytery grant the request from the First Presbyterian Church of Dunbar to waive the rotation of service for Stacy Pugh and Cynthia Robbins, Ruling Elder.

From the Committee on Representation

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

From the Fayette City Administrative Commission

1. The First Presbyterian Church, Fayette City Administrative Commission **recommends** the report of their meeting as submitted in this packet be received and filed.

From the Tyrone Presbyterian Church Listening Team

Treasurer's Report

INCOME & EXPENSE REPORT

This report provides an unaudited overview of the Redstone Presbytery finances ending April 2024. The month of April represents the fourth (4th) operating month of the budget year. At this time, it is anticipated 33% of Church Commitment Pledges are received as to meet mission objectives.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW/INCOME

Church Commitments recorded for this period totaled \$26,439, marginally below the goal of \$26,666 or by \$277.00. YTD, Commitments collected total \$115,641 versus a goal of \$123,333.

Total Income for the month, which includes the release of Temporarily Restricted Funds totaled \$29,691. Total Income (\$29,691) recorded, marginally falls short as well of a targeted goal of \$31,833 or by \$2,142. YTD, Total Income is \$118,677, versus a goal of \$127,333. (Note: Total Income number is dependent upon timing of funds released from temporarily restricted accounts, sporadic miscellaneous income, and recording of interest, which will fluctuate).

Church Commitment Activity - Pledges & Payments

Of the sixty-seven (67) churches within the Presbytery, thirty-seven (37) have provided a Pledge to date (increase of one (1) Pledge since April). Forty-Eight (48) Churches have provided a payment, which is an increase of nine (9) since the April report.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW / EXPENSES

Monthly Expenses were below the benchmark of \$36,881 at \$33,568 or \$3,313 less than budget expectation. YTD, Total Expenses are recorded at \$147,714 which just peaked above the benchmark of \$147,522 or by \$192.00. There are expense line items that are greater than the percentage (%) benchmark of 33% for this reporting period, however such expenses are timing of payment or uncontrollable, subject to inflation.

EXCESS INCOME OVER EXPENSES

For the month of April, expenses exceeded revenue at -\$1,195 and YTD, expenses are greater than income as well at -\$27,074.

INVESTMENTS & HOLDINGS

Ameriprise Investments for the end of April had an ending value of \$700,865. For this period, a negative change in value (-\$25,255) occurred. YTD, a positive change in value of \$18,630 is recognized.

Other holdings 1st Commonwealth Checking (\$37,185), PILP (\$10,000), Petty Cash (\$250.00), and E Johnston - New Covenant (\$353,547), total \$400,982.

Total Investments & Holdings = \$1,101,847

Executive Presbyter Report

Rev. Richard "Skip" Noftzger Executive Presbyter Report		
<i>Communicate the Word, Carry on the Work, Change the World.....Together!</i>		
VISION	3/19/2024-5/28/2024	
Congregation-centered (ENGAGE)	<p>Visible presence within the Presbytery engaging with congregations-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engaged firsthand with our congregations through in person participation in worship, offering greetings or providing leadership on behalf of the Presbytery on twelve different occasions. In five of those occasions, I participated through proclamation of the Word, delivery of a charge and worship leadership. • Provided leadership in moderating sessions without pastoral leadership of in the absence of their moderator. • Served as the primary resource person with regular contact and support any Pastor Nominating Committees. Provided resources as well as guidance through the screening, selection and nominating process. Conducted advance reference checks on any possible candidates for consideration. • Provided leadership for congregations that are in transition in identify possible short term or transitional leadership. Worked with sessions in the consideration and calling of "Covenant Pastors." • Participated in the Fellowship national gathering for the purpose of proactively networking for possible candidates for current and future pastoral positions. 	
Leadership developed (EQUIP)	<p>Developing and equipping leadership within the Presbytery---</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coached and supported through in person and phone contact various pastors in the development of ministry strategy, moderatorial leadership, transitional plans, and personal and pastoral concerns. • Facilitated workshops for elder training. Served as primary instructor for the preaching laboratory. • Initiated contacts for possible referrals of new candidates for consideration by some open positions. Proactive networking across presbyteries to cultivate possible candidates for open Redstone positions. • Participated in the Pastor Getaway Retreat held at Pine Springs Camp. • Resourced all of the standing committees of the Presbytery along with various subcommittees such as staff support, networks like communications and task forces, including anti-racism policy, pensions changes review group, dissolution administrative commission and dismissal listening team. • Coordinated and conducted orientation and training for General Assembly commissioners of our presbytery. 	
Collaboration-Districts/Network	<p>Creating and supporting collaboration in ministry both within and outside Redstone</p>	

(ENABLE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated and engaged others in the regional gatherings of the Synod of the Trinity as well as leadership and Executive Presbyter forums. • Ongoing support and work with Christian Associates through regular meetings of the Council of Judicatory Leaders, retreats and anniversary celebrations. • Represented Redstone Presbytery at the annual prayer breakfast of “Pittsburgh Prays.” • Engaged with the Board of Pensions in review and preparation for the “Season of Rebuilding” changes in the medical portions of the Board of Pensions offerings in 2025. • Ongoing service as the administrative coordinator for the Wee Kirk conference to be offered on October 14-16, 2024. Solicited funds through donations and grants for the sponsorship of the upcoming conference. • Acted on behalf of the Presbytery through ex-officio membership and participation in the Redstone Highlands Board. • Coordinated with the presbyteries of Washington, Upper Ohio Valley, Pittsburgh, Beaver-Butler, and Shenango in the administration of the Inter-Presbytery Leadership Formation Program. Serve as the director of the program. 				
Partnership in Mission promoted (EMPOWER)	<p>Promoted and provided leadership in our partnerships in mission---</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worked with the task forces addressing current concerns of Pine Springs camp and for addressing contingency and succession leadership planning. • Along with Rev. Sylvia Carlson, served as the Co-Conveners of the partnership network with the Sudan and South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church. With the need to “move” the annual gathering, engaged in arranging details in possible conjunction with the September Presbytery gathering. • Ongoing work on promoting the shared quilt based upon solicitation of squares representing mission projects across the presbytery. • Wrote and edited the Redstone Stories celebrating the twenty year partnership with the Presbyterian Evangelical Church in both Sudan and South Sudan. 				
Operational Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducted ongoing opportunities for annual review of session minutes and church registers. • Monitored financial status through monthly review of income and expenditures. Followed up with sessions where expected First Fruits was falling behind. Wrote monthly gift letters expressing thanksgiving and appreciation for financial support. • Ongoing implementation and updating of data and processes of the new presbytery database software application. 				
VALUES	Servant Leadership	Flourishing Community	Witness to the World	Generous and effective Stewardship	
<i>Soli Deo Gloria</i>					

