



2024 Stated Meeting

of the

Presbytery of Redstone
Presbyterian Church (USA)

September 24, 2024
10:00 a.m.



PINE SPRINGS CAMP
JENNERSTOWN, PA
OR

ONLINE (ZOOM)

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

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

Directions to Pine Springs Camp

371 Pine Springs Camp Road, Jennerstown, PA 15547
814.629.9834

Take Route 30 (East or West) to Route 985 North. Follow Route 985 North for approximately 1-2 miles. Pass Green Gables Restaurant on the right and make a left on to Pine Springs Camp road. The "Refuge" parking area is .5 miles up on the left (*If you are able to walk, please consider parking in a remote area further up the road and walking*).

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE MEETING

Please plan on arriving early to set up your display for the Mission Fair.

Please bring any quilt squares to the registration table for the Presbytery meeting.

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

Presbytery Offering

The offering for this meeting will go to the partnership with the South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church.

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

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





Rev. Thomas Tut is the current Moderator of the South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church (SSPEC) and also serves the chair of the South Sudan Council of Churches.

He served previously as a pastor for 12 years in Khartoum with the Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church. In 1994, Rev. Tut served as chairman of Young Christian Fellowship (YCF) which was an ecumenical movement supporting youth in the post-Islamic regime in Sudan. He also founded the Prison Christian Fellowship in Sudan. Rev. Tut also served previously as secretary for church planting and prayer movements in Sudan for Arab World Evangelical Ministry Association(AWEMA) and as coordinator of Operation for Transformational Leadership-Africa(OPERAF).

In 2009, he co-founded Greater Reach Alliance which raises leaders and plants churches among unreached people groups in Western Darfur, Blue Nile region and the Nuba mountains. He currently serves as Assistant Director and Discipleship Making Movements(DMM) in both South Sudan and Sudan.

Rev. Tut has a Masters degree in Management, Business Administration and Human Resources from Cavendish University (Uganda) and a Master of Divinity degree from Nairobi Evangelical Graduate School of Theology. He completed his undergraduate degree with a BA in Theological Studies from Nile Theological College in Khartoum, Sudan.

He has been married to his lovely wife, Mary Nyabeil Simon Thach for almost 23 years. They have six children.

The Presbytery of Redstone is celebrating its 20th year of partnership in Sudan and South Sudan. This sharing in ministry began with the Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church in 2004. Upon independence of the country of South Sudan, this partnership was extended to the sister church of the South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church. At this meeting, the covenant partnership agreement will be renewed.

Pine Springs Camp
Zoom meeting
September 24, 2024

9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Registration and fellowship</i> • <i>Visit/tour the Sudan/South Sudan Mission cabin at Pine Springs Camp</i> • <i>Mission Fair browsing</i> 	
	GATHERING	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Announcements Loop 	
10:00 a.m.	Presbytery Gathering Convenes GATHERING SONG OPENING PRAYER <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formation of the Roll • Seating of Corresponding Members 	<i>Sanctuary/Zoom</i> Len Morgan Rev. Cliff Foster
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSC Greetings/Arrangements <u>Reports</u> <u>Stated Clerk</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consent Agenda <u>Treasurer</u> <u>Nominating Committee</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2025 Vice Moderator • Standing Committees <u>Executive Presbyter</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soli Deo Gloria • Introduction of Rev. Thomas Tut 	Greg Davis Rev. Cliff Foster John Dickson Glenn Hart Rev. Skip Noftzger
	<u>SHARING IN WORSHIP –</u>	
	<u>Gathering</u> -Prelude -Opening Sentences -Invocation/Prayers of the Day -Hymn – -Prayer of Confession/Pardon -Hymn –	
	<u>Ministry of the Word</u> -Scripture reading—Acts 20:17-38 -“Community of Witness”	Rev. Thomas Tut; Moderator, South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church
	<u>Response</u> -Hymn – --Celebration of the 20 th Anniversary of Partnership with the Sudan and South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Churches. -Offering - Doxology - “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”	
	<u>Sacrament - Lord’s Supper</u> -Hymn –	
	<u>Sending</u> -Hymn –	
	<u>SHARING IN MINISTRY AND MISSION</u>	

Presbytery Worship: A Community of Witness

Prelude

Gathering

Greg Davis

Book of Order, F-1.0205

The Church is the body of Christ.

Christ gives to the Church
all the gifts necessary to be his body.

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

In Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
and through Christ God reconciles all things, whether on earth or in heaven,
making peace by the blood of the cross. (Col. 1:19–20).

**In Christ's name, therefore, the Church is sent out to bear witness
to the good news of reconciliation with God, with others, and with all creation.**

In Christ the Church receives its truth and appeal, its holiness and its unity.

Where Christ is, there is the true Church.

We affirm that, in the power of the Spirit,
the Church is faithful to the mission of Christ
**as it proclaims and hears the Word of God,
administers and receives the Sacraments,
and nurtures a covenant community of disciples of Christ.**

Prayer of the Day (unison)

Let us pray together:

**Giver of power and strength,
you take a rag-tag bunch of denying disciples and feckless followers,
creating a new community of servants who seek to do your will.**

**Keeper of all time,
you are enthroned on the rubble of death's shattered power,
calling us to your side and giving us a new vocation,
by which we serve the broken of the communities in which we live.**

**Constant Presence of hope,
you strengthen us so we never give in while confronted by evil;
you continually pray for and empower us, that we never quit
when sharing our faith proves to be more of a challenge than we imagined.**

**God in Community, Holy in One,
we lift our hearts to you in praise and worship. Amen.**

*Hymn #401 "Here in This Place"

Here in This Place

Gather Us In

401



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



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



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



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



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



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

*Prayer of Confession/Assurance of Pardon

Martha O'Brian

We know what we should do, yet don't.

We know the words people need to hear, but utter the ones that hurt them.

We also know that if we confess our sin to God, we will receive forgiveness and hope.

Please join me as we pray together, saying,

*Unison Prayer for Forgiveness (unison)

**God of glory: we are so busy watching the skies for signs of your presence
that we forget to look around to see those we can serve in your name.**

**We are so intent on finding just the right way to tell someone off,
that we forget the words of reconciliation you have taught to us.**

**We are so convinced we can figure out your mission for us
that we forget to open ourselves to the guidance of your Spirit within us.**

**Mighty source of our lives, forgive us for all that we have done to others,
and all that we have failed to do, to share your grace and mercy with others.**

Fill us with the wisdom to resist evil in our lives

and strengthen us in that faith which is given to us through our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Silence is kept

*Assurance of Pardon

Beloved, do not be surprised. Our God is gracious to all, restoring us to new life.

This is the good news which is for us,

and for everyone we will meet in the days to come.

Thanks be to God. We are forgiven.

*Passing the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.


Please greet one another with signs of peace.

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

582


Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)
 B^b F B^b F B^b F Gm F




1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
 2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
 F B^b E^b B^b Gm7 C7




and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)
 C7 F A Dm



and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
 Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F



As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

Prayer for Illumination
 Scripture Reading:
 Sermon: "Community of Witnesses"

Rev. Thomas Tut
 Acts 20:17-38

*Hymn #610 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing 610

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
 2 The name of Je - sus charms our fears, and
 3 Christ speaks, and lis - tening to his voice new
 4 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -
 5 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love be

dear Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my
 bids our sor - rows cease, sings mu - sic in the
 life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful wak - en
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the
 now and ev - er given by saints be - low and

God and King, the tri - umphs of God's grace!
 sin - ner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.
 to re - jice; the poor in heart be - lieve.
 earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.
 saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.

Celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the Partnership between
the Sudan/South Sudan Evangelical Presbyterian Church and the Presbytery of Redstone

Brief Remarks on the 20 Years Together
Signing the Renewal of the Partnership
A Litany of Thanks

Rev. Sylvia Carlson

Rev. Skip Noftzger

O Lord our God, for the vision of those who planned for this partnership,
and for the commitment and dedication of all who served together at the time of origin,

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For those who have served so faithfully in leadership positions
and those who have traveled a long distance to bridge the geographical gap between us,

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For those who have willingly given of their efforts to teach, encourage, and support,

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For those who have been such a part of our fellowship for so many years,
and now serve you in the church triumphant in heaven,

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For the ways in which we have been able to care for one another,
support one another on the journey of life, and give strength to one another,

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For the many traveling mercies you have given,
and answers to prayer that we have experienced,

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For churches that have always desired to worship you faithfully and vibrantly,
hearing your Word, singing your praise, and seeking your strength,

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For a commitment to remain true to your Word
in a world of confusing and conflicting voices,

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For generosity that has enabled us to reach far beyond our own communities to each other
with the word and witness of the Gospel,

We give you thanks, O Lord.

And for your grace which has given us the opportunity
to thrive and worship and serve for the sake of your Kingdom,

We give you thanks, O Lord.

The Signing of the Partnership Renewal and Anniversary Prayer (unison)

On this anniversary we thank you, Lord, for our presbyteries in partnership.

We praise you for the deep joy we have known through our fellowship.

We pray for all those who, together,

make up this combined community of your people,

so that together, our mission to one another may be a living witness to your love.

Amen.

*Hymn #609 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

SERVICE MUSIC

609 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures
high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise
God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it
one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Prayer of Dedication

offering plates are available by the doors

Lord's Supper

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer

Rev. Sara Sadler

Breaking of the Bread
Sharing of the Bread and Cup

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

Hymn during communion #501 “Feed Us, Lord”

Feed Us, Lord **501**

D G/B Asus A D G/B Asus A G D/F#

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

G A B Em D/F# G D

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

Prayer after Communion (unison)

**Loving God,
we thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament,
united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal realm.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Hymn #37 “Let All Things Now Living”

37 Let All Things Now Living

G D G Am D

1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks-giv - ing
 2 By law God en - forc - es, the stars in their cours - es,

G C G D G

to God our Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise;
 the sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;

G D G Am D

who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us,
 the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains,

G C G D G

by guid - ing us on to the end of our days.
 the depths of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

Harmony G E Am D

God's ban - ners are o'er us; pure light goes be - fore us,
 We too should be voic - ing our love and re - joic - ing;

G Em D A7 D

a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night:
 with glad ad - o - ra - tion, a song let us raise,

At the close of the meeting: the Benediction will be offered by the Rev. Thomas Tut

GATHERING

Here in This Place
Gather Us In

401

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

TEXT and MUSIC: Marty Haugen, 1979
Text and Music © 1982 GIA Publications, Inc.

GATHER US IN
10.9.10.10.D

SERVICE MUSIC

582 Glory to God,
Whose Goodness Shines on Me

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text; adapt. Paul M. Vasile, 2008
MUSIC: Paul M. Vasile, 2008
Text Adapt. and Music © 2008 Paul M. Vasile

GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)

ADORATION

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing 610

This text comes from an eighteen-stanza hymn the author wrote to mark the first anniversary of his life-changing conversion experience. It is now customarily the first hymn in Methodist hymnals worldwide. This tune, adapted from a German composer, is the usual North American setting.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt.; Spanish trans. Federico J. Pagura;
Korean trans. The United Methodist Korean Hymnal Committee, 2001
MUSIC: Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839
Spanish Trans. © 1989 The United Methodist Publishing House (admin. The Copyright Company)
Korean Trans. © 2001 The United Methodist Publishing House (admin. The Copyright Company)

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SERVICE MUSIC

609 Praise God, from Whom
All Blessings Flow

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

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

Feed Us, Lord 501

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

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

FEED US
3.3.5.5.7

CREATION AND PROVIDENCE

37 Let All Things Now Living

Written for an easy-to-sing folk melody familiar in England as well as Wales, this 20th-century North American text bears many resemblances to both Psalm 148 and the traditional canticle *Benedicite, omnia opera Domini* (Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord).

TEXT: Katherine K. Davis, 1939, alt.
MUSIC: Welsh folk melody; harm. Gerald H. Knight, 20th cent.
Text © 1939, 1966 E. C. Schirmer Music Company
Music Harm. © Royal School of Church Music

ASH GROVE
6.6.11.6.6.11.D

Prayer of the Day, Confession and Assurance of Pardon adapted from *Lectionary Liturgies: Easter 7-A*' by Thom M. Shuman at Textweek.com

Litany of Thanks and Anniversary Prayer adapted from *Calvin Institute of Christian Worship*, online resources

Leading in Worship today:

Greg Davis, Director, Camp Pine Springs
Martha O'Brian, Elder, Ebensburg PC
Rev. Thomas Tut, Moderator, South Sudan EPC
Rev. Sylvia Carlson, HR, Mission Network, Redstone
Rev. Skip Noftzger, Executive, Redstone Presbytery
Rev. Sara Sadler, Pastor, Trinity PC, New Florence
Jim Hutchinson, Minister of Music, Westmont PC
Members of Redstone Presbytery presenting the elements
and serving Communion
Members of the Healing Prayer Network

STATED CLERK'S REPORT:

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

Correspondence Log

Date Received	Received From	Content	Action
September 13, 2024- email	Rev. Liddy Barlow Christian Associates	Rapid Response posting on harmful rhetoric toward Haitian Community	To Mission and File
September 10, 2024 - email	Chuck West	Appraisal Proposal for PSC Property	To Finance and File
August 29, 2024 - email	Jennifer Reitzell PNC Charitable Trusts	Identification of Stick Memorial Fund Recipients	To Finance and File
August 26, 2024 - email	Robert Gamble Presbyterians at work in Ukraine	Request for a meeting to present their missions	To Mission and File
July 22, 2024 - email	Lisa Dormire	2024 Annual Report & Ethical Conduct Policy	File
June 26, 2024 - mail	First Presbyterian Church of Avonmore	Ruling Elder Commissioned to Particular Service Agreement for Lynn Mance	To COM and File
June 3, 2024 - email	United Presbyterian Church, New Kensington	2024 Covenant Pastor Agreement	To COM and File
May 29, 2024 - inperson	Dawn Sherwood	Ethical Conduct Policy - Signed	File
May 29, 2024	Investment & Loan Program, Inc.	Commitment Letter, Certification/Resolution for Presbytery Guarantor & Certificate of Incumbency for Puckety United	To Council and File
May 23, 2024 - email	Davison Clergy Center	Letter from Suzanne Schilling, Board of Pensions Approved Clergy Wellness Program	To COM and file
May 23, 2024 - mail	Pittsburgh Theological Seminary	Continuing Education	File
May 23, 2024 - mail	Patton Presbyterian Church	2024 Terms of Call for Alice Tondora	To COM and File

2. The list of proposed presbytery meeting dates for the 2025 calendar year approved by the Council are presented below. We welcome invitations to serve as meeting host for any of these meetings.
 - o January 25, 2025 – First Presbyterian Church, Greensburg
 - o March 25, 2025 – McClellandtown Presbyterian Church, McClellandtown
 - o May 27, 2025 –
 - o September 23, 2025 –
 - o November 22, 2025 – Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church, Murrysville
3. There remain a number of churches who still need to have their session minutes and church register for 2023 reviewed to complete this prior to the November Presbytery meeting when the final report will be recorded in the Presbytery minutes.
 - a. Contact your COM liaison who will make arrangements to review them. If you are unsure of contact information for that person, please contact the Presbytery office.
 - b. Drop your minutes book and register by the Presbytery office for review by the Stated Clerk. You will be notified when they are reviewed, and you are able to retrieve them.

