



2026 Stated Meeting

of the

Presbytery of Redstone
Presbyterian Church (USA)

May 26, 2026



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Congruity Presbyterian Church
New Alexandria, PA

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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE MEETING

The offering for this meeting will go to Pine Springs Camp. 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.

	<p><u>Council</u> – (pages 17-19)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written Report <p><u>Committee on Ministry</u> – (pages 20-23)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • James Vlosich • Rev. Ronald Durika • Wee Kirk Conference - October 12-14 (Appendix B) <p><u>Committee on Preparation</u> - (pages 24-25)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IPLF Program - (Appendix C) <p><u>Interim Executive Presbyter</u> - (pages 26-27)</p> <p><u>Planning Calendar</u> - (Appendix D)</p>	<p>Rev. Dr. Martin Ankrum</p> <p>Rev. Jim Farrer</p> <p>Rev. Geoff Rach</p> <p>Rev. Dr. Lon Weaver</p>
	Sending	
	<p>Resolution of Thanks Benediction Adjournment</p> <p><i><u>The next stated meeting of the Presbytery of Redstone will take place on September 22, 2026, 10:00 a.m. at Pine Springs Camp, Jennertown</u></i></p>	<p>Rev. Cliff Foster</p>

By God's grace,
Communicate the Word,
Carry on the Work,
Change the World!

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
May 13, 2026 - mail	West Newton, Sewickley United	2026 Terms of Call for Glenn Hart	COM & File
May 12, 2025 - email	Irwin, West Hempfield	2026 Terms of Call for Andrew Wirt	COM & File
May 11, 2026 - mail	Brownsville, Ft. Burd - mail	2026 Terms of Call for Kristen Emrick	COM & File
May 11, 2026- mail	Brownsville, Ft. Burd - mail	2026 Terms of Call for Kristen Emrick	COM & File
May 11, 2026 - mail	Murrysville, Union	2026 Terms of Call for Bob Ruefle	COM & File
April 30, 2026 - mail	Smithfield, Grace Chapel	2026 Terms of Call for Regina Sturiale	COM & File
April 30, 2026 - mail	Fayette City, Little Redstone	Manse Report	File
April 29, 2026 - email	Fayette City, Little Redstone	2026 Terms of Call for Josh Scully	COM & File
April 28, 2028 - email	Masontown, First	2026 Terms of call for Eric Glisan	COM & File
April 28, 2026 - email	Jeannette, First	2026 Terms of Call for Dawn Sherwood	COM & File
April 27, 2026 - email	Johnstown, Westmont	Transitional Pastor's Contract for James Farrer	COM & File
April 23, 2026 - email	Derry	2026 Covenant Pastor Agreement for Larry Armstrong	COM & File
April 20, 2026 - mail	Belle Vernon, Harmony	2026 Terms of Call for Glenn Hart	COM & File
March 30, 2026 - mail	Apollo, Poke Run	Manse Report	File
March 17, 2026 - email	Belle Vernon, Rehoboth	Manse Report	File
March 12, 2026 - email	Lower Burrell, Puckety	Manse Report, Departed Saints Report, List of Session Members	File
March 9, 2026 - mail	New Alexandria, Community United	2026 Terms of Call for Len Morgan, List of Session Members, Manse Report, Active Membership Report	COM & File

2. Committee on Representation Annual Report – 12/31/2025

Standing Committees	# Members	Gender	Age	TE/RE	Ethnicity
Council	15	8-M; 7-F	0-(16-25); 0-(26-35); 1-(36-50); 7-(51-65); 7-(66+)	8-TE; 7-RE	15-W
Nominating	3	2-M; 1-F	0-(16-25); 0-(26-35); 1-(36-50); 1-(51-65); 1-(66+)	1-TE; 2-RE	3-W
Preparation for Ministry (CPM)	9	5-M; 4-F	0-(16-25); 0-(26-35); 4-(36-50); 3-(51-65); 2-(66+)	4-TE; 5-RE	8-W 1-AA
Committee on Ministry (COM)	23	12-M; 11-F	0-(16-25); 0-(26-35); 7-(36-50); 8-(51-65); 8-(66+)	12-TE; 11-RE	23-W
Representation	3	1-M; 2-F	0-(16-25); 0-(26-35); 2-(36-50); 0-(51-65); 1-(66+)	2-TE; 1-RE;	2-W 1-NA
Pine Springs Board	6	2-M; 4-F	0-(16-25); 0-(26-35); 1-(36-50); 3-(51-65); 2-(66+)	3-TE; 3-RE;	6-W
Permanent Judicial Commission	9	4-M; 5-F	0-(16-25); 0-(26-35); 0-(36-50); 3-(51-65); 6-(66+)	5-TE; 4-RE	9-W
Committee Summary (duplicated)	68	34-M; 34-F	0-(16-25); 0-(26-35); 16-(36-50); 25-(51-65); 27-(66+)	35-TE; 33-RE;	66-W 1-AA 1-NA
Council Sub-Committees/Networks	# Members	Gender	Age	TE/RE	Ethnicity
Budget, Finance & Property	5	5-M; 0-F	0-(16-25); 0-(26-35); 0-(36-50); 1-(51-65); 4-(66+)	1-TE; 4-RE;	5-W
Mission	7	2-M; 5-F	0-(16-25); 0-(26-35); 2-(36-50); 1-(51-65); 4-(66+)	4-TE; 3-RE	6-W 1-AA
Staff Support	4	2-M; 2-F	0-(16-25); 0-(26-35); 0-(36-50); 1-(51-65); 3-(66+)	1-TE; 3-RE	4-W
Matthew 25 Team	5	2-M; 3-F	0-(16-25); 0-(26-35); 2-(36-50); 3-(51-65); 0-(66+)	4-TE; 1-RE	5-W
Addictions Ministry	5	2-M; 3-F	0-(16-25); 0-(26-35); 0-(36-50); 1-(51-65); 4-(66+)	2-TE; 3-RE	5-W
Worship	3	1-M; 2-F	0-(16-25); 0-(26-35); 2-(36-50); 0-(51-65); 1-(66+)	3-TE; 0-RE	3-W
GRAND TOTALS (duplicated)	97	48-M; 49-F	0-(16-25); 0-(26-35); 22-(36-50); 32-(51-65); 43-(66+)	50-TE; 47-RE;	94-W 2-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. **Slight imbalances occur on the Budget, Finance & Property committee at 1-TE; 4-RE; Staff Support at 1-TE; 3-RE; and Worship at 3-TE; 0-RE. Thus we should pursue to rectify.**
- Gender ratios are balanced among individual committees except for two. **We should pursue another female for the Budget & Finance committee and another male for the Mission Committee.** The aggregate is balanced.
- 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 (16-35). 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.

