



2026 Stated Meeting

of the

Presbytery of Redstone
Presbyterian Church (USA)

September 22, 2026
10:00 a.m.



Pine Springs Camp
Jennerstown, PA
In Person only

Zoom not available

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

Directions to Pine Springs Camp
371 Pine Springs Camp Road
Boswell, Pa 15537
Phone: 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

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 Nepal via Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. (DR000197)
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.



Pine Springs Camp

September 22, 2026

9:00 a.m.	• <i>Registration and Fellowship</i> • <i>Announcement Loop</i>	<i>In Person</i>
	Opening Prayer and Business #1	<i>In Person</i>
10:00 a.m.	<u>Presbytery Gathering Convenes</u> CALL TO ORDER A WORD OF WELCOME • Formation of the Roll (any new business should be submitted to the Interim Stated Clerk in writing before the end of worship) • Seating of Corresponding Members • Introduction of 1st time commissioners <u>Interim Stated Clerk</u>- Pages 5-11 • Consent Agenda • Proposed Presbytery Meetings for 2027	<i>Sanctuary</i> Rev. Rebecca Abbott Greg Davis Rev. Cliff Foster Rev. Cliff Foster
	Worship One	
	“Full Cycle Church” Activity	
	Opportunity for Reflection & Mission	
	Business #2	
	<u>Mission Network</u> • Mission – Pages 12-13 • Pine Springs Camp – Pages 14-15	Donna Havrisko Greg Davis
	<u>Budget and Finance</u> • Treasurer’s Report – Page 16 • 2027 Budget (First Reading) – Pages 17-19 • 2027 Narrative Budget – Page 20 <u>Nominating Committee</u>- Page 21 • Standing Committees <u>Council</u> – Pages 22-27 • Information Only	Keith Langston Geoff Rach

INTERIM STATED CLERK'S REPORT:

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

Stated Clerk Correspondence Log

Date Received	Received From	Content	Action
September 15, 2026 - mail	Brownsville, Ft. Burd	Letter to appoint new Clerk of Session	File
August 4, 2026 - mail	PC (USA) Special Offerings	World Communion Offering	File
June 23, 2026 - email	Uniontown, Tent	2026 Terms of Call for Jeff Smith	COM & File
June 22, 2026 - email	Greensburg, First	2026 Terms of Call for Martin Ankrum	COM & File
June 1, 2026 - mail	Lake Lynn, Springhill Furnance	2026 Terms of Call for Molly Hall	COM & File
May 20, 2026 - email	New Kensington, United	Covenant Pastor Agreement for Rebecca Siddle, List of Session Memebers	COM & File

2. There remain a number of churches who still need to have their session minutes and church register for 2025 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 Interim Stated Clerk. You will be notified when they are reviewed, and you are able to retrieve them.

3. 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 26, 2026 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. (Financials located after proposed Presbytery Meeting dates)
2. Council **presents** the adoption of the proposed 2027 Budget 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. The list of proposed Presbytery meeting dates for the 2027 calendar year are presented below. We welcome invitations to serve as meeting host for any of the available meetings.

- Saturday, January 23, 2027, 1:00 pm @ TBA
- Tuesday, March 16, 2027, 6:00 pm @ TBA
- Tuesday, May 25, 2027, 6:00 pm @ TBA
- Tuesday, September 21, 2027, 10:00 am @ TBA
- Tuesday, November 16, 2027, 6:00 pm @ McClellandtown

From the Committee on Ministry

From the Committee on Preparation for Ministry

From the Nominating Committee

Presbytery of Redstone

Income and Expense Statement

GENERAL FUND 01, August 2026

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	Current Period	Year to Date	Annual Budget	Annual Budget Percentage
INCOME				
CONTRIBUTION INCOME	\$19,789.01	\$219,313.64	\$345,000.00	63.57%
INTEREST INCOME	102.01	777.78	4,000.00	19.44%
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	0.00	1,503.32	5,000.00	30.07%
RELEASE FROM RESTRICTIONS				
TEMP RESTRICTED RELEASE	-615.00	-14,203.00	0.00	0.00%
Subtotal Release From Restrictions	-615.00	-14,203.00	0.00	0.00%
RELEASED FROM RESTRICTION	615.00	14,203.00	0.00	0.00%
TOTAL INCOME	19,891.02	221,594.74	354,000.00	62.60%
EXPENSES				
SHARED MINISTRY & MISSION	\$4,665.00	\$47,098.62	\$96,500.00	48.81%
COMMITTEE EXPENSES				
COUNCIL	76.32	1,942.91	9,750.00	19.93%
COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00%
COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION	0.00	0.00	750.00	0.00%
Subtotal Committee Expenses	76.32	1,942.91	11,000.00	17.66%
OPERATIONS	2,248.25	58,404.44	43,300.00	134.88%
PRESBYTERY STAFF				
EXECUTIVE STAFF	9,362.03	78,971.24	123,200.00	64.10%
ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT	2,121.50	18,385.75	30,382.00	60.52%
EMPLOYER PAID FICA TAXES	727.77	6,127.36	8,600.00	71.25%
Subtotal Presbytery Staff	12,211.30	103,484.35	162,182.00	63.81%
APPORTIONMENTS	8,534.09	68,272.72	102,409.00	66.67%
RESTRICTED EXPENSE	0.00	427.00	0.00	0.00%
TOTAL EXPENSES	27,734.96	279,630.04	415,391.00	67.32%
TRANSFER ACCOUNTS				
TRANSFER FROM OTHER FUNDS	\$0.00	\$26,487.29	\$62,000.00	42.72%
TOTAL TRANSFERS	0.00	26,487.29	62,000.00	42.72%
EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES	-\$7,843.94	-\$31,548.01	\$609.00	-5,180.30%