CONSENT AGENDA:

The 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 meetings of the May 28, 2024 and August 1, 2024 be approved.

From the Council

1. Council **recommends** that the Financial and Treasurer's Reports presented to the Council and the Presbytery be received and filed for audit. (Appendix "A").
2. Council **recommends** the adoption of the proposed 2025 Budget (See Appendix "B") for consideration by the Presbytery for a "first reading." (*This is presented for a First Reading. The Presbytery will take action at the November meeting.*).
3. Council **recommends** affirmation of the covenant agreement between the Presbytery of Redstone and the South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church.
4. Council **recommends** that the Executive Presbyter, Treasurer, Mission, Pine Springs Camp reports presented to the Presbytery be received and filed.

From the Committee on Ministry

1. Committee on Ministry **recommends** that the minimum terms of call for pastors and certified Christian educators remain the same for 2025 as approved for 2024 (*resulting from changes in the Board of Pensions benefits costs*).

From the Committee on Preparation for Ministry

From the Nominating Committee

From the Fayette City Presbyterian Church Administrative Commission

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

Treasurer's Report

INCOME & EXPENSE REPORT

This report provides an unaudited overview of both June and July 2024 finances for the Redstone Presbytery. At this time, it is anticipated for the month of June 50% of Church Commitments Pledges are received and for the month of July, 58% has been recorded. June represents the sixth (6th) operating month for the Presbytery, and July the seventh (7th).

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW / INCOME

- June / Church Commitments and other contributions recorded totaled \$20,089, which fell short of a goal of \$26,667 or a -\$6,578 variance. YTD, \$147,564 has been receipted versus a goal of \$160,002, or a shortfall -\$12,438 of the financial goal.
- July / Church Commitments and other contribution recorded totaled \$22,652. This amount represents a -\$4,015 shortfall of a goal of \$26,667 for the month. YTD, \$170,216 has been receipted, which is short of a goal of \$186,669 or -\$16,453.

CHURCH COMMITMENT ACTIVITY

Of the sixty- seven (67) churches within the Presbytery, the following activities were noted in regards to number of pledges, payments, and payment percentage (%) goals achieved:

- June / 39 pledges received, 53 payments provided, 21 churches met the percentage payment pledge goal of 50% or better.
- July / 39 pledges received, 53 payments provided, 15 churches met the percentage payment pledge goal of 58% or better.
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FINANCIAL OVERVIEW / EXPENSES

- June / Expenses for the month were below budget at \$31,979 versus, a budget benchmark of \$36,881. YTD, \$217,135 has been recognized, which is below the benchmark of \$221,286 for this time period.
- July / Expenses for the month were below budget at \$34,185, versus, a budget benchmark of \$36,667. YTD, \$249,968 has been expensed for payables, which is below the benchmark of \$258,167 for this time period.

Expense Summary/ Both month and YTD expenses are below budgeted benchmark goals.

INVESTMENTS & HOLDINGS

- June / Ameriprise investments for the month totaled \$743,457. There was a positive change in value of \$15,255 for the month and \$58,552 YTD. Other investments & holdings consisting of First Commonwealth (\$57,535), PILP (\$10,000), Petty Cash (\$250.00) and New Covenant (\$358,844) total \$426,629.00. Total Investments & Holdings = \$1,170,086
- July / Ameriprise investments for the month totaled \$749,399. There was a positive change in value of \$6,740 for the month and \$65,292 YTD. Other investments & holdings consisting of First Commonwealth (\$47,832), PILP (\$10,000), Petty Cash (\$250.00), and New Covenant (\$358,844) total \$416,926. Total Investments & Holdings = \$1,166,325

MINISTRY AND MISSION REPORTS

Executive Presbyter

Rev. Richard "Skip" Noftzger
Executive Presbyter Report

Communicate the Word, Carry on the Work, Change the World.....Together!

VISION	5/28/24 through 9/24/24	
Congregation-centered (ENGAGE)	<p>Visible presence within the Presbytery engaging with congregations- Church Visits---</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since the last report, I have visited sixteen different worship or special services of fifteen congregations within Redstone Presbytery. Additionally, I was afforded the opportunity to preach or bring a charge on eight occasions in those services. • Engaged and supported five different sessions and pastor nominating committees in areas of transition, identification of interim pastoral leadership and pastoral search processes • Development of COM guidelines regarding changes in the plan structure offered through the Board of Pensions. Communication with all affected congregations and pastors providing individual projections and making available individual consultations. • Continued resourcing of churches currently using pulpit supply about possible pulpit supply, pastoral and moderator options. Arranged for the COM moderator appointments of moderators for all congregations in need of longer-term service. • Consulting with pastors, personnel committees, COM teams and Listening teams on issues of concern within the ministries of their congregations. Assist and resource presbyters in being available for organizational leadership issues, presbyter policy or process and conflict mediation 	
Leadership developed (EQUIP)	<p>Developing and equipping leadership within the Presbytery---</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oriented and supported commissioners to the General Assembly both prior to, during and after the gathering. • Ongoing work with current Redstone students enrolled in IPLF whether in the classes and workshops or proceeding with completion of practicums. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resourced both CPM and candidates in the consideration and development of opportunities for field education experiences. Guided a candidate and session through the process of consideration and approval by the presbytery for ordained pastoral service. • Individual in person consultations with pastors throughout this period along with numerous phone and zoom sessions. • Actively provided possible candidates to the Nominating Committee for consideration for leadership within the Presbytery. Coordinated with the committee in completing their nominations for standing committees, presbytery leadership and GA commissioners during the summer months. 	
<p>Collaboration-Districts/Network (ENABLE)</p>	<p>Joined and initiated contact both within and outside Redstone---</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actively participate in Christian Associate and the development of their strategic plan. Joined with Pittsburgh leaders in an ecumenical gathering for worship, prayer, and imagination going forward. • Provided administrative assistance and resourcing for all of the various networks, task forces and subcommittees of the Presbytery in their work and implementation. • Served as the Director of the Inter-Presbytery Leadership Formation program with participants from Redstone, Washington, UOV, Pittsburgh, Beaver-Butler and Shenango. • Coordinated the steering committee and planning team for the annual Wee Kirk conference. Served as the primary administrator for implementation of the conference retreat. Wrote and received grant funding for the event from the Synod along with contributions from individual congregations 	
<p>Partnership in Mission promoted (EMPOWER)</p>	<p>Promoted and provided leadership in our partnerships in mission –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serve as the co-convener of the Sudan and South Sudan Mission Partnership Network. Participated in the leadership and the planning for the meeting of the Sudan/South Sudan partnership gathering. • Coordinated the opportunity for the moderator of the South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church to be present and participate in the September Redstone Presbytery meeting and to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the partnership. Initiated 	

	<p>the covenant partnership agreement to be renewed and established by both Redstone and the South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assisted the Mission Committee in identifying, providing and implementing both the mission fair and the quilt project exhibiting mission projects within the Presbytery. Served as ex-officio board member for Pine Springs Camp including participating in training and worship for summer staff. Work with the Pine Springs Board of Directors, the Finance Committee and the Executive Director. Participated regularly in both the Board as an ex officio member and within the Strategy committee of Redstone Highlands. 				
<p>Operational Support</p>	<p>Initiated practices and policies for both greater efficiency and effectiveness---</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supervised the close financial management of the budget of the Presbytery. Managed the effective cash flow of operations (no premature withdrawals from investments) and limited expenditures in order to minimize the use of reserves. Served as a resource person to the administrative commission appointed to implement final disposition of all related issues concerning the dissolution of the First Presbyterian Church of Fayette City. Provided resources and options for possible 2025 budgeting with the Finance Committee. Initiated stewardship communications with sessions of Redstone congregations regarding First Fruits pledges for 2025. Consulted with auditors on completion of the 2023 financial review. Ongoing resource and consultation with pastors, treasurers, and sessions concerning employment contracts, annual enrollment and retirement decisions within the medical plan of the Board of Pensions. 				
<p>VALUES</p>	<p>Servant Leadership</p>	<p>Flourishing Community</p>	<p>Witness to the World</p>	<p>Generous and effective Stewardship</p>	
<p><i>Soli Deo Gloria</i></p>					

Pine Springs Camp

John 3:1-Behold what manner of love the father has lavished on us that we should be called the children of God.