CONSENT AGENDA:

The Interim 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, Interim Stated Clerk, it is **recommended** that the minutes of the Presbytery meeting of the March 24, 2026, 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.
2. Council **recommends** that the reports of the Interim Stated Clerk and be received and filed.
3. Council **recommends** that any Interim Executive Presbyter, Treasurer, Mission, Pine Springs Camp and Synod commissioner presented to the Presbytery be received and filed.

From the Committee on Ministry

From the Committee on Preparation for Ministry

From the Nominating Committee

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.

**Presbytery of Redstone
Income and Expense Statement
General Fund 01, April 2026**

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	Current Period	Year to Date	Annual Budget	Annual Budget Percentage
INCOME				
CONTRIBUTION INCOME				
UNRESTRICTED	\$35,984.72	\$101,744.55	\$300,000.00	33.91%
TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	2,299.00	8,806.57	45,000.00	19.57%
Subtotal Contribution Income	38,283.72	110,551.12	345,000.00	32.04%
INTEREST INCOME	149.32	329.24	4,000.00	8.23%
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	0.00	179.71	5,000.00	3.59%
RELEASE FROM RESTRICTIONS				
TEMP RESTRICTED RELEASE	-1,964.00	-6,005.00	0.00	0.00%
Subtotal Release From Restrictions	-1,964.00	-6,005.00	0.00	0.00%
RELEASED FROM RESTRICTION	1,964.00	6,005.00	0.00	0.00%
TOTAL INCOME	38,433.04	111,060.07	354,000.00	31.37%
EXPENSES				
SHARED MINISTRY & MISSION	\$6,389.00	\$22,752.62	\$96,500.00	23.58%
COMMITTEE EXPENSES				
COUNCIL	65.72	1,471.33	9,750.00	15.09%
COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00%
COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION	0.00	0.00	750.00	0.00%
Subtotal Committee Expenses	65.72	1,471.33	11,000.00	13.38%
OPERATIONS	4,203.04	22,459.75	43,300.00	51.87%
PRESBYTERY STAFF				
EXECUTIVE STAFF				
EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER	9,362.03	38,948.12	118,000.00	33.01%
STATED CLERK/ASSOC CLERK	0.00	1,287.50	5,200.00	24.76%
Subtotal Executive Staff	9,362.03	40,235.62	123,200.00	32.66%
ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT				
ADM OPERATIONS MGR	2,093.81	6,752.67	23,622.00	28.59%
BOOKKEEPER	515.00	2,060.00	6,240.00	33.01%
RECORDING CLERK	91.04	187.43	520.00	36.04%
Subtotal Administrative Support	2,699.85	9,000.10	30,382.00	29.62%
EMPLOYER PAID FICA TAXES	772.03	3,048.94	8,600.00	35.45%
Subtotal Presbytery Staff	12,833.91	52,284.66	162,182.00	32.24%
APPORTIONMENTS	8,534.09	34,136.36	102,409.00	33.33%
TOTAL EXPENSES	32,025.76	133,104.72	415,391.00	32.04%
TRANSFER ACCOUNTS				
TRANSFER FROM OTHER FUNDS	\$2,011.55	\$3,328.69	\$62,000.00	5.37%
TOTAL TRANSFERS	2,011.55	3,328.69	62,000.00	5.37%
EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES	\$8,418.83	-\$18,715.96	\$609.00	-3,073.23%

