



2025 Stated Meeting

of the

Presbytery of Redstone
Presbyterian Church (USA)

January 25, 2025
1:00 p.m.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Greensburg, PA

OR

ONLINE (ZOOM)

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

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**Directions to
First Presbyterian Church
300 S. Main Street, Greensburg, PA 15601
724.832.0150**

FROM THE NORTH: The Church is located at 300 South Main Street, which is along State Route 66. The church is three blocks past the Westmoreland County Courthouse which is between Otterman and Pittsburgh streets.

FROM THE SOUTH: US Route 119 leads into Main Street Greensburg. The church is located at the corner of Third and Main Streets at the southern end of the downtown business district.

FROM THE EAST OR WEST: Take US Route 30 to the Route 119 exit. Take Route US 119 north, which leads directly into Main Street. Stay on this street until you reach Third and Main Streets.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE MEETING

- **The offering for this meeting will go to the Sudan and S. Sudan Mission Partnership. We are celebrating our 20th anniversary of this partnership.**

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.**

PRESBYTERY OF REDSTONE
ANNUAL MEETING

January 25, 2025
 First Presbyterian Church, Greensburg
 or
 Zoom meeting

| | <i>Registration, fellowship and food.</i> | <i>In Person or Breakout rooms</i> |
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| | <u>WORSHIP AND WORK OF REDSTONE PRESBYTERY</u> | |
| | <u>THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS LIKE.. GATHERING IN WORSHIP AND WORK</u> | |
| 1:00 | <p><u>Presbytery Gathering Convenes</u> <u>Introduction</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 • Installation of Moderator/Vice-Moderator <p><u>Operations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corporation meeting <p><u>Reports</u> <u>Interim Stated Clerk</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correspondence Log (page 5-7) • Equalization report (page 10-11) • Minister Rolls (Appendix B) • Seating of ruling elder members of Council and commissioned ruling elders for term of service. • Ordination Anniversaries (Appendix D) • Consent Agenda (page 11-12) <p><u>Treasurer</u> - (page 13) (Appendix C)</p> | <p>Len Morgan</p> <p>Rev. Cliff Foster</p> <p>Len Morgan</p> <p>Susan Keaney Rev. Owar Ojulu</p> <p>Rev. Dawn Sherwood</p> <p>Rev. Cliff Foster</p> <p>John Dickson</p> |
| | <u>THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS LIKE - Appendix A</u> | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call to Worship • Opening Hymn • Prayer of Confession/ Assurance of Pardon | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passing of the Peace • Scripture Readings • Solo - Give Me Jesus arr. Mark Hayes • Proclamation - Rev. Dr. Martin Ankrum <p>Engaging Congregations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presbytery Offering • Doxology • Memorial Moment/Necrology (Appendix E) • Hymn <p>Lord's Supper</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invitation • Words of Institution • Communion • Prayer after Communion • Hymn <p>Empowering Mission Partnerships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pine Springs Camp Ministry (pages 15-16) • Mission Committee (page 17) <p>Engaging Congregations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee on Ministry (page 25) • Nominating Committee (page 30) • Presbyterian Woman (page 31) <p>New Business</p> <p>Resolution of Thanks</p> <p>Adjournment Benediction</p> | <p>Gregg Brandt, Baritone Soloist</p> <p>Susan Keaney Rev. Owar Ojulu</p> <p>Rev. Jennifer Frayer Griggs</p> <p>Greg Davis Debby Koenig</p> <p>Rev. Dr. Martin Ankrum Glenn Hart Patti Hart</p> |
| <p><i><u>The next stated meeting of the Presbytery of Redstone will take place on March 25, 2025 6:00 p.m. at McClellandtown or via ZOOM A Minutes review session will be available at 4:30 p.m. at the same location.</u></i></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.

Stated Clerk Correspondence Log

| Date Received | Received From | Content | Action |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|---|----------------|
| January 20, 2025- mail | Brownsville, Ft. Burd | List of Session Members, 2025 Terms of Call for Kristen Emrick, Manse Report, Congregational Life, Waiver request for Lynne Rankin, Departed Saints | COM & File |
| January 20, 2025 - in-person | Murrysville, First | Departed Saints, List of Session Members, Manse Report | File |
| January 16, 2025 - email | Ebensburg PC | 2025 Terms of Call for Danielle Kendig | COM & File |
| January 16, 2025 - Email | Rev. Dr. Lon Weaver | Signed Interim EP contract | Council & File |
| January 16, 2025 - email | Johnstown, Bethany PC | Departed Saints | File |
| January 15, 2025- mail | Belle Vernon, Harmony | 2025 Terms of Call for Glenn Hart | COM & File |
| January 14, 2025 -email | Latrobe PC | Departed Saints | File |
| January 13, 2025 - mail | Vanderbilt, East Liberty | Departed Saints, Manse, Session Member, Commissioned Agreement for David McElroy | COM & File |
| January 13, 2025 - mail | Linda Gossar-Loesch | Authorized Preacher - Annual Report Form | CPM & File |
| January 13, 2025 - email | West Newton, Sewickley | Departed Saints & Membership Report | File |
| January 13, 2025 - mail | Scottdale, Calvin United | Departed Saints | File |
| January 9, 2025 -email | Masontown, First | Departed Saints | File |
| January 9, 2025 - email | Smithfield, Grace Chapel | Departed Saints | File |
| January 9, 2025 - email | Belle Vernon - Rehoboth PC | 2025 Terms of Call for Donald Glunt & Session Members | COM & File |
| January 8, 2025 - email | Murrysville, Newlonsburg | Departed Saints, Manse | File |
| January 8, 2025 - mail | Belle Vernon, Harmony | List of Session Members, | File |