SUMMER CAMP HIGHLIGHTS



1. We ended up with 850 overnight campers-the same as in my last update. This represented a 5% increase from last year but about 27 short of our goal. Please refer to the attached spreadsheet for all the summer camp numbers.
2. Summer Camp Revenue is up in both our Overnight and Day Camp Programs
3. Our Day Camp Program continued to grow! After not running our On-site Day Camp for 2 consecutive years due to COVID-we are seeing renewed interest and growth. Our On-site Program increased by 50%. The average number of campers per week went from 30 in 2023 to 45 this summer.

4. The Traveling Day Camp continues to Expand. This summer we served 135 campers through the three off-site programs. We are very grateful for the partnership we have with the area churches. A special thank you to our Redstone Traveling Day Camp Partnering Churches (Murrysville Presbyterian church, New Hope Presbyterian Church, West Hempfield Presbyterian Church, Irwin First Presbyterian Church, Latrobe Presbyterian Church, Latrobe United Presbyterian Church, Latrobe Community Ministries, Trinity Lutheran Latrobe.



FUNDRAISING EVENTS

2024 SPORTING CLAY FUNDRAISER

The Annual Sporting Clay Event is set for Tuesday, October 1. The Flyer is attached for anyone you know that may be interested.

All funds raised will benefit the general operating budget of Pine Springs Camp.



2024 FRIEND'S DINNER

The Annual Friends Dinner is Sunday, October 27 at The Core Event Center in Irwin. A Save the Date Card was mailed a few weeks ago. Please consider sponsoring a table or getting your church to sponsor a table. More information will be released soon. Please call the camp office for more information

2024 GOLF SCHOLARSHIP GOLF OUTING UPDATE

We are very grateful that the 2024 Golf Outing raised the most ever. More than \$62,000 revenue was received which allowed us to raise \$35,000 for Scholarships.

UPCOMING RETREATS-All Information and Registration Options are on our Website

FUSION for 4th, 5th and 6th Graders is September 14-15.

- Women in the Woods is October 4-5
- The Big One is October 18-20

Mission Network

August 22, 2024

The meeting was opened in prayer by Owar.

Items discussed include:

July meeting minutes were corrected and approved by the Committee.

Presbytery Meeting Offerings- will continue to be sent to Sudan / South Sudan

Mission Fair -

September 24, 2024 at Pine Springs Camp

Display tables will be available for those who bring information and will be located around the "Refuge" meeting room during the meeting.

Donna will hand out surveys in the morning and when appropriate. During dessert and Coffee, she will share results of the survey with the group.

Partnership Network -waiting for registrations to come in, Thomas Tut and Sharon Kandel will be speaking. Bob and Kristi Rice and Nancy Smith - Mathers will join via Zoom. The group is hoping for representatives from other Presbyteries to attend. Commuters are Welcome. A separate registration form is available, however, Skip will work to make this Form easier to access.

Covenant Renewal

Draft of the Renewal document was reviewed at the meeting and suggestions were addressed.

Skip is looking to have the document signed at the Presbytery meeting after Rev. Tut preaches.

Meeting was closed in prayer by Donna Havrisko.

Next Meeting - October 10, 2024

July 25, 2024

The meeting was opened in prayer by Owar.

Items discussed include:

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

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

At each Presbytery Meeting. May, September, and November, different aspects will be the focus presented at these meetings.

Sudan Mission cabin at Pine Springs: Donna prepared a cabin with some items to decorate the cabin in the Sudan / South Sudan theme. The decorations will be maintained for the September Presbytery meeting. A walk to the meeting will occur after lunch, all are invited to visit the cabin during the meeting.

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

Mission Fair displays by churches, will be set up in "The Refuge" around the perimeter of the room.

Donna will bring tablecloths, and Karen will call to remind churches to bring a display.

Partnership Network - meeting will be in September 26-28 at Antiochian Village. Skip reported that Thomas Tut, Moderator of the Sudan / South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church will preach at the Presbytery meeting and speak at the Partnership Network meeting as well. He could be a collaborate with the anniversary and re-sign the partnership. A formal ceremony is planned for signing of renewal of Partnership with Sudan /South Sudan.

Mission Trip to Charleston, WV -Sylvia reported their work at Hezekiah House focused on creating a porch roof, painting, installation of a dishwasher, gas stove, utility sink, creating an emergency escape, and inside painting. 12 people worked on the project.
Next Meeting - August 22, 2024.

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

- The Council notes the first reading of the 2024 budget (consent). Second reading and consideration of the budget will occur in the November meeting.
- The Council recommends Lynn Mance to serve on the Nominating Committee effective in 2025 and for Glenn Hart to serve as Nominating Committee chair.
- Addictions Ministry Network – Recovery month
- Healing Prayer Ministry Network
- Interim Executive Presbyter Search Committee report
- Pine Springs Camp report

Information Items

August 27, 2024

Call to Order

Rev. Dawn Sherwood called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. for the scheduled meeting and a quorum of members was established.

Approval of Agenda

Rev. Dawn Sherwood identified the agenda that had been distributed through the meeting folder in Dropbox. Requests were made to add Healing Prayer Ministry and approval of the September Presbytery to the agenda. The amended agenda was approved **by consent**.

Devotions and Prayer

Sue Washburn opened the meeting with a devotional based upon Exodus 3-4 and categorized as "Burning Questions." She emphasized that during these anticipated times of transition, are we exploring these same questions of who are we; to whom are we sent; what shall we tell them; and where are we going. What will be the challenges going forward not only the change in leadership but for all of us? Upon concluding the discussion, Sue opened the meeting with prayer.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the June 25, 2024 were reviewed as submitted. The minutes were **MSP** approved as submitted.

Reports

Moderator Report

No report from the Moderator.

Executive Presbyter Report

Executive Presbyter Noftzger requested approval from the Council for the following vacation dates between now and the end of the year and his retirement. 11/5-6; 11/27; 11/23-4;12/1-5; 12/8-11;12/15-19. This represented 19 of the 21 days for which he was eligible. It was **MSP** to approve these dates as vacation leave.

Rev. Noftzger reported on a number of events and activities going on within the Presbytery and in the larger church, including the upcoming gathering of the Sudan/South Sudan Partnership Network at Antiochian Village and the ordination service of Rev. Danielle Kendig (one of our own candidates), this past Sunday, August 25 at the Ebensburg Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Noftzger also provided an overview of some of his upcoming plans and tasks to ensure a smooth transition at the end of the year. Some of these included:

- Meet with each committee, subcommittee, network chair to review cycles of planning and preparation as well as relevant current context and concerns to their committee.
- Review all necessary hard copy and digital files to ensure they are up to date and accessible to those who “need to know.”
- Work alongside the current Associate Clerk in administrative processes and reporting during the fall in order to ensure firsthand knowledge of administrative reporting and protocols.
- Work alongside the Administrative Operations Coordinator on annual production schedule.
- Work alongside the Bookkeeper on the chart of accounts, annual procedures and possible transitions in IPLF, Wee Kirk, etc.