Redstone Presbytery Commitment to Larger Church – August 31, 2026

	2026	TOTAL	% payup as of 8/31/2026	Unpaid Pledge Balance
	PLEDGE	PAID		
Adah, Palmer		500.00		(500.00)
Apollo, Poke Run	3,897.90	974.48	25%	2,923.42
Avonmore	1,000.00	1,409.00	141%	(409.00)
Belle Vernon, First	4,500.00	3,375.00	75%	1,125.00
Belle Vernon, Harmony	1,200.00	400.00	33%	800.00
Belle Vernon, Marion	2,450.00	2,450.00	100%	
Belle Vernon, Rehoboth	1,000.00	583.31	58%	416.69
Bolivar	1,500.00	1,000.00	67%	500.00
Brownsville, Calvin		800.00		(800.00)
Brownsville, Ft. Burd				
Brownsville, Hopewell				
Colver		275.00		(275.00)
Cresson	2,860.00	2,145.00		715.00
Delmont				
Derry	1,200.00	600.00	50%	600.00
Dunbar, First		1,275.00		(1,275.00)
Dunbar, Laurel Hill				
Ebensburg	1,000.00	1,044.99	104%	(44.99)
Fairchance				
Farmington	500.00	1,100.00		(600.00)
Fayette City, little		1,400.00		(1,400.00)
Redstone				
Greensburg, First		20,666.64		(20,666.64)
Greensburg, Maplewood	5,000.00	3,336.00	67%	1,664.00
Greensburg, Westminster		4,000.00		(4,000.00)
Irwin, First	25,000.00	18,749.97	75%	6,250.03
Irwin, W. Hempfield		2,250.00		(2,250.00)
Jeannette	3,000.00	2,100.00	70%	900.00
Johnstown, Bethany	1,620.00	800.00	49%	820.00
Johnstown, First	6,000.00	3,600.00	60%	2,400.00
Johnstown, Second	2,200.00	1,100.00	50%	1,100.00
Johnstown, Westmont	16,000.00	12,000.00	75%	4,000.00
Lake Lynn	800.00		0%	800.00
Latrobe, Main St.	26,500.00	17,680.00	67%	8,820.00
Latrobe, Spring St.		4,000.00		(4,000.00)
Leisenring				
Ligonier, Pleasant Grove		850.00		(850.00)
Lower Burrell, Grace		2,916.65		(2,916.65)
Lower Burrell, Puckety	10,000.00	5,950.00	60%	4,050.00
Masontown				
McClellandtown	4,300.00	3,225.00	75%	1,075.00
Merrittstown, Dunlap's Ck.				
Mt. Pleasant, Reunion	1,200.00	865.00	72%	335.00
Murrysville, First	12,000.00	9,000.00	75%	3,000.00
Murrysville,	28,160.00	16,173.00	57%	11,987.00
Newlonsburg				
Murrysville, Union	4,000.00	2,000.00	50%	2,000.00
N. Alexandria, Community	3,000.00	1,985.00	66%	1,015.00
N. Alexandria, Congruity	5,000.00	5,984.92	120%	(984.92)
New Florence, Bethel		2,000.00		(2,000.00)
New Florence, Trinity	3,825.00	2,868.75	75%	956.25
New Kensington	5,109.00	2,950.92	58%	2,158.08
New Salem	2,000.00	1,421.00	71%	579.00
N. Huntingdon, New Hope	5,700.00	3,800.00	67%	1,900.00
Patton	4,180.00	4,180.00	100%	
Revloc	1,925.00	1,925.00	100%	

Scottdale		500.00		(500.00)
	206	Total	% Payup as of	Unpaid
	Pledge	Paid	8/31/2026	Pledge Balance
Smithfield, Grace Chapel				
Smock, Pleasant View	8,000.00	5,000.00	63%	3,000.00
Trafford, Level Green	5,560.00	4,268.31		1,291.69
Uniontown, Tent				
Uniontown, Third		919.00		(919.00)
Uniontown, Trinity	3,300.00	1,058.50	32%	2,241.50
Vanderbilt, E. Liberty	1,000.00	340.00	34%	660.00
West Newton, Sewickley	990.00	990.00	100%	
W. Newton, Sewickley UP				
West Newton, United				
	Totals	216,476.90	190,785.4	25,691.46
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Presbytery of Redstone
Balance Sheet
Consolidated - August 2026

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	Current Year
ASSETS	
BANK ACCOUNTS	
CHECKING ACCOUNTS	
1st Commonwealth Ckg	\$11,177.91
1st Commonwealth Ckg #2	1,744.39
1st Commonwealth M Market	<u>40,680.83</u>
Subtotal Checking Accounts	53,603.13
SAVINGS ACCOUNTS	
PILP Investment	10,000.00
Ameriprise Money Market	3,646.69
Petty Cash	<u>250.00</u>
Subtotal Savings Accounts	13,896.69
Subtotal Bank Accounts	<u>67,499.82</u>
INVESTMENTS	
E Johnston - New Covenant	387,239.79
Ameriprise Invest - PW	<u>788,331.80</u>
Subtotal Investments	1,175,571.59
LOANS RECEIVABLE	
Loans Receivable - PSC	-0.19
FIXED ASSETS	
BUILDINGS	
Presbytery Office	300,000.00
EQUIPMENT	
Office Equipment	<u>136,800.00</u>
Subtotal Fixed Assets	436,800.00
OTHER ASSETS	
Pine Springs Camp	<u>1,877,753.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$3,557,624.22
LIABILITIES	
CURRENT LIABILITIES	
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	
TAXES PAYABLE	
941 Taxes Payable	\$1,813.50
State Taxes Payable	147.67
Local Taxes Payable	299.22
LST Taxes Payable	<u>17.36</u>
Subtotal Taxes Payable	2,277.75
Subtotal Payroll Deductions	<u>2,277.75</u>
PASS THRU CONTRIBUTIONS	
Special Offerings - Gener	66.75
One Great Hour of Sharing	10.00
Peace and Global Witness	95.90
1% Theological Education	150.01

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Current Year

Subtotal Pass Thru Contributions	322.66
Subtotal Current Liabilities	2,600.41
<i>INTERFUND ADVANCES</i>	<i>0.57</i>
<i>Due to/from Other Funds</i>	
<i>TOTAL LIABILITIES</i>	<i>2,600.98</i>

NET ASSETS
UNRESTRICTED

Unrestricted Net Assets	\$1,601,455.84
Unrest'd Net Assets - PSC	<u>1,779,111.00</u>
Subtotal Unrestricted	3,380,566.84
TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	
Equipping Leadership	200.00
Hooten Scholarship	1,298.00
Addictions Ministry	844.54
BOP Grant	10,998.00
SCLD	13,529.79
Engaging Congregations	4,825.00
Pine Springs Camp	1,057.00
Enabling Ministry Network	1,620.52
Projector Fund	872.13
Resource Center	3,609.02
PDA - Directed	102.00
Triennium	1,000.00
Sudan Projects	16,680.32
Peace and Global Witness	15,527.42
Ministry Student Aid	18,821.25
Minister's Assistance	1,321.31
I.P.L.F.	-5,499.00
I.P.L.F. 2	6,698.10
Subtotal Temporarily Restricted	93,505.40
PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED	
Perm. Rest. Net Assets	80,951.00
TOTAL EQUITY	3,555,023.24
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$3,557,624.22

Mission Network

Presentation	
<u>Information Items</u>	
<u>July 9, 2026</u>	
Devotions: 2 Timothy 4:1-5	
Offering for September Presbytery meeting Venezuela via PDA	
Mission Fair this year – we edited a letter to each clerk of session of each church asking for them to participate is attached to the e-mail. We will take our mission quilts. Susan Keaney will look at the posters and make note of the contact information. Donna and Tammy will get to camp early that day to assist people with their displays.	
Booklet published by PDA outlining the missions supported all around the world in 2025. It was suggested we obtain and mail a copy to each church, so all will know of the work being accomplished by this ministry. Thoughts? We will provide them but not send them with the letters to the clerks of session.	
Do we want to meet in August since that is prime vacation time? No.	
New Business	
Lynn Mance will be reaching out to Redstone Churches regarding a food drive for the Westmoreland Food Bank on this upcoming 25th anniversary of 9/11.	