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| | | Departed Saints & Manse | |
| January 7, 2025 - email | Greensburg, Maplewood | Departed Saints, 2025 Terms of call for Stephen Lasor, List of Session members, Commitment Form, | COM & File |
| January 7, 2025 - email | New Alexandria, Community United | Departed Saints Report | File |
| January 7, 2025 - inperson | New Alexandria, Congruity | Departed Saints Report | File |
| January 7, 2025 - email | Greensburg, First | Departed Saints & Session Member Report | File |
| January 7, 2025 - Mail | Investment & Loan Program Inc. | Discharge of Guaranty for Puckety PC | COM & File |
| January 6, 2025 - email | North Huntingdon, New Hope PC | Necrology Report | File |
| January 6, 2025 - email | Johnstown, First | Departed Saints & Necrology Report | File |
| January 6, 2025 - email | New Kensington, First PC | Covenant Pastor Agreement, Manse, Depart Saints Reports | COM & File |
| January 6, 2025 - email | Lake Lynn, Springhill Furnace PC | Necrology Report | File |
| January 6, 2025 - email | Lower Burrell, Grace Community PC | Departed Saints Report | File |
| January 6, 2025 - email | Smock, Pleasant View PC | Departed Saints Report | File |
| January 6, 2025 - email | Mt. Pleasant, Reunion PC | 2025 Covenant Pastor Agreement for Sue Washburn | COM & File |
| January 6, 2025 - mail | James Sunseri | Commissioned Ruling Elder's Annual Report | COM & File |
| January 6, 2025 - mail | Belle Vernon, Marion PC | 2025 Terms of call for Robert Prinkey, Manse, Departed Saints & List of Session Members | COM & File |
| January 6, 2025 - mail | Belle Vernon, First PC | Departed Saints Report | File |
| January 6, 2025 - mail | McClellandtown PC | Departed Saints & Manse Report | File |
| January 4, 2025 - mail | Patton PC | Departed Saints Report | File |
| January 4, 2025 - mail | New Salem PC | Departed Saints & Manse Reports | File |
| January 4, 2025 - mail | Adah, Palmer Community PC | Departed Saints Report | File |
| January 4, 2025 - email | Irwin, West Hemfield PC | Departed Saints Report | File |
| January 4, 2025 - email | Brownsville, Hopewell PC | December 22, 2024 Congregational Meeting Minutes | COM & File |

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| January 4, 2025 - email | Ebensburg PC | Departed Saints Report | File |
| December 18, 2024 - email | New Florence, Bethel | Departed Saints Report | File |
| December 18, 2024 - email | New Kensington, First | Revised Administrative Design Policy & Chart | File |
| December 16, 2024 - Inperson | Rev. John Simpson | Interim Part-time Agreement with Uniontown, Trinity | To COM & File |
| December 12, 2024 - mail | Irwin, West Hempfield PC | Manse Report | File |
| December 12, 2024 - mail | Bob Sheehan | Ruling Elder Commissioned to Particular Service Agreement | To Com & File |
| December 10, 2025 - mail | Cresson Presbyterian Church | 2025 Terms of Call for Alice Tondora | To Com & File |
| December 10, 2024 - mail | North Huntingdon, New Hope | 2025 Terms of Call for Brenda Barnes | To Com & File |
| December 9, 2024 - mail | Dunbar, First PC | Mance & departed Saints Reports | File |
| December 9, 2024 - mail | Bolivar, United PC | Waiver Requests for Ruling Elders, Ronald Betts, Darlene Gregorich & Dan Short, Jr. | To COM & File |
| December 9, 2024 - mail | Bethel Presbyterian Church | Waiver Request for Ruling Elder Kurt Smith | To Com & File |
| December 5, 2024 - mail | Avonmore, First | List of Session Members, Manse Report | File |
| November 25, 2025-mail | St. Paul's Presbyterian Church | Westley & Sherry Berkebile joined on 11/17/2024 | File |
| November 25, 2025 - mail | St. Paul's Presbyterian Church | Courtney Stahl joined on 11/17/24 | File |
| November 25, 2024 - email | Tyrone Presbyterian Church | Quick Claim Deed | File |
| November 20, 2024 - mail | Boliva Presbyterian Church | 2025 Terms of Call for James Suneri | To COM and File |
| November 20, 2024 - mail | Colver Presbyterian Church | Waiver | To COM and File |
| November 19, 2024 - mail | Union Presbyterian Church | 2025 Terms of Call for Bob Ruefle | To COM and File |

2. The task forces, networks, and ad hoc committees in existence as of December 31, 2023, were as follows:

a. Committees of Council

1. Budget, Finance and Stewardship
2. Communications
3. Mission
4. Staff Support

b. Committees of the Committee on Ministry

1. Examinations and Membership
2. Search and Call
3. Congregations and Leadership--Northwest – Districts I/II
4. Congregations and Leadership-- East – District IV
5. Congregations and Leadership-- South – District III

c. Networks

1. Healing Prayer Ministry Network
2. Racial Justice and Reconciliation
3. Addictions Ministry Network
4. Matthew 25 Network
5. Geographic Districts – I; II; III; IV
6. IPLF Steering Network
7. Lectionary reading group
8. Women Clergy
9. Presbyterian Women

3. Pursuant to Book of Order D-5.0206b, the Stated Clerk shall report annually the roster of those members of the Permanent Judicial Commission whose terms have expired within the past six years. They are as follows:

Permanent Judicial Commission Roster (Current)

- 2029 – Rev. Lisa Dormire, Rev. Gary Filson, Rev. Pete Goetschius
 2027 – Rev. Susan Blank, Rev. Steve LaSor, Len Morgan
 2025 – Elsie Deem, Patti Baird, Linda Dickson

Permanent Judicial Commission (Terms expired within the last 6 years)

- 2023 – Rev. Clark Kerr, Rev. Marnie Russell, Rev. Curtis Paul
 2021 – Glenn Hart, Rev. John Manon, Rev. Caroline Vickery
 2019 – Jennifer Rega, Nancy Vernon

4. Based upon the provisions of the Manual, the Stated Clerk **moves** that the following Presbytery Officers be recognized as members of the Presbytery, with voice and vote, for their term of service:

- Ruling Elder Jack Battenhouse- Presbytery Council
 Ruling Elder Linda Chicka – Presbytery Council
 Ruling Elder Scott Cole – Presbytery Council
 Ruling Elder Audrey Cottle- Presbytery Council
 Ruling Elder Susan Keaney - Presbytery Council
 Ruling Elder Keith Langston – Presbytery Council

Ruling Elder Leonard Morgan – Presbytery Council
Ruling Elder Janie Short – Presbytery Council