Executive Presbyter Noftzger requested consideration of the Council, acting as Trustees, to designate offerings going forward collected from ordination and installation services for the Ministers Assistance fund. After some discussion, it was **MSP** to designate those funds received for that purpose and to be added to that restricted account.

Stated Clerk Report

- The Correspondence Log was included within the meeting documents folder.
- The schedule for the upcoming Council meeting dates (available in person at the Presbytery Center or by Zoom) included the following dates:
 - October 22
 - November 26
- Council members were reminded of the approved dates for the 2025 Presbytery gatherings.

Presbytery 2025

- January 25---**First Presbyterian, Greensburg-approved**
- March 25---McClellandtown Presbyterian-requested
- May 27
- September 23
- November 22

The Council had received a request from McClellandtown Presbyterian Church, McClellandtown to serve as host for the March 25, 2025 meeting. It was **MSP** to approve this request with gratitude for their offer of hospitality.

- The Stated Clerk requested an Amendments task force to review the proposed BOO amendments

passed at the 2024 General Assembly to determine any possible reference to an existing committee/group for recommendation to the Council as well as determining a schedule for consideration by the Presbytery at their stated meetings. Cliff Foster and Len Morgan volunteered to take on this task with the support of Skip Noftzger.

A report of their recommendations will be presented to the next Council meeting.

Treasurer Report

John Dickson had provided a Treasurer's report based upon both the June and the July, 2024 Income/Expense Report and Balance sheet. All documents were including in the meeting documents folder. He noted the shortfall in First Fruits contributions for both months, but careful monitoring of expenditures to minimize any deficits.

Executive Director of Pine Springs Camp

A written report was received from Greg Davis, Executive Director. The report included many positive numbers regarding enrollment in the summer resident camp, the PSC day camp and the Traveling day camps offered in Irwin, Murrysville and Latrobe. Total number of summer campers exceeded 1100. Greg shared a bulletin that he had received from the dedication service of PSC on July 4, 1948.

It was **MSP** to receive and file the reports of the Executive Presbyter, Stated Clerk, Treasurer, and Executive Director of PSC.

Interim Executive Presbyter Search Team

Rev. Murphy reported on behalf of the Interim Executive Presbyter Search Team. In the meeting documents, Council members received a proposed job description and an possible posting of the position. Upon review various editorial suggestions were proposed to the job description. Additionally, the job posting would also include eligibility for consideration for the ongoing Executive Presbyter position.

Rev. Noftzger clarified the responsibility of some of the initiatives which he has initiated on behalf of and for the benefit of the Presbytery. Administration of the Wee Kirk registration and bookkeeping was approved by the Council in 2022. For those services, the Presbytery is compensated a fee to offset those in-kind contributions. Recognizing the need for future alternative pastoral services, Rev. Noftzger initiated the IPLF program in 2016. Because he has directed the program, it has operated out of Redstone Presbytery, but is a program shared by six presbyteries. For the near future, he intends to continue to direct the program on behalf of all six presbyteries. In the past, the CPM chair has also served as a Redstone liaison. Future decisions will need to be made about the bookkeeping services for the program.

With those revisions and clarifications, it was **MSP** to approve the job description and posting as amended. Inquiries were made about how the position would be promoted. As one piece of that promotion, upon receiving the final version, Karen Gray will upload to the Presbytery website and Sue Washburn will promote on social media.

SubCommittees/Networks/Task Forces

Finance and Property

Scott Cole noted that the Fayette City property has been transferred. Furnishings that were designated for sale have been sold by the auctioneer.

Mr. Cole and Mr. D'Aurora reviewed the budget scenarios and process used by the Finance committee. Upon review of possible budget options, the Finance committee recommends the proposed 2025 budget (meeting documents) coming from the Finance committee to the Council for recommendation to the Presbytery for a first reading in September and a second reading and approval in November. It was MSP to recommend the proposed budget to the Presbytery.

Staff Support

A written report was included in the packet. Jack Batthenhouse commented that proposed raises had been submitted to the Finance committee in preparation for the 2025 budget.

The Staff Support committee also reviewed the job description for a Tech Coordinator for the Presbytery meetings. Consequently, the committee was recommending approval of an independent contractor for fulfillment of these duties based upon the job description of responsibilities included in the meeting documents folder. It was MSP to approve the contracting or hiring of a person for these responsibilities. Decisions and about where and how to recruit for this position is still to be determined.

Worship

Rev. Murphy reported on plans for the Presbytery worship. Rev. Noftzger confirmed that Rev. Thomas Tut will be present to preach at the September 24 Presbytery meeting. It was confirmed that the signing of the partnership agreement would take place during the worship service and that approval of the agreement would appear on the consent agenda for the meeting. Greg Davis inquired about any needs for microphones, musical instruments, etc. and Rev. Murphy confirmed that she would be in contact with him.

Mission Network

A written report was submitted. Rev. Noftzger reminded members that the Sudan Partnership Network meeting was open to all on September 26-28. The Covenant Partnership agreement had been reviewed by the Mission committee and has been submitted to the SSPEC. It was **MSP** to approve this agreement if the way be clear in hearing back from the SSPEC moderator.

Racial Justice and Reconciliation

A written report was submitted. There will be an initiation of a prayer group gathering for pastors for support during this season of polarized political rhetoric and dynamics. A plan for ongoing discussions about concerns for ways of understanding the Christian faith and influences of “Christian nationalism” in our society.

Communications

A written report was included in the packet. A social media workshop had been conducted and was recorded. The recording will be made available on the Presbytery YouTube channel.

Healing Prayer Ministry

On behalf of the Healing Prayer Ministry network, Rev. Murphy announced a two-hour workshop entitled “Praying Jesus’ Way” on 11/9 at a location to be determined. She also requested time to promote it on September Presbytery agenda.

September Presbytery Agenda

With the proposed Presbytery agenda in the meeting documents folder, revisions were made to include nomination of Lynn Mance and for Glenn Hart to serve on the Nominating Committee and to add the time for the Healing Prayer Ministry network. With those additions, it was **MSP** to approve the September meeting agenda.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business

New Business

There was no new business.

Adjournment

It was **MSP** to adjourn the meeting. After soliciting possible prayer requests, the meeting was closed with prayer.

June 25, 2024, Meeting

Call to Order

Rev. Dawn Sherwood called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. for the scheduled meeting and a quorum of members was established.

Approval of Agenda

Rev. Dawn Sherwood identified the agenda that had been distributed through the meeting folder in Dropbox. It was **MSP** to approve the agenda as submitted.

Devotions and Prayer

Len Morgan opened the meeting with a devotional based upon the apostle Paul in his missionary journeys. He emphasized that though there may be many changes and transitions as there was in those journeys, yet what was constant was that it was God who went with them. Len opened the meeting with prayer.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the April 23, 2024 were reviewed as submitted. The minutes were **MSP** approved as submitted.

Reports

Moderator Report

No report from the Moderator.

Executive Presbyter Report

Executive Presbyter Noftzger requested approval from the Council for study leave to be taken on July 21-24 (New Wilmington Mission Conference) and August 19-21 (Well Being Retreat). It was **MSP** to approve these dates and use of study leave.