<u>June 11, 2026</u>	
Devotions: Matthew 7:15-20 By their fruits you will know them	
Prayer Requests: Shannan Kellam, Sudan and South Sudan, Ukraine, Russia, Iran, Israel, Gaza, Lebanon, Donna's sister Sally having a lumpectomy tomorrow, for Debby for her back and upcoming physical therapy appointment.	
Offering for may Meeting yielded \$842 for Pine Springs Camp	
Status of Mission Cabin at Pine Springs – We provided 4 Bread for the World and 2 Rise Against Hunger posters. We also provided a map of the world with areas of hunger to be highlighted. Maddie, camp staff, will decorate the cabin. Pine Springs will work with the Somerset County food bank as the mission project for 2026.	
Mission Fair this year - a draft of a letter to each church asking for them to participate. Debby will rewrite her draft letter for further editing. We will send out to each congregation a copy of Mosaic, 2025 year in review for PDA.	
There was no new business	

May 14, 2026

Devotions: Galatians 6:7-10

Prayer Requests

Dawn Sherwood shared a Letter from the Salvation Army in the Pakistan Territory documenting the authenticity of the Harvestime Church Christian Tareen Colony, Multan. They are in need of a generator and speakers for group events. Debby googled Asian Christians in India/Pakistan and found the Asian Indian Christian Church of Pittsburgh. Dawn will explore this from here.

Sylvia shared a thank you from the Presbytery of the Twin Cities which will be read at Presbytery in May.

Offering for May Meeting? Pine Springs Camp.

It was agreed we would sponsor a mission cabin at Pine Springs this year, it has been suggested we focus on the theme of "hunger". Debby will print up materials from Bread for the World. Donna will find a world map to use as a display.

Mission Fair this year during the September Presbytery meeting at Pine Springs. To promote the fair we could send a letter to the clerk of session at each church asking for them to participate? Let's do this in June or July.

Community Presbyterian Church in New Alexandria will be holding a Rise Against Hunger event on a Saturday in October.

Report on recent mission trip to West Virginia to replace a bathtub with a walk in shower and put in a new kitchen floor and paint the kitchen cabinets in an old double wide trailer for an elderly woman. She was deeply appreciative of the work that we did.

Closing prayer by Debby Koenig.

Pine Springs Camp

KINGDOM LIVING! SUMMER 2026



It was another wonderful summer of ministry to campers. The sounds of camp echoed across the hills in a special way this summer. Although we had to deal with a couple of situations that were new specifically smoke from Canada and broken water pipes in the Jennerstown Water Authority area causing camp not having water for a couple of days, it was an amazing summer!

The number of campers that were served this summer. Overnight-914 (the most since 2019- Our on-site day camp- 171 over 5 weeks- Our traveling days camps had 4 sites this summer served a total of 206 and our Mission EX youth group service camp had 165- total we served just over 1460 campers this summer. The most ever in the history of Pine Springs Camp.

In addition, we were able to offer a traveling day camp in Washington County for the first time, and it was at full capacity. We are also seeing our traveling day camps be a gateway into our overnight camping program. We offered a day camp for middle school students this summer- We had 13 campers and it was a very positive experience. We see great possibilities in this opportunity. And lastly, please do not forget that your support also is an investment in the discipleship of young people- our summer staff. It is an incredible thing to witness how dedicated to sharing Christ with campers they are. I would venture to say that this year's staff was one of the best in my 20 summers.



MISSION (CABIN) OUR DAILY BREAD! FOCUS ON HUNGER ISSUES

In our Mission Cabin, the light blue cabin near the Nature Nook, we highlight different ministries and organizations every year. This summer we were studying the Lord's prayer and were inspired by Matthew 6:11, "Give us this day our daily bread" to focus on the issue of hunger in our world, both physically and spiritually. As the body of Christ, we can play a part in being the hands and feet of Jesus to help fulfill this prayer for those in our communities and around the world. We partnered with the Somerset County Mobile Food Bank and Rise Against Hunger, one local and one international organization, that both help provide food for families.

While at camp, campers could buy a bracelet or donate their extra camp store money. We were able to raise \$1000 for each organization! If they visited the Mission Cabin, they may have decorated a paper bag that a local church, St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, will use to pack lunches for their homeless ministry. (There were some wonderful designs!)

Pine Springs Camp

FALL RETREATS AND PROGRAMS

We have retreats for all ages, giving an opportunity for each participant to draw closer to God! These retreats are designed where one camper can sign up, a group of campers or even an entire group from one church. This is our way of desiring to offer spiritually challenging and enriching experiences for all ages. Register on-line for retreats at www.pinesprings.org/psc-retreats.



SEPTEMBER 12-13- 4th-6th grade retreat-



OCTOBER 2-3- Plenty of spots available

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OCTOBER 16-18-Middle School and High School Retreat



2026 FRIENDS DINNER-SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26 AT THE CORE EVENT CENTER IN IRWIN

Table sponsors are our best ambassadors for this event – you can invite folks who are already familiar with Pine Springs or new friends who can connect with the ministry. The highlight of the evening are the stories shared by campers, staff and pastors about the impact that Pine Springs has had on their faith journey.

Churches are encouraged to sponsor a table and come celebrate the goodness of the Lord and the Harvest of Blessings that campers experience through the ministry of Pine Springs Camp.

OUR 5TH ANNUAL SPORTING CLAY EVENT FUNDRAISER

This is a fund sporting clay event, and all the proceeds go to supporting Pine Springs Camp. Spread the word to those who may be interested. Find out more about the event or to register at pinesprings.org/sportingclays



Budget and Finance & Property

Presentation and Action Items

- Treasures Report
- The Council notes the first reading of the 2027 budget. Second reading and consideration of the budget will occur in the November meeting.
- 2027 Narrative Budget

Income & Expense Report

This report provides an unaudited revue of the August 31, 2026 Financial Statements for the Presbytery of Redstone.

August represents 66.7% of the year.

Total Income through August is \$221,594.74, which is 62.6%. Total Transfers through August are \$26,487.29, which is 42.7%. Total Expense through August is \$279,630.04, which is 67.3%. This equates to a loss through August of (-\$31,548.01).

Church Pledging/ Payment Activity

- 65 Total Churches in this Report.
- 39 Churches have pledged to date.
- \$216,476.90 pledged to date.
- \$190,785.44 paid to date, which is 88.1%.

Investments & Holding

Ameriprise Financial Total Value on August 31, 2026 is \$803,434.99. First Commonwealth Bank balance is \$53,603.13.

PILP balance is \$10,000.

Ameriprise Money Market is \$3,251.72.

Petty Cash is \$250.00.

New Covenant Funds are \$387,239.79.

Total Investments & Holdings equals \$1,257,779.63.

2027 Budget Proposal

INCOME/RECEIPTS

	2026 Budget	2027 Budget
Shared Ministry/Mission		
Church contributions	345,000.00	330,000.00
Shared Directed		
Interest/Investments	4,000.00	1,000.00
	62,000.00 **	
Reserves(total) (directed funds)		
Miscellaneous	5,000.00	0.00 (nothing was Budgeted here)
TOTAL REVENUE	416,000.00	331,000.00

EXPENSES

Shared Ministry

Council

Council expense	750.00	750.00
Communications	2,000.00	2,000.00
Presbytery meetings	2,500.00	1,500.00
Website	3,000.00	3,500.00
PCUSA meetings	3,000.00	3,000.00
Equipping Leadership	4,000.00	1,000.00
Engaging Congregations	4,000.00	1,000.00
Enabling Ministry Networks	4,000.00	1,000.00

Committee On Ministry

Committee Expense	500.00	500.00
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Committee on Preparation

Committee Expense	750.00	500.00
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Committee-Nominating