5. Based upon the provisions of the Manual, the Stated Clerk **moves** that the following Commissioned Pastors (Ruling Elders Commissioned to Particular Pastoral Service) and any others commissioned during a Presbytery meeting in 2024, be recognized as members with voice and vote as long as they are serving in that capacity:
 - Ruling Elder Jackie Eckenrod, District II & III
 - Ruling Elder Eric Glisan, Masontown, First
 - Ruling Elder Glenn Hart, Belle Vernon, Harmony; West Newton, Sewickley United
 - Ruling Elder Karen Kifer, West Newton, Sewickley
 - Ruling Elder Lynn Mance, First, Avonmore
 - Ruling Elder David McElroy, Vanderbilt, East Liberty
 - Ruling Elder Len Morgan, New Alexandria, Community United
 - Ruling Elder David O’Hara, Revloc
 - Ruling Elder Robert Prinkey, Belle Vernon, Marion
 - Ruling Elder Joshua Scully, Fayette City, Little Redstone
 - Ruling Elder Robert Sheehan, District IV
 - Ruling Elder R Smith, Uniontown, Tent
 - Ruling Elder James Sunseri, New Florence, Bethel; Bolivar, United
 - Ruling Elder William Weightman, Dunbar, Laurel Hill
 - Ruling Elder William Wiegand, New Salem
 - Ruling Elder Doug Yauger, Scottdale, Calvin

6. Based upon the provisions of the Manual, the Stated Clerk **moves** that the Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and a representative from Pine Springs Camp, Presbyterian Women, and Redstone Highlands be given the privilege of the floor and recognized with voice only as long as they are serving in that capacity.

7. The stated meetings for 2025 have been scheduled as follows:
 - Saturday, January 25, 2025 – First Presbyterian Church, Greensburg
 - Tuesday, March 25, 2025 – McClellandtown Presbyterian Church
 - Tuesday, May 27, 2025- Puckety Presbyterian Church, Lower Burrell
 - Tuesday, September 23, 2025 – West Hempfield, Irwin
 - Saturday, November 22, 2025 – Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church, Murrysville

8. The Stated Clerk provided the 2024 Necrology Report of Ruling and Teaching Elders. (Appendix E)

9. Equalization

On December 31, 2023, 81 ministers of Word and Sacrament were on the rolls of the Presbytery, 14 of whom were living outside the bounds of the Presbytery. There were 67 churches entitled to be represented by 80 ruling elder commissioners. There are also 17 ruling elders commissioned to particular service and 7 ruling elder presbyters by virtue of office. On December 31, 2024, 82 ministers of Word and Sacrament were on the rolls of the Presbytery, 9 of whom were living outside the bounds of the Presbytery. There were 65 churches entitled to be represented by 77 ruling elder commissioners. There are also 17 ruling elders commissioned to particular service and 9 ruling elder presbyters by virtue of office.

Based upon the “goal of numerical parity of teaching elders and ruling elders,” the “principles of participation” and the need to communicate the plan for the determining commissioners, the Presbytery has adopted a plan [Book of Order; G-3.0301; Manual; 1.1003] designating the number of commissioners based upon church membership (table below) and designating other ruling elders by virtue of office to be given the privilege of voice and vote at all Presbytery meetings [Manual; 1.1009]. Although with this plan, there is an imbalance regarding the number of eligible ruling elder commissioners (actually more than ministers), the actual participation patterns still reflect a nearly equal number of ministers and ruling elders participating. Since 2021, with the complete migration to Zoom and Hybrid meetings, the patterns have remained fairly consistent. The number of ministers of Word and Sacraments members and ruling elder members in attendance were very comparable with slightly with an average difference of less than one over the course of all four meetings. Of course, in any given meeting, the balance may have sided with one group or the other. Consequently, in order to continue to maintain the goal of balance, the current number of possible ruling elder commissioners based upon the existing plan does not need to be altered. Therefore, I do not recommend any equalization adjustment at this time.

Equalization Plan for 2025 - Church List/# of commissioners

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| Adah, Palmer Community - 1 | Greensburg, Maplewood - 1 | Murrysville, Union - 1 |
| Apollo, Poke Run - 1 | Greensburg, Westminster - 1 | New Alexandria, Community - 1 |
| Avonmore, First - 1 | Irwin, First - 4 | New Alexandria, Congruity - 1 |
| Belle Vernon, First - 1 | Irwin, West Hempfield - 1 | New Florence, Bethel - 1 |
| Belle Vernon, Harmony - 1 | Jeannette, First - 1 | New Florence, Trinity - 1 |
| Belle Vernon, Marion - 1 | Johnstown, Bethany - 1 | New Kensington, United - 1 |
| Belle Vernon, Rehoboth - 1 | Johnstown, First - 1 | New Salem - 1 |
| Bolivar, United - 1 | Johnstown, Second - 1 | North Huntingdon, New Hope - 1 |
| Brownsville, Calvin - 1 | Johnstown, Westmont - 3 | Patton - 1 |
| Brownsville, Ft. Burd - 1 | Lake Lynn, Springhill Furnace - 1 | Revloc - 1 |
| Brownsville, Hopewell - 1 | Latrobe - 2 | Scottdale, Calvin - 1 |
| Colver - 1 | Latrobe, United - 1 | Smithfield, Grace Chapel - 1 |
| Cresson - 1 | Leisenring - 1 | Smock, Pleasant View - 1 |
| Delmont - 1 | Ligonier, Pleasant Grove - 1 | Trafford, Level Green - 2 |
| Derry - 1 | Lower Burrell, Grace Community - 2 | Uniontown, Tent - 1 |
| Dunbar, First - 1 | Lower Burrell, Puckety - 2 | Uniontown, Third - 2 |
| Dunbar, Laurel Hill - | Masontown, First - 1 | Uniontown, Trinity United - 1 |

Ebensburg - 1
Fairchance - 1
Farmington, Mt. Washington - 1
Fayette City, Little Redstone - 1
Greensburg, First - 3

McClellandtown - 1
Merrittstown, Dunlap's Creek - 1
Mt Pleasant, Reunion - 1
Murrysville, First - 1
Murrysville, Newlonsburg - 2

Vanderbilt, East Liberty - 1
West Newton, Sewickley - 1
West Newton, Sewickley United - 1
West Newton, United - 1

8. The Stated Clerk provided the current Rolls of the Presbytery and Continuing Members. (Appendix B).

9. The dates for the 2025 Session Minutes Reviews are:

- February 8, 2025 – Westmont, Johnstown; Pre-Enrichment Day
- March 25, 2025 – McClellandtown; Pre-Presbytery Meeting
- April 23, 2025 – Redstone Presbytery Center
- May 27, 2025 – Puckety, Lower Burrell; Pre-Presbytery

CONSENT AGENDA:

The Interim Stated Clerk, 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 November 23, 2024, 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 C).
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 and authorization of the continuation of all subcommittees, networks and task forces functioning at the end of 2024 year as noted in the Stated Clerk's report.