Redstone Presbytery Commitment to the Larger Church April 30, 2026	2026	TOTAL	% Payup	Unpaid
	PLEDGE	PAID	as of 4/30/2026	Pledge Balance
Adah, Palmer		500.00		(500.00)
Apollo, Poke Run	3,897.90	974.48	25%	2,923.42
Avonmore	1,000.00	960.00	96%	40.00
Belle Vernon, First	4,500.00	2,250.00	50%	2,250.00
Belle Vernon, Harmony	1,200.00	400.00	33%	800.00
Belle Vernon, Marion	2,450.00	2,450.00	100%	
Belle Vernon, Rehoboth	1,000.00	249.99	25%	750.01
Bolivar	1,500.00	500.00	33%	1,000.00
Brownsville, Calvin		800.00		(800.00)
Brownsville, Ft. Burd				
Brownsville, Hopewell				
Colver		275.00		(275.00)
Cresson	2,860.00	1,430.00		1,430.00
Delmont				
Derry	1,200.00		0%	1,200.00
Dunbar, First		1,275.00		(1,275.00)
Dunbar, Laurel Hill				
Ebensburg	1,000.00	934.99	93%	65.01
Fairchance				
Farmington		600.00		(600.00)
Fayette City, Little Redstone				
Greensburg, First		10,333.32		(10,333.32)
Greensburg, Maplewood	5,000.00	1,251.00	25%	3,749.00
Greensburg, Westminster		2,000.00		(2,000.00)
Irwin, First	25,000.00	8,333.32	33%	16,666.68
Irwin, W. Hempfield		750.00		(750.00)
Jeannette	3,000.00	1,350.00	45%	1,650.00
Johnstown, Bethany	1,620.00		0%	1,620.00
Johnstown, First	6,000.00	1,800.00	30%	4,200.00
Johnstown, Second	2,200.00		0%	2,200.00
Johnstown, Westmont	16,000.00	8,000.00	50%	8,000.00
Lake Lynn	800.00		0%	800.00
Latrobe, Main St.	26,500.00	6,630.00	25%	19,870.00
Latrobe, Spring St.				
Leisenring				
Ligonier, Pleasant Grove				
Lower Burrell, Grace		583.33		(583.33)
Lower Burrell, Puckety	10,000.00	3,400.00	34%	6,600.00
Masontown				
McClellandtown	4,300.00	2,150.00	50%	2,150.00
Merrittstown, Dunlap's Ck.				
Mt. Pleasant, Reunion	1,200.00		0%	1,200.00
Murrysville, First	12,000.00	3,000.00	25%	9,000.00
Murrysville, Newlonsburg	28,160.00	8,982.00	32%	19,178.00
Murrysville, Union	4,000.00	1,000.00	25%	3,000.00
N. Alexandria, Community	3,000.00	1,235.00	41%	1,765.00
N. Alexandria, Congruity	5,000.00	4,279.92	86%	720.08
New Florence, Bethel		1,000.00		(1,000.00)
New Florence, Trinity	3,825.00	1,275.00	33%	2,550.00
New Kensington	5,109.00	1,247.92	24%	3,861.08
New Salem	2,000.00	1,421.00	71%	579.00
N. Huntingdon, New Hope	5,700.00	1,425.00	25%	4,275.00
Patton	4,180.00	4,180.00	100%	
Revloc	1,925.00	1,925.00	100%	
Scottdale				
Smithfield, Grace Chapel				
Smock, Pleasant View	8,000.00	2,500.00	31%	5,500.00
Trafford, Level Green	5,560.00	3,348.32		2,211.68
Uniontown, Tent				
Uniontown, Third		764.00		(764.00)
Uniontown, Trinity	3,300.00	708.50	21%	2,591.50
Vanderbilt, E. Liberty	1,000.00	340.00	34%	660.00
West Newton, Sewickley	990.00		0%	990.00
W. Newton, Sewickley UP				
West Newton, United				

Presbytery of Redstone
Balance Sheet
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Current Year

ASSETS - BANK ACCOUNTS - CHECKING ACCOUNTS

1st Commonwealth Ckg	\$24,605.91
1st Commonwealth Ckg #2	1,744.39
1st Commonwealth M Market	<u>40,264.81</u>

Subtotal Checking Accounts 66,615.11

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

PILP Investment	10,000.00
Ameriprise Money Market	2,061.67
Petty Cash	<u>250.00</u>

Subtotal Savings Accounts 12,311.67

Subtotal Bank Accounts 78,926.78

INVESTMENTS

E Johnston - New Covenant	355,888.28
Ameriprise Invest - PW	<u>732,768.44</u>

Subtotal Investments 1,088,656.72

LOANS RECEIVABLE

Loans Receivable - PSC	-0.19
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FIXED ASSETS

BUILDINGS

PRESBYTERY OFFICE

EQUIPMENT

Office Equipment	<u>136,800.00</u>
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Subtotal Fixed Assets 436,800.00

OTHER ASSETS

Pine Springs Camp	<u>1,877,753.00</u>
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TOTAL ASSETS \$3,482,136.31

LIABILITIES

CURRENT LIABILITIES PAYROLL

DEDUCTIONS

TAXES PAYABLE

941 Taxes Payable	\$1,954.41
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State Taxes Payable	148.00
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Local Taxes Payable	153.34
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LST Taxes Payable	<u>8.68</u>
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Subtotal Taxes Payable 2,264.43

Subtotal Payroll Deductions 2,264.43

PASS THRU CONTRIBUTIONS

Special Offerings - Gener	260.00
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One Great Hour of Sharing	10.00
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Peace and Global Witness	95.90
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1% Theological Education	<u>150.01</u>
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Balance Sheet
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Current Year

Subtotal Pass Thru Contributions	515.91
Subtotal Current Liabilities	2,780.34
INTERFUND ADVANCES	
Due to/from Other Funds	0.57
TOTAL LIABILITIES	2,780.91
NET ASSETS	
UNRESTRICTED	
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$1,531,866.62
Unrest'd Net Assets - PSC	1,779,111.00
Subtotal Unrestricted	3,310,977.62
TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	
Equipping Leadership	200.00
Hooten Scholarship	1,298.00
Addictions Ministry	844.54
BOP Grant	10,998.00
SCLD	10,240.17
Engaging Congregations	4,825.00
Pine Springs Camp	215.00
Enabling Ministry Network	1,620.52
Projector Fund	872.13
Resource Center	3,609.02
PDA - Directed	102.00
Triennium	1,000.00
Sudan Projects	14,710.32
Peace and Global Witness	15,527.42
Ministry Student Aid	18,821.25
Minister's Assistance	617.31
Synod Mission	300.00
I.P.L.F.	-5,499.00
I.P.L.F. 2	7,125.10
Subtotal Temporarily Restricted	87,426.78
PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED	
Perm. Rest. Net Assets	80,951.00
TOTAL EQUITY	3,479,355.40
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$3,482,136.31

Mission Network

April 9, 2026

Devotions: Isaiah 2:3b-4 Rev. John Blewitt's favorite verse

Collection at March Presbytery Meeting \$769.00.