ACTION AGENDA

Presbytery Council

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

Council Report Items

- **Anti-racism policy**
--In compliance with the Book of Order (G-0106), the Council endorses and recommends approval of the "Anti-racism policy (pages)
- **Leadership transition task force and search**
- **Healing Prayer Ministry Network**
- **Communication network**
- **Racial Justice and Reconciliation -**
- **Mission Network Report**
 - Mission reports (Congregations)
 - Sudan/South Sudan Mission Partnership
 - Mission Fair and Quilts
- **Pine Springs Camp Report**

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Call to Order

Rev. Dawn Sherwood called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. for the scheduled meeting and a quorum of members was established.

Approval of Agenda

Rev. Dawn Sherwood solicited any necessary changes to the agenda. Having not received any, the agenda for the meeting was approved by consent.

Devotions and Prayer

Rev. Norma Murphy opened the meeting with a devotional. The meeting was opened in prayer

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the February 27, 2024 were reviewed as submitted. The minutes were MSP approved as submitted.

Reports

Moderator Report

No report from the Moderator.

Executive Presbyter Report

Executive Presbyter Noftzger reminded Council members about the Navigating the Future book. While the discussion was postponed, he mentioned the inclusion of key points as well as prompts for reflection and discussion in the meeting documents folder.

Having submitted his letter noting his plans for retirement as Executive Presbyter at the end of 2024, he asked the Council for acceptance of the letter. He also indicated his plans to notify churches and pastors in the next few days before the information “leaked out.” It was **MSP** to receive and accept with gratitude his retirement notice effective January 1, 2025.

Since discussion about any possible transition plans would take place later on the agenda under “new business,” Rev. Noftzger introduced Synod Executive Forrest Claassen. He was invited to the meeting to participate in that discussion as a resource to the Council as they considered leadership transitions and opportunities.

Rev. Noftzger provided some updates of pastoral concern within the Presbytery as well as reminders about important upcoming events.

Stated Clerk Report

- The Correspondence Log was included within the meeting documents folder.
- The Council was reminded of the Consent item approved since last meeting. The request from PSC Board to move forward with demolition of the “studio house” on the property was approved **by consent**.
- The schedule for the upcoming Council meeting dates (available in person at the Presbytery Center or by Zoom) included the following dates:
 - June 25
 - August 27
 - October 22
 - November 26
- Rev. Noftzger highlighted the remaining opportunity for peer-review of the 2023 Session Minutes and Church Register. They include:
 - May 28--5:00 p.m. Presbytery, Pleasant View
- Based upon the pattern of the previous years, Rev. Noftzger proposed the following dates for 2025 Presbytery gatherings.

Presbytery 2025 – Possible dates for Presbytery Gatherings

- January 25
- March 25
- May 27
- September 23
- November 22

Upon consideration by the Council, it was **MSP** to approve these dates for 2025.

- Reporting on behalf of the “Anti-Racism Policy task force,” Rev. Cliff Foster reviewed the process of developing drafts, soliciting feedback and making revisions. The policy draft was corrected for a typo. Upon review, it was **MSP** to recommend the policy as corrected to the Presbytery for approval.

Treasurer Report

John Dickson had provided a Treasurer's report based upon the March, 2024 Income/Expense Report and Balance sheet. All documents were including in the meeting documents folder.

Executive Director of Pine Springs Camp

A written report was received from Greg Davis, Executive Director. He also reported on a number of current initiatives and needs for the upcoming summer season. These included support for the Golf outing, Work day and the completion of hiring of staff and recruiting volunteer nurses.

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

SubCommittees/Networks/Task Forces

Staff Support

1. Thanksgiving was offered for the celebration of Administrative Assistant Bobbie Shaffor at the March Presbytery Gathering.
2. Even though the retirement of the Executive Presbyter has been announced, it was noted that annual staff reviews are in process.

Worship

- Rev. Laura Blank reported that plans are underway for the liturgy for worship for the May Presbytery meeting. It was noted that we are hopeful to have a visitor from South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church available to attend and preach at the September meeting.
- 2024 Plan for Worship at Presbytery Gatherings.
 - i. May – “Community of Hope” – Rev. Forrest Claassen
 - ii. September – “Community of Witness” – South Sudan Guest(?)
 - iii. November – “Community of Love” – Moderator Len Morgan

Mission Network

- The Redstone Presbytery mission trip will be leaving next week (April 28-May 4) in Charleston, WV.
- Throughout 2024, we are celebrating the 20th anniversary of Sudan/South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church Partnership.
- The Sudan/South Sudan Mission Partnership Network annual gathering, originally scheduled for May has been postponed to September; Potentially one or more of South Sudanese visitors might be able to be present for September Presbytery gathering--- ceremonial reauthorization of our Partnership Throughout the year, both in Presbytery gatherings and through other communications, congregations will be invited to join with us in celebrating the 20th anniversary of our mission partnership with the Sudan and South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Churches.
- Council members were made aware of the potential Mission Fair as part of the September Presbytery meeting. Congregations with quilting groups are also encouraged to provide squares on mission projects of their congregation that will be put together in a quilt of shared mission.