Committee on Representation

Executive Presbyter

Interim EP Salary /Board of Pensions	110,000.00	92,251.66
Interim EP Board of Pensions		24,586.47
Interim EP Study Leave	1,500.00	1,500.00
Interim EP Professional Services	1,500.00	1,500.00
Interim EP Travel	5,000.00	2,500.00
Interim Stated Clerk	5,200.00	5,356.00

Christian Education/Resources

Christian Education

Triennium	1,500.00	1,500.00
Denominational/Ecumenical Ministry		
Christian Associates	1,500.00	1,500.00
Synod of Trinity(per capita)	17,993.00	17,042.40
General Assembly(per capita)	84,416.00	77,684.94

TOTAL SHARED MINISTRY	253,609.00	240,171.47
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Shared Mission

Sudan Partnership	16,000.00	0.00**
Shared		
Directed		
Pine Springs Camp	35,000.00	33,000.00**
Shared		
Directed		
Synod Mission	3,000.00	0.00**
Shared		
Directed		
Presbyterian Mission Agency	27,000.00	15,600.00**
Shared		
Directed		
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance	2,000.00	0.00**
Shared		
Directed		
TOTAL SHARED MISSION	81,000.00	48,600.00

Operations - software (Supplies/Computer Software: we had only budgeted 8,000.00 for this but breaking out the would have only left us 3,000.00)

Supplies	10,000.00	5,500.00
Computer Software		5,700.00
Postage	800.00	1,000.00
Telephone	4,000.00	4,000.00
Utilities & Maintenance	9,600.00	
Natural Gas		2,200.00
Electricity		1,300.00
Water		400.00
Sewage		400.00
Trash Collection		700.00
***Maintenance		
Custodial Services		2,600.00
Yard Maintenance		1,000.00
Parking Lot Maintenance		1,000.00
Building Maintenance		1,000.00
Maintenance Reserve		1,000.00
Property Insurance	5,000.00	10,000.00
Worker's Compensation	1,000.00	1,000.00
Legal and Auditing	7,200.00	8,000.00

Leases	2,200.00	2,200.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00
Administrative Services		
Recording Clerk	520.00	540.00
Bookkeeper	6,240.00	6,489.00
Administrative Operations Manager	23,622.00	24,568.88
FICA paid-Presbytery	8,600.00	9,884.18
TOTAL OPERATIONS	78,782.00	90,481.46
	414,891.00	<u>379,252.93</u>
	1,109.00	(48,252.93)

*** This amount is needed each year in order to balance the budget

***These totals were combined in the 2026 Budget but have been broken out for the 2027 Budget

These Totals need to be addressed in the narrative because of the changes.

Amount we would need to add to the Income to balance the budget – add to narrative also

2027 Budget Narrative - Redstone Presbytery

The 2027 budget for the Redstone Presbytery embraces the Kingdom of our Savior, to guide our ministry and mission, to the best of our abilities at all times.

Each year in the development of a budget, great considerations of who we serve, are incorporated into the numbers. The realism of available funds to successfully operate are also considered, which presents some very hard and painful decisions at times.

As we look back at previous years, historically with dipping numbers of church members within the Redstone Presbytery, this affects the balance sheet growth, days cash, and unrestricted funds. As a result, the budget for 2027 incorporates conservative projections.

Income

To embrace the realism of lower Church Contributions to the Presbytery, Property & Finance Committee and Council recognizes income in this category at \$330,000. This represents a -\$15,000 adjustment of income from the 2026 budget. Also, in the Miscellaneous category, zero funds are recognized for 2027. It is hopeful however, additional Miscellaneous Funds will be provided.

Expenses

Like all fiscal budgets, the Presbytery has lived within its means for many years to the best of its abilities by embracing prudent decisions.

The expenses for 2027 in the areas of Presbytery Meetings, Engaging Congregations, Enabling Ministry Networks, Interim EP Travel, and GA (per capita) have all been adjusted downward.

In the category of Total Shared Ministry, Pine Springs Camp and Presbyterian Mission Agency, also reflect lower expense cost. This represents in total, a reduction adjustment of \$34,400 from 2026.

The Property & Finance Committee in reviewing the 2027 expenses and how to best account for all items, separated multiple cost categories into its own line item. This direction will improve tracking expenses in greater detail. This action is presented on the budget, now showing utility costs being broken-out, along with computer supplies, water and sewer, trash collection and custodial services as an example.

The expense category also reflects increases in the areas of property insurance, legal & auditing, recording clerk services, bookkeeping and FICA cost.

Income over Expenses 2027

Total Income for 2027 is projected / budgeted at \$331,000, with expenses totaling \$379,253. As a result, additional funds to balance the budget total \$48,253. Funds required to balance the budget will originate from investments or potential miscellaneous contributions.

Respectfully submitted by,
Council and Property & Finance Committee

Nominating Committee

Actions Items

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

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Council

- Rev. Brian Kilbert, Lower Burrell, Puckety (2029)
- Rev. Rebecca Siddle, New Kensington, United (2029)

Committee on Ministry

- Rev. Dr. Martin Ankrom, Greensburg, First (2029)
- Rev. Dawn Sherwod, Jeannette, First (2029)

Committee on Preparation for Ministry

- Tammy Noss, New Alexandria, Community United (2029)

Pine Springs Camp

- Jan Mills, Latrobe (2029)

Information Items

- There remain openings for positions on standing committees

Please submit names of possible Ruling Elders for consideration to the Nominating Committee through either , Rev. Ed Gray, Rev. Geoff Rach, Lynn Mance or Rev. Dr. Lon Weaver

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

Presbytery Council

Presentation and Action Items

- **No Action Items**

Council Information Items

August 25, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

Due to Susan Keaney, Chair of Council not being able to be in attendance, Owar Ojulu, Moderator of the Presbytery moderated the meeting. Owar called the meeting to order at 6: 34 p.m. and opened the meeting with prayer. A quorum of members was established. Due to the change of date of the Council meeting, all those who were not present were excused from this meeting. Bernice Adams provided the Council with home-made tiramisu.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Owar Ojulu solicited any changes to the agenda. Budget and Finance added 2 items. It was **Moved** by Cliff Foster and **Seconded** by Keith Langston and **Passed** to approve the agenda as presented.

DEVOTIONS Cliff Foster led the devotions. Cliff shared from Exodus 3: 10-12 and the phrase “I will be with you” with God said to Moses. Those words of God are as powerful today as they were all those years ago as we face the future. Those words helped us 25 years ago on 9/11 and then as we faced the Covid 19 pandemic and they continue to help us as we lead our Presbytery in this time of transition as we journey into the future.

UPDATE FROM THE HOPEWELL COMMISSION Josh Scully provided the Council with an update on the situation with the Hopewell Presbyterian Church. There was a closing service last summer. Due to the records or lack of records in Fayette County. The Buyer has said that if a survey is done, they will proceed with the purchase of the property and that the survey would enable them to purchase insurance on the property. There is some concern about the condition of the property since some water damage was discovered. The buyer is still interested in the property. Josh Scully reported that McMillen Engineering Inc. has submitted a bid of \$1500 for the survey. It was **Moved** by Keith Langston and **Seconded** by Gary Filson and **Passed** to approve survey at a cost of \$1500. They would like \$750 upfront and \$750 after completion of work.