Rev. Noftzger reported on a number of events and activities going on within the Presbytery and in the larger church. The General Assembly began that day with initial meetings of the committees which are being conducted virtually. On Saturday, June 29, he and the commissioners will be traveling to Salt Lake City for the plenary sessions of the General Assembly. He asked Council members to remember commissioners Jackie Eckenrod, Robin Jennings, Brian Kilbert and Andrew Wirt in prayer.

Council members were updated on the number of church sessions who still need to have their minutes and registers reviewed. Additionally, Rev. Noftzger spoke of some possibilities regarding one of our Redstone candidates and a possible call which might necessitate a called meeting of the Presbytery on August 1 “if the way be clear.”

Stated Clerk Report

- The Correspondence Log was included within the meeting documents folder. Rev. Noftzger noted the

resignation letter from Gerald Cumer as Assistant Treasurer. It was **MSP** to accept his resignation letter with gratitude for his years of service. Keith Langston was identified as a possible candidate for the Assistant Treasurer position. It was **MSP** to approve Keith to serve as Assistant Treasurer Pro Tem until the next corporation meeting with the election of corporate officers.

- The schedule for the upcoming Council meeting dates (available in person at the Presbytery Center or by Zoom) included the following dates:
 - August 27
 - October 22
 - November 26
- Council members were reminded of the approved dates for the 2025 Presbytery gatherings.

Presbytery 2025

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

The Council had received a request from First Presbyterian Church, Greensburg to serve as host for the January 25, 2025 meeting. It was **MSP** to approve this request with gratitude for their offer of hospitality.

Treasurer Report

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

Executive Director of Pine Springs Camp

A written report was received from Greg Davis, Executive Director. The report included many positive numbers regarding enrollment in the summer resident camp, the PSC day camp and the Traveling day camps offered in Irwin, Murrysville and Latrobe.

It was **MSP** to receive and file the reports of the Executive Presbyter, Stated Clerk, Treasurer, and Executive Director of PSC.

Leadership Transition Discussion and Plans—Next Steps

Rev. Noftzger excused himself from this part of the meeting. The written report with recommendations from the Leadership Discernment and Transition team (Rev. Laura Blank, Rev. Martin Ankrum, Scott Cole, Rev. Mary Kay Glunt) was reviewed.

The Council took the recommendations that the team presented, discussed each paragraph, and made a plan for each as follows:

An Interim Executive Presbyter Search Team was established. Dawn Sherwood, Moderator of Council, appointed Norma Murphy and Scott Cole as the first two members of this team. Rev. Sherwood will make calls to representatives of COM and Staff Support. The suggestion was made to include a Member-at-Large of Presbytery, so the Rev. Sherwood will call a person recommended by Council. The first order of business for this team is to make a recommendation for a job description and salary to Council at August meeting.

[Follow up. Martin Ankrum representing Staff Support, Josh Scully representing COM, and Jackie Eckenrod,

as Member-at-Large were all appointed as members of the Interim Executive Presbyter Search Committee]

Sue Washburn, representative from Communications and a member of Staff Support will coordinate an IT job description for August's Council meeting also. Grant writers were discussed and will be asked to help prepare a grant request from Synod that is available to help with this role.

The Council decided to wait until August to address the other responsibilities currently handled by Skip.

SubCommittees/Networks/Task Forces

Finance and Property

Tim D'Aurora reviewed for the Council that the 2025 budget would be prepared in August in anticipation of presentation at the August Council meeting. Any requests for items for consideration in that budget should be submitted to the committee by August 5.

Mr. D'Aurora referred to the extensive report from the First, Fayette City Administrative Commission included in the packet. Specifically, the report focused on the condition of the two structures that with the dissolution of the congregation now became the responsibility of the Presbytery and the AC. With the significant damage, the cost of repairs and possible loss of insurance coverage, the AC requested and the Finance and Property Committee supported a recommendation that the Council, as the Trustees, approve authorization of the First, Fayette City Administrative Commission to sell the properties "as is" or consider possible actions of condemnation. It was **MSP** to approve the request and authorize the Administrative Commission to act on behalf of the Presbytery either in the disposition of the properties either through sale or condemnation.

Staff Support

A written report was included in the packet. Jack Batthenhouse commented on the annual review of the Executive Presbyter. He also noted that the use of review materials may prove useful to those conducting the Interim Executive Presbyter search.

Worship

No report from the committee. Rev. Noftzger did note that an invitation has been extended to Rev. Thomas Tut, moderator of the South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church to be present and preach at the September meeting in celebration of the 20th anniversary of the mission partnership.

Mission Network

There was no report because the June meeting had been canceled. It was reported that the Sudan/South Sudan Mission Partnership Network annual gathering, originally scheduled for May is scheduled for September 26-28 nearby at Antiochian Village. Council members were encouraged to participate joining other partner presbyteries including Pittsburgh, Shenango, Homestead and Trinity.

Racial Justice and Reconciliation

A written report was submitted. Rev. Brenda Barnes deferred to Rev. Washburn who commented on the June book club gathering where they discussed the book Night by Elie Wiesel on the holocaust. She invited everyone to consider participating in the July discussion on To Kill a Mockingbird.

Communications

A written report was included in the packet. Rev. Washburn mentioned some of the items included.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business

New Business

There was no new business.

Adjournment

It was **MSP** to adjourn the meeting. After soliciting possible prayer requests, the meeting was closed with prayer.

Committee on Ministry

Presentation and Action Items

- The Committee on Ministry introduces Rev. Danielle Kendig (Ebensburg Presbyterian Church) for investiture.
- The Committee on Ministry recommends an increase of 2 % in effective salary for all continuing pastors (Ministers of Word and Sacrament and Commissioned Pastors).
- The Committee on Ministry Presents the Report and Recommendations from the Tyrone Presbyterian Church Listening Team.

Information Items

September 5, 2024, Meeting

Approval of Minutes

MSP to approve the August 1, 2024 minutes.

Report of the Stated Clerk

The Stated Clerk updated the committee on the following items:

- Correspondence Log (Meeting Documents).
- Minutes Review Dates
 - Churches needing Minutes Review

Adah, Palmer-Glunt	First, Irwin-Webster	Masontown-Ankrum
Bolivar-Farrer	Leisenring-Weightman	Merritstown-Smith
Hopewell-McDermott	Ligonier	Calvin, Scottdale-Hart
Dunbar-Smith		Tent-Hart

Report of the Moderator

None at this time.

REPORTS OF SUBCOMMITTEES

Examinations and Membership

- Information Items - Beginning conversations around some suggested protocols for examination and ratifications.

Search and Call

- Information Items
 - Transition Chart (in the packet/ Dropbox)
 - Recommend to have options when going through the process
 - 2025 Minimum Terms of Call. No change from the 2024 Terms of Call due to increase in

the Board of Pension for Medical coverage.

- Rev. Danielle Kendig was ordained by the Presbytery of Redstone on August 25 at the Ebsenburg Presbyterian Church where she has begun service as the Covenant Pastor.
- Action Items
 - **MP** to approve the recommendation to the Presbytery the 2025 Minimum Terms of Call for installed pastors and certified Christian Educators.
 - **MP** to approve a recommendation for a 2% raise in effective salary for continuing Pastors.
 - **MP** to approve the job description for Third Presbyterian Church of Uniontown with suggested changes as noted and communication with Session that any requests by Third Presbyterian Church of Uniontown to consider Patrick Ewing for the position would have to be made separately to the COM.
 - **MP** approval of relationship and interim pastor contract between First Presbyterian Church of Belle Vernon and Rev. Rick Sweeney as part time interim pastor.

