



2026 Stated Meeting
of the
Presbytery of Redstone
Presbyterian Church (USA)

March 24, 2026
6:00 p.m.



First Presbyterian Church
Irwin, PA
Voice and Vote in Person
OR
Online Viewing Only by ZOOM
Contact Presbytery Office
For Meeting ID# and Password

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

**Directions to
First Presbyterian Church
617 Main Street, Irwin, PA 15642
724-863-5910**

From the PA Turnpike: Use Exit #7 (Irwin/ Greensburg) - After going through toll booth follow the exit sign for going west to Pittsburgh. Exit the ramp onto Route 30 West. At the first red light turn right onto Rocky Road. At the next red light (300 yards) turn left onto Pennsylvania Avenue. Follow Pennsylvania Avenue about two miles and the church will be on your right.

From Route 22 and new Amos Hutchinson Bypass – exit at Exit 4 (Route 30) and go west.

Using Route 30 West - after the PA Turnpike entrance, at the first red light turn right onto Rocky Road (you will see a Kohl's sign). At the next red light (300 yards) turn left onto Pennsylvania Avenue for about two miles and the church will be on your right.

Using Route 30 East – shortly after seeing the Bernardo Car Wash look for a sign pointing to Irwin and make a right-hand turn (immediately after crossing the bridge). At stop sign make a right turn. At next stop sign make a right turn. Church is two blocks on the left side.

****Oak Street is one way into Irwin. Main Street is one way out of Irwin, passing in front of the church. There is an alley next to church between Oak and Main Streets. This is the access to the church parking lot. There is also parking available in the lot directly across Pennsylvania Avenue from the church – turn left at the stop sign.**

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE MEETING

- The offering for this meeting will go to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance - Israel/Palestine (DR00081)

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

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



- Presbyters 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 OF REDSTONE
First Presbyterian Church, Irwin
or
Online Viewing Only Zoom Meeting
March 24, 2026

[illegible]

	<u>Council – Information Only (pages 19-21)</u> <u>Committee on Ministry – (pages 22-25)</u> • Pastor Getaway Retreat – April 14, 2026 - (Appendix D) <u>Committee on Preparation - (page 26-27)</u> • Candidate James Vlosich (Statement of Faith - Appendix E) • IPLF Program (Appendix F) <u>Interim Executive Presbyter - (pages 29-30)</u>	Rev. Dr. Martin Ankrum Rev. Geoff Rach Rev. Dr. Lon Weaver
	<u>SENDING</u>	
	Resolution of Thanks <u>Benediction</u> <u>Adjournment</u> <i><u>The next stated meeting of the Presbytery of Redstone will take place on May 26, 2026, 6:00 p.m. at the Congruity Presbyterian Church, New Alexandria. A Minutes review session will be available at 4:30 p.m. at the same location.</u></i>	

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

INTERIM STATED CLERK'S REPORT:

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

Stated Clerk Correspondence Log

Date Received	Received From	Content	Action
March 5, 2026 - mail	Patton	2026 Terms of Call for Alice Tondora	COM & File
March 3, 2026 - email	Uniontown, Trinity United	List of Session Members	File
March 2, 2026 - mail	Brownsville, Ft. Burd	2026 Terms of Call for Kristen Emrick	COM & File
March 2, 2026 - email	Murrysville, Newlonsburg	2026 Commitment Form	File
March 2, 2026 - inperson	Scottdale, Calvin United	2026 Terms of Call Worksheet for empty pulpit, Manse Report, List of Session Members	COM & File
March 2, 2026 - inperson	Murrysville, First	2026 Terms of Call for Ed Gray, List of Session Members	COM & File
February 26, 2026 - mail	Derry	Waiver Request, Manse Report, List of Session Members	COM & File
February 26, 2026 - mail	Dunbar, First	Wavier Request	COM & File
February 23, 2026 - mail	Fairchance, First	Waiver Request, Manse Report	COM & File
February 23, 2026 - mail	Johnstown, Second	2026 Terms of Call for Art Moffat, Jr., Manse Report, List of Session Members	COM & File
February 23, 2026 - mail	New Salem	Covenant Pastor Agreement & 2026 Terms of Call for Mary Kay Glunt, Manse Report, List of Session Members	COM & File
February 23, 2026 - email	Murrysville, Newlonsburg	Manse Report, List of Session Members	File
February 23, 2026 - email	Trafford, Level Green	Manse Report	File
February 19, 2026 - mail	Greensburg, Westminster	2026 Terms of Call for John Simpson, List of Session Members	COM & File
February 17, 2026 - mail	Bolivar	List of Session Members, Statistical & Manse Reports	File
February 17, 2026 - mail	Mt. Pleasant, Reunion	List of Session Members	File