Finance and Property

- Having reviewed the request from the Calvin Presbyterian Church, Scottsdale, the committee recommended approval and authorization for the sale of the manse to support the ongoing ministry of that congregation. It was **MSP** to approve this recommendation and authorize Calvin Presbyterian session to proceed with the process and possible sale.
- Tim D'Aurora reviewed for the Council the annual meeting of the Finance committee with the Presbytery financial advisor from Ameriprise. This included assurance of compliance with the Presbytery investment policy.

Racial Justice and Reconciliation

- A written report was submitted. Rev. Brenda Barnes discussed upcoming opportunities both through a book club and the availability of other resources for consideration within congregations.

Communications

- Rev. Washburn reported on a summary of the results of the communication survey conducted in conjunction with the March meeting. She noted the important use of the website for information and resources, but also identified other opportunities for connections in social media and use of texting. She also described efforts to increase the hospitality and quality of participation for those members participating by zoom in Presbytery gatherings.

Addictions Ministry Network

- No report.

May 2024 Presbytery Agenda

The proposed agenda for the May Presbytery gathering was presented. After review and discussion with possible revisions, including Healing and Prayer Ministry, it was **MSP** to approve the submitted version.

Leadership Transition Discussion and Plans – Next Steps

The Council met with Forrest Classen, Synod Executive to begin the discussion of options available to Redstone Presbytery during the leadership transition when our Executive Presbyter Skip Noftzger retires on December 31, 2024. The discussion revolved around several questions: What are the staffing designs for the next chapter in Redstone Presbytery? How long can we expect the process to take? What are some of the other leadership models that other Presbyteries in the Synod are utilizing?

Dawn Sherwood, Moderator of the Council appointed a subgroup/task force to begin discussing these questions and other options that may lead to a whole new approach to leadership in our Presbytery. Laura Blank and Scott Cole volunteered to be part of this subgroup/task force and the Council felt that someone from the Staff Support Committee (i.e. Martin Ankrum) and someone from COM (i.e. Donna Havrisko) should be part of this subgroup/task force. Laura Blank will contact Donna and Martin. It is hoped that this subgroup/ task force will have a preliminary report for the Council at its June Meeting and August Meeting. Forrest Classen will be available to assist this subgroup/task force and the Council.

Adjournment

It was **MSP** to adjourn the meeting. The Meeting was closed with prayer.

Racial Reconciliation/Justice Network Report

May 8, 2024 Meeting Minutes

The following issues were discussed:

1. What we will present at the Presbytery meeting May 28th at Pleasant View, Smock.

The anti-racism policy will be presented to the Presbytery for approval via the Council.
Jenn will present the network as a resource as we implement the policy.

Sue will prepare information for the e-news, website and Presbytery packet re: the "Summer Book Club".

2. Educational Opportunities

- a. Summer Book Club - 2nd Thursday evening at 6:30pm via Zoom

- i. June 13: *Night* by Elie Weisel

- ii. July 11: *To Kill A Mockingbird* by Harper Lee

- iii. August 8: *Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride

- iv. September 12: *Love Thy Neighbor: A Muslim Doctor's Struggle for Home in Rural America* by Ayaz Virji M.D. and Alan Eisenstock

- b. Confronting Whiteness - continue to think about small groups to start and dive in...
We each noted where we might begin to ask others to participate.

3. Resource "Show and Tell"

- a. *Origin* directed by Ava DuVernay

- b. *Black Twitter* starts on Hulu this week

Next meeting will be August 14th at 4pm via Zoom.

Meeting closed with prayer with and for one another.

Communications

1. Presbytery Meetings

Zoom – Skip will identify easy churches to zoom from for the Jan/Mar meetings

Roles –

Before the meeting

Planning/reconnaissance – Skip, host church, Sara Set up – Audrey, host church, Skip, includes physical set up and creating polls

At the meeting>>for this meeting

Producer>> Skip

Spotlighting>> Audrey

Screensharing>>on-site volunteer

Gatekeeper/Muter>>Karen

chat monitor/vote counter >> secretary, parliamentarian, Powerpoint sharer>>Sara Online greeter>>

Announcement Loop - Sara is working on it

On the Road video - Don has one in the works

Lynn as new photographer!!

Skip will do a live shot to promote the meeting

1. Social media ideas – Reels to go with the featured church-- Pentecost pictures from congregations, new cover photo for FB – graduates – VBS information – pray for the transition team – Sudan – Book Club – Mission squares for the September meeting

2. Transition team – will update after the council meetings via enews and FB

3. Mission team – Sudan genocide on socials? – Maybe some pictures of the cabin when it's done.

4. Racial Reconciliation committee – book group

5. Pine Springs??? – mission cabin – general reshares

6. Congregations: Redstone stories (features for inserts) – we need some ideas and writers

* Newlonsburg Youth Praise night

* Full-Immersion Baptism – Molly Hall

* First Irwin – new building dedication

* Latrobe – cemetery

* Quilt being made

We need a few more small church ideas.

Mission Committee Report

Redstone Mission Committee Meeting for 5/9/24

The meeting was opened in prayer by Skip.

Items discussed include:

Collection: May Presbytery Meeting Offering will go to Sudan / South Sudan.

A Minute for Mission will be presented by Pleasant View Pres at the Presbytery Meeting.