From the Committee on Ministry

1. The Committee on Ministry **recommends** that Presbytery grant the request from the Bolivar United Presbyterian Church for Waiver of Rotation for Elders Ronald Betts, Darlene Gregorich and Dan Short.
2. The Committee on Ministry **recommends** that Presbytery grant the request from the Bethel Presbyterian Church for Waiver of Rotation for Elder Kurt Smith.
3. The Committee on Ministry **recommends** that Presbytery grant the request from the Colver Presbyterian Church for Waiver of Rotation for Elder Bonita Hill.
4. The Committee on Ministry **recommends** approval of the request of the Hopewell Presbyterian Church, Merrittstown, PA to be dissolved and that an Administrative Commission, appointed by the moderator, be authorized to consider, decide, and conclude all

matters related to the dissolution of the Hopewell Presbyterian congregation of Merrittstown. This will include, but not be limited to, the disposition of the corporation status, property, records, membership transfers and other related matters.

From the Committee on Preparation for Ministry

From the Nominating Committee

Treasurers Report
Redstone Presbytery
December 2025

Income & Expense Report

This report provides an unaudited year end overview of the December 2025 finances for the Redstone Presbytery. At this time, pledged Church Commitments to the Presbytery, should be receipted at the 100% level.

Financial Overview / Income

Receipted Church Commitments for the month, exceeded the targeted budget amount of \$26,667 by \$3,503 or \$30,170 was collected. Total Church Commitments at year- end totaled \$280,483, which represents 88% of budget goal. Annual budget goal was \$320,000.

Total Income for the month was \$34,230, versus a monthly target of \$31,833. YTD, \$391,108 was receipted versus, a budgeted amount of \$382,000.

Financial Overview / Expenses

Expenses for the month totaled \$56,777 versus a targeted goal of \$36,881. YTD, expenses at the end of 2024 totaled \$459,992 versus a targeted goal of \$442,567. Total expenses for the year were 104% of budget. A review of the expense categories at year-end, reveal cost overextensions in the website cost, legal & auditing, PCUSA meetings, property insurance, workers compensation, electric, building maintenance

Church Commitment Pledge & Payment Activity / Year End

- 39 Pledges were offered of 67 churches (58% participation)
- 28 churches did not pledge a financial offering
- 62 churches provided a financial offering
- 28 churches met or exceeded 100% of their pledged amount

Excess Income Over Expenses

For the month of December, income exceeded expenses by \$59,800, as a result dividends and gains generated from New Covenant at \$22,347 and from the Ameriprise investments totaling \$60,000.

Investments & Holdings

Ameriprise Investments for December totaled \$737,589. During this period investments had a negative change in value of -\$53,059. At year end, a positive overall change in value is recorded at \$74,916.

Other Holdings and Investments consisting of First Commonwealth (\$82,661), PILP (\$10,000), Petty Cash (\$250), and New Covenant (\$354,952) total \$447,863.

Total Investments & Holding = \$1,185,452

Presbytery Worship

Please refer to your Bulletin (Appendix A)

At the close of the meeting: Benediction: Rev. Dr. Martin Ankrum



Pine Springs Camp Report to Council-January 14, 2025

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. James 1:17

Mark your Calendars for Our 2025 Winter and Spring Retreats



MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL WINTER RETREAT
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7-SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9- 40 registered



WOMEN IN THE WOODS
-FRIDAY, APRIL 4 -SATURDAY, APRIL 5



MEN'S BACKPACKING TRIP
FRIDAY, MARCH 28-SUNDAY, MARCH 30

Summer Camp

- Opened registration on January 1-Had 104 campers registered the first two days!
- Currently-220 registrations
- Already had to get campers off a wait list!

Recruiting Campers and Staff

- Setting up church visits now-please contact mike@pinesprings.org for more information
- Will be passing out church packets at the upcoming Redstone Presbytery to every church
- Have a great start on summer staff applications

OTHER CONFIRMED EVENT DATES

PSC SKATES- Sunday, March 28th-Soutpointe Ice Rink in Canonsburg, PA

A time where families and campers can come and enjoy some ice-time just for Pine Springs Camp. This is also a fun way to introduce families and campers to our summer camping ministry. We are still working on a date for an event in Redstone Presbytery.

COME VISIT CAMP DAY- Saturday, April 12

This is new! Be looking for more information on visiting camp. This day will be for new campers and their families to tour camp, see a cabin, have lunch, participate in a PSC Campfire and get a feel of what camp is like. Returning campers are encourage to come as well and bring friends!



Pine Springs Camp Report to Council-January 14, 2025

WORK DAY 2025- Saturday, May 10

Make plans now to help us Red-up Camp!

THE 25TH ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP GOLF OUTING FOR PINE SPRINGS CAMP-Monday, May 12th-

Our goal this year is to get 25 Amen Corner Sponsors-More information will be made avaiable at the Janaury

Presbytery Meeting

End of the Year Giving Update

We are truly humbled through the genrosity of those who love this ministry. Through the end of the year fundraisng efforts for the Wellspring Annual Fund over \$145,000 was donated. Praise be to God!

Mission Network

Information Items

January 16, 2025, Meeting

The meeting began with Debby reading from Matthew 25:31-45 followed by a discussion about the teachings in that passage.

We prayed for the people in the Los Angeles area who have lost homes in the raging wildfires; for the people of Sudan and South Sudan; for healing for pastors Rick Sweeney, Dawn Sherwood, Molly Hall and Bill Weigand; and for the incoming Interim Presbyter who will be introduced at the January 25 meeting of Redstone Presbytery.

Sylvia Carlson has agreed to serve as secretary for this year.

We have named the people who will report to Presbytery at the next three meetings:

Debby Koenig, who will need to have the permission of the floor in January; Donna Havrisko for March 25; and Tammy Germana for the May 27 meeting.

Donna will request that persons from congregations speaking about their mission limit it to one particular mission so that two people can speak about their mission at meetings of Redstone Presbytery.

We sent \$8,000 to South Sudan on December 12.

