

Presbytery of Redstone September 15, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

The ecclesiastical and corporate meeting of the Presbytery of Redstone was convened at 1:00 p.m. on September 15, 2015, at the Laurel Hill Presbyterian Church and opened with prayer by Glenn Hart, Moderator. He announced that items of new business must be presented to the clerk before the worship service begins.

FORMATION OF THE ROLL

The Associate Stated Clerk, Rev. Cliff Foster, attested to the fact that a quorum was present in order to conduct the business of the meeting.

<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>MINISTERS</u>	<u>ELDERS</u>
	Bruce Cadenhead	
	Sylvia Carlson, HR	
	Gary Close, HR	
	Jim Farrer, HR	
	Skip Noftzger	
Adah, Palmer Community		
Apollo, Pine Run	Lanny Mellinger	
Apollo, Poke Run	Peter Goetschius	
Avonmore, First	Larry Armstrong, SS	
Belle Vernon, First	Suzanne Currie	Bobbi Jo Huebner
Belle Vernon, Harmony	Glenn Hart, CRE	
Belle Vernon, Marion		Terry L. Diehl
Belle Vernon, Rehoboth	Dick Klein	Paul Stratton
Bolivar, United	James Sunseri, CRE (**)	
Boswell, Covenant		
Brownsville, Calvin	Aleda Menchyk, SS	
Brownsville, Ft. Burd		Darrell L. Smith
Brownsville, Hopewell		
Colver	Laura Blank, SS (**)	
Cresson	Dave McCabe (**)	Bob Sheehan
Dawson, Tyrone		
Delmont	Caroline Vickery	Sharon Hawkins
Derry	Marnie Abraham Russell, SS	
Dunbar, First		
Dunbar, Laurel Hill	Jeff Smith, CRE	Paula Junk
Ebensburg, First	Laura Blank, SS (**)	
Fairchance		
Farmington, Mt. Washington		
Fayette City, First	Mike Shepard, SS (**)	Bob Kubina
Fayette City, L Redstone	Mike Shepard, SS (**)	James Anderson
Greensburg, First	Martin Ankrum Nicole Brodeur	
Greensburg, Maplewood		
Greensburg, Westminster	Donna Havrisko	Duffy Greba
Irwin, First	Ronald Wakeman Ron Durika	Raymond Edelman, Leslie Minteer, Charlene Lauderbaugh

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Irwin, West Hempfield		
Jeannette	Robert Fuehrer	Nancy Peters
Johnstown, Bethany		
Johnstown, First	Alice Tondora	Sheila Farrer
Johnstown, Second		
Johnstown, Westmont	Craig Miller	Bernice Adams, Barb Lauf
Lake Lynn, Springhill		
Latrobe	Clark Kerr	
Latrobe, United		
Leisenring		
Ligonier, Pleasant Grove		
Lower Burrell, Grace	Ken Foust	
Lower Burrell, Puckety	Kirk Orr	
Manor	Tom Holmes, CRE (**)	Mary Ann McIlwaine
Masontown		
McClellandtown	Lee McDermott (**)	Bonnie Hartley
Merrittstown, Dunlap's Creek		
Mt. Pleasant, Middle	Linda Snyder	Dale Flaherty
Mt. Pleasant, Reunion	Sue Washburn, SS	
Murrysville, First		Carolyn Krudwig
Murrysville, Newlonsburg	Curtis Paul Marnie Silbert	
Murrysville, Union	Derek Campbell	Heidi Kenzevich
New Alexandria, Community	Kathleen Shirey	Judy Koontz
New Alexandria, Congruity	Cliff Foster	Sue Blank
New Florence, Bethel	James Sunseri, CRE (**)	
New Florence, Trinity		
New Kensington, United		Kathryn Whitacre
New Salem		
North Huntingdon, New Hope	Janet Reid	Eleanor St. Clair
Patton	Dave McCabe (**)	
Revloc		
Scottdale, Calvin		
Seward, Armagh-Seward		
Smithfield, Grace Chapel	Lee McDermott (**)	
Smock, Pleasant View		Phyllis Tringes
Trafford, Level Green		
Uniontown, Tent		
Uniontown, Third	Colleen Molinaro, IP	
Uniontown, Trinity		
Vanderbilt, E. Liberty		
Vandergrift		
West Newton, Sewickley		
West Newton, Sewickley U.	Glenn Hart, CRE (**)	
West Newton, United		
Windber, First	Cynthia Cadenhead	
Notation:	(*) = pastor from another denomination (#) = pastor from another presbytery	(**) = pastor or CRE serving more than one church

