



2025 Stated Meeting

of the

Presbytery of Redstone
Presbyterian Church (USA)

March 25, 2025
6:00 p.m.



ONLINE (ZOOM)

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

OR

New McClellandtown Presbyterian Church
McClellandtown, PA

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McClellandtown Presbyterian Church
292 Springer Rd., McClellandtown, PA 15458
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From Greensburg – Get on US-30W. Take US-119 to PA-21W/McClellandtown Rd. in South Union Township. Exit from US-119S. Follow PA-21 W/McClellandtown Rd. to your destination in Lamberton.

From Uniontown - Take E. Main St., E Church St., W. South St. and W. Main St. to PA-21 W/McClellandtown Rd. Turn Left onto PA-21 W./McClellandtown Rd. (Pass by Taco Bell on the right in 1.2 miles). Continue on Springer Rd/T370 to your destination in Lamberton.

From Johnstown – Take Mencher Blvd, PA-982 S., US-119 S. and PA-21 W./McClellandtown Rd. To Springer Rd./T370 in McClellandtown. Continue on Springer Rd./T370 to your destination in Lamberton.

From Belle Vernon – Get on PA-51 s./Pittsburgh St in Perry Township from PA-201 S. Continue on PA-51 S./Pittsburgh St. Take PA -21 W./McClellandtown Rd. to Springer Rd/T370 in McClellandtown. Continue on Springer rd/T370 to your destination in Lamberton

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE MEETING

- The offering for this meeting will go to the California Wildfires.

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- 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.

McClellandtown Presbyterian Church

or

Zoom meeting

March 25, 2025

4:30	<i>Minutes and Church Register Reviews</i>	<i>Clerks of Session</i>
5:00	<i>Registration, fellowship and food.</i>	<i>In Person</i>
<u>WORSHIP AND WORK OF REDSTONE PRESBYTERY</u>		
<u>THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS LIKE... GATHERING IN WORSHIP AND WORK</u>		<i>In Person or Zoom</i>
6:00	<p><u>Presbytery Gathering Convenes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call to Order/Opening Prayer • Installation of Vice Moderator • Formation of the Roll (any new business should be submitted to the Interim Stated Clerk in writing before the end of worship) • Seating of Corresponding Members <p><u>Interim Stated Clerk(s)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correspondence Log (page 4-6) • Statistics -(Appendix B) • Consent Agenda (page 8) <p><u>Treasurer</u> - (page 9)</p> <p><u>Interim Executive Presbyter</u> - (page 10-11)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investiture 	<p>Susan Keaney</p> <p>Rev. Cliff Foster</p> <p>Rev. Cliff Foster</p> <p>Rev. Cliff Foster</p> <p>John Dickson Rev. Dr. Lon Weaver</p>
<u>THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS LIKE – (Appendix A)</u>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening Sentences • Opening Hymn “Light Dawns on a Weary World” • Prayer of Confession/ Assurance of Pardon • Passing the Peace • Hymn “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me” • Scripture Readings • Sermon - “I have a Dream” • Hymn “When the Poor Ones” • Offering • Communion • Prayer After Communion • Hymn “The Church’s One Foundation” 	<p>Rev. Dr. Lon Weaver</p> <p>Rev. Becka Abbott</p>
7:30	<u>SHARING IN MINISTRY AND MISSION</u>	
	<p><u>Council</u> – (page 13-15)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amendments 24-D, 24-E, 24-G, 24-K, 24-L - (Appendix E) 	<p>Len Morgan</p> <p>Linda Chicka</p>