The second issue is the Mobil/Exxon stock. The firm that is holding the trust (Computer Share) is giving Presbytery difficulty in transferring the stock to Redstone Presbytery. Apparently when the stock was transferred to this holding company (Computer Share), not all of the paper stocks were transferred. It was **Moved** by Bernice Adams and **Seconded** by Jack Battenhouse and **Passed** to let Computer Share that we cannot find the remaining paper stocks and to see how we move forward. The company has never informed

Josh about the number of shares of paper that are missing. It was **Moved** by Scott Cole and **Seconded** by Keith Langston and **Passed** to permit Josh Scully to sign an affidavit attesting that we have no knowledge of the missing stocks as a representative of the Presbytery of Redstone.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the June 23, 2026 meeting were presented. It was **Moved** by Gary Filson **Seconded** by Scott Cole and **Passed** to approve these minutes.

REPORTS

Moderator No Report

Interim Executive Presbyter There was a written report from the Interim Executive Presbyter. Lon reported on his activities since June 24, 2026. He attended worship in 5 congregations; attended General Assembly; planning the September Presbytery meeting, worship service and some discussion areas of "Full Cycle Church", "Civil Discussion: Elections Activity", and spread worship throughout the meeting in 3 separate times; vacation time in July; attended various committee meetings; dealt with Cemetery issues at the Dunlaps Creek congregation with a membership of 3 and 4 friends, Redstone Township brought the issue to the magistrate about the upkeep of the church and property, the Township is going to work with the congregation; there is a copy of recently published book by Christian Associates called "The Root Is Holy Reckoning with Antisemitism as Christians; continues to serve as editor of the North America Paul Tillich Society Bulletin and published their Summer issue. Lon ended his report with a poem by Wendell Berry "The Peace of Wild Things".

Interim Stated Clerk

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

- The Correspondence Log

- Approval of the 2027 dates of Presbytery Meeting and Council Meeting

Presbytery Meetings: January 23 1PM (Saturday) March 16 6 PM (Tuesday)
 May 25 6PM (Tuesday) September 21 10AM (Tuesday) Pine Springs
 November 16 6PM (Tuesday) McClellandtown

Council Meetings: January 5 March 2 May 4
 July 6 September 7 November 2

It was **Moved** by Cliff Foster and **Seconded** by Gary Filson and **Passed** to approve the 2027 dates for Presbytery and Council Meetings.

- Acceptance of resignation of Laura Blank from Council. It was **Moved** by Gary Filson and **Seconded** by Keith Langston and **Passed** to accept with regret the resignation and with gratitude for Laura's service to the Council.

Approval of getting a credit card for Lon's use from some institution other than First Commonwealth. (Perhaps Capital One) It was **Moved** by Gary Filson and **Seconded** by Bernice Adams and **Passed** to approve getting a credit card for use by Lon Weaver, Interim Executive Presbyter.

Treasurer Report

Keith Langston distributed a written report to the members of Council. The report is through the end of July and things look good. Pledges are above where we should be and our investments are doing well.

Executive Director of Pine Springs Camp There was a written report from Greg Davis, Executive Director of Pine Springs Camp. It was a great summer for the camp. 914 campers overnight, the most since 2019. 171 at the Day Camp and 276 at Traveling Camps. 165 at Mission Ex camp. The camp was able to have a traveling day camp in Washington Presbytery this year. The Mission Cabin focus was on Hunger Issues. \$1000 was given to the Somerset County Food Bank and \$1000 was given to Rise Against Hunger event at Community UP Church in October. Greg highlighted some of the upcoming retreats and events. The Friends Dinner will be held on Sunday, October 26 at the Core Event Center in Irwin.

SUBCOMMITTEES/NETWORKS/TASK FORCES

Staff Support. There was a written report from the Staff Support Committee of their June and August meetings.

Mission There was a written report from the Mission Committee. The food drive for 9/11 25th anniversary for the Westmoreland County Food Bank

Budget, Finance and Property Committee There was a written report from the Budget, Finance and Property Committee.

1. Approval of the draft of the 2025 Financial Statement. It was **Moved** by Keith Langston and **Seconded** by Gary Filson and **Passed** to the draft of the 2025 Financial Statement.
2. Pine Springs Camp Request for Redstone Presbytery to give a \$100,000 pledge to kick off the Capital Campaign of the Strategic Plan and Phase 1 for refurbishing present structures and building other structures. This funding will come out of our investments. It was **Moved** by Gary Filson and **Seconded** by Keith Langston and **Passed** to present this request to the Presbytery.
3. Puckety Presbyterian Church Request to apply for a PILP loan. It was **Moved** by Gary Filson and **Seconded** by Jack Battenhouse and **Passed** to approve this request.
4. Proposed 2027 Budget. It was **Moved** by Gary Filson and **Seconded** by Keith Langston and **Passed** to present to the Presbytery at the September meeting as a first reading the 2027 Proposed Budget. Gary Filson raised the question of what we are doing in helping the churches in the Presbytery with Stewardship.
5. Request for the Presbytery to contribute to Amen to Action with a gift of \$1500. It was **Moved** by Gary Filson and **Seconded** by Bernice Adams and **Passed** this request.

Communications There was a written report from the Communications Committee.

Matthew 25 Network No Report.

Meeting Design Committee. Norma Murphy and Lon Weaver and set up the order of the upcoming September Presbytery meeting. They are experimenting with ways to engage people in the Presbytery meetings. Worshipful work idea that Graham Standish promoted years ago will be a focus in the future.

Addictions Ministry No Report. The committee is not active at this time.

Healing Prayer Network There was a written report from the Healing Prayer Network. They meet the second Thursday of the month from 3:30 to 5 PM.

IPLF Steering Presented the Fall 2026 schedule of classes to be presented in hybrid by Zoom and face-to-face sessions.

PRESBYTERY MEETING AGENDA

The proposed agenda for the September 22, 2026 Presbytery gathering was presented. A time for the General Assembly Commissioners to report to the Presbytery between the Council Report and COM report. was added to After review and discussion, it was **Moved** by Gary Filson and **Seconded** and Scott Cole and it was **Passed** to approve the September Presbytery Meeting Agenda as presented with corrections.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

INTERCESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

Having lifted up in prayer particular shared needs and the work throughout the meeting, it was **Moved** by Gary Filson and **Seconded** by Keith Langston and **Passed** to adjourn with our intercessory prayer at the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

June 23, 2026, Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Elder Susan Keaney, Chair of Council, called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. and opened the meeting with prayer. A quorum of members was established.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Susan Keaney, Chair of Council, solicited any changes to the agenda. It was **MSP** to approve the agenda as presented.

DEVOTIONS Susan Keaney led devotions. Susan read Ephesians 4: 15-16 and she shared the Travis Webster, the Associate Pastor at Newlonsburg is leaving for an ideal job and the Session is discerning what they are going to do. M & M's were passed around and everyone took a few and just as each M & M is stamped with an "M", so each Christian is stamped with the Holy Spirit. If you have a Red share a joy or recent win; a Blue share one current prayer request or challenge; a Yellow share a way another Church in the Presbytery has blessed you. People shared what is going on in their churches based on the color of M & M's. Susan closed the devotions with prayer.

UPDATE ON THE HOPEWELL COMMISSION Josh Scully, the Chair of the Hopewell Presbyterian Church Administrative Commission presented a written report about the Hopewell Presbyterian Church Property to

the Council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the April 28, 2026 Council meeting were presented. It was **MSP** to approve these minutes.