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By Virtue of Office: John Dickson, Treasurer; Sarabeth Stopansky, Council; Greg Davis and Mike Hurley, Pine Springs Camp

Visitors: Lynne Rankin, Brownsville, Ft. Burd; Sherry Scully, Dunbar, Laurel Hill; Clark Junk, Dunbar, Laurel Hill; Cheryl Duncan, Dunbar, Laurel Hill; Beverly Sabatula, Dunbar, Laurel Hill; Betty Rae Smith, Dunbar, Laurel Hill; Robert Mosier, Dunbar, Laurel Hill; Barb Mosier, Dunbar, Laurel Hill; Julia Schaming, Greensburg, First; Susan Close, Lower Burrell, Puckety; Don Snyder, Mt. Pleasant, Middle; Don McCabe, Mt. Pleasant, Middle; Jim Vaughn, Mt. Pleasant, Middle; Bill Lawther, Mt. Pleasant, Middle; Greg Higgins, Mt. Pleasant, Middle; Pam Landis, Murrysville, First; Tim D'Aurora, New Alexandria, Congruity; Michael and Rachel Weller, PCUSA Mission Co-Workers; Patty Herring, Smock, Pleasant View.

Teaching Elders Excused: Cahn; Carnahan; Corey; Degitz; Hepler; Hess; Holben; Holslag; Jalso; Keith; Lighthall; Lloyd; Macaleer; MacPherson; Maiman; Maxwell; McClure; Morrow; Murray; Roof; Sharp, J.; Sharp, W.; Sherrill; Stevens; Upton; Yuckman, C; Yuckman, M.; VanWyk;

Teaching Elders Absent: Stobaugh; LaSor; Shannon; Hickok; Graff; Bash; Simpson; Galley; Manon

Commissioned Ruling Elders Excused:

Commissioned Ruling Elders Absent: Glisan; McElroy; Morgan; O'Hara; Prinkey; Stewart; Todero; Watson

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The Moderator called for the adoption of the Docket as printed in the Packet **by consent**.

SEATING OF CORRESPONDING MEMBERS AND INTRODUCTION OF OTHER VISITORS

The Associate Stated Clerk, Rev. Cliff Foster, asked that the following Teaching Elders from another Presbytery be seated as Corresponding Member of Redstone Presbytery for this meeting: This was accomplished by **consent**.

- Rev. Katy Brungraber, Eastminster Presbytery
- Rev. William King, Beaver-Butler Presbytery
- Rev. Michael Weller, Mission co-worker; Regional Liaison-Horn of Africa

The Moderator, Glenn Hart, invited those who were attending a presbytery meeting for the first time to stand to be introduced. On behalf of the Presbytery, the Moderator welcomed each of the first time presbyters.

ARRANGEMENTS

Ruling Elder Jeff Smith (CRE) offered a welcome to Laurel Hill and described the arrangements for the meeting within the facilities.

STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Report of the Stated Clerk:

1. Correspondence Log:
 - a. 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.

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2. Upcoming Presbytery meetings are announced as the following:
 - a. 11/19/2016 (Tuesday) - 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Rehoboth Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon
 - b. 1/16/2016 (Saturday)- 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.- Maplewood Presbyterian, Greensburg
 - c. 3/15/2016 (Tuesday) - 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. – Westmont Presbyterian, Johnstown
 - d. 5/17/2016 (Tuesday) - 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. – First Presbyterian, Jeannette
 - e. 9/20/2016 (Tuesday) - 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. – Pine Springs Camp
 - f. 11/19/2016 (Saturday) - 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – Apollo, Poke Run
3. The Stated Clerk announced that there would be a called meeting of the Presbytery on October 1, 2015 for the purpose of examining candidates. A formal written announcement to all sessions will follow.
4. The Stated Clerk also noted the receipt of a request by the session of the Pine Run Presbyterian Church to enter into the discernment process of the Presbytery of Redstone policy on gracious dismissal.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Associate Clerk of the Presbytery, Rev. Cliff Foster, presented the Consent Agenda and moved its approval. The following items were approved **by consent**:

From the Council

1. Council **recommends** that the Financial Reports presented to the Council and to the Presbytery be received and filed for audit.
2. Council **recommends** the adoption of the proposed 2016 Budget (Appendix A, p. 19) for consideration by the Presbytery for a “first reading.” (*This presented for a First Reading. The Presbytery will take action at the November meeting.*)

From the Committee on Ministry

1. The Committee on Ministry **recommends** to the Presbytery granting the request of the First Presbyterian Church, Murrysville to abolish the position of Associate Pastor at that congregation.

From the Committee on Representation

1. The Committee on Representation **recommends** to the Presbytery that its full report (pp. 17-18 of the Presbytery meeting packet) be received and be forwarded to the Nominating Committee with encouragement to address any inequitable representation wherever possible.

From the Armagh-Seward Administrative Commission

1. It is **recommended** that the written report of the Commission (pp. 25-28 of the Presbytery meeting packet) be received and filed.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER

Rev. Richard “Skip” Noftzger, Executive Presbyter, noted his written report (p 7-8 of the Presbytery meeting packet) emphasizing the four strategic priorities of the Presbytery of Redstone.

- Engaging Congregations
- Equipping Leadership
- Enabling Ministry Networks
- Empowering Mission Partnerships

Additionally, Rev. Noftzger welcomed Rev. Caroline Vickery to the ministry of the presbytery as he and the moderator led the congregation in a liturgy and invested her with the Redstone stole.

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Rev. Noftzger called upon and recognized all those who had ordination anniversaries as teaching elders during the summer months (since the last presbytery meeting).

FINANCIAL REPORTS

John A. Dickson, IV, Treasurer, presented the Financial Reports calling attention to the reports for August 31, 2015 (Appendix A) based upon eight months of income and expenses. He also noted his written report (p.9) provided in the presbytery meeting packet. Particularly, he affirmed the prudent management of available resources by the staff in order to both stay within the budget and within available funds. He noted the ongoing need for greater and regular support of the presbytery by its congregations.

PINE SPRINGS CAMP, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Greg Davis, the Executive Director of Pine Springs Camp, referred presbyters to his report (p.10-11 of the Presbytery meeting packet), but reminded those in attendance of the successful summer with slightly more overnight campers (831) and effective Day Camp (137) and Mission Ex.Camp (44) programs.

He noted for the presbyters both the fall retreat opportunities and the need for assistance among congregations for the recruitment for next year's summer camping program.

MISSION COMMITTEE

Rev. Sylvia Carlson, Chairperson of the Mission Committee, noted her written report (p. 12 of the Presbytery meeting packet) for the review of presbyters. Additionally, she updated the fact that Rev. Philip Obang would not be able to participate in the South Sudan Mission Partnership network meeting, but would be coming next summer for the New Wilmington Missions Conference.

Rev. Carlson gave an introduction to both Rachel and Michael Weller who serve as mission co-workers in Ethiopia and Michael also serves as the area liaison for the Horn of Africa region. Rev. Michael Weller was also introduced as the preacher for the presbytery worship.