	<p><u>Enabling Ministry Networks</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addiction Ministry <p><u>Empowering Mission Partnerships</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mission Committee - (page 16) Pine Springs Camp - (Appendix D) <p><u>Committee on Ministry</u> – (page 17-20)</p> <p><u>Equipping Leadership</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pastor Getaway Retreat – April 29, 2025 - (Appendix F) <p><u>Committee on Preparation</u> - (page 21-22)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> IPLF Program Appendix F 	<p>Rev. Donna Havrisko</p> <p>Greg Davis</p> <p>Rev. Dr. Martin Ankrum</p> <p>Rev. Dr. Lon Weaver</p> <p>Jackie Eckenrod</p>
	<p><u>New Business</u> (should be submitted to the Interim Stated Clerk in writing before the end of worship)</p>	<p>Rev. Cliff Foster</p>
	<p><u>Announcements Loop</u></p>	
	<p><u>SENDING</u></p>	
	<p><u>Resolution of Thanks</u> <u>Benediction</u> <u>Adjournment</u></p> <p><i><u>The next stated meeting of the Presbytery of Redstone will take place on May 27, 2025, 6:00 p.m. via ZOOM and at the Puckety Presbyterian Church. A Minutes review session will be available at 5:00 p.m. at the same location.</u></i></p>	<p>Rev. Becka Abbott</p>

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INTERIM 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
March 5, 2025 - mail	New Salam PC	2025 Terms of Call and Agreement for William Weigand	COM & File
March 3, 2025 - email	Masontown, First PC	2025 Terms of Call Eric Glisan, Manse Report, List of Session Members	COM & File
March 3, 2025 - email	Jeannette, First PC	List of Session Members	File
March 3, 2025 - email	Apollo, Poke Run PC	2025 Terms of Call Peter Goetschius	COM & File
February 27, 2025 - mail	New Salam PC	List of Session Members	File
February 27, 2025 - email	Latrobe United PC	2025 Terms of call for Ron Durika	COM & File
February 26, 2025 - mail	Adah, Palmer Community PC	List of Session Members	File
February 26, 2025 - email	Trafford, Level Green PC	List of Session Members	File
February 26, 2025 - in person	West Newton, Sewickley United PC	Ruling Elder Commissioned Agreement for Glenn Hart	COM & File
February 25, 2025 - email	Latrobe United PC	List of Sesson Members	File
February 24, 2025 - mail	Bob Sheehan	Commissioned Ruling Elder's 2024 Annual Report	COM & File
February 24, 2025 - email	Lower Burrell, Grace PC	2025 Terms of Call for Owar Ojulu	COM & File
February 24, 2025 - mail	Scottdale, Calvin United PC	Departed Saints, 2025 Terms of Call for Doug Yauger, Manse Report, List of Session Members	COM & File
February 20, 2025 - In person	New Alexandria, Community United	2025 Terms of Call for Len Morgan, List of Session Members, Manse Report	COM & File
February 18, 2025 - in person	Revloc PC	Manse Report, List of Session Members	File
February 15, 2025 - mail	Brownsville, Calvin United	Waiver Report, Manse Report, List of Session Members	COM & File
February 13, 2025 - email	Uniontown, Trinity UPC	2025 Terms of Call for John Simpson	COM & File
February 13, 2025 - email	Lake Lynn, Springhill	Clerk of Session Report	File

	Furnace		
February 13, 2025 - mail	Patton PC	2025 Terms of Call for Alice Tondora	COM & File
February 12, 2025 - in person	New Alexander, Congruity PC	2025 Terms of Call for Cliff Foster, Manse Report	COM & File
February 10, 2025 - email	Patton PC	Clerk of Session's Report	File
February 10, 2025 - mail	McClellandtown PC	2025 Terms of Call for Rebecca Abbott, List of Session Members	COM & File
February 10, 2025 - mail	Smock, Pleasant View	2025 Terms of Call for Laura Blank, Manse Report, List of Session Members	Com & File
February 10, 2025 - mail	Smithfield, Grace Chapel	Manse Report, 2025 Terms of Call for Regina Sturiale, List of Session Members	COM & File
February 10, 2025 - email	Apollo, Poke Run PC	List of Session Members	File
February 5, 2025 - mail	Murrysville, First PC	2025 Terms of Call for Ed Gray	Com & File
February 5, 2025 - email	Johnstown, Bethany PC	Clerk of Session's Report	File
February 4, 2025 - email	New Alexandria, Community United	Clerk of Session's Report	File
February 3, 2025 - email	New Florence, Bethel PC	List of Session Members	File
February 3, 2025 - email	Bolivar UP	Clerk of Session's Report	File
February 3, 2025 - email	Greensburg, First PC	2025 Terms of Call for Martin Ankrum	COM & File
January 30, 2025 - email	Johnstown, Westmont PC	Active Member, List of Sesson Members, 2025 Terms of Call for Ben Nti, Manse Report, 2024 church Statistical Report	Com & File
January 29, 2025 - email	Derry PC	Clerk of Session Report	File
January 29, 2025 - email	Uniontown, Trinity PC	List of Session Members	File
January 28, 2025 - email	Irwin, West Hempfield	2025 Terms of Call for Andrew Wirt, List of Session Members	COM & File
January 28, 2025 - email	Murrysville, Newlonsburg	List of Session Members	File
January 28, 2025 - email	Belle Vernon, Rehoboth PC	Mance Report, Session Members	File
January 25, 2025 - email	Greensburg, Westminster PC	2025 Terms of Call for Jennifer Frayer Griggs	COM & File
January 27, 2025 - email	Johnstown, First PC	2025 Terms of Call for Hyiwot Teshome, Clerk of Session's Report	COM & File
January 23, 2025 - mail	Belle Vernon, First PC	List of Session Members	File
January 23, 2025 - email	Uniontown, Trinity UPC	Manse Report	File
January 22, 2025 - email	Uniontown, Third PC	2025 Terms of Call for Patrick Ewing for	COM & File