The offering at the January and March meetings will be for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for the Lost Angeles area related to the fires there. We will make information available so that individuals and congregations can also contribute to this particular cause.

Debby Koenig, who has a passion for mission, will visit churches that are involved with mission and speak with the mission folk there.

We want to invite the new Interim Executive Presbyter to attend our mission committee meetings, beginning with the March 13 meeting.

It was announced that there will be a Martin Luther King, Jr. Service at First Antioch Baptist Church on West Pittsburgh Street, Greensburg, on Monday, January 20 at 7 p.m. The church is just down the hill from Westmoreland Hospital.

We would like to find a way to involve families with children in mission. Perhaps we might partner with Pine Springs Camp to identify weekend opportunities for mission in the area. Or, perhaps there might be other ideas. We also would like to identify newly retired persons who would like to be a part of mission trips perhaps to North Carolina to assist in the mucking out or rebuilding homes that were damaged last September

in the hurricane flooding.

The next meeting of the Redstone Mission Committee will be February 13 either in person at the Presbytery office or via Zoom.

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.]

Presentation and Action Items

- Installation of Elder Susan Keaney, Moderator; and Rev. Owar Ojulu, Vice-Moderator
- The Council **recommends** interruption of the meeting for the purpose of convening the meeting of the corporation of the Presbytery of Redstone.

(Corporation Meeting of the Presbytery of Redstone, January 25, 2025)

Based upon the provisions of the Manual, the following slate of persons are nominated to serve as the Officers of the Corporation for 2024:

President - Mr. Len Morgan

Secretary - Rev. Cliff Foster

Treasurer - Mr. John R. Dickson, IV

Assistant Treasurer - Mr. Keith Langston

In addition to the officers of the corporation, it is moved that the following person be added to those authorized to sign checks for the Corporation.

Bookkeeper – Roberta Shaffor

Corporation Meeting Adjourned and Presbytery Meeting resumed.

- Reading and honoring those Ministers and Elders who have joined the Church Triumphant from the Necrology report during worship service. (Appendix E)

Information Items

January 14, 2025, Meeting

Call to Order

Elder Len Morgan, Chair of Council called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. and opened the meeting with prayer. A quorum of members was established.

Introduction and Devotions

The Council introduced themselves to one another. Rev. Cliff Foster led the devotions and closed with prayer.

A sign-up sheet for devotions for the Council meetings was available for members to sign.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the November 26, 2024 meeting and the Minutes of the Special December 17, 2024 Zoom Council meeting were presented. It was **MSP** to approve these minutes.

Stated Clerk's Report

Rev. Cliff Foster, Interim Stated Clerk reported the following:

- The Correspondence Log
- The current list of subcommittees, task forces and networks that include:
 - Staff support Subcommittee
 - Mission Subcommittee
 - Finance, Stewardship and Property Subcommittee
 - Communications Subcommittee
 - Presbytery worship and planning
 - Addictions Ministry
 - Healing and Prayer Ministry
 - Racial Justice and Reconciliation
 - IPLF Steering

It was **MSP** to approve the authorization of these groups for the 2025 year.

Treasurer Report

John Dickson distributed a written report to the members of Council. The report focused on the month of December and the 2024 fiscal year. Yet, the balance sheet for December is not yet available yet. The complete report will be shared at the upcoming January Presbytery meeting. The church giving totaled 88% of the pledged amount.

Executive Director of Pine Springs Camp

There was no written report. Online registrations for camp opened on January 1st. There are already 220 registered campers for the summer of 2025. There is excitement about registration online. The brochures will be distributed at the Presbytery meeting. He also called attention to the upcoming retreats and the upcoming 25th golf outing on May 12, 2025.

Subcommittees/Networks/Task Forces

Staff Support

No Report

Mission

No Report

Finance and Property

No Report

Communications

There was a written report contained in the packet of information for this meeting.

Presbytery Worship and Planning

No Report

Addictions Ministry

No Report

Healing and Prayer Ministry

No Report

Racial Justice and Reconciliation

There was a written report contained in the packet of information for this meeting.

IPLF Steering

No Report

January 2025 Presbytery Agenda

The proposed agenda for the January 25, 2025 Presbytery gathering was presented. After review and discussion, it was **MSP** to approve as presented with corrections.

Intercession

Prayer concerns were shared by members of the Council. A period of intercession was entered with various members leading in prayers for those requested needs.

Adjournment

Having lifted up in prayer particular shared needs and the work throughout the meeting, it was **MSP** to adjourn the meeting at 7: 27 p.m.

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December 17, 2024, Meeting

Purpose of the Meeting:

The purpose of the meeting is to hear the report of the Interim Executive Presbyter Search Committee. The Interim Executive Presbyter Search Committee is delighted to present the Rev. Dr. Matthew Lon Weaver (Lon) as candidate for the position of Interim Executive Presbyter of Redstone Presbytery.

Call to Order and Prayer:

Rev. Dawn Sherwood called the special Zoom meeting of the Presbytery Council to order at 7 PM and opened the meeting with prayer. A quorum of members was established.

Report from Interim Executive Presbyter Search Committee:

The Interim Executive Presbyter Committee presents the Rev. Dr. Matthew Lon Weaver (Lon) as candidate for the position of Interim Executive Presbyter of Redstone Presbytery.

It was **MSP** to approve the contract and the financial details with Rev. Dr. Matthew Lon Weaver (Lon) to serve as our Interim Executive Presbyter. The contract was shared on the screen and the terms of the contract are as follows: Cash Salary \$50,000; Housing Allowance \$30,000; SECA \$6,120; BOP \$24,051.44 (full medical and

pension \$16,051.44; Disability \$6,800; Death Benefit coverage \$1,200); Continuing Ed \$1,500 of 2 weeks/2 Sundays annually; Professional/Business Expense \$1,500; Vouchered mileage; Vacation of 4 weeks/4 Sundays annually. Total package \$89,120 (\$80,000 + \$9,120 + vouchered mileage) Actual moving costs. The beginning date of Rev. Dr. Matthew Lon Weaver (Lon) will be February 15, 2025. The Council was reminded to keep Lon's name quiet until given the word to share this information. It is hoped that Lon will be introduced to the Presbytery at the January meeting.

The Council introduced themselves to Lon. Rev. Dr. Matthew Lon Weaver (Lon) shared with the council about himself and his various calls. He responded to questions from the council members.