It was agreed we would sponsor a mission cabin at Pine Springs this year, it has been suggested we focus on the theme of "hunger." Bread for the World would have resources.

Mission Fair this year at the September 22 Presbytery meeting at Pine Springs. We should put an announcement in the eNews.

Debby will be picking up 2 quilts from the Prayers and Squares group at Westmont for Sylvia to take along on her mission trip to West Virginia.

Received an e-mail from Lon regarding a new contact for Stewardship.
Next meeting is May 14

March 12, 2026

Devotions Psalm 46

Welcome Rev. Thomas Tut, Moderator of the South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church (SSPEC), to our meeting via Zoom

Prayer Requests: Sudan, South Sudan, and end to the Mideast war, the people that are being affected by the Trump request of the Supreme court enable them to remove the protected status for Haitians, Venezuelans, Syrians, etc.; the sin of racism, Shannan Kellam, food for Pakistan.

Offerings at Presbytery Meetings follow-up: Debby will send an email to Bobbie when we determine the focus of the offering at each Presbytery meeting. We collected over \$1,000 for Minneapolis in January, and it will go to the Presbytery of the Twin Cities.

From the November Mission Committee minutes: Presbytery Offering distribution - Debby will contact Laura Blank regarding passing the plates at Presbytery meetings. We have designated the November offering to go for Alaska for assistance with the devastation in the wake of the recent typhoon. Checks should be made out to: Alaska Community Foundation with "Western Alaska Disaster Relief" in the memo line and mailed to 3201 C Street, Suite 110, Anchorage, AK 99503.

The next meeting of the presbytery will be March 24 at 6 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Irwin. The offering will go to PDA for Christian hunger relief in Bethlehem.

It was agreed we would sponsor a mission cabin at Pine Springs this year, next steps

There will be a Mission Fair at the September Presbytery meeting at Pine Springs.

We need to maintain focus on Sudan / South Sudan and others places in need.

Rev. Thomas Tut reported that in North Sudan the war is still going on – the Rapid forces (formerly the Janjaweed) and the Sudanese military are still fighting. There has been some return to Khartoum, war is still going on in Dilling, El Obeid is still in a state of war, there is also some war going on in the border with Ethiopia, and Blue Nile. Cities like Kormuk were at war. Yesterday the churches in the area were not active. Pastor Philip has said that the government is calling the people to come back to Khartoum – Atbara is now the site of Nile Theological College in the north, Musa Kodi is still in charge. Aida Weran Nasser is in Kampala, Uganda with her husband, Youssif. Barnaba Abbass is in North Sudan.

In South Sudan – war is going on. The peace agreement hasn't been implemented. The leaders of the opposition have now been in court for a year. The fighting is mostly in Greater Upper Nile, including Jonglei and Unity state – Equatoria and western Equatoria – and fighting in Akoba. The war started in western Akoba and people have fled across the river to Ethiopia. Now citizens have been called to come back because the situation is stable. Upper Nile there has also been fighting. In North Unity state youth have attacked people because there has been no salaries for 1 ½ years. South Sudanese pounds have lost their value. There is no money. Food is coming largely from humanitarian aid groups and from Uganda (south) when the roads are not blocked. By the grace of God people survive. Oil is flowing.

What about the church. The church is calling for dialogue with the government. The government has held lots of meetings with the South Sudan Council of Churches. Episcopal Bishop Justin Badi is chair of the South Sudan council of churches. South Sudan Presbyterian Church is managing. All the congregations have been affected. There are 5 presbyteries – 3 are working. The one in Juba is working well. Jonglei and Upper Nile are stuck because the congregations are fleeing. What aid – they need food. How can people come back if the government chases them away.



Pine Springs Camp

UPDATES

Overnight Camp

We currently have **830 registered campers**, the highest number at this point in the year since **2002**.

2026 Summer Theme

Our theme for the summer is “**Kingdom Living**”, and campers will be studying **The Lord’s Prayer** throughout the season.

Traveling Day Camps (We are grateful for all partnering churches who help make these camps possible.)

- **Norwin/Irwin Area**
June 15–19 at *New Hope Presbyterian Church* Status: **Nearly full**
- **Murrysville Area**
July 20–24 at *Murrysville Presbyterian Church* Status: **Full** — We are working to open additional spots to move campers off the waitlist.
- **Latrobe Area**
July 27–31 at *The Summit* Hosted by Latrobe Presbyterian, Latrobe Community Ministries, and Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church Status: **Plenty of availability**

PSC Spring Retreats

We are thankful for every participant who joined us this spring. It is a joy to provide opportunities for all ages to grow in their faith.

PSC Remix

Originally planned as our winter retreat for middle and high school students, PSC Remix was rescheduled due to below-zero temperatures. Despite the change, **42 campers** attended and had a great experience.