WORSHIP

The Presbytery joined in worship under the leadership of Teaching Elders Aleda Menchyk, Colleen Molinaro, and Michael Weller; Commissioned Ruling Elder Jeff Smith; and with the support of Cheryl Duncan, Organist of the host church. Michael Weller preached and talked about the work of the PC (USA) in Sudan, South Sudan, and Ethiopia.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Jim Farrer announced the annual Wee Kirk conference at Laurelville conference center October 12-14. Redstone folk may attend events for free. He listed the people who will be traveling to the Holy Land October 18-30.

Rev. Laura Blank presented the *Announcements Loop* which featured:

- The Peace and Global Witness Special Offering through October 4;
- Women in the Woods Retreat at Pine Springs Camp, September 18-19, \$65 per person;
- Hamloaf Dinner at Community, New Alexandria, September 19 from 4:30-6, \$8 Adults, \$5 Children 10 and under – to raise funds for kitchen improvements;
- Spaghetti Dinner, September 20 from 11-3 at Calvin United, Brownsville;
- Friendship Dinner the 2nd Wednesday of Every Month from 5-6 PM at New Kensington, United;
- The Big One Retreat September 25th-27th at Pine Springs, for grades 6-12, \$90 per camper;
- Healing Service September 26th, 6 PM at Apollo, Poke Run which is a worship service for those who suffer or have suffered from cancer and their loved ones;
- Fall Fusion Retreat October 3-4 at Pine Springs for grades 4-6, \$55 per camper;

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- Soup For the Soul Luncheon October 14th and November 11th, doors open at 11:30, Soup's on at noon at Apollo, Poke Run;
- Annual Rummage Sale October 17th, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Apollo, Poke Run;
- PW Fall Gathering, October 24th from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Trinity Presbyterian Church, New Florence, \$10 per person due October 16;
- Pancake and Sausage Supper October 24th from 4-7 PM, Fayette City, Little Redstone, Adults \$7, Children \$4;
- World Communion Service October 4th, 7 PM at the Ebensburg Presbyterian Church for multicultural, ecumenical worship with guest preacher Rev. April Roebuck (Mount Ararat Baptist Church);
- Meal Packing Event for Stop Hunger Now October 31 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Community Presbyterian Church, New Alexandria; Contact Judy Koontz (724-668-7752 or judykoontz@windstream.net to register);
- Stewardship Help – Contact the Stewardship and Congregational Life Committee (Rev. Janet Reid, chair) for resources, ideas, encouragement and help with all your stewardship needs; For More Information Check out redstone.org; pcusa.org/news; and facebook.com, and search for “Presbytery of Redstone”

ACTION AGENDA

Council

The following written report from the Council was received.

Information Items

- Approved annual request of the administration of the Lord's Supper from Pine Springs Camp and PW for summer camp staff training and retreats. (PSC/PW)
- Approved the Budget Committee recommendation for authorization of the easement agreement of Bethel United Presbyterian Church, Clyde, PA with Sunoco Pipeline, L.P. (Trustees)
- Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Ministry, approved the request of the Trinity Presbyterian Church for a \$6,000 grant from the Emma Johnston Fund for their summer reading program. (Trustees)
- Authorized the West Leisenring Administrative Commission to place the Church building and all its property on the market through a local Howard Hanna (Fayette County) realtor. Authorized the AC to accept any viable offer greater than or equal to fifty thousand. (Trustees)
- Approved the “Letter of Intent” from the Johnstown Home Board for its sale based upon the solicitation of bids and their review by the Board. Authorized the Budget and Finance committee to review and sign final sales agreement. (Trustees)
- Approved the final draft of the “Redstone Social Media Policy” developed by the Communication committee and distributed to the members of Council.
- Approved increasing the annual fee for use of the Resource Center by non-Presbytery patrons at \$25 / year. (Christian Education)
- Authorized an invitation to Rev. Michael Weller (mission co-worker) to speak at the September meeting of Presbytery. (Missions)
- Approved and authorized the Westmont Presbyterian Church to pursue funding for organ repairs and capital improvements with a loan up to an amount of three hundred thousand dollars. (Trustees)

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Action Items

On behalf of the Council, the Moderator called upon the AC and Team members who reported on requests for dismissal.