It was **MSP** to dissolve the Interim Executive Presbyter Search Committee with our thanks and appreciation. The Interim Executive Presbyter Search Committee members are Jackie Rena Eckenrod, Scott Cole, Josh Scully, Martin Ankrum and Norma Prina Murphy, Chair.

Adjournment:

It was **MSP** to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was closed with prayer by Norma Murphy who prayed for Lon as we look forward to his ministry among us as our Interim Executive Presbyter.

November 26, 2024, Meeting

Approval of Agenda

The distributed agenda was moved by Rev. Sue Washburn and seconded by Rev. Laura Blank to be **approved**.

Devotions and Prayer

Rev. Brenda Barnes led the Council through an exercise of "visio divina" by focusing our attention upon an image of a banquet. Council members were encouraged to observe what they saw, to focus where God might be leading them and to hear what God might be saying. After a period of reflection, members were encouraged to share their insights and perspectives.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the October 22, 2024 were reviewed as submitted. The minutes were **MSP(Foster/Blank)** approved as submitted.

Finance and Property

Rev. Noftzger introduced Barb Terek from Horner, Wible & Terek. This firm has been completing the annual financial review or audit for the past forty years. Barb Terek walked the Council members through each component of the financial review including both the general and investment funds. She highlighted the differences with the inclusion of Pine Spring property and improvements as an asset and the use of depreciation with it versus the other assets. Questions were offered and answered by Ms. Terek. Upon conclusion of these questions, Rev. Gray made a **motion** to receive and file the full financial report for 2023. The motion was **seconded** by Tim D'Aurora. **The motion was approved** by the Council. Ms. Terek was excused from the meeting.

Rev. Washburn **moved** that the firm of Horner, Wible and Terek be engaged for the completion of the financial review for the 2024 year. The motion was **seconded** by Rev. Blank. **Motion carried.**

Rev. Noftzger introduced the sample services agreement for the provision of bookkeeping services between

IPLF and the Presbytery of Redstone. Similar to the agreement with the Wee Kirk Planning Team, the Presbytery would provide bookkeeping and administrative support. He noted the differences of perspectives within the Finance committee whether the services should be provided in lieu of the presbytery contribution to IPLF or whether the presbytery should make that contribution anyway. Tim D'Aurora **moved** that the agreement be approved as presented. Rev. Blank **seconded** the motion. After discussion, **the motion was approved.**

Reports

Moderator Report

No report from the Moderator.

Executive Presbyter Report

Executive Presbyter Noftzger reported on updates on various areas of the transition process. These included establishment and distribution of annual calendars for each committee with defined predictable "rhythms" of particular responsibilities or activities. He reviewed his efforts of enduring that both hard copy and digital files in cloud storage are up to date and culling through materials no longer relevant. Rev. Noftzger reminded Council members that during the month of December, he would be on vacation many of the days with individual transition meetings and external responsibilities scheduled for particular days.

Rev. Noftzger also offered his thanksgiving and gratitude for the expressions of appreciation for his service offered both at the Retirement dinner and at the Presbytery meeting. Humbled by these expressions, he acknowledged the privilege it has been to serve alongside so many great people in the service of the Lord and for the benefit of Redstone Presbytery.

Stated Clerk Report

- The Correspondence Log was included within the meeting documents folder.
- The Council meeting dates for 2025 that were approved previously include:
 - **January 14**
 - **February 25**
 - **April 22**
 - **June 24**
 - **August 26**
 - **October 28**
 - **December 2**
- Council members were reminded of the approved dates for the 2025 Presbytery gatherings.
Presbytery 2025
 - **January 25---First Presbyterian, Greensburg-approved**
 - **March 25---McClellandtown-approved**
 - **May 27 – Puckety, Lower Burrell--approved**
 - **September 23 – West Hempfield, Irwin--approved**
 - **November 22 – Newlonsburg, Murrysville-approved**
- Rev. Noftzger reported on the need for presbytery authorization and approval of various subcommittees, networks and task forces for 2025. He explained that authorization permitted these groups to function within the presbytery in use of facilities, distribution of materials and request for presbytery docket time without requiring approval in each instance. Rev. Ed Gray **moved** the authorization of the following list (below) of subcommittees, networks and task forces. Rev. Blank **seconded** the motion. The **motion was approved.**

d. Committees of Council

5. Budget, Finance and Stewardship
 6. Communications
 7. Mission
 8. Staff Support
- e. Committees of the Committee on Ministry
6. Examinations and Membership
 7. Search and Call
 8. Congregations and Leadership--Northwest – Districts I/II
 9. Congregations and Leadership-- East – District IV
 10. Congregations and Leadership-- South – District III
- f. Networks
10. Healing Prayer Ministry Network
 11. Racial Justice and Reconciliation Network
 12. Addictions Ministry Network
 13. Geographic Districts – I; II; III; IV
 14. IPLF Steering Network
 15. Wee Kirk Planning Team
 16. Lectionary reading group
 17. Women Clergy
 18. Presbyterian Women

Treasurer Report

John Dickson had provided a written Treasurer's report based upon both August and the October, 2024 Income/Expense Report and Balance sheet.

With the transitions in leadership, Rev. Noftzger acknowledged the need for authorizing the designation and replacement of various check signatories.

For the Presbytery of Redstone General Fund Account and Investment Account, it was **MSP** to approve and authorize the following people as check signers.

- John Dickson, Presbytery Treasurer
- Keith Langston, Presbytery Asst. Treasurer (replacing Gerald Cumer)
- Cliff Foster, Stated Clerk (replacing Richard Noftzger)
- Roberta Shaffor, Bookkeeper

Gerald Cumer and Richard Noftzger would no longer be authorized on this account.

For the Wee Kirk account of Redstone Presbytery, it was **MSP** to approve and authorize the following people as check signer.

- Richard Noftzger, Wee Kirk Chairperson
- Roberta Shaffor, Bookkeeper
- Sue Washburn, Redstone representative (she is an addition)

The establishment of the IPLF account of Redstone Presbytery. It was **MSP** to establish this account, approve and authorize the following people as check signers.