Women in the Woods

This retreat welcomed **100 women**. Participants enjoyed encouragement from Rev. Karen Young, baking focaccia bread, hiking, zip-lining, and more. It was wonderful to see women of all ages participate. And as always, the food was incredible.

Women’s Catalyst

Twelve women braved cold temperatures and rain to backpack over **10 miles** on the Laurel Highlands Trail. The group was challenged both physically and spiritually while enjoying the beauty of the Laurel Highlands.

2026 Scholarship Golf Outing — Monday, May 18

Please mark your calendar for this important event, which helps us ensure that **every camper family** has the opportunity to experience Pine Springs Camp. Your support as an **Amen Sponsor**, **Tee Sponsor**, or **Green Sponsor** is greatly appreciated. More information will be shared soon. For questions, contact **Greg Davis** at greg@pinesprings.org.

Support a Summer Staff Member

Your church can play a meaningful role in supporting our summer staff. When you sign up, we will assign a staff member to your congregation. Your church agrees to:

- Pray weekly for the staff member and for Pine Springs Camp
- Send notes of encouragement
- Provide a care package with gift cards and small treats

If your church is interested, please contact **Luke, our Registrar**, at info@pinesprings.org.

If you’d like, I can also format this into a newsletter layout, a bulletin insert, or a version with headings and graphics.

Nominating Committee

Nominating Committee Report Items

- The Nominating Committee nominates the Rev. Kristen Emrick and Bob Sheehan to serve as Ordination Exam Readers.

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 Ed Gray (revved@comcast.net), Nominating Committee Chair.
- In the upcoming months, we will be considering candidates to serve as Vice Moderator in 2027. If you desire to nominate someone (including yourself), please contact either Ed Gray or Rev. Dr. Lon Weaver

Budget, Finance and Property

Treasurer's Report

Income & Expense Report

This report provides an unaudited review of the April 30, 2026 Financial Statements for the Presbytery of Redstone.

April represents 33% of the year.

Total Income through April is \$112,270.90 which is 31.7%.

Total Expense through April is \$133,104.72 which is 32%.

This equates to a loss through April of (\$20,833.82).

Church Pledging / Payment Activity

- 65 Total Churches in this Report.
- 38 Churches have pledged to date.
- \$215,976.90 pledged to date.
- \$98,812.09 paid to date, which is 45.8%.

Investments & Holding

Ameriprise Financial Assets:

April 30, 2026 Change in Value was \$54,415.28.

April 30, 2026 Total Value is \$790,456.22.

First Commonwealth Bank balance is \$66,615.11.

PILP balance is \$10,000.

Ameriprise Money Market is \$2,061.67.

Petty Cash is \$250.00.

New Covenant Funds are \$355,888.28.

Total Investments & Holdings equals \$1,225,271.20.

ACTION AGENDA

Presbytery Council

Council Report Items

- No oral report. Information items below.

Council Information items

April 28, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

Elder Susan Keaney, Chair of Council called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. and opened the meeting with prayer. A quorum of members was established.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Susan Keaney, Chair of Council, solicited any changes to the agenda. It was **Moved** by Gary Filsom and **Seconded** by Keith Langston and **Passed** to approve the agenda as presented.

DEVOTIONS Gary Filson led devotions. Gary showed us three ropes of various lengths. As we looked at them, we could see the differences of the ropes. He pointed out that God sees us as equals. God loves each one of us and wouldn't it be great if we could see each other as equals and one. Gary closed the devotions with prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the March 3, 2026 meeting were presented. It was **Moved** by Keith Langston **Seconded** by Bernice Adams and **Passed** to approve these minutes.

REPORTS

Moderator

- No Report. The Mission Study Team meeting will be meeting in the near future. The Team was commissioned to determine how to do a Mission Study, whether it should be done internally or to hire an outside company.

Interim Executive Presbyter There was a written report from the Interim Executive Presbyter. Lon reported that we received the Fit for the Future Grant of \$30,000 from the Synod of the Trinity. There are some exciting things happening with Christian Associates of Southwest PA. There have been some "We Have to Talk" events on immigration and ICE. Lon attended the Christian Associates Annual Retreat. Lon also highlighted some of the other activities that he was involved in from March 4- April 28, 2026. He had a couple of writing opportunities and completed a lecture on Paul Tillich on Religion and Culture at Harvard. Lon wrote an essay on "Confronting Antisemitism in Paul Tillich's for the *Voice of America*" for the Christian Associates book project, *Reckoning with Antisemitism as Christians*. Lon participated in the funeral service of a friend of his in Duluth, Minn. Lon ended his report with the words from Isaiah 2:4 with a photo of an sculpture called "The Tree of Life" in Mozambique.

Interim Stated Clerk

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

- The Correspondence Log
- It was **Moved** by Cliff Foster and **Seconded** by Laura Blank and **Passed** for Pine Spring Camp to celebrate the Sacrament of Communion at the beginning and the end of the camping season. A

Teaching Elder member of the Camp Pine Spring Board from Washington Presbytery will celebrate the Lord's Supper.

Treasurer Report

Keith Langston distributed a written report to the members of Council. March represents 25% of the year and the expenses are 24%. At the end of March, 30.4% of pledged amount has been paid.

Executive Director of Pine Springs Camp There was a written report from Greg Davis, Executive Director of Pine Springs Camp.

SUBCOMMITTEES/NETWORKS/TASK FORCES

Staff Support. No report.

Mission There was a written report from the Mission Committee. There will be a Mission Fair at the September Presbytery Meeting, and it should be announced at the May Presbytery Meeting.