Campaign to bring awareness of desperate issues in Sudan / South Sudan-

At each Presbytery Meeting. May, September, and November, different aspects will be the focus presented at these meetings. Sudan Mission cabin at Pine Springs: Donna and Sylvia are preparing the cabin with some items to decorate the cabin in the Sudan / South Sudan theme.

Latest information regarding the Partnership Network, the meeting have been moved to some time in September, location to be determined. Skip suggested that Thomas T, Moderator of the Sudan / South Sudan Evangelical Church will hopefully be invited to the network and perhaps preach at the meeting. All dependent on when the Partnership network meets.

Bulletin inserts went out last week which discusses the Partnership, encouraging congregations to pick a Sunday in September to bring awareness to each congregation. They could incorporate liturgical resources ready-made to share with the congregations. Skip opened the floor to volunteer to develop resources.

Mission Fair in September at Pine Springs Camp, September 24, daytime meeting.

The sub-committee of Tammy, Debby Koenig, and Skip are working on contacting each church to invite each congregation to prepare a display or poster, highlighting the missions which their church supports. Congregations are also invited to prepare a 10 ½ inch square representing some of their missions. Individual prayer squares are planned for participants to knot during the Pine Springs Camp meeting.

Mission Trip to Charleston, WV -Sylvia reported their work at Hezekiah House focused on creating a porch roof, painting, installation of a dishwasher, gas stove, utility sink, creating an emergency escape, and inside painting. 12 people worked on the project.

Next Meeting - June 13, 2024.

PINE SPRINGS CAMP UPDATE -Redstone Presbytery Report- May 2024

I. Summer Camp Update

- a. Numbers- Overnight Campers-4/18/24- 813
- b. Staff- Update Summer Staff
 - a. At least 1 Lifeguard
 - b. At least 2 male counselors- preferably college age
- c. PSC Day Camps Numbers
 - i. On-site Day Camp
 1. Session 1-June 24-28-42 Campers
 2. Session 2-July 8-12-50 Campers
 3. Session 3-July 29-August 2- 26
 - ii. Traveling Day Camp
 1. Norwin/W. Hempfield-June 17-21-28 Campers
 2. Murrysville-July 22-26-50 Campers Wait-list is developing.
 3. Latrobe-August 5-9- 9 Campers
- d. Significant Summer Dates
 - i. May 22-Leadership Training Starts
 - ii. May 29-Summer Staff Training Begins
 - iii. June 9-First Day of Camp
 - iv. August 7-Last Day of Camp
 - v.

II. SUMMER 2024 THEME-"ALL THINGS NEW!" - An Overview

"Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. 31 But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name." John 20:30-31

We are going to look at the beginning of John where we see signs that point us to who Jesus is and why He came into the world. We are going to look at His interactions with different people that reveal how much He loves us and how much He wants to give us the gift of new life.

We are fascinated with everything "new." We love new clothes, new toys, new gadgets. We also love the idea of a new season, new school year, new project or a new adventure. Sometimes we also love the idea of becoming "new" - maybe developing a new habit, getting a new attitude, working on a new self-discipline.

Unfortunately, new things quickly become old things. The new outfit becomes dated, the toy breaks, the discipline fails. This makes us profoundly unhappy with ourselves, our stuff, others, our lives. Our lives were never meant to be empty or spent in the pursuit of being "good enough."

So, when Jesus promises to make "all things new" what does that mean? When the Bible describes Christians as "new creations" what does that look like? Jesus compares giving your life to Him to becoming like a brand newborn baby - a completely new beginning as a forgiven and beloved child of God.

This can be a pretty wild and confusing idea. We are going to spend time looking at this idea of things becoming new when they encounter Jesus in the first four chapters of the Gospel of John. It will be an exciting journey as we explore how Jesus came to earth so that we could have a Savior that knows completely what it's like to be human in a broken world. We will discover how the power of God's love through His Son can completely transform us into people who love and serve God and love and serve each other. That kind of "new" will never grow old.

Committee on Ministry

Committee on Ministry Report Items

- Board of Pensions update and changes.
- Examination and receiving Regina Sturiale, candidate Kiski Presbytery to serve as Covenant Pastor for Grace Chapel Presbyterian Church, Smithfield. See **Appendix E** for her Statement of Faith.

May 2, 2024, Meeting

Approval of Minutes

MSP to approve the March 7, 2024 minutes and April 4, 2024 minutes.

Board of Pensions Task Force – Rev. Martin Ankrum, Rev. Mary Kay Glunt, Rev. Skip Noftzger

- Draft is available on DropBox for review and comments for the Task Force prior to the June 6th COM meeting. The intent is to recommend the Minimum Expectations and Guidelines for Terms of Calls at the June 6th COM meeting.

Report of the Stated Clerk

The Stated Clerk updated the committee on the following items:

- Correspondence Log (Meeting Documents).
- Minutes Review Dates (25 churches out of 60 have completed their minutes review)
 - May 28; 5:00 p.m.; Pleasant View Presbyterian Church
 - Churches needing Minutes Review

Adah, Palmer	Dunbar	Leisenring	New Salem
Poke Run	Laurel Hill	Ligonier	Patton
First, BV	Fairchance	Puckety, LB	Calvin, Scottdale
Harmony, BV	Mt. Washington	Grace, LB	Grace Chapel
Rehoboth	Little Redstone	Masontown	Pleasant View
Bolivar	First, Irwin	McClellandtown	Level Green
Calvin, Brownsville	First, Jeannette	Merrittstown	Tent
Fort Burd	Second, Johnstown	Union, Murryvsille	Third
Hopewell	Springhill Furnace	Congruity	Trinity, Uniontown
Tyrone	Latrobe	Trinity, NF	East Liberty
Delmont	Latrobe United	New Kensington	Sewickley
			Sewickley United
			West Newton United

Report of the Moderator

None at this time.