- Richard Noftzger, IPLF Director
- Craig Kephart, IPLF Coordinator
- Roberta Shaffor, Bookkeeper

Executive Director of Pine Springs Camp

A written report was received from Greg Davis, Executive Director. He also gave thanks for the successful “Friends” dinner with 230 people attending. He noted that this upcoming year would be the 25th year of the PSC Golf outing and he was desiring to have 25 churches become “Amen” sponsors.

The receipt and filing the reports of the Executive Presbyter, Stated Clerk, Treasurer, and Executive Director of PSC was approved **by consent**.

Interim Executive Presbyter Search Team

Rev. Murphy reported on behalf of the Interim Executive Presbyter Search Team on their progress. She noted that after conducting a number of Zoom interviews, two candidates have been invited and accepted to participate in an in-person interview. These will take place in the first two weeks of December. It is believed that the IEP team would be in a position at their December 12 meeting to discern a recommendation. She solicited the prayers of the Council members for that decision. With further discussion, it was concluded that it would be wise for the Council to not wait until the January meeting to receive their report and to act. Consequently, it was **MSP** to call a special Council meeting (by Zoom) for December 17 to hear the IEP report, meet the nominated candidate and approve their employment as Executive Presbyter with terms of call within the financial parameters previously established.

SubCommittees/Networks/Task Forces

Staff Support

Len Morgan reported that the staff Christmas luncheon would be held on December 12, 2024.

Mr. Morgan identified that they were recommending Rev. Bob Ruefle be contracted for the role of Tech Coordinator for the presbytery meetings with a stipend of five hundred dollars per meeting. It was **MSP** to approve this recommendation of contracting with Rev. Ruefle as Tech Coordinator.

Worship

Rev. Blank reported on plans for worship for 2025. No specific themes have yet emerged, but discussions are ongoing. She noted the celebratory nature of the January meeting and her hope that the new Interim Executive Presbyter might be willing to preach at that gathering.

Mission Network

A written report was received. In the absence of Rev. Ojulu, Rev. Noftzger highlighted the beautiful mission quilts that are almost completed. He also noted that the Mission network had authorized distribution of funds from the Sudan partnership restricted funds to the South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church.

Racial Justice and Reconciliation

A written report was submitted.

Communications

A written report was included in the packet. Rev. Washburn identified the need to transfer “ownership” of the Presbytery of Redstone Facebook page.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business

New Business

There was no new business.

Len Morgan solicited from Council members prayer requests.

Adjournment

It was **MSP** to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was closed with prayer including intercessions for those mentioned during prayer requests.

Committee on Ministry

Presentation and Action Items

- **Commissioning of Ruling Elders called to particular pastoral service.**
- **Celebration of 5-year ordination anniversaries. (Appendix D)**
- **Introduction of Rev. Dr. Matthew Lon Weaver, Interim Executive Presbyter and reception into membership of Presbytery of Redstone. (Appendix F)**

Information Items

January 9, 2025, Meeting

Election of Secretary

MSP to elect Elder Lynn Mance as secretary.

Approval of Minutes

MSP to approve the November 7, 2024 minutes.

Report of the Stated Clerk

Our new Acting Stated Clerk is Rev. Cliff Foster

The Stated Clerk updated the committee on the following items:

- Correspondence Log--Annual Clerk of Session reports are due and currently being received.
- COM has received a commission for the dissolution of the Hopewell Congregation. It was **MSP** to recommend to Redstone Presbytery to dissolve this congregation with an appointment of an Administrative Commission. Rev. Martin Ankrum offered prayer following this motion.
- These dates for Minute Review were approved: Saturday February 8, 2025, 9:15 at Westmont PC, Johnstown; Tuesday March 25, 2025, 4:30 at McClellandtown PC; Wednesday April 23, 2025 at the Presbytery Office; and Tuesday May 27, 2025 at Puckety PC, Lower Burrell
- It was **MSP** to accept the requests of Waiver of Rotation from three congregations. Elder Kirt Smith from the Bethel PC, New Florence; Elder Bonnie Hill from the Colver PC; Elder Ronald Betts, Darlene Gregorich and Dan Short Jr. from the Bolivar UPC.
- Contract renewals of Interim Pastor Rev. Richard Sweeney (First PC, Belle Vernon), Rev. John Simpson (Trinity UPC Uniontown), Commissioned Pastor Robert C. Prinkey (Marion PC), Commissioned Pastor James Sunseri (Bethel UPC) were received. It was **MSP** to add and

approval Commissioned Pastor Bob Sheehan's contract that was previously received. Renewals of all current pastors, interim pastors, commissioned pastors and temporary pastors for pastors serving in "temporary pastoral relationships" were received and **MSP**

- Renewed approval of those serving in validated ministries beyond the congregations in Redstone Presbytery were received. Rev. Sue Washburn (PTS), Rev. Brenda Barnes (Redstone Highlands, North Huntingdon Campus). Rev. Lisa Dormire (Redstone Highlands) and Rev. Patrick Ewing (Third PC) **MSP**
- Request from Rev. Skip Noftzger to be dismissed from Redstone Presbytery to Washington Presbytery (if the way be clear). He also requests to remain on the Redstone Presbytery Pulpit Supply Roster. Both requests were **MSP** with regret.
- Rev. Jim Farrer offered his "Facing the Future" workshop free of charge to all congregations. He also added that the Wee Kirk 2025 Conference is in the works. Rev. Skip Noftzger will remain on the Wee Kirk planning committee and will remain as manager of the IPLF program.

Report of the Moderator

Request to sign-up for the 2025 Devotion Schedule was made. The schedule was then developed.

- February--Bob Sheehan
- March--Chuck MacPherson
- April--Mary Kay Glunt
- May--David McMunn
- June--Derek Campbell
- July--Belinda Lambie
- August--Bobbi Jo Huebner
- September--Joshua Scully
- October--Russ Baird
- November--Brian Kilbert
- December--Jim Farrer

The moderator requested that Elder Bobbi Jo Huebner be appointed Moderator of the January Session meeting at First Presbyterian of Belle Vernon in the temporary absence of the Moderator.

MSP

Recommendations for the Council to include in presentation to the Presbytery for the March meeting were presented. Five amendments will be presented at the January, March and May RP meetings. It was **MSP** to appoint a task force from COM consisting of Rev. Martin Ankrum, Rev. Derek Campbell,

CP Bob Sheehan, Rev. Mary Kay Glunt to report Book of Order recommendations to Council.