Budget, Finance and Property Committee There was a written report from the Budget, Finance and Property Committee. It was **Moved** by Keith Langston and **Seconded** by Laura Blank and **Passed** that the Presbytery of Redstone Council give permission to the Level Green Presbyterian Church to subdivide their property with the help of a real estate agent or an attorney and then proceed to sell their manse, the terms of the sale of the manse to be approved by the Presbytery of Redstone at a later date.

Communications There was a written report from the Communications Committee. The phone system at the Presbytery office is to be replaced on Thursday, April 30, 2026.

Matthew 25 Network There was a written report from the Matthew 25 Network.

Meeting Design Committee. There was a written report from the Meeting Design Committee. Laura Blank led a discussion on the Presbytery Meeting format. What have we learned or experienced in the last two Presbytery meetings with in-person attendance and Zoom observation. The Presbytery meeting flow better. Being able to reconnect with people in person. Laura Blank **Moved** and **Seconded** by Gary Filson and **Passed** that the May and November Presbytery meetings will be in-person with voting and voice from commissioners present and observation only on Zoom. A reminder that anyone observing on Zoom is not counted as present at the meeting.

Laura Blank shared some considerations for the May Presbytery Meeting. Congruity is not set up for livestreaming; the Presbytery will need to bring equipment. At the Fellowship Time before the meeting, there will be a table for first time commissioners or for others who would like to have a Presbytery preview table. Laura Blank and Gary Filson will work on putting something together for this event. As part of the Council report at the May Presbytery meeting, there will be meet your fellow Presbyters "icebreaker". There will be a three-part monologue sermon by Rebecca Abbott, Kristen Emerick and Laura Blank.

Addictions Ministry No report.

Healing Prayer Network There was a written report from the Healing Prayer Network. The meeting time has changed from 3:30pm to 5PM at the Presbytery Center Meeting Room on the second Thursday of each month.

IPLF Steering No Report

PRESBYTERY MEETING AGENDA

The proposed agenda for the May Presbytery gathering was presented. After review and discussion, it was **Moved** by Laura Blank and **Seconded** by Gary Filson and it was **Passed** to approve the agenda of the May Presbytery meeting as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

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 **Moved** by Gary Filson and **Seconded** by Janie Short and **Passed** to adjourn with our intercessory prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Committee on Ministry

Committee on Ministry Report Items

- The Committee on Ministry of the Presbytery of Redstone recommends approval of the call of James Vlosich to be the pastor at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Uniontown effective June 1, 2026 and to approve an ordination/installation commission for a date to be determined, if the way be clear.
- The Committee on Ministry further recommends that the Rev. Ronald Durika be given the designation of "Retired".
- Wee Kirk Conference - Laurelville Retreat Center - October 12-14, 2026

Information items

May 7, 2026, Meeting

Approval of this Evening's Agenda

It was MSP to accept and approve this meeting's agenda.

Approval of Minutes

It was MSP to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2026 meeting with the following typo correction. The Rev. Gary Filson was incorrectly referred to as the Rev. Gary Gilson.

Report of the Stated Clerk

The report updated the committee on the following items:

- Recent Correspondence Log was provided.
- The last 2025 Minute Review date will be on: Tuesday May 26- 4:30 pm at New Alexandria, Congruity prior to the presbytery meeting. Our Moderator reported that about half of our churches have had their Minute Review completed.
- There are no Waivers from Rotation Requests.
- It was MSP to approve the presented the Rev. Larry Armstrong's Covenant Pastor Agreement with Derry Presbyterian Church, Derry. It was MSP to approve the presented Transitional Pastor Contract of the Rev. James Farrer with the Westmont Presbyterian Church, Johnstown.
- It was MSP to accept the Report of the Stated Clerk.

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

A written in-depth report from April 9 thru May 7, 2026 was presented in tonight's meeting packet. It was MSP to receive and accept the Report of the Interim EP.

Report of the Moderator

Rev. Brian Kilbert gave a review of the recent interview with Candidate James Vlosich. It was MSP that the Committee on Ministry of the Presbytery of Redstone recommend approval of the call of James Viosich to be the pastor at Trinity Presbyterian Church Uniontown effective June 1,2026 and to approve an ordination/installation commission for a date to be determined, if the way be clear. As of now prospective dates are: Leading worship, preaching, followed by a congregational meeting and vote on May 17, 2026 with ordination/installation on June 7, 2026.

- It was MSP that the Committee on Ministry of the Presbytery of Redstone concurs with the retirement of the Rev. Ronald Durika effective May 31, 2026, if the way be clear. Committee on Ministry recommends that the Rev. Ronald Durika be given the designation of "retired".

- It was **MSP** that the Commissioned Pastor Russ Baird presides at the Lord's Supper for Dunbar Presbyterian Church on July 5, October 4 and at a baptism-date TBD.
- Commissioned Pastor Russ Baird has been appointed as Moderator for Dunbar Presbyterian Church and Leisenring Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Ed Gray was appointed as Moderator of Ebensburg, First. The Rev. Dr. Lon Weaver and the Rev. Derek Campbell were appointed as PNC Liaisons to Johnstown, Westmont and Irwin, First respectively.

Reports of Subcommittees

Examinations and Membership: Abbott, Ankrum, Kilbert and Webster

- Nothing to report.

Search and Call

- Congratulations, well wishes, thank you and prayers were extended to COM member the Rev. Travis Webster for his new call and position at Wooster College, effective July 1, 2026.
- We are adding Latrobe United, Spring Street and Newlonsburg, Murrysville to our list of churches in the Search and Call process.