1. Along with the report of the Armagh-Seward Administrative Commission, the chair, Elder Tim D'Aurora presented the request of the Armagh-Seward Presbyterian Church to be dismissed with property, real and personal, to the Presbytery of the Alleghenies, Evangelical Presbyterian Church based upon completion of the terms included in the report. **It was MSP to approve.**
2. Along with the report of the Manor Discernment Team, the Rev. Janet Reid presented the request of the Manor Presbyterian Church to be dismissed with property, real and personal, to the Presbytery of the Alleghenies, Evangelical Presbyterian Church based upon completion of the terms included in the report. **It was MSP to approve.**
3. Along with the report of the Middle Discernment Team, the Rev. Nicole Brodeur presented the request of the Middle Presbyterian Church to be dismissed with property, real and personal, to the Presbytery of the Great Lakes, A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians based upon completion of the terms included in the report. **It was MSP to approve.**

Committee on Ministry

The following written report from the Committee on Ministry was received.

Information Items

- Approved the following Administrative Commission to Install Caroline Vickery as the next pastor of Delmont Presbyterian Church on July 26, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.: Rev. Ross Bash, Teaching Elder; Mr. Mark Eisler, Ruling Elder, Delmont Presbyterian Church; Rev. Pete Goetschius, Teaching Elder, Poke Run Presbyterian Church; Sarabeth Stopansky, Ruling Elder, Congruity Presbyterian Church; and Rev. Sue Washburn, Teaching Elder, Reunion Presbyterian Church.
- Approved the Interim Contract with Colleen Molinaro. Appointed Aleda Menchyk to serve as COM Liaison to the Session of the Uniontown, Third Presbyterian Church.
- Approved the request to transfer Suzanne Zampella to the Presbytery of the Alleghenies, EPC.
- Approved increase in the recommended minimum Pulpit Supply honorarium to \$100 for one service, and \$150 for two services.
- Total sets of records reviewed to date – 68 with 7 sets of records yet to be reviewed.
- Approved the MIF of Uniontown, Trinity for online posting in the CLC system with final revisions.
- New moderators for Mt. Washington and Fairchance were appointed to be Joshua Scully and Tom Holslag, respectively.
- Updates were provided all churches in transition of pastoral leadership.
- Approved the dissolutions of the pastoral relationship between Chris Dericks and the Murrysville, First Presbyterian Church - effective date: July 13, 2015. Approved the transfer of Chris Dericks to Pittsburgh Presbytery.
- Approved the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between Chuck MacPherson and the Murrysville, First Presbyterian Church, upon action by the congregation - effective date: August 31, 2015.
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Action Items

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry, Rev. Martin Ankrum presented the following items for action.

1. The recommendation of the Committee on Ministry for 2016 minimum terms of call was presented. It was **MSP to approve the 2016 minimum terms of call as presented by the Committee on Ministry.**
2. Rev. Katy Brungraber was presented by the Ft. Burd Presbyterian Church as a candidate for Teaching Elder. Ruling Elder Lynn Rankin confirmed that the Session, at the request of the PNC, called a Congregational Meeting for September 13, 2015 where a quorum was present and the vote of the

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congregation was unanimous. Then, Dr. Darrel Smith spoke on behalf of the Pastor Nominating Committee regarding their search process. The Call forms, formally certified by the Moderator of the Congregational Meeting and signed by members of the congregation were presented to the Clerk. Upon examination of Rev. Brungraber it was **MSP** to sustain the examination and to approve her as a Teaching Elder in Redstone Presbytery called to the Ft. Burd Presbyterian Church. It was **MSP** to approve the terms of call as presented.