REPORTS

Moderator

Susan provided a Report to the Council; the Mission Task Force has been meeting and has been having some interesting conversations. This Task Force is comprised of five people who are trying to discern what the Presbytery should be doing and where the Presbytery is doing for the future, how should the Presbytery look and what sort of leadership/resources will be required. They are currently talking to various people in the Presbytery. They are doing some Strategic Visioning. They will be bringing a report sometime in the future of what they have discovered and have been learning so that we can begin the process of securing permanent leadership.

Interim Executive Presbyter There was a written report from the Interim Executive Presbyter included in the meeting materials. Lon reported on his activities from April 29 to June 23, 2026. Lon highlighted a Presbyterian Leadership Formation event near Baltimore and the Synod Mid Council gathering and the presentation by Josh Erickson whose forthcoming book *The Full Cycle Church: Equipping Churches for Revitalization*. Lon has talked with Martin Ankrum, COM Chair, about perhaps using this book for a discussion within the Presbytery.

Interim Stated Clerk

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

- The Correspondence Log
- The 2025 Presbytery Minutes were read on June 3, 2026 and were approved 0 Exceptions and 0 Delinquencies.

Treasurer Report

Keith Langston distributed a written report to the members of Council. We are pretty much on track through the end of May with income and about the same with expenses. The pledges from churches have been 58% paid.

Executive Director of Pine Springs Camp No Report.

SUBCOMMITTEES/NETWORKS/TASK FORCES

Staff Support There was a written report from the Staff Support Committee. The committee is requesting that more committee members be added to the committee. The committee presently consists of Len Morgan, Jack Battenhouse, and Dawn Sherwood. Bernice Adams volunteered to serve on the Staff Support Subcommittee.

Mission There were minutes of their recently held meetings from the Mission Committee.

Budget, Finance and Property Committee There was a written report from the Budget, Finance and Property Committee. The committee is seeking approval to replace the roof of the Presbytery Office Building and to go with the bid from the Bella Construction from Irwin. The price of the project is \$21,725. It was **MSP** to approve this motion. The project will be paid for from the proceeds from our investments.

The committee reported that they had discussed the Pine Spring Camp Strategic Plan and Phase 1 of a Capital Campaign for refurbishing present structure and building additional structures. A meeting with Rev. Don Coleman, PSC Board President and Rev. Skip Noftzger, Finance Chair and the committee will be held on July 2, 2026 at 10:15am at the Presbytery Office.

Since there have been issues with the Debit Card, the committee moves to replace the Debit Card with a Credit Card from First Commonwealth Bank of Greensburg and for Matthew Lon Weaver, Interim Executive Presbyter to have access to the Credit Card with a limit of 5 thousand dollars. It was **MSP** to approve this motion.

Communications There was a written report. The new website is up and looks good. Some items will still be added to the website. If there is something missing, contact the office so that those items can be put back on the website

Matthew 25 Network No Report.

Meeting Design Committee. No Report.

Addictions Ministry Due to some health issues, the Addictions Ministry is taking a hiatus. It may be included in the work of Matthew 25 Network. The Jeannette Church which received one of the Fit for the Future grants is doing some work with addiction ministries.

Healing Prayer Network No Report.

IPLF Steering The upcoming programs are being promoted.

PRESBYTERY MEETING AGENDA

The agenda for the September Presbytery gathering will be discussed at our August 25, 2026 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Lon made reference to an event being held tomorrow by Christian Associates about antisemitism.

Christian Associates also has a reference about Christian Nationalism.

There is a mine in the Johnstown area that is being filled with waste water that may have an impact on some trout streams.

The Council received information from Lynn Mance about a project of the Westmoreland County Food Bank to have a Presbytery-wide food collection during the week of 9/11 in honor of the 250th anniversary of our nation and also in honor of 9/11. Lynn Mance is willing to spearhead this effort. It was **MSP** to participate in this project the week of 9/11. Susan will talk to Lynn and invite her to attend our August 25, 2026 meeting to talk about this project.

ADJOURNMENT

It was **MSP** to adjourn the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m. Susan Keaney ended the meeting with prayer.

Committee on Ministry

Presentation and Action Items

- COM recommends that the Presbytery dismiss the Rev. Dr. Owar Ojulu to the Presbytery of Des Moines in order to accept the call to be the Pastor/Head of Staff of the First Presbyterian Church of Ottumwa.
- The Committee on Ministry recommends an increase of 4 % in effective salary for all continuing pastors (Ministers of Word and Sacrament and Commissioned Pastors).

Information Items

September 3, 2026

Approval of this Evening's Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

It was MSP to approve the minutes of the August 6, 2026 meeting. Secretary Lynn Mance noted that she will be absent at the October 1 meeting. Rev. Mary Kay Glunt has agreed to take the meeting minutes.

Report of the Stated Clerk

- A list was provided of the 9 churches that still need their 2025 Minutes reviewed. Several members will be addressing this issue with these remaining churches.
- There was no correspondence log, no waivers from rotation requests or contract approvals presented. Our Moderator added that a contract may be in the works with Rev. Susan Sphar as a temporary pastor and Belle Vernon, First.

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

A written in-depth report from August 7 through September 3, 2026 was presented in tonight's meeting packet. Rev. Weaver spoke on plans for the upcoming Presbytery meeting at Pine Springs Camp. It was MSP to receive and accept the Report of the Interim EP.

Report of the Moderator

Our Moderator presented the 2027 Terms of Call for Pastors as approved by Staff Support and the Council. This entails a 4% minimum increase to the current Terms of Call. After discussion, it was **MSP** to recommend these 2027 Minimum Terms of Call to the Presbytery at the September 22 meeting.

Reports of Subcommittees

Examinations and Membership: Abbott, Ankrum, Kilbert and Webster

No meeting.

Search and Call Campbell, Glunt, MacPherson and Lichtenfels

- Irwin, First, a member of their PNC has passed away. They are in the process of nominating 1-2 new members for the PNC. Once nominated, a congregational meeting will be held to approve the new PNC

slate.

- No updates on West Newton, United; New Florence, Trinity; Johnstown, Westmont; Greensburg, Westminster; Mt. Pleasant, Reunion; Scottdale, Calvin; Spring St., Latrobe; Murrysburg, Newlonsburg (AP).

Care of Congregations and Congregational Leaders

- Report of the Liaison Program Task Force (Lambie, Sheehan, Weaver) -- they have a zoom meeting planned for next week.
- One liaison contact log was included in the meeting packet. There were no other liaison reports to share.
- Question to be asked to our liaison contact congregations- "What are your plans for World Communion Sunday?"

IPLF Program, Workshops, Ongoing Task Forces

- IPLF- The Introduction to the New Testament class has begun with the Rev. Skip Noftzger as instructor.

Other Business (Unfinished or New)

None

Adjournment

It is noted that during the meeting a storm had developed and the zoom connection kept failing. There being no further business, it was **MSP** to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 PM with prayer offered by our Moderator.