REPORTS OF SUBCOMMITTEES

Examinations and Membership

- Information Items - none at this time.
- Action Items
- It was **MSP** to empower the Examination Subcommittee to examine the Interim EP Elect and recommend to the Presbytery on behalf of the COM for reception into membership of the Presbytery and request dismissal from current Presbytery at the January 25, 2025 meeting.
- The current Examinations and Membership Subcommittee members are: RE Joshua Scully, RE Marsha Stallings, Rev Molly Hall, Rev. Brian Kilbert, and Rev. Martin Ankrum.

Search and Call

- Information items: An informational Transition Chart was included in the meeting packet.

Action items.

- **MSP** to approve the Covenant Pastor agreement between Rev. Sue Washburn and the Reunion Presbyterian Church.
- The Search and Call Subcommittee members are currently: Rev. Chuck MacPherson and Rev. Derek Campbell.

COM Liaison Responsibilities and Suggested Timeline

We will be developing a new COM Church Liaison list for the February meeting.

- IPLF Recruitment
 - Recruiting new students – Ruling elders interested in spiritual growth, preaching or pastoral leadership.
 - A New IPLF Spring Leadership Schedule was offered

Care of Congregations and Congregational Leaders

No breakout rooms were formed this meeting due to the limitations of zoom capabilities.

- The following Teaching Elders and Commissioned Pastors were prayed for during this time:
Danielle Kendig, Steve LaSor, Jay Lewis, Dennis Macaleer, Chuck MacPherson, Becky Maiman, Lynn Mance, Gail Mason, Bruce Maxwell and David McCabe.
- The following churches were prayed for during this time: Derry PC; FPC Dunbar; Ebensburg PC; FPC Fairchance; Mt. Washington PC, Farmington; Little Redstone PC, Fayette City; FPC Greensburg; Maplewood PC, Greensburg and Westminster PC Greensburg.

Unfinished Business _none

New Business

It was **MSP** to hold the Annual Redstone Presbytery Pastor Retreat on Tuesday April 29 at Pine

Springs Camp. It was MSP for the retreat committee to be comprised of Rev. Molly Hall, Rev. Mary Kay Glunt, Rev. Becka Abbott and possibly Rev. Laura Blank.

Adjournment

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

Committee on Preparation for Ministry

Action Items

- **No action items.**

January 7, 2025, Meeting

1. Opening devotion from John Rutter's *New Year* by Robin Jennings
2. Approval of minutes of October 2024 **MSP**
3. **Committee reorganization for 2025.** Robin Jennings will continue to chair; Tammy Noss will remain as secretary. Welcomed back Geoff Rach. Discussion of future meetings and possibility of meeting bi-monthly later in the year based on identified need. Reminded committee that resources are available in DropBox for review prior to each meeting, including information on the purpose, practices and responsibilities of CPM.
4. **Ordination Exam Readers:** Robin and Kristen agree to be nominated as readers for Fall 2025. Robin had shared a weblink regarding the use of AI in crafting sermons and worship services, and also noted that Sue Washburn mentioned that Pittsburgh Theological Seminary has experienced its first known use of AI to prepare a paper during her IPLF Worship workshop Jan. 4. While there are systems in place to identify plagiarism during exams, AI presents a new challenge, and this will be a challenge going forward.
5. Review of process for 2025 regarding Candidates and IPLF Participants.
Candidate James Vlosich - Committee will meet with James in February – He is scheduled for ordination exams in January. Looking to review his second field ed placement to be sure he is on track for completing Presbytery requirements as well as his schooling/exams. Hyiwot remains his liaison

Those under our care from IPLF: Commission eligible - Karen Gray, Linda Gossar Loesch, and Tammy Noss and **Authorized Preacher** Bill Poninsky. Geoff will assume liaison role for Bill; liaisons for others remain unchanged. Will plan to meet with two individuals in March.
6. Committee has been asked to **review amendment to the Book of Order** and make recommendations regarding the language for alternate exams. Presbytery will vote on this amendment in May; recommendation to be discussed at February meeting.
7. With no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned with prayer by Geoff.

Nominating Committee

Actions Items

- **Election of Rev. Curtis Paul to serve on Synod Permanent Judicial Commission, Class of 2028**

Information Items

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

Additionally, there are always opportunities on various subcommittees, task forces and networks. See the list in the Stated Clerk's report. Express any interest to the Presbytery office and we will get you connected.

Presbyterian Women

The Presbyterian Women of Redstone Presbytery had a very successful year. Their first event was the gathering at Pine Springs camp which included wonderful food from Ellie, a retreat led by Donna Havrisko and the annual collection of graham crackers, marshmallows and Hershey chocolate bars to be used for smores for the 2024 camping season.

Next was the 2024 Churchwide gathering of Presbyterian Women that was held in St. Louis, Missouri August 8-11. Three women from Redstone attended, Patricia Hart as a voting delegate, Rev. Sylvia Patterson and Karol Elmore. The gathering was an amazing in person experience and doubly special since the last gathering was online due to covid. Wonderful inspiring speakers, workshops, forums, a time to gather resources and shop, plenary sessions with inspiring speakers, worship, music and more. Most important was the opportunity to connect with old friends and to make new friends and learn more about what Presbyterian Women are doing all over the world.

As a voting delegate, it gave me the opportunity to see the work firsthand of Presbyterian Women. As churches close and the number of Presbyterian Women Groups shrinks, there is still work to be done. Unfortunately, change is coming with difficult decisions to be made by the newest leadership of Presbyterian Women.

Lastly, the Redstone Fall gathering was held at Poke Run Presbyterian Church in Apollo. This gathering gave us the opportunity to hear about the latest bible study for Presbyterian Women, *Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation* and enjoy a wonderful lunch that was prepared by the Presbyterian Women of Poke Run.

Did you know, if you are unable to attend an in-person bible study, Presbyterian Women is offering an on-line opportunity. Please join the PEC for this monthly opportunity for community and meaningful study!

Day: Fourth Sundays for the last 5 studies.

Time: 7:00 pm Eastern. The study will run for 75 minutes.

Dates: Jan. 26th, Feb. 23rd, Mar. 23rd, Apr. 27th, May 25th.

Study Leaders: Rev. M. Courtenay Willcox and Rev. Lucy Youngblood

ZOOM link to join in for every session:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85644861027?pwd=7V605oRVW2rFkSTa6L1p1jrArs8LS6.1>

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