3. Rev. William King was presented by Rev. Ankrum as the approved interim pastor for the First Presbyterian Church, Murrysville. Upon examination of Rev. King, it was **MSP** to sustain the examination and approve him as a Teaching Elder in Redstone Presbytery.

Nominating Committee

Rev. Curtis Paul presented the following report and action items of the Nominating Committee:

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, the following names are placed before you for election to positions in their respective categories.

COUNCIL – Class of 2018

Elder Belinda Lambie (2) District IV, Colver

Rev. Donna Havrisko (1) District II, Greensburg, Westminster

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY - Class of 2018

Rev. Martin Ankrum (2) District II, Greensburg, First

Rev. Mike Shepard (2) District III, Little Redstone/Fayette City, First

Elder Bernice Adams (2) District IV, Johnstown, Westmont

Rev. Aleda Menchyck (2) District III, Brownsville, Calvin

Elder George Kuhn (2) District II, Trafford, Level Green

Rev. Chuck MacPherson (1) District II, Member at Large

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

Rev. Lisa Dormire (2) District II, Redstone Highlands—**Class of 2016**

Elder Ray Edelman (1) District II, Irwin, First—**Class of 2018**

Rev. Becca Siddle (1) District I, Redstone Highlands—**Class of 2018**

COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION - Class of 2018

Elder Susan Nesti (1) District III, Little Redstone

CAMP PINE SPRINGS BOARD - Class of 2018

Elder Greg Johnston (2) District II, Trafford, Level Green

Elder Brian Misner (2) District IV, Johnstown, Westmont

There being no further nominations from the floor the above nominees, **it was MSP** that the slate of nominees be elected to serve in the capacities to which they were nominated.

Based upon the requirements of the Redstone Presbytery Manual, the Rev. Sue Washburn was announced as the Vice Moderator nominee of the Nominating Committee. (Election for Vice Moderator will occur in November meeting).

Committee on Preparation for Ministry

The following written report for the Committee was received.

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- Sue Blank and Dawn Sherwood, having completed all of the requirements of candidacy, were approved to circulate their PIF's and given permission to negotiate for service.
- Taylor Barner was approved to move to candidacy at the May meeting of the Presbytery.
- Readers for ordination examinations for the upcoming year were suggested to the nominating committee to be: Ken Foust (TE); Becky Maiman (TE); Rolf Hansen (RE); Lynn Mance (RE).
- Received an update from Rick Watson on his seminary education which has begun through the intensive/online program of Dubuque Seminary.
- Approved grant money for seminary education expenses for all inquirers/candidates for the 2015-16 academic year.

EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER'S REPORT ADDENDUM

Rev. Noftzger introduced Rev. Marnie Silbert, chair of the Staff Support Committee who offered remarks commending Rev. Gary Close upon his retirement from the Office of Stated Clerk. She presented him with a minute book complete with remembrances from congregations and individuals and a copy of the brand new Book of Order. Glenn Hart offered a prayer for Gary as people laid their hands on him.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Associate Stated Clerk, Rev. Cliff Foster, gave the attendance report. He reported that there were 42 clergy and Commissioned Ruling Elders, 27 elders (representing 24 congregations, 2 by virtue of office, 4 corresponding members, and 19 visitors for a total of 94. There also were 28 clergy excused, 9 clergy absent, 8 Commissioned Ruling Elders absent and 51 congregations without elder representation.

AJOURNMENT

1. It was **MSP to adjourn** with prayer at 4:10 p.m.

BENEDICTION

Moderator Glenn Hart offered the benediction prayer.

The next stated meeting of the Presbytery of Redstone will take place on Tuesday, November 17, at 9:00 a.m. at the Rehoboth Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon, PA.

Glenn Hart, Moderator

Sylvia Carlson, Recording Clerk