REPORTS OF SUBCOMMITTEES

Examinations and Membership

- Information Items - Met with Regina Sturiale regarding her statement of faith in preparation for an examination and approval.
- Action Items
 - **MP** the recommendation of presentation of Regina Sturiale for examination for ordination and reception into Redstone Presbytery at the Presbytery meeting on May 28, 2024.

Search and Call

- Information Items
 - Transition Chart
 - Annual report for Patrick Ewing is in Drop Box.
- Action Items
 - **MP** to approve the recommendation of the Covenant Pastor agreement between the session of Grace Chapel Presbyterian Church and Regina Sturiale upon approval of her examination.

COM Liaison Responsibilities and Suggested Timeline

- IPLF Upcoming workshops:
 - Reformed Worship and Sacraments (begins January 6)
 - Workshops
 - May 4; Preaching Laboratory – Rev. Skip Noftzger
 - Consider recruiting Ruling Elders that are interested in serving in a larger capacity through pastoral service for enrollment into the program beginning in August.
- Commissioning of General Assembly commissioners will occur at the May Presbytery meeting.
- At the September 24, 2024 Presbytery meeting at Pine Springs Camp, a mission fair will be held. Requesting churches to provide quilt squares to be stitched together into a quilt representing all the mission projects.

Care of Congregations and Congregational Leaders

- Prayers were lifted in answer to requests that had been received for:
Praises for fellowship in sharing meals; plans for summer, welcoming back former members and greeting new people. Praises for four young people ready to join the church, for new members, for confirmation classes, for new Elders, and for ordinations.
Prayers for those dealing with health issues especially heart issues of ones in their twenties, prayers for those requiring nursing homes, and prayers for restoration.
Prayers for leadership, for PNCs working hard without getting discouraged, for evangelism, and prayers for those on mission trips.
Prayers and praises for three churches from Johnstown holding joint service and symposium about depression, issues, and where and how to find help as a way to serve their community. Praises for Pastors that think outside the box, providing a Sunday message and congregational participation that was amazing, unique, and very moving.
Praises for food banks, diaper drives for Mother's Day, fund raisers, for all the effort performed in maintaining a cemetery, and Memorial Day Veteran Lunches.
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- The following Teaching Elders and Commissioned Pastors were prayed for during this time:
Rebecca Siddle, John Simpson, Jeff Smith, Douglas Stevens, James Stobaugh, James Sunseri, Rick Sweeney, Hyiwot Teshome, Denise Todero, Alice Tondora.

- The following churches were prayed for during this time:
Mt. Washington Presbyterian Church, Farmington; First Presbyterian Church, Fayette City; Little Redstone Presbyterian Church, Fayette City; First Presbyterian Church, Greensburg; Maplewood Presbyterian Church, Greensburg; Westminster Presbyterian Church, Greensburg; First Presbyterian Church, Irwin; West Hempfield, Irwin; First Presbyterian Church Jeannette; Bethany Presbyterian Church, Johnstown.

Unfinished Business

- Westmont COM Team report. Marsha Stallings, Charnet Koch, and Ed Gray will sit in with Session on May 15, 2024. The Team plans to meet with Westmont Session, Pastor, and Pastor Graham Standish in June.
- Tyrone Listening/Discernment Team report. Donna Havrisko, Chuck MacPherson, and Russ Baird plan to meet with Tyrone on May 13, 2024. Presently, the church has a Baptist preacher as their pulpit supply.
- Fayette City dissolution Administrative Commission (AC) follow through report. The Commission met this week at the church, brought all the books, and closed the checking account. All utilities were transferred to the Presbytery. Next meeting is May 20, 2024.

Adjournment

It was **MSP** to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. with prayers offered by Rev Derek Campbell.

Respectfully submitted,



Helen Toms
Secretary

April 4, 2024, Meeting

Guests: Rev. Emily Chudy, Board of Pensions Church Consultant.

Board of Pension (BOP) Presentation

Rev. Emily Chudy, Board of Pensions Church Consultant, provided a presentation on the changes to the benefits plan along with the reasons for these changes. Information on the pricing of the new plans were released on April 3, 2024. The major change to the benefits plan in 2025 is related to Medical costs and that family coverage will be a separate cost from the pastor's Medical care. A summary of the structure for benefits beginning January 1, 2025 was provided:

Congregational Pastors Package: full health care and defined benefit pension as required by the PC(USA) Book of Order for installed teaching elders. This benefit will be offered to commissioned pastors sanctioned for congregational ministry by their presbytery. Note there is the additional 10% for Pension, Death and Disability insurance (DDT), Temporary Disability, and Employee Assistance Program (EAP) to the percentage listed below.

- Required non-contributory (dues paid by the church) coverage for minister at 16%.
- Preferred provider organization (PPO) medical coverage
- Optional medical coverage for family members on a contributory (dues paid by church and/or member) basis.

Covenant Package (replaces Minister's Choice): pension, death and disability insurance provided on a non-contributory (paid by church or employer) basis for all employees of church or church-related employees working 20 hours or more per week.

- 10% effective salary paid by employer for Pension, DDT, Temp. Disability, and EAP

Transitional Pastors Participation Package: designed as a subsidized bridge to the Congregational Pastors Package, this package replicates the existing Pastor's Participation plan until it is phased out in 2027. This provides full family coverage paid by the church for teaching elders who are enrolled in Pastor's Participation. This three-year transition goes up 4% each year to get to the big jump of the Congregational Package cost in 2027 as shown in the bulleted list below. Note there is the additional 10% for Pension, DDT, Temp. Disability, and EAP to the percentages listed below.

- 33% Medical 2025
- 37% Medical 2026
- 41% Medical 2027

If a Pastor changes plans in 2025 leaving Transitional Pastors Participation, that plan will not be an option for that Pastor the following year since it is being phased out.