Care of Congregations and Congregational Leaders

- We still have a few churches without a liaison so there was a discussion concerning the need of a liaison if the church is already represented by a COM member. No recommendation was made at this time.
- Possible questions for our congregational contacts: Have your 2025 Minutes been reviewed? and Are you planning any activities to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the United States?

IPLF Program, Workshops, Ongoing Task Forces

- IPLF- Reformed Liturgy and Worship is the current study. The IPLF Fall 2026 schedule was included in the packet.
- Rev. Mary Kay Glunt reported that there were 13 in attendance at the Pastor's Retreat at Pine Springs Camp on April 14, 2026. She gave an overview on the day's activities with thanks to all that participated.

Other Business (Unfinished or New)

- None

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was **MSP** to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 PM with prayer offered by our Moderator.

The following Pastors were prayed for during this time: Sue Washburn, Travis Webster, Bill Weightman, Andrew Wirt, Doug Yauger, Rebecca Abbott, Martin Ankrum, Larry Armstrong, Russ Baird and Brenda Barnes.

The following churches were prayed for during this time: Latrobe, United; Leisenring; Ligonier, Pleasant Grove; Lower Burrell, Grace Community; Lower Burrell, Puckety; Masontown, First; McClellandtown; Merrittstown, Dunlap's Creek; Mt. Pleasant, Reunion; Murrysville, First.

The next regular meeting of the Committee on Ministry will be held at 6:30 p.m. on June 4, 2026. Rev. Dr. Martin Ankrum will lead the devotions.

April 9, 2026, Meeting

Approval of this Evening's Agenda

MSP to accept and approve this meeting's agenda.

Report of the Interim Executive Presbyter the Rev. Dr. Lon Weaver -this was moved forward since he had another commitment this evening.

A written in-depth report from March 6 thru April 9, 2026 was presented and reviewed. Rev. Lon presented a writing entitled "An Insight into War and Vengeance".

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

Approval of Minutes

MSP to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2026 meeting with the following correction. Brenda Barnes was excused from the meeting instead of absent as stated.

Report of the Stated Clerk

The report updated the committee on the following items:

- Recent Correspondence Log was provided.
- Minute Review dates will continue on: Wed. April 22- 6:00 pm at the Presbytery Office; and Tues. May 26- 4:30 pm at New Alexandria, Congruity. Rev. Becka Abbott has made arrangements to review the minutes from the First Presbyterian Church of Masontown.
- No Waivers from Rotation Requests or Contract Approvals were presented.
- It was MSP to accept the Report of the Stated Clerk.

Report of the Moderator

- The Moderator recommended that the Examinations and Membership Subcommittee be assigned to review and establish the Continuing Education perimeters for the Terms of Call 2027. There was discussion concerning the use of 'weeks' vs. 'days' in the terms. The committee's recommendation will be taken to the Redstone Presbytery meeting on September 22, 2026 for vote.

Reports of Subcommittees

Examinations and Membership: Abbott, Ankrum, Kilbert and Webster

- No meeting or anything to report.

Search and Call

- A meeting is scheduled for April 21, 2026.
- Irwin, First- Active in the call process. Their liaison Rev. Webster is relocating in June. Rev. Weaver will continue working with them; Uniontown, Trinity- Rev. Abbot reported that they are close to a call; Belle Vernon, First-proceeding in the process; West Newton, United-Rev. MacPherson is currently serving; New Florence, Trinity-Rev. Susan Blank is currently serving; Johnstown, Westmont-Rev. Ken Foust is serving with the possibility of Rev Jim Farrer in the future; Westminster, Greensburg-currently revising their MDP; Mt. Pleasant, Reunion- new in process, sharing a new Moderator Rev. Gary Gilson with Calvin United , Scottdale: New Salem- Rev. Mary Kay Glunt is under contract.

Care of Congregations and Congregational Leaders

- We still have a few churches without a liaison so there was a discussion concerning the need of a liaison if the church is already represented by a COM member. No recommendation was made.

IPLF Program, Workshops, Ongoing Task Forces

- IPLF- Reformed Liturgy and Worship is the current study.
- Rev. Mary Kay Glunt reported that there about 12 sign-ups so far for the Annual Pastor Retreat at Pine Springs Camp scheduled for April 14, 2026.

Other Business (Unfinished or New)

- None

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was MSP to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM with prayer offered by our Moderator.

The following Pastors were prayed for during this time: Rebecca Siddle, John Simpson, Jeff Smith, Doug Stevens, James Stobaugh, James Sunseri, Rick Sweeney, Denise Toderro, Alice Tondora and Robert Van Wyk.

The following churches were prayed for during this time: Greensburg, Westminster; Irwin, First; Irwin, West Hempfield; Jeannette, First; Johnstown, Bethany; Johnstown, First; Johnstown, Second; Johnstown, Westmont; Lake Lynn, Springhill Furnace and Latrobe, Main and Latrobe, United

The next regular meeting of the Committee on Ministry will be held at 6:30 p.m. on May 7, 2026.

RE: Bob Sheehan will lead the devotions.

Committee on Preparation for Ministry

Committee on Preparation Report Items

- **IPLF - Fall 2026 Semester starts August 8 - Introduction to the New Testament (Appendix C)**

Information Items

May 5, 2026

Meeting opened in prayer by Geoff Rach

Approval of the April 7, 2026 meeting minutes M/S/P.

The committee met with Linda Gossar Loesch. Linda is a longtime Authorized Preacher who is a member at the Murrysville, Newlonsburg Church.