The following Pastors were prayed for during this time: Eric Glisan, Donald Glunt, Mary Kay Glunt, Pete Goetschius, Donald Graff, Ed Gray, Molly Hall, Glenn Hart, Donna Havrisko and Jim Hepler

The following churches were prayed for during this time: West Newton, Sewickley United; West Newton, United; Adah, Palmer Community; Apollo, Poke Run; Avonmore, First; Belle Vernon, First; Belle Vernon, Harmony; Belle Vernon, Marion; Belle Vernon, Rehoboth and Bolivar, United

The next regular meeting of the Committee on Ministry will be held at 6:30 p.m. on October 1, 2026. RE Gary Lichtenfels will lead the devotions.

August 6, 2026

Approval of this Evening's Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

It was **MSP** to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2026 meeting. Two action items were noted and added that were addressed on June 29, 2026 via email vote. It **MSP** to approve the request of the Session of the Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church of Murrysburg to call a congregational meeting for the purpose of electing an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC). It was **MSP** to approve the request of the Session of Spring Street United Presbyterian Church of Latrobe to call a congregational meeting for the purpose of electing a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC).

Report of the Stated Clerk

The report updated the committee on the following items:

- Recent Correspondence Log was provided.
- A list was provided of the 12 churches that still need their 2025 Minutes reviewed. Several members will be addressing this issue with these remaining churches.
- It was MSP to accept the Report of the Stated Clerk.

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

A written in-depth report from June 5 through August 6, 2026 was presented in tonight's meeting packet. It was MSP to receive and accept the Report of the Interim EP.

Report of the Moderator

- It was MSP to approve the request from New Florence, Trinity to commission RE Denise Todero to celebrate communion as needed for the congregation.
- It was MSP to fulfill the request of Dr. Jonathan M. Watt to be added to the Authorized Preaching List.

Reports of Subcommittees

Rev. Chuck MacPherson III has been serving at West Newton UP Church. He will be leaving the end of August and has recommended a mission study task force for the church and requests the appointment of a liaison for the congregation. No action was taken at this time. Rev. MacPherson was thanked for his service to the church.

Examinations and Membership: Abbott, Ankrum, Kilbert and Webster

No meeting.

Search and Call

Campbell, Glunt, MacPherson and Lichtenfels

- Belle Vernon, First- the previously interested PNC candidate didn't work out. Interim Pastor Rev. Rick Sweeney's last day is October 4. Our Moderator has spoken with the Rev. Susan Spahr concerning the possibility of being a temporary pastor and the session will be meeting with her.
- New Florence, Trinity-RE Belinda Lambie has been in contact with them. Johnstown, Westmont- has formed a PNC. Greensburg, Westminster-the PNC has been meeting regularly and doing property improvements. Mt. Pleasant, Reunion and Scottdale, Calvin--no PNC as of yet. Latrobe, Spring Street-PNC has met. Murrysville, Newlonsburg- APNC has met with liaison Rev. Derek Campbell.

Care of Congregations and Congregational Leaders

- Our Moderator presented a "Rational for Reorganization of the Liaison Program" document. With still having a few churches without a liaison there was further discussion concerning the need of a liaison if the church is already represented by a COM member. It was proposed and discussed to restructure the liaison relationship with the churches for next year. A task force was elected to study this further. Those elected were: RE Belinda Lambie, RE Bob Sheehan and Interim Presbyter the Rev. Dr. Lon Weaver. COM will continue to act upon this at further meetings.

- Several liaison contact logs were included in the meeting packet.

IPLF Program, Workshops, Ongoing Task Forces

- IPLF- The Introduction to the New Testament class begins this fall and the Rev. Skip Noftzger is the instructor.

Other Business (Unfinished or New)

None

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was **MSP** to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 PM with prayer offered by our Moderator.

The following Pastors were prayed for during this time: Carole Isley Corey, Gene Degitz, Lisa Dormire, Ron Durika, Kristen Emrick, Patrick Ewing, Jim Farrer, Gary Filson, Cliff Foster and Ken Foust

The following churches were prayed for during this time: Revloc; Scottdale, Calvin; Smithfield, Grace Chapel; Smock, Pleasant View; Trafford, Level Green; Uniontown, Tent; Uniontown, Third; Uniontown, Trinity; Vanderbilt, East Liberty and West Newton, Sewickley

The next regular meeting of the Committee on Ministry will be held at 6:30 p.m. on September 3, 2026. Rev. Dr. Martin Ankrum will lead the devotions.

June 4, 2026

Approval of this Evening's Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

It was **MSP** to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2026 meeting.

Report of the Stated Clerk

The report updated the committee on the following items:

- Recent Correspondence Log was provided.
- A list was provided of the churches that still need their 2025 Minutes reviewed. This will be addressed later in the meeting.
- It was **MSP** to grant waivers from rotation requests from New Kensington, United: RE Donna McLaughlin; Deacons: Amy Grillo Dameron and Alyssa Pistinzi.
- It was **MSP** to approve the Covenant Pastor Agreement between New Kensington, United and the Rev. Rebecca Siddle.
- It was **MSP** to accept the Report of the Stated Clerk.

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

A written in-depth report from May 7 thru June 4, 2026 was presented in tonight's meeting packet. Rev. Weaver also recalled that the PNC of Johnstown, Westmont is working with a consultant in search of a new call. It was

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

Report of the Moderator

- It was **MSP** that --On behalf of the Presbytery of Redstone, the COM concurs with Murrysville, Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church in dissolving the pastoral relationship of the Rev. Dr. Travis Webster, Associate Pastor, effective on June 30, 2026, if the way be clear. The COM is given the ability to speak for the Presbytery from May- September in the absence of meetings of the Presbytery. The way be clear is due to the fact that the congregation has not dissolved his call as of yet.
- It was **MSP** that--On behalf of the Presbytery of Redstone, the COM grants permission to the Rev. Dr. Travis Webster, to labor outside our bounds as a chaplain at the College of Wooster. Rev. Webster will remain a member of the Presbytery of Redstone.
- Upon providing a resume and personal Statement of Faith, it was **MSP** to fulfill the request of the Rev. Susan Sphar to be added to the Authorized Preaching List effective July 2026.

Reports of Subcommittees

Examinations and Membership: Abbott, Ankrum, Kilbert and Webster

- The subcommittee met with a candidate for Belle Vernon, First. Comments were shared with those who had attended.

Search and Call

- Belle Vernon, First PNC will meet soon to discuss this proposed candidate. West Newton, United has the potential to form a PNC and call a pastor.
- Ebensburg, First is presently in limbo but Rev. Ed Gray has been appointed as their Moderator.

Care of Congregations and Congregational Leaders

- We still have a few churches without a liaison so there was a discussion concerning the need of a liaison if the church is already represented by a COM member. It was proposed to restructure the liaison relationship with the churches. COM will act upon this at our next meeting in August.
- The list of churches who have failed 2025 minute review were presented and discussed. Several COM members volunteered to take a church to help get this completed.
- Possible questions for our congregational contacts: Did you have any celebrations this summer?

IPLF Program, Workshops, Ongoing Task Forces

- IPLF- The Introduction to the New Testament class begins this fall and the Rev. Skip Noftzger is the instructor.

Other Business (Unfinished or New)

- COM member Gary Lichtenfels will be joining the Search and Call subcommittee.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was **MSP** to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM with prayer offered by our Moderator.