In summary, it may depend on effective salary and coverage level (member only, spouse, or family) when it is most cost effective to enroll in the Congregational Pastors Package during this transition period (a calculator will be available later this summer from the BOP and Rev. Skip Nottfzger has comprised a spreadsheet of comparisons). Congregations are encouraged to pay for family. There are alternatives for medical coverage and different entries now not just employer: Health Insurance Marketplace, CHIP and other approaches may be considered, for example, instead of raise, a congregation may offer to contribute for family coverage. This must be a three-way conversation: COM + Pastor + Congregation as to ensure congregations select the appropriate cost-effective plan while ensuring the needed level of coverage for the Pastor.

Approval of Minutes

MSP to table approval of the minutes of March 7, 2024 until the minutes have been placed in Dropbox for review.

Report of the Stated Clerk

The Stated Clerk updated the committee on the following items:

- Correspondence Log (Meeting Documents).
- Minutes Review Dates (25 churches out of 60 have completed their minutes review)
 - April 17; 6:00 p.m.; Presbytery Center
 - May 28; 5:00 p.m.; Pleasant View Presbyterian Church
- **MSP** to approve the recommendation to the Presbytery the following requests:
 - from Dunbar, First for a waiver of rotation for Cynthia Robbins and Stacy Pugh, Ruling Elders.
 - from The United Presbyterian Church of New Kensington for a waiver of rotation for Mark Bondra and Julia Yockey, Ruling Elders and Karen Grillo and Kathryn Whitacre, Deacons.

REPORTS OF SUBCOMMITTEES

Examinations and Membership

- Information Items - Anticipate meeting with Student Pastor Regina at Grace Chapel when officially notified by Kiski that she is "certified and ready to receive a call."
- Action Items - None at this time.

Search and Call

- Information Items
 - Transition Chart (handout)
- Action Items - None at this time.
 - **MP** to approve the short-term (3-month) Student Pastor agreement between the session of Ebensburg Presbyterian Church and Danielle Kendig (candidate under Care of Redstone).
 - **MP** to approve of the installation commission for Rev. Owar Ojulu as pastor of the Grace Community Presbyterian Church on April 14; 4:00 p.m.

COM Liaison Responsibilities and Suggested Timeline

- IPLF Upcoming workshops:
 - Reformed Worship and Sacraments (begins January 6)
 - Workshops
 - April 6; Scripture and Study Methods – Rev. Sharon Stewart
 - May 4; Preaching Laboratory – Rev. Skip Noftzger

Care of Congregations and Congregational Leaders

- Prayers were lifted in answer to requests that had been received for:
- The following Teaching Elders and Commissioned Pastors were prayed for during this time: Robert Prinkey, Geoff Rach, Doug Rehberg, Robert Ruefle, Marnie Russell, Sara Sadler, Regina Sturiale, Joshua Scully, Robert Sheehan, Dawn Sherwood.
- The following churches were prayed for during this time: Hopewell Presbyterian Church, Brownsville; Colver Presbyterian Church; Cresson Presbyterian Church; Tyrone Presbyterian Church, Dawson; Delmont Presbyterian Church; Derry Presbyterian Church, ; First Presbyterian Church, Dunbar; Laurel Hill Presbyterian Church, Dunbar; Ebensburg Presbyterian Church; First Presbyterian Church, Fairchance.

Unfinished Business

- Pastor one-day retreat – Pine Springs: Friendly reminder to register for retreat so the number of meals can be appropriately furnished.

New Business

- Appointment of COM representatives to the Listening/Discernment team with Tyrone Presbyterian Church in response to their request of disaffiliation from PCUSA. Representatives from COM will include Reverends Donna Havrisko and Chuck MacPherson with a meeting to be scheduled in May.
- **Minimum Terms of Call Task Force.** Reverends Skip Noftzger, Mary Kay Glunt, and Martin Ankrum have volunteered to comprise a task force for consideration of the BOP changes for 2025 and going forward regarding implications to Minimum Terms of Call.

Adjournment--It was MSP to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. with prayers by Rev. Donna Havrisko.

Committee on Preparation for Ministry

Committee on Preparation Report Items

- **No oral report. Information items below.**

Information Items

April 2, 2024

1. Opening Prayer by Robin Jennings
2. Approval of minutes of March 5, 2024 **MSP**
3. Updates on Candidates and IPLF Participants

Candidate Danielle Kendig

2nd Field study under way at Conemaugh Hospital as a volunteer chaplain. Skip will speak with Danielle about a student pastor position at Ebensburg Presbyterian church April-June (this was later approved by session and COM). Committee will meet with her to review that all requirements have been met to be certified ready to receive a call.

Candidate James Vlosich

Hyiwot will meet James every month. When James needs help with things he can contact Hyiwot sooner. He has three classes left. James is signing up for Polity exam in the fall. James will further his education in Pastoral Ministry. He is preaching once a month at Trinity. James is on track to graduate Spring of 2025.

Consultations report

IPLF authorized preacher Seth Myers

Robin will reach out to him. Skip indicated he finished all courses but hasn't completed practicums. He preaches at his home church once or twice a month as an authorized preacher. (*Meeting addendum: Seth is not interested in preaching outside his home congregation.*)

IPLF authorized preacher Tammy Noss

Is commission eligible. Preaching when she is offered.

CCE Cheryl Rhea

Is a certified Christian Ed teacher. Robin will reach out to Geoff Rach at Level Green to see if CPM should meet with her. (*Meeting addendum – Cheryl is now retired, and no longer functioning in this role.*)

IPLF authorized preacher Karen Gray

Is continuing with her courses and practicums.