		Covenant Pastor	
January 22, 2025 - email	Mt. Pleasant, Reunion PC	Clerk of Session Report	File
January 21, 2025 - email	Uniontown, Trinity	Letter - Mission Study completed to begin process of forming a Pastor Nominating Committee	COM & File

2. Summary of 2024 Comparative Statistical Summary for the Presbytery

<u>Membership Statistics</u>	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Active members	13,961	13,679	12,543	11,477	10,628	10,287	10,017	9636	9077	8863	8249	7952	7811
Gains by Profession of Faith - 17 under	102	105	101	85	70	53	58	36	22	31	45	38	44
Gains by Profession of Faith - 18 over	146	154	155	171	170	102	119	98	30	56	89	115	93
Gains by Certificate	79	95	61	56	43	48	57	73	38	63	52	50	82
Losses by Certificate	78	243	519	437	205	65	215	34	18	24	41	41	25
Losses by Death	252	248	252	239	238	187	194	196	250	191	241	157	187
Losses by Other	417	182	781	725	732	304	106	316	344	144	521	313	321
Infant Baptisms	122	158	128	127	110	100	87	56	24	61	43	37	65
Adult Baptisms	22	35	17	24	20	9	13	14	6	10	1	4	9

As of the 2025 deadline for statistical reporting to the General Assembly, 67 churches have filed at least portions of their annual statistical reports for 2024. All churches submitted their Annual Statistical Report. (See Appendix A)

3. The following dates represent additional opportunities for Clerks to have their Session minutes and Church Registers reviewed for 2025.

- Wednesday, April 23, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.--Presbytery Center
- Tuesday, May 28, 2025 – 4:30 p.m.---Pre-Presbytery; Puckety Presbyterian Church, Lower Burrell

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

From Executive Committee

1. Following the review of the Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Stated Clerk, and Associate Stated Clerk, it is **recommended** that the minutes of the Presbytery meeting of January 25, 2025, be approved.

From the Council

1. Council **recommends** that the Financial and Treasurer's Reports presented to the Council and the Presbytery be received and filed for audit. (Appendix B).
2. Council **recommends** that the Interim Executive Presbyter, Treasurer, Mission, Pine Springs Camp 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 Fort Burd Presbyterian Church of Brownsville to waive the rotation of service for Lynn Rankin, Ruling Elders.
2. The Committee on Ministry **recommends** that Presbytery grant the request from the Calvin United Presbyterian Church of Brownsville for a waiver of rotation for Diane Chuboy and Deborah McKnight, Ruling Elder.

From the Committee on Preparation for Ministry

From the Nominating Committee

From the Committee on Representation

Treasurer's Report

INCOME & EXPENSE REPORT

This report provides an unaudited overview of the February 2025 finances for the Redstone Presbytery. The month of February, represents the second operating month of the budget year for the Presbytery. At this time, it is hopeful sixteen percent (17%) of pledged Church Commitments are received to address mission objectives.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW / INCOME

Church Commitment income receipted for February was \$25,378, just shy of the desired monthly benchmark of \$25,667. YTD, \$42,173 is recorded versus a goal of \$51,334. Therefore, YTD Church Commitments have a shortfall totaling -\$9,161.