COM Liaison Responsibilities and Suggested Timeline

- Recruiting new students – Ruling elders interested in spiritual Fall planning
- Fall courses underway – September 14, October 12, November 9, December 14.

Care of Congregations and Congregational Leaders

- Prayers were lifted in answer to requests that had been received for:
Thank you for Rev. Mary Kay Glunt’s ministry in Belle Vernon and prayers to encourage members to step up during this transition period. Bless all those in the congregation. Thank you for Pastor Denise Todero ministry given to Bethany Presbyterian Church in Johnstown and to the community of believers that were touched in so many different ways.
Praises for VBS, active young families, and for session and members that support various programs and ministries. Praises for getting back into the swing for fall with Sunday school and Rally Sundays. Blessings for food ministries, baby bottle campaigns, annual school supply collection, and distributed backpacks. Praises for working with another church to be able to provide a small home for a family in need and planned mission trips. Praises for Springhill and Trinity and their youth ministries that engage people of all ages. Praises for new members, baptisms, and weddings.
Prayers for understanding and acceptance of changes and for encouraging positive changes that move members forward to serve. Prayers for churches in need of repairs looking for help from community and other resources. Prayers for finding musicians to enhance worship services.
Prayers for those looking for job opportunities to alleviate some financial burden. Prayers for those who lost their jobs to outsourcing. Prayers for healing. Prayers for those needs in mind and body and spirit. Prayers for those with loved one diagnose with Alzheimer. Prayers to walk with those who mourn that they might be comforted

Unfinished Business

- Westmont COM Team report: Still listening, active, and engaged with Session, Pastor, and Church Consultant. Continue collectively and separately. COM team back up planned for this month with follow up in November.

- Tyrone Listening/Discernment Team report: Still going according to plan. Comprehensive report will be presented at Presbytery meeting. Recommendation to Presbytery will be to allow them to be released into the care the Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians.
- Fayette City dissolution AC follow through: Successful in finding a buyer for the property. An auction was held to sell some of the furnishings to help with costs.

Adjournment

It was **MSP** to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. with prayers offered by Bobbi Jo Huebner.

August 1, 2024

MSP to approve the June 6, 2024 minutes.

Report of the Stated Clerk

The Stated Clerk updated the committee on the following items:

- Correspondence Log (Meeting Documents).
- Minutes Review Dates
 - Churches needing Minutes Review

Adah, Palmer-Glunt	Mt. Washington-Scully	Ligonier
Bolivar-Farrer	First, Irwin-Webster	Masontown-Ankrum
Hopewell-McDermott	First, Jeannette-Toms	Merrittstown-Smith
Tyrone (*)	Springhill Furnace-Scully	Patton-Sheehan
Dunbar-Smith	Latrobe United-Stallings	Calvin, Scottdale-Hart
Fairchance-Scully	Leisenring-Klunt	Tent-Hart

(*) Tyrone had requested to leave the denomination, as such, the Presbytery of Redstone will be receiving all copies of their minutes and register for review.

Report of the Moderator

None at this time.

REPORTS OF SUBCOMMITTEES

Examinations and Membership

- Information Items - Anticipating meeting with Danielle Kendig, Redstone Presbytery candidate upon certification by CPM and confirmation of a call.
- Recommend that Danielle Kendig meet with the COM and submit the appropriate information for her work as Hospice Chaplain to be considered for validated ministry.
- Action Items
 - **MP** the recommendation continuing validated ministry of Rev. Lisa Dormire as Vice President for Redstone Highlands.

Search and Call

- Information Items
 - Transition Chart (in the packet/ Dropbox)
- Action Items
 - **MP** to recommend approval of the Covenant Pastor agreement between the Ebensburg Presbyterian Church and the Danielle Kendig.
 - **MP** to recommend approval of Danielle Kendig ordination commission scheduled for August 25 at Ebensburg Presbyterian Church, Ebensburg.
 - Len Morgan
 - Rev. Skip Noftzger
 - Rev. Geoff Rach
 - Robin Jennings
 - Martha O'Brien
 - Rev. Carole Isley Corey

COM Liaison Responsibilities and Suggested Timeline

- Recruiting new students – Ruling elders interested in spiritual Fall planning
- Fall course – Introduction to New Testament
- Fall dates – August 10, September 14, October 12, November 9, December 14.

Care of Congregations and Congregational Leaders

- The following Teaching Elders and Commissioned Pastors were prayed for during this time: Brenda Barnes; Ross Bash; Nicholas Beatty; Laura Blank; Susan Blank; Cliff Buell; Bruce Cadenhead; Cynthia Cadenhead; Derek Campbell; Sylvia Carlson.
- The following churches were prayed for during this time: McClellandtown Presbyterian Church; Dunlap's Creek Presbyterian Church, Merrittstown; Reunion Presbyterian Church, Mt. Pleasant; First Presbyterian Church, Murrysville; Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church, Murrysville; Union Presbyterian Church, Murrysville; Community United Presbyterian Church, New Alexandria; Congruity Presbyterian Church, New Alexandria; Bethel Presbyterian Church, New Florence; Trinity Presbyterian Church, New Florence.

New Business

- Rev. Mary Kay Glunt has submitted a letter to the COM and to the Session of First Presbyterian Church of Belle Vernon announcing her plans for retirement.
- **MSP**, if the way be clear, to accept the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between Rev. Mary Kay Glunt and the First Presbyterian Church of Belle Vernon effective October 31, 2024.

Adjournment

It was **MSP** to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. with prayers offered by Rev. Martin Ankrum.

June 6, 2024

Approval of Minutes

MSP to approve the May 2, 2024 minutes.

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

- MSP to recommend the Minimum Expectations and Guidelines for Terms of Calls and the process as described below.
- The COM will send out to the Clerk of Session and Pastor of the churches within Redstone Presbytery the Expectations and Guidelines for Terms of Calls 2025 with an invitation with multiple dates to meet as a group to discuss the medical options. Consultation will be provided at the meeting along with a spreadsheet to determine the cost of the different options.
- The goal of the consultation is to identify a plan that achieves the best option for the pastor and church. The spreadsheet comparing the options for determining the best path forward based on the situation will be sent to the Pastor and Clerk of Session if they are unable to attend.
- A request was made for volunteers to assist with meeting with the Clerk of Sessions and Pastors.

Report of the Stated Clerk

The Stated Clerk updated the committee on the following items:

- Correspondence Log (Meeting Documents).
- Minutes Review Dates
 - Churches needing Minutes Review

Adah, Palmer-Glunt	First, Irwin-Webster	Merritstown-Smith
Poke Run-Kilbert	First, Jeannette-Toms	New Kensington-Ankrum
Harmony, BV-Huebner	Second, Johnstown-Koch	Patton-Sheehan
Bolivar-Farrer	Springhill Furnace-Scully	Calvin, Scottdale-Hart
Hopewell-McDermott	Latrobe-Siddle	Tent-Hart
Tyrone-Weightman	Latrobe United-Stallings	Sewickley-Baird
Dunbar-Smith	Leisenring-Weightman	Sewickley United-Siddle
Fairchance-Scully	Ligonier	West Newton United-Gaetano
Mt. Washington-Scully	Masontown-Weightman	

Report of the Moderator

None at this time.

REPORTS OF SUBCOMMITTEES

Examinations and Membership

- Information Items – Anticipating meeting with Danielle Kendig, Redstone Presbytery candidate upon certification by CPM and confirmation of a call.
- Action Items
 - MP the recommendation of request of a called meeting of the Presbytery (August 1) for

possible examination of Danielle Kendig if the way be clear (possible agreement on pastoral call with Ebensburg).