Linda submitted a written report from 2025 stating that she preached 32 times.

We talked to Linda about how she prepares sermons and maintains her spiritual well-being. The committee prayed for Linda and her ongoing preaching ministry.

The committee then met with committee member Tammy Noss who is a member at New Alexandria, Community United Church. Tammy submitted a written report that contained her 2025 preaching schedule. She reports completing all IPLF classroom and practicum requirements. Tammy has been preaching twice a month since the fall of 2025 at Bethany Church in Johnstown. She would like to be commissioned and serve in a formal role at Bethany Church. There have been some discussions about that but nothing official. The CPM chair will contact the COM chair to further discuss this matter. Tammy would be interested in taking another commission within the Presbytery as the need arises. The committee took time to pray for Tammy and what the Lord has in store for her future ministry.

The following updates are on those under our care that have recently met with the committee:

- Kristen Emrick is willing to meet with Bill Poninsky to help him finish the few practicum requirements he has left to complete IPLF.
- An update was given on James Vlosich who defended his statement of faith before the committee and the Presbytery in March. In the future, candidates for ordination who have completed their requirements and satisfactorily defend their statement of faith before the committee can be moved by the committee to be certified ready to receive a call before the Presbytery without having to defend their statement before the Presbytery. Uniontown, Trinity has extended the call to James to serve as their next pastor. James will appear before the Presbytery at the upcoming May meeting to be examined on his sense of call to Trinity.

Meeting was adjourned with prayer by Jim Farrer.

Our next meeting is scheduled to be held on June 2, 2026 at 6:00 PM.

We hope to meet with Authorized Preachers Seth Meyers and Karen

April 6, 2026

Meeting opened in prayer by Geoff Rach

Minutes of March 3rd meeting M/S/P

Current IPLF Participants

Bill Poninsky

- One year since last visit
- Kristen Emrick will mentor
- Still needs to finish his practicums
- Sense of call – stated he wants to be faithful to the Word of God in his preaching
- Would like to be Commissioned

Ray Sheets

- Bethany Church of Johnstown
- New to the IPLF Program, one class finished up in the fall
- Help with the transition period till Bethany gets a Pastor

Next Meeting is Scheduled for May 5, 2026.

Closing Prayer by Geoff Rach

Interim Executive Presbyter

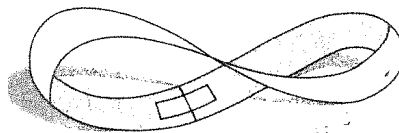
(Time Period: March 24 - May 24, 2026)

Opening Comments - Transcend and Act

- From Maya Angelou's "Caged Bird"

A free bird leaps on the back of the wind and floats downstream
till the current ends and dips his wing in the orange sun rays and dares to claim the sky.
But a bird that stalks down his narrow cage can seldom see through his bars of rage
his wings are clipped and his feet are tied so he opens his throat to sing.

- Parker Palmer's Mbbius strip
A Hidden Wholeness (Hoboken, NJ
Wiley, 2004), pp. 45-49



- **Luke 6:27-31**- "But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. Do to others as you would have them do to you."

Attended worship:

- Poke Run P.C. (4/26)

Preaching:

- Congruity (4/12)
- Ebensburg (4/19)
- New Kensington (5/5)
- Westminster, Greensburg (5/24)

Musician:

- Organist for Lenten Service-1st P.C., Greensburg (3/25)
- Pinch-Hitter, Choir Accompanist (5/14)
- Organist at Sunday Worship-1st P.C., Greensburg (5/17)

Conversations:

- Five conversations supporting pastors for a range of matters (3/13 [2], 4/30 [2], 5/13)
- Three conversations with Church Members (4/20, 4/27, 4/29)

Presbytery Gatherings/Meetings:

- Committee on Preparation for Ministry- Conversations with Chair (4/1 & 5/5)
- COM (4/9)
- Stated Clerk and COM Chair re: upcoming calls to pastorates (4/16)
- COM Sub-Committee on Examinations and Membership (4/28)
- Council (4/28)
- Correspondence with Members of Budget, Finance, and Property (4/30)
- Redstone Presbytery's Fledgling Stewardship: > Committee (5/11)

Denominational Entities:

- Synod-Sponsored Coaching sessions with Rev. Youngsook Charlene Kang (4/14 & 5/12)
- Newer Mid Council Leadership - Residency (*Bon Secours* Retreat and Conference Center in Greater Baltimore [5/3-5/7]) covering a range of ministry in presbytery and synod leadership
- Synod Regional Gatherings: SW Region in Morgantown, WV (5/14)

Ecumenical/Interreligious/Cultural:

- Three Christian Associates Meetings: a "We Have to Talk" interfaith event on Oppression and Immigration (4/9); and Two Bishops and Judicatory Council Gatherings (4/23 & 5/13)- a significant discussion about Christian Nationalism occurred during the 5/13 meeting.

Various Tasks/Interactions/Events:

- Completed Discernment Tools for Sessions (3/25 & 4/29);
- Completed Recap of March Presbytery Meeting (3/26);
- Traveled to Duluth, MN to lead worship music for the memorial service for our close friend David Rutford (3/26-3/30)
- Traveled to Chicago for Easter with our son, daughter-in-law, and granddaughter (4/2-4/8)
- Offered presentation for the lunch event of 1st Church Greensburg (4/14)
- Completed an essay for Christian Associates book project, *Reckoning with Antisemitism as Christians* (4/20).
- Attended the Alumni Days at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (4/21-4/22)