Total Income recorded is \$32,306, which exceeded the monthly benchmark of \$30,167.

CHURCH COMMITMENT ACTIVITY

There are sixty -seven (67) churches within the Redstone Presbytery. The following information highlights regarding pledges, payments provided, and payment percentages to goal for the time period as follows:

- 46 Pledges have been offered (+2 since January) of the 67 churches within the Presbytery (69% participation)
- 21 churches have not provided a pledge yet
- 35 churches provided a payment (+15 since January)
- 17 churches have met the 17% payment threshold or exceeded the percentage goal for this time period.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW / EXPENSES

Expenses for the month exceeded revenue by \$6,718. YTD, income is better than expenses totaling \$4,390. In review of the expense categories, property insurance is high on a percentage basis, but associated to timing requirement of payment. Utilities such as gas is high, but understandable considering the frigid temperatures in February.

INVESTMENTS & HOLDINGS

Ameriprise investments for the period ending February 2025 totaled \$740,457. There was a negative change in value of -\$12,643, however YTD is positive at \$6,142. Dividends and Interest for the month totaled \$1,244.

Other holdings and investments consisting of First Commonwealth (\$44,878), PILP (\$10,000), Petty Cash (\$250), and New Covenant (\$354,952) total \$410,080.

Total Investments & Holdings = \$ 1,150,537.00

Interim Executive Presbyter
Submitted by Lon Weaver

BEGINNINGS

Having arrived on Friday, February 14, 2025, I began to settle into life in Redstone Presbytery:

- Meeting with the very helpful staff was an important starting point: Administrative Operations Manager Karen Gray helped me along regarding (a) the regular patterns in the presbytery office and (b) the range of online tools used by presbytery; Bookkeeper Bobbie Shaffor counseled me regarding (a) the Board of Pensions and (b) a preferable schedule for reviewing income and expenditures.
- Taking a car tour around the central part of the presbytery with Acting Stated Clerk Cliff Foster helped me begin to get oriented in this part of the world; meeting with Former Executive Presbyter Skip Noftzger enabled me to gain his insights into the various ministries in Redstone Presbytery.
- I began participating in the Synod's monthly "Presbytery Leadership Check-In" Zoom meetings.
- I began taking part in the General Assembly's "90-Day Companion" program that provides support for new folks in presbytery leadership. My companion is a retired E.P. I've already appreciated his wisdom and counsel for a range of matters.
- It's been meaningful to have my first meetings with various committees and groups within the presbytery.

REGULAR PRACTICES:

- By the time of the March 2025 presbytery meeting, I will have preached at one church, attended worship at three other churches, enjoyed a potluck and Shrove Tuesday at the Congruity Church, and appreciated the District III Ash Wednesday Meal and Worship held at the Pleasant View Church. My goal is to attend worship with Redstone congregations at least three Sundays each month and to be a part of other events at churches as my schedule permits. I am preparing to help facilitate the April 29th Pastors' Retreat on the topic of discernment. At present, I am scheduled to preach at two churches and am open to invitations to do so elsewhere.
- Visits with pastors, church leaders, and sessions are priorities for me. I have visited twelve pastors, thus far, and have scheduled at least two more.
- The following is my current reading list: (a) *Praying for Justice* [Campbell & Sherwood]; (b) *The Collaborative Habit* [Twyla Tharp]; (c) *In the Interim* [Child and Kron]; (d) *Redstone Presbytery: A Bicentennial History 1781-1981, Updated to 2010* [Stewart, et al]; (e) *Discernment* [Nouwen]; (f) *The Art of Gathering: How We Meet and Why It Matters* [Parker]; and (g) *Jesus and John Wayne* [du Mez].