Search and Call

- Information Items
 - Transition Chart (in the packet/ Dropbox)
 - Irwin PNC continues to look and conduct interviews.
 - New Kensington under Becca Siddle leadership will begin a period of examination and self-study.
 - If the way be clear," we will be reviewing the possible Covenant Pastor agreement for Ebensburg.
- Action Items
 - **MP** to recommend approval of Regina Sturiale ordination commission scheduled for June 30 at Grace Chapel, Smithfield.
 - Len Morgan
 - Rev. Molly Hall
 - Rev. Lee McDermott
 - Rev. Ed Gray
 - Shirley Crumrine
 - Rev. Mary Kay Glunt
 - Rick Morris

COM Liaison Responsibilities and Suggested Timeline

- Summer ministry opportunities
 - Festivals
 - VBS
 - Pine Springs Camp
- Pastoral leaders vacation plans
- Clergy Wellness Program – BOP Assistance (Davidson Clergy Center)
- Fall planning
- IPLF Upcoming workshops:
 - Recruiting new students – Ruling elders interested in spiritual growth, preaching or pastoral leadership.
 - Fall course – Introduction to New Testament

Fall dates – August 10, September 14, October 12, November

Care of Congregations and Congregational Leaders

- Prayers were lifted in answer to requests that had been received for:
Prayers for one-on-one evangelism and reaching out in news ways with creativity and

inspiration. Prayers for aging congregations and churches requiring new paint and repairs. Praises for Strawberry Festivals, community yard sales, food pantries, and other community involvement and events. Praises for increase in worship attendance and the celebration of baptism of a 4th generation. Praises for those that received full immersion baptism at Cheat Lake. Prayers and praises for vacation bible schools and adult vacation bible school meeting at Applebee's. Prayers and praises for graduates and their hopes for the future.

Prayers for those grieving the loss of a long-time member that was the cornerstone of the church and praises for the volunteers that help fill that void.

Prayers for those searching for a music director and PNCs as they continue with their search and discernment.

- The following Teaching Elders and Commissioned Pastors were prayed for during this time: Sue Washburn, Travis Webster, Bill Weightman, Bill Wiegand, Andrew Wirt, Doug Yauger, Rebecca Abbott, Martin Ankrum, Larry Armstrong, Russ Baird.
- The following churches were prayed for during this time: Second Presbyterian Church, Johnstown; Westmont Presbyterian Church, Johnstown; Spring Furnace Presbyterian Church, Lake Lynn; Latrobe Presbyterian Church; Latrobe United Presbyterian Church; Leisenring Presbyterian Church; Pleasant Grove Presbyterian Church, Ligonier; Grace Community Presbyterian Church, Lower Burrell; Puckety Presbyterian Church, Lower Burrell; First Presbyterian Church, Masontown.

Unfinished Business

- Westmont COM Team report. Several attended the May Session meeting to show their presence. Derek Campbell and Charnet Koch will meet with session and the consultant this Saturday.
- Tyrone Listening/Discernment Team report. The team has met several times. They are going through the steps working with permanent records and property.
- Fayette City dissolution Administrative Commission (AC) follow through report. Currently working through the process of performing an inventory of fixture, furniture, and stain glass windows. There is concern with the state of the building which has several different problems. The AC is working with the tenants that have not paid since January.

Adjournment

It was **MSP** to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. with prayers offered by Rev. Derek Campbell.

Committee on Preparation for Ministry

Action Items

- **No action items.**

Information Items

August 4, 2023, Meeting

1. Opening Prayer by Robin Jennings
2. Approval of minutes Of June 11,2024 MSP approved
3. Updates on Candidates and IPLF Participants
 - a. Candidate James Vlosich joined meeting through Zoom**

James will graduate May 2025. He is taking the Polity test September 26, 2024. He has been doing a 10 week Internship at Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church, where he has been leading children’s worship and youth activities. The committee asked how can we be helpful to you this semester? John asked for any resources that we can offer him. John plans to work in Adult Ministry. Hyiwot lead in prayer.
 - b. Danielle Kendig will be ordained August 25, 2024, at 3pm at Ebensburg Presbyterian Church.**

Danielle will also do hospice Care at a Johnston hospital.
 - c. IPLF Participants**

Karen Gray, Is working at Redstone Presbyterian office 20 hours a week. She is preaching a little bit; she would like to preach once a month. Karen still has several practicums to complete. Karen is happy with where she is at within the program now.

There will be no Committee meeting in September, the next meeting will be October 1, 2024.

Closing prayer by Skip
Adjournment by Robin

June 11, 2024

4. Opening Prayer by Hyiwot Teshome
5. Approval of minutes of April 2, 2024 **MSP**
6. Updates on Candidates
 - a. Candidate Danielle Kendig joined meeting via Zoom**

2nd Field Experience at Conemaugh Hospital as Chaplain. Overwhelming at first with many patients to meet and talk to. Her supervisor was out for three weeks, that put Danielle in a leadership role. By week four she had created relationships with staff, which made her feel more comfortable. Larry pointed out that the experience altered her vision and understanding of ministry. At the end of the field education, her strengths were loving on people, her weakness was not leaving the day's work at the hospital. Danielle found ways to cope with the stress. Danielle's reflection on her field work was that it humbled her and made more clear her call to ministry.

During this time, Danielle was also serving as a student pastor at Ebensburg which continues through July 31. She also graduated from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, so all of her requirements have been met to receive a call. She shared a draft of her Statement of Faith for the committee to comment.

b. **Candidate James Vlosich**

We will meet with James in August. James plans to take Polity exam in September. Scheduled to graduate in Spring 2025.

c. **IPLF Participants**

Committee will meet with Karen Gray in August.

Robin noted that she and Jackie are representing Redstone Presbytery at GA before adjournment with prayer

Nominating Committee

Actions Items

- The Nominating Committee *recommends* Rev. Owar Ojulu to serve as Vice Moderator of the Presbytery in 2025. *Based upon the Redstone manual, election of the Vice Moderator will take place at the November Presbytery meeting.*

- The Nominating Committee *recommends* the following persons for the standing committees and respective terms.

Council

- Len Morgan (chair), Community (2025)
- Rev. Laura Blank (2027)
- Keith Langston, First, Murrysville (2027)
- Linda Chicka, Poke Run, Apollo (2027)
- Rev. Cliff Foster, Congruity (2027)
- Rev. Gary Filson, HR (2027)
- Glenn Hart, Rehoboth, Belle Vernon (2026)

Committee on Ministry

- Belinda Lambie (2027)
- Rev. Becka Abbott, McClellandtown (2027)
- Rev. Regina Sturiale, Grace Chapel, Smithfield (2027)
- Lynn Mance, Delmont (2027)
- Doug Yauger, Trinity, Uniontown (2027)

Committee on Preparation for Ministry

- Jim Sunseri, Patton (2027)
- Jackie Eckenrod, Westminster, Greensburg (2027)
- Rev. John Manon, United West Newton (2027)

Pine Springs Camp Board

- Rev. Patrick Ewing, MAL (2027)
- Rev. Danielle Kendig (2027)

Representation

- Rev. Curtis Paul, Newlonsburg, Murrysville (2027)

Synod of Trinity Commissioner

- Audrey Cottle, Little Redstone

Information Items

- There remain a couple openings for positions on standing committees. These include:
 - 1 Male Ruling Elder-Committee on Ministry
 - 2 Male Ruling Elder-Committee on Ministry

Please submit names of possible Ruling Elders for consideration to the Nominating Committee through either Glenn Hart, or Skip Noftzger.

Additionally, there are always opportunities on various subcommittees, task forces and networks.