Authorized preacher Linda Gossar Loesch,

She enjoys preaching and is scheduled most Sundays. preaching and filling in since completing her program in 1974. She enjoys meeting different congregations and different people. In 2023, she filled in for 25 different churches. Skip reminded her that she is part of the Redstone Presbytery and can be asked by other Presbyteries such as Kiski to fill in, but she should choose Redstone opportunities first. The committee prayed for Linda.

Anthony Marciano

Previously commissioned at Tyrone and Leisenring, he left the two churches in 2022, feeling the mounting stress of juggling work and home life. Now that time has passed, Anthony feels he is able to commit to preach once or twice a month. Discussed with him his current church participation, interaction with Level Green church and views regarding PC(USA) and desire to preach in congregations in Redstone. A motion to add Anthony to the pulpit supply list failed. A motion to refer him to the COM examination committee passed. Skip was requested to be in communication with him. (*Meeting addendum: Before Skip could reach out to him, Anthony emailed Skip and requested that his name be removed from consideration regarding pulpit supply.*)

Nominating Committee

Nominating Committee Report Items

- The Nominating Committee nominates the following people to serve in the following elected offices.

Rev. Skip Noftzger – Stated Clerk

Rev. Cliff Foster---Associate Clerk for Constitutional and Judicial Matters

Karen Gray---Recording Clerk

Information Items

- As we prepare for the upcoming season (June-September) of identifying new leadership, the Nominating Committee is in need of your suggestions and recommendations for ruling elder candidates to serve within the various committees and structures of the Presbytery. Please email any nominations to Glenn Hart, Nominating Committee Chair.
- In the upcoming months, we will be considering candidates to serve as Vice Moderator in 2025. If you desire to nominate someone (including yourself), please contact either Glenn Hart or Rev. Skip Noftzger.

Administrative Commission Reports

Administrative Commission for dissolution of First Presbyterian Church, Fayette City Tuesday, April 30, 2024

The Administrative Commission of the First Presbyterian Church of Fayette City met for the second time on Tuesday, April 30, 2024 at the church property. Present from the Administrative Commission: Bobbi Jo Huebner, Leonard Morgan, Joshua Scully.

Donald Strickler contacted Joshua Scully on Sunday, April 28, 2024 and requested to resign from the administrative commission due to a conflict of interest. As a property and business owner in the borough, Donald did not feel comfortable with a role on the administrative commission following our first meeting and a few days of reflection. However, he is willing to assist the commission in the future should we need his help.

The Administrative Commission also invited others to attend as guests for this meeting, including former First Presbyterian session members, Bob and Marlene Kubina, and the current tenants of the First Presbyterian manse. The Kubinas did attend the meeting. The tenants declined due to illness.

The meeting opened with prayer from Joshua Scully at 7:03pm. The minutes from the first commission meeting were reviewed. Leonard Morgan forwarded a motion to receive the minutes as presented. Bobbi Jo Huebner seconded this motion. All were in favor.

Bobbi Jo Huebner forwarded a motion to receive the resignation of Donald Strickler from the commission. Leonard Morgan seconded this motion. All were in favor.

The commission reviewed a list submitted to the commission from Executive Presbyter Skip Noftzger. This list included several considerations for the commission. The commission also reviewed a packet from Don Hamm of Donald Hamm & Sons Insurance concerning the First Presbyterian Church property in Fayette City.

On Tuesday, April 23, 2024, Joshua Scully confirmed via property records at the Fayette County Courthouse that the manse and hall are together on one lot (one parcel), while the church building is separate on another lot (one parcel). He has the property parcel identification numbers for both.

Utilities

Marlene and Bob Kubina will provide Joshua Scully with contact information for the utilities. The contact information for sewage and gas were previously provided. Joshua will seek to either have these utility accounts moved to the name of the Presbytery or, as in the case of sewage, a new account started under the name of the Presbytery. This process has started and will be completed within a week.

Bank Account

Marlene Kubina has closed the bank account of the church and brought to this meeting a check for the balance. This check was given to Bobbi Jo Huebner for delivery to the Presbytery office later this week.

Church Furnishings

The commission agreed that church furniture and belongings are not in immediate threat of damage, even with the structural concerns of the property. The commission plans to complete an inventory of furnishings and property in the future.

Tenants

The Kubinas confirmed that January of 2024 was the most recent rent payment. The amount at that time was \$1,700.00. This total included the January rent (\$750.00), with the remainder (\$950.00) intended to put toward the amount owed. No rent was received in February, March, or April. The total amount owed now exceeds \$7,000.00.

Joshua Scully communicated with the tenants multiple times over the previous week, with the tenants explaining their inability to pay \$750 a month due to their need to rent a vehicle to get to their places of employment. The tenants believe that “some money” will be available to be paid for rent “on the 11th [of May]”. The tenants also again expressed their desire to purchase the property.

The commission agreed to propose the following to the tenants on Wednesday, May 1, 2024:

The tenants will have forty-five days to present offer of a reasonable amount for the manse and hall property “as is” – with a deadline of Friday, June 14, 2024. At that time, if a reasonable offer is not submitted, the property will be listed for sale “as is” and the tenants will be expected to pay rent for June at that time. No rent will be sought in the meantime so that the tenants may focus on their offer. The tenants will be encouraged to look elsewhere for housing after the June 14, 2024 deadline.

The Kubinas have a relative who works locally in real estate and is willing to provide the commission with an estimated value of the manse and hall property based on his research and experience in the borough.

Property Repair

The Kubinas longed employed a local plumber for projects at the church property. Marlene Kubina will provide his phone number so that he may be contacted for work on the basement drain.