GENERAL GOALS:

My general goals are these:

- To be attentive to the movement of the Holy Spirit in all of the actions I undertake for Redstone Presbytery;
- To listen to the stories of the church leaders of Redstone as they describe their joys and

hopes, as well as their challenges and conflicts;

- To become aware of the qualities that the presbytery as-a-whole has: its strengths; its growing edges; and its deepest concerns;
- To learn who the leaders are – lay and ordained – whose presence is key to determining the direction of the presbytery; and
- Finally, to provide the room and encouragement that allows for meaningful discernment required to chart the course for Redstone Presbytery's next chapter.

In closing, I feel blessed to be a part of this presbytery as we pursue God's purposes for this place, trusting in the promise of Jesus in Matthew's Gospel:

“Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you” (7:7).

**Presbytery Worship:
The Kingdom of God is like....**

Please refer to Appendix A for the Worship Service

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

- Amendments 24-D, 24-E, 24-G, 24-K, 24-L (Appendix E)
- Pine Springs Camp report (Appendix D)
- Mission network report (page 16)

Information Items

February 25, 2025, Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Elder Len Morgan, Chair of Council called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. and opened the meeting with prayer. A quorum of members was established.

AGENDA APPROVAL

The distributed agenda was moved by Sue Washburn and seconded by Laura Blank to be approved. It was **MSP** to approve the agenda.

DEVOTIONS AND OPENING PRAYER

Laura Blank led the devotions. We introduced ourselves to each other and which church we are from and were asked us to share what is our favorite sea animal. She shared a reading about the cuddlefish and how like the cuddlefish we use disguises and colors to hide ourselves and camouflage ourselves. In what ways are we doing this in the church?

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the January 14, 2025, meeting were presented. It was **MSP** to approve these minutes.

REPORTS

Moderator No report.

Interim Executive Presbyter

Rev. Dr. Lon Weaver, our Interim Executive Presbyter presented a written report of his twelve days among us and shared something that a former student of his from Russia wrote about Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Interim Stated Clerk

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

- The Correspondence Log
- Session Minute Review: the next Session Minute Review will be before the March 25th Presbytery meeting; one in the Presbytery Office in April and in May before the Presbytery Meeting.

Treasurer Report

John Dickson distributed a written report to the members of the Council which covers January. We are upside down from gifts from the churches. Out of the 67 churches 43 pledges have been received, 24 have not provided a pledge, 20 churches provided a payment. For January income was greater than expenses.

Executive Director of Pine Springs Camp

A written report was received by Greg Davis, Executive Director.

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

SUBCOMMITTEES/NETWORKS/TASK FORCES

Staff Support

There was a written report from the Staff Support Committee.

Mission

There were written reports from January and February.

Finance, Stewardship and Property

No Report.

Communications

There was a written report from the Communications Committee. The tech person from McClellandtown Presbyterian Church will take care of online Presbytery meeting in March.

Racial Justice and Reconciliation

The minutes from last their last meeting did not make it into the Council packet. They are asking for 20 minutes at each presbytery meeting. At the March Presbytery Meeting, the discussion will center around what does the Kingdom of God looks like. For the March meeting, this discussion will follow the sermon.

Presbytery Worship and Planning

Lon Weaver has been asked to preach at the March meeting. There will be creative aspects to worship during this year. We will officially welcome Lon at the beginning of the March Presbytery meeting, we will give him a Presbytery Stole.

Addictions Ministry

There was a written report from the Addictions Ministry. They are requesting 15 minutes on the agenda of the March Presbytery meeting. They are continuing to work on a document focused on prevention by the end of the year.

Healing and Prayer Ministry

There was a written report from the Healing and Prayer Ministry Network which contained dates for prayers that will be part of the ENews during Lent and Easter season.

IPLF Steering

No Report

MARCH PRESBYTERY MEETING AGENDA

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

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- Subcommittee to look at amendment 24B assigned to Council. The subcommittee will be Ed Gray, Brenda Barnes, Glenn Hart. This subcommittee will present a recommendation to the Council at its April meeting. This subcommittee was approved **by consent**.
- Intercession

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

ADJOURNMENT

Having lifted these prayer requests in prayer, it was **MSP** to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

The next Council meeting will be April 22, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

MINISTRY AND MISSION REPORTS

Addiction Ministry

Mission Network

Information Items

February 13, 2025, Meeting

Devotions: Luke 10: 30-37 The parable of the Good Samaritan. Discussion about the parable and neighbor.