The following Pastors were prayed for during this time: Ross Bash, Nick Beatty, Laura Blank, Susan Blank, Cliff Buell, Bruce and Cynthia Cadenhead, Derek Campbell, Sylvia Carlson, Terry Carnahan and Tony Catullo.
The following churches were prayed for during this time: Murrysville, Newlonsburg; Murrysville, Union; New Alexandria, Community United; New Alexandria, Congruity; New Florence, Bethel; New Florence, Trinity; New Kensington, United; New Salem; North Huntingdon, New Hope and Patton.

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

Rev. Brian Kilbert will lead the devotions

Committee on Preparation for Ministry

Presentation & Action Items

- **No action items.**

Information Items

June 2, 2026, Meeting

Meeting opened in prayer by Geoff Rach

Approval of May 5, 2026 meeting minutes M/S/P.

The committee met with Karen Gray from Murrysville, First. She submitted a 2025-26 preaching schedule. Karen has finished all IPLF requirements. The committee asked if she is willing to take a commission. Karen requested to be commissioned presbytery wide. That request will be given to the Committee on Ministry. The committee had a time of prayer with Karen.

The committee then met with Seth Myers from Dunbar, First. Seth submitted a preaching schedule for Dunbar, First for 2026-2027 that included the Sundays that he is preaching. He has completed his IPLF coursework and has a few practicum items to finish. The committee did not discuss with Seth the potential of being commissioned. The committee had a time of prayer with Seth. After meeting with Seth, the committee discussed future conversation with him about broadening his preaching experience beyond his home congregation.

Meeting was adjourned with prayer by special guest Matthias Rach.

Our next meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held on September 1, 2026 at 6:00 PM.

Interim Executive Presbyter

(Time Period: May 25 – September 20, 2026)

Opening Comments – Dynamic Discernment

Text – “Then Gideon said to God, ‘In order to see whether you will deliver Israel by my hand, as you have said, I am going to lay a fleece of wool on the threshing floor; if there is dew on the fleece alone, and it is dry on all the ground, then I shall know that you will deliver Israel by my hand, as you have said’” (Judges 6:36-37).

An Elevator Speech – My vocation is to empower congregations to pursue ministry driven by dynamic discernment.

A Consequential Cycle of Ministry

- Silence
- Attention
- Innovation
- Collaboration
- Evolution
- Rejuvenation

Some Details of Ministry

Attended worship:

- 1st P.C., Greensburg (5/31)
- Springhill Furnace, Lake Lynn (6/14)
- Latrobe P.C. – Main Street (6/21)
- 1st P.C., Greensburg (7/19)
- Smock, Pleasant View P.C. (7/26)
- McClellandtown P.C. (8/2)
- New Florence, Bethel P.C. (8/9)
- Bolivar, U.P.C. (8/9)
- Masontown 1st P.C. (8/30)

Preaching:

- Latrobe U.P.C. – Spring Street (6/7)
- Reunion P.C. – Mt. Pleasant (9/6)
- Belle Vernon, Harmony (9/20)
- Sewickley U.P.C., West Newton (9/20)

Musician:

- Pinch-Hitter, Worship Accompanist – Springhill Furnace (6/14)
- Vocalist with Men’s Choir at 1st P.C., Greensburg (8/16)

Conversations:

- Fifteen conversations supporting pastors/church leaders for a range of matters (5/28, 6/4, 6/10, 6/15, 7/20, 7/23, 7/25, 7/28, 8/10, 8/25, 9/1 [4], 9/2 [4], 9/8, 9/10, & 9/14)
- Conversations with General Assembly Commissioners (6/22)

Presbytery Gatherings/Meetings:

- 100th Anniversary Celebration – Westmont P.C., Johnstown (5/16 – ***omitted from my May 26th report***)
- Presbytery Meeting – Congruity P.C. (5/26)
- Staff Support Committee (6/4) James Vlosich Ordination – Trinity, Uniontown (6/7)
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- Mission Network (6/11)
- Latrobe U.P.C. Session (6/17)
- Consultation with Committee Chairs and Officers (6/18 [2])
- Commissioned two of the G. A. Commissioners (6/18 & 6/21)
- Council (6/23 & 9/1)
- Nominating Committee (7/28)
- Stewardship Mtg. with Susan Keaney (8/4)
- Budget, Finance, and Property Committee – Roof (6/17), Budget (8/5)
- Staff Support Committee (8/6)
- Planning meetings for September 22, 2026 Presbytery Meeting (8/13 [w/ Norma Murphy], 8/24 [w/ COM Chair and Josh Erickson, author of soon-to-be-published *The Full Cycle Church: Equipping Churches for Revitalization*], and 9/1 [at PSC] with Greg Davis)
- COM Chair (8/11)
- Dunlap's Creek Issues re: Cemetery (8/12, 8/13 [2], 8/17, 8/18, 8/19, 8/25)
- Healing Prayer (8/13)
- Mission Network (8/13)
- Westmont, Johnstown PNC (9/2)
- Synod of the Trinity Executive Presbyter Forum – State College (9/8-9/9)
- COM Liaison Reflection Group (9/14)
- COM Examination and Membership Subcommittee (9/14)

Denominational Entities:

- Zoom Meeting with Synod Grant Staffer, Elizabeth Connelly (5/27)
- COM's Exam/Membership Sub-Committee (5/27)
- Mid-Council Leader Gathering for Synod of the Trinity – Bedford, Omni (5/31-6/2)
- Pine Springs Camp Board (6/6)
- Consultation with Emily Chudy of the Board of Pensions (6/8)
- Synod-Sponsored Coaching sessions with Rev. Youngsook Charlene Kang (6/9, 7/21, & 8/11)
- Conversations with the Redstone's General Assembly Commissioners prep meetings (6/22)
- General Assembly Committees - *via Zoom* (6/22-6/24)

- Attended the 227th General Assembly of the P.C.(U.S.A.) *in Person* in Milwaukee, WI – June 26 through July 2
- Phone Meeting with Board of Pensions Representative Emily Chudy (8/11)
- Zoom meeting with two Church Leadership Connection (C.L.C.) staffers (9/8)

Ecumenical/Interreligious/Cultural:

- Christian Associates Board Meeting – Introduction of its most recent publication, *Reckoning with Antisemitism as Christians* (6/24)

Various Tasks/Interactions/Events:

- Prepared (Assembled) the Worship Bulletins for the 5/26 Presbytery Meeting (5/25)
- Prepared the paperwork for the Budget, Finance, and Property Committee with finance leaders of Pine Springs finance representatives re: PSC's request for support of its capital campaign (6/25)
Completed the final draft of the lecture/essay, "Paul Tillich, Tyranny, Religion and Culture" for the book arising out of the event in Vienna, Austria, "Paul Tillich's Lectures on Religion and Culture at Harvard: 1955-56" via Zoom (3/20-3/21): the deadline was 6/30.
- Completed and submitted the final draft of my essay, "Tillich and Tyranny – Russia and the United States" for the book arising out of the winter event in Vienna, Austria (7/20)
- Calculated the 2027 Minimum Terms of Call consultation with the BoP's Emily Chudy (8/25-8/27)
- Assembled a draft agenda for the September 22, 2026 Presbytery Meeting (8/26-8/27)
- Published the Summer issue of the *North Amer. Paul Tillich Society Bulletin* as its Editor (8/29)
- Wrote an endorsement for Thomas Bandy's book, *Recovery Your Soul* (9/2)