Don Hamm of Donald Hamm & Sons Insurance explained that the insurance policy for the property is at risk of cancelation if certain repairs are not completed before the end of the year. Joshua Scully contacted Don about these repairs, and Don expressed that repairs to the church chimney and the roof around the chimney were of greatest importance. Don also believed that underwriting may not cancel the policy if these projects are completed. The chimney repairs were completed in September and October of 2023. Marlene Kubina will share contact information for other contractors previously submitting bids for that particular section of roof.

Celebratory Service and Membership

Following conversations with remaining members and the First Presbyterian Church of Belle Vernon, Joshua Scully forwarded a motion to host a service of celebration for the ministry at First Presbyterian Church in Fayette City at the First Presbyterian Church in Belle Vernon on Sunday, July 21, 2024 at 3:00pm. Bobbi Jo Huebner seconded this motion and all were in favor. This date satisfied many conflicting schedules. A luncheon will follow worship. Bobbi Jo Huebner will see to the arrangements for the luncheon and First Presbyterian Church of Belle Vernon Pastor Mary Kay Glunt was notified as soon as the decision was reached. Marlene Kubina and Joshua Scully will work together to contact former pastors and those most recently serving pulpit supply with an invitation to attend.

Remaining members were previously invited to worship with several local congregations. Three of the four remaining members have attended elsewhere since the final service at First Presbyterian Fayette City on March 31, 2024. This conversation will continue as needed should any of the four remaining members seek membership elsewhere.

Committee on Ministry and Church Records

As Joshua Scully is expecting to miss the next Committee on Ministry meeting (May 2, 2024), Bobbi Jo Huebner is prepared to share with that committee as needed. Bobbi Jo was also given the account check, the account checkbook, several volumes of session minutes, registry, guest book, and a few historical significant artifacts to deliver to the Presbytery office.

Administrative Commission Meeting

A motion was received from Joshua Scully to set the next administrative commission meeting for Monday, May 20, 2024 at the church property. Bobbi Jo Huebner seconded this motion and all were in favor. The meeting will begin at 6:30pm.

A motion was received from Leonard Morgan to adjourn with prayer at 7:51pm. Bobbi Jo Huebner seconded this motion and all were in favor. Joshua Scully closed the meeting with prayer.

Administrative Commission for the Dissolution of First Presbyterian Church, Fayette City
Monday, April 22, 2024; 6:30pm

The Administrative Commission of the First Presbyterian Church of Fayette City met for the first time on Monday, April 22, 2024 at the church property. The congregation had concluded worship on Sunday, March 31, 2024. Present from the Administrative Commission: Bobbi Jo Huebner, Leonard Morgan, Joshua Scully, and Donald Strickler. There were no members absent.

The Administrative Commission also invited others to attend as guests for this meeting, including former First Presbyterian session members, Bob and Marlene Kubina, and the current tenants of the First Presbyterian manse. The Kubinas did attend the meeting. The tenants declined due to a schedule conflict.

The meeting opened with prayer from Joshua Scully at 6:32pm.

Leonard Morgan proposed a motion that Joshua Scully record minutes for the administrative commission. Bobbi Jo Huebner seconded this motion. All were in favor.

The meeting started with Joshua Scully providing the administrative commission with a list of concerns and objectives to be completed as soon as possible, including:

- Updating the utilities to reflect the name of the Presbytery of Redstone – this process has started for the sewage provider
- Closing the current checking account (and any other accounts) and moving remaining funds to the Presbytery of Redstone
- Settle the ongoing concerns with and from the current tenants. The tenants expressed several concerns about the property, including flooding in the basement and a problematic basement drain, over the last few weeks. The tenants are behind on their rent at present and, according to the Kubinas, the total amount owed exceeds \$7,000.00. The monthly rent is \$750.00. The tenants have not paid for April as of this meeting.
- There are several structural concerns with the church, hall, and manse. There are insurance funds in place to address some of these repairs. One new concern was apparent at the beginning of this meeting – the hall had a strong odor of mildew and mold that required the meeting to relocate to the church. The suspected source of this odor was the recent flooding beneath the hall and manse.

The administrative commission toured the church building and the immediate vicinity. The Kubinas related the completion of some repairs and restorative projects recently completed. Most of these concerned either the foundation or chimney. The session had struggled with a contractor in late 2023 and early 2024 due to concerns over payment and quality of work. Some of the completed repairs were of questionable quality, especially on the side of the church facing Second Street.

The administrative commission also examined the plaster on the sanctuary ceiling, which continues to fall.

After inspecting the accessible property, discussion followed as to if the structures should be sold “as is” and if an estate sale or auction of the remaining fixtures and furniture may occur in the future. Some of these items may also potentially serve as gifts to local congregations.

Prior to the next meeting, the administrative commission hopes to realize the following:

- the closing of any remaining accounts associated with the congregation and the transfer of those funds to the Presbytery of Redstone (Marlene Kubina offered to see to this for the administrative commission)
- the necessary change in utility billing to be sure payments remain current
- the determination of the lot/ deed situation concerning the property (Joshua Scully offered to visit the Fayette County Courthouse to confirm the nature of the lot/ deed(s) of the property)

Bobbi Jo Huebner wished to note that the First Presbyterian Church of Belle Vernon was willing to host a service in the future that would celebrate the ministry at First Presbyterian of Fayette City.

Joshua Scully presented a motion to schedule the next meeting of the administrative commission for Tuesday, April 30, 2024 at 7:00pm. This meeting will be in-person and on Zoom. The in-person meeting will occur at the First Presbyterian Church of Fayette City hall as long as conditions allow. Bobbi Jo Huebner seconded this motion. All were in favor.

Bobbi Jo Huebner forwarded a motion to adjourn the meeting with prayer at 7:35pm. Leonard Morgan seconded this motion. All were in favor. Leonard Morgan concluded the meeting with prayer. Following the meeting, Joshua Scully collected the checkbook from Bob Kubina and the keys that remained in the possession of the Kubinas.