Prayer requests Alice Smith-Mathers who just had brain surgery and her family; Sharon Kandel who has lost her position; the people who were dependent on USAID for food, water, and medical issues; Ambreen in Pakistan with a low blood count is low; Rev. Carol Corey with pneumonia; people with various illnesses; for Pastor Pierre, Haiti is still just a mess, the gangs are still in control;

Corrections to previous minutes: Almost \$9,000 was received by Thomas Tut, not \$8,000 as we had previously thought.

Debby Koenig has permission to speak at Presbytery meetings for the year 2025. The March meeting, Donna Havrisko will represent our committee and Tammy Germana will represent the committee in May. If there is a change, please advise.

Offering at Presbytery in March will continue to go to PDA for the California Wildfire relief.

Debby attended Congruity Presbyterian Church on Sunday. She met Phyllis Frye. A mission trip is planned for St. Albans, WV in April. 27 to May 7. The pancake dinner is March 4 from 4-7 p.m. \$9 all you can eat.

Donna will call Marilyn Fitzsimmons about the pancake dinner and suggest that she attend.

Dawn Sherwood mentioned that Arlene Sekely has been to Haiti and the West Hempfield church has fundraisers for Haiti.

Sylvia will give Debby contact information re PDA and mission trip possibilities in North Carolina.

Donna mentioned that what draws people to a congregation is what they are doing in the world. Is mission too archaic a word?

Motion to adjourn: Donna, seconded by Tammy!

Discuss further opportunities for mission trips, collaborations, and recruiting possibilities.

Pine Springs Camp

The written Report for Pine Springs Camp can be found in Appendix D

Committee on Ministry

Presentation and Action Items

- **Pastor Getaway Retreat – April 29, 2025; Pine Springs Camp - Appendix F**

Information Items

March 6, 2025, Meeting

Approval of this Evening's Agenda

MSP to accept and approve the agenda with the stated additions.

Approval of Minutes

MSP to approve the February 6, 2025 minutes.

Consent Items Approved Between Meetings

MSP to approve.

Report of the Stated Clerk

The report updated the committee on the following items:

- Correspondence Log--Annual Clerk of Session reports are continuing to be received.
- 2025 Minute Review Dates: Tuesday March 25, 2025, 4:30 at McClellandtown PC; Wednesday April 23, 2025, 6:00 at the Presbytery Office and Tuesday May 27, 2025, 4:30 at Puckety PC, Lower Burrell
- It was **MSP** to accept the requests of a Waiver of Rotation from Brownsville Calvin UP Church for RE: Diane Chuboy and Deborah McKnight, Class of 2027.
- It was **MSP** to accept contract renewals of Commissioned Pastor Glenn Hart for West Newton, Sewickley UP Church and for Commissioned Pastor William Wiegand, New Salem PC
- It was **MSP** to accept the Report of the Stated Clerk.

Report of the Interim Executive Presbyter Rev. Dr. Lon Weaver

- A request for the help and support of the Presbytery.
- An invitation to view his pictorial autobiography on his office walls with reference to his introductory article in the recent E-News.
- He hopes to visit all of the churches within the Presbytery. He has visited 12 already.
- He participated in the March 5th Ash Wednesday service at Pleasant View PC.
- He wants to meet and know the ministries of each member of the Presbytery, chart the course of the Presbytery and more.
- A goal to be attentive to the Holy Spirit.
- Reference to Matthew 7:7-8.

MSP to receive and accept the Report of the Interim EP.

Report of the Moderator

- It was **MSP** to receive, review and accept Commissioned RE Annual Reports from District IV Commissioned Pastor Bob Sheehan and Commissioned Pastor James Sunseri of Bethel PC New Florence and Bolivar UP Church
- No recent contact with Hopewell PC through Administrative team of Rev. Mary Kay Glunt and Rev. Becka Abbott.
- Uniontown, Third PC desires a commissioning service in the future of their Covenant Pastor Rev. Patrick Ewing. Date to be determined.

Reports of Subcommittees

Examinations and Membership -Nothing to report

Search and Call

- No reports regarding the PNCs of Irwin First PC and Uniontown Trinity PC.

Care of Congregations and Congregational Leaders

There were no breakout rooms this meeting due to the limitations of zoom capabilities.

- Review of the new Liaison lists. Two remaining churches were not taken. Jim Farrer volunteered for Pleasant Grove PC and Chuck MacPherson volunteered for Calvin UP Scottdale. The liaison/church assignments are now all covered.
- April question for churches: "What are your plans for Holy Week?"
- The liaison reports were limited this meeting. Administrative Operations Manager Karen Gray is having problems with Goggle Forms, she is anticipating using a new program, to be determined.

IPLF Program, Workshops, Ongoing Task Forces

- The IPLF Old Testament class is ongoing.
- A reminder from Rev. Molly Hall that the Annual RP Pastor Retreat will be held on Tuesday April 29 (10:00-2:30) at Pine Springs Camp. Interim EP Lon Weaver will be our speaker. Reservations are being taken.

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

- Ben Nti, David O'Hara, Owar Ojulu, Kirk Orr, John Pressler, Robert Prinkey, Geoff Rach, Doug Rehberg and Bob Ruefle
- The following churches were prayed for during this time. Leisenring PC; Pleasant Grove PC, Ligonier; Grace Community PC, Lower Burrell; Puckety PC, Lower Burrell; First PC, Masontown; McClellandtown PC; Dunlap's Creek PC, Merrittstown; Reunion PC, Mt. Pleasant; First PC, Murrysville and Newlonsburg PC, Murrysville

Other Business (Unfinished or New) None

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was **MSP** to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 PM with prayer offered by Rev. Martin Ankrum.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Mance
Secretary

The next regular meeting of the Committee on Ministry will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday April 3, 2025. Rev. Mary Kay Glunt will be leading the devotions.

February 6, 2025, Meeting

Approval of Minutes

MSP to approve the January 9, 2025 minutes.

Report of the Stated Clerk

The Stated Clerk updated the committee on the following items:

- Correspondence Log--Annual Clerk of Session reports are due and currently being received.
- 2025 Minute Review Dates: Saturday February 8, 2025, 9:15 at Westmont PC, Johnstown; Tuesday March 25, 2025, 4:30 at McClellandtown PC; Wednesday April 23, 2025, 6:00 at the Presbytery Office

and Tuesday May 27, 2025, 4:30 at Puckety PC, Lower Burrell

- It was **MSP** to accept the request of a Waiver of Rotation from Fort Burd UP, Brownsville for RE Lynne Rankin, Class of 2027
- It was **MSP** to accept contract renewals of Covenant Pastor, Rev. Patrick Ewing and Third PC, Uniontown; Commissioner Pastors Glenn Hart and Harmony PC; and H. David McElroy and East Liberty, Vanderbilt.

Report of the Moderator

Moderator reported recommendations of the COM Book of Order Amendment Task Force to Council in regard for guidance to Presbytery with concurrence of items 24A, 24C, 24D, 24E and 24F. After much discussion, it was **MSP** to concur with the task force recommendations on amendments 24A, 24C (1 abstention, 1 nay), 24D, 24E and 24D. Three amendments will be presented at the March RP meeting and the remaining two amendments at the May RP meeting.

The moderator, in collaboration with the RP Moderator RE Susan Keaney, requested the formation of an Administrative Committee to assist with the closure of Hopewell PC. COM members, Rev. Becka Abbott and Rev. Mary Kay Glunt volunteered to serve on this committee.

Reports of Subcommittees

Examinations and Membership

- Information Item – Interim EP Rev. Dr. Matthew Lon Weaver was elected with recommendation on behalf of COM.

Search and Call

- Having successfully completed their mission study, it was **MSP** to permit the Trinity UP Church, Uniontown to form a PNC. Rev. Molly Hall will serve as the COM liaison with the Trinity UP Church.

Care of Congregations and Congregational Leaders

The Moderator reviewed and discussed the role of church liaisons and the importance of church partnerships. Suggested March topics to discuss as liaisons were: minute review dates and observations of Lent in your church. The previous liaison lists were reviewed, and new liaisons volunteered and were assigned. (SEE ADDENDUM)

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

- John McClure, Lee McDermott, David McElroy, Aleda Menchyk, John Michael, Art Moffat, Len Morgan, John Morrow, Norma Prina Murphy and Rod Murray.
- The following churches were prayed for during this time. FPC, Irwin; West Hempfield PC, Irwin; FPC, Jeannette; Bethany PC, Johnstown; Second PC, Johnstown; Westmont PC, Johnstown; Springhill Furnace PC, Lake Lynn; Latrobe PC and Latrobe UP, both of Latrobe
- No break-out rooms were formed at this meeting.

IPLF Program, Workshops, Ongoing Task Forces

- Enrichment Day will be held at Westmont PC, Johnstown on Saturday February 8. All are invited to attend.
- A reminder from Rev. Molly Hall that the Annual RP Pastor Retreat will be held on Tuesday April 29 at Pine Springs Camp. Interim EP Lon Weaver will speak on creativity and discernment.

Other Business (Unfinished or New) None

Adjournment

It was **MSP** to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 PM with prayer offered by Rev. Martin Ankrum.

Committee on Preparation for Ministry

Action Items

- **The Committee on Preparation for Ministry reports on the current status of inquirers; candidates and IPLF students under the care of Redstone Presbytery.**
- **New IPLF Term will begin on August 9, 2025**

Information Items

March 4, 2025, Meeting

1. Opening Prayer by Robin Jennings
2. Committee members introduced themselves to Lon and welcomed him to visit their respective churches.
3. Approval of minutes Of February 2025 **MSP**
4. **Updates on Candidates and IPLF Participants**
 - a. Kristen shared information about **Linda Gossar Loesch**, whose report CPM has received. Linda is looking for resources to aid in sermon preparation.
 - b. Met with **Bill Poninsky** who spoke about his annual report. Committee asked about his experiences and challenges. Bill's mother died in 2024. Prior to her passing, he was traveling extensively to visit with her which left little time to pursue IPLF practicums. Committee offered help to work through those requirements. Bill expressed interest in Commissioning. As his CPM liaison, Geoff will be following up to keep him on track Geoff prayed for Bill.
 - c. Committee will meet with **Tammy Noss** at the April 2025 meeting.
 - d. Committee received **Karen Gray's** report and will speak with her in fall.
 - e. **Update on James Vlosich.** James did not pass the Polity Exam for the second time. Hyiwot has advised James to take a single exam rather than try to double up in the next cycle. They also discussed strategies to be successful in passing the exams. Taking a slower pace will delay James in his desired timeline to completion until 2026. Committee will meet with James again in May and then again in the fall.
5. **Jackie Eckenrod** will speak at next presbytery meeting about IPLF Program. Jackie inquired about having her name on the supply list. Lon will follow up on what updates need to be made to bring the list current.
6. Adjournment/Prayer by Interim EP Lon Weaver

February 4, 2025, Meeting

1. Opening Prayer: Robin Jennings
2. Approval of minutes from Jan 2025 MSP
3. Book of Order Amendment: Was accepted as Stated
4. We spoke with James in February, for his Polity class he finds out Feb 10th if he passed. He has three more classes to take. For his internships part A&B he did at Fairchance Presbyterian Church, Part C he is doing at Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church, he has been helping with the committees preparing a 1 ½ year calendar. Pastor Curtis and Associate Pastor Travis has him attending weekly meetings. James enjoys watching the two work together as one.

Timeline, he wants to have all exams completed by the end of the year.

James is loyal to Redstone Presbytery, he has good relationships with everyone.

As of right now James has 3 classes left. Hyiwot has suggested to check into being a Hospital Chaplin, James enjoys the Adult Ministry and Bible Study. Hyiwot will continue with monthly meetings with James. Hyiwot prayed for James.

5. Next Meeting will March 4, 2025, via Zoom.
6. The meeting was closed in Prayer by Robin.

Nominating Committee

Information Items

There are always opportunities on various subcommittees, task forces and networks. Please submit names of possible Ruling Elders for consideration to the Nominating Committee through either Glenn Hart or Lon Weaver.

New Business

Announcements Loop

Resolution of Thanks

Benediction

Adjournment