February 17, 2026 - mail	Brownsville, Calvin United	Waiver Request, Manse Report, List of Session Members	COM & File
February 16, 2026 - email	Trafford, Level Green	2026 Terms of Call for Geoff Rach	COM & File
February 16, 2026 - mail	Patton	Manse Report, List of Session Members	File
February 12, 2026 - mail	Avonmore, First	Manse Report, List of Session Members	File
February 10, 2026 - email	Latrobe	2026 Terms of Call for Derek Campbell	COM & File
February 9, 2026 - mail	Brownsville, Ft. Burd	Change of Address	File
February 9, 2026 - mail	PC (U.S.A.)	Special Offering - One Great of Sharing	File
February 9, 2026 - mail	Colver	List of Session Members	File
February 9, 2026 - mail	Revloc	2026 Terms of Call and CP Agreement for David O'Hara	COM & File
February 9, 2026 - mail	McClellandtown	2026 Terms of Call for Rebecca Abbott, , List of Session Members	COM & File
February 4, 2026 - mail	Linda Gossar-Loesch	2025 Authorized Lay Preacher Report	Com & File
February 4, 2026 - mail	New Alexandria, Community United	Clerk of Session Report	File
February 3, 2026 - email	New Alexandria, Community United	2025 Clerk of Session Report	File
February 3, 2026 - email	Latrobe United	2026 Terms of Call for Ron Durika, List of Session Members	COM & File
February 2, 2026 - mail	Brownsville, Fort Burd	2026 Waiver Request, 2025 Necrology Report, List of Session Members, Manse Report	COM & File
February 2, 2026 - mail	Apollo, Poke Run	List of Session Members, 2026 Terms of Call for Pete Goetschius, 2025 Necrology Report	COM & File
February 2, 2026 - mail	PC (U.S.A.)	2026 Special Offerings Resources	File
February 2, 2026 - email	Johnstown, First	List of Session Members	File
January 28, 2026 - email	Rev. Sue Washburn	FBI Fingerprint Search	File
January 27, 2026 - email	Greensburg, First	2025 Necrology Report, List of Session Members	File
January 27, 2026 - email	New Florence, Bethel	2026 CP and Terms of call and agreement for James Sunseri, Mance Report, Session List	COM & File
January 27, 2026 - email	Smock, Pleasant View	2026 Terms of Call for	COM & File

		Laura Blank, Manse Report, List of Session Members, 2026 Commitment Form	
January 27 2026 - email	Smithfield, Grace Chapel	List of Session Members	File
January 27, 2026 - mail	Belle Vernon, Harmony	List of Session Members	File
January 20, 2026 - mail	Lower Burrell, Grace Community	2026 Terms of Call for Grace Community	COM & File
January 20, 2026 - mail	Bob Sheehan	2025 CP Annual Report	COM & File
January 20, 2026 - mail	Vanderbilt, East Liberty	2026 Terms of Call for David McElroy, Manse Report, Session Members	COM & File

2. Summary of 2025 Comparative Statistical Summary for the Presbytery

<u>Membership Statistics</u>	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Active members	13,679	12,543	11,477	10,628	10,287	10,017	9636	9077	8863	8249	7952	7811	7490
Gains by Profession of Faith - 17 under	105	101	85	70	53	58	36	22	31	45	38	44	17
Gains by Profession of Faith - 18 over	154	155	171	170	102	119	98	30	56	89	115	93	120
Gains by Certificate	95	61	56	43	48	57	73	38	63	52	50	82	19
Losses by Certificate	243	519	437	205	65	215	34	18	24	41	41	25	35
Losses by Death	248	252	239	238	187	194	196	250	191	241	157	187	162
Losses by Other	182	781	725	732	304	106	316	344	144	521	313	321	348
Infant Baptisms	158	128	127	110	100	87	56	24	61	43	37	65	38
Adult Baptisms	35	17	24	20	9	13	14	6	10	1	4	9	10

As of the 2026 deadline for statistical reporting to the General Assembly, 64 churches have filed at least portions of their annual statistical reports for 2025. All churches submitted their Annual Statistical Report. (See Appendix B)

3. The following dates represent additional opportunities for Clerks to have their Session minutes and Church Registers reviewed for 2026.

- Wednesday, April 22, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.--Presbytery Center
- Tuesday, May 26, 2025 – 4:30 p.m.---Pre-Presbytery; Congruity Presbyterian Church, New Alexandria

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

From Executive Committee

1. Following the review of the Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Interim Stated Clerk, it is **recommended** that the minutes of the Presbytery meeting of January 24, 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 at the end of the Consent Agenda).
2. Council **recommends** that the Interim Executive Presbyter, Treasurer, Mission, Pine Springs Camp reports presented to the Presbytery be received and filed.

From the Committee on Ministry

1. The Committee on Ministry **recommends** that Presbytery grant the request from the Calvin United Presbyterian Church of Brownsville to waive the rotation of service for Byron Martini, Ruling Elders.
2. The Committee on Ministry **recommends** that Presbytery grant the request from the First Presbyterian Church of Fairchance for a waiver of rotation for Kathleen Hockenberry, Ruling Elder, Marcia Grimm, Ruling Elder, Barbara Reiprich, Ruling Elder, Charles Grim, Ruling Elder, Nan Chess, Deacon, Amy Lewis, Deacon and Stacy Szewczyk, Deacon.
3. The Committee on Ministry **recommends** that Presbytery grant the request from the Derry Presbyterian Church for a waiver rotation for Sandy Dyche, Elder and Richard Dyche, Deacon.
4. The Committee on Ministry **recommends** that Presbytery grant the request from First Presbyterian Church of Dunbar for a waiver of rotation for Seth Myers, Elder and Tammy Rockwell, Elder.

From the Committee on Preparation for Ministry

From the Nominating Committee

From the Committee on Representation

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

	Current Period	Year To Date	Annual Budget	Annual Budget Percentage
CONTRIBUTION INCOME	\$28,189.95	\$52,426.21	\$345,000.00	15.20%
INTEREST INCOME	41.53	74.10	4,000.00	1.85%
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	28.50	163.30	5,000.00	3.27%
RELEASE FROM RESTRICTIONS				
TEMP RESTRICTED RELEASE	-25.00	-1,675.00	0.00	0.00%
Subtotal Release From Restrictions	-25.00	-1,675.00	0.00	0.00%
RELEASED FROM RESTRICTION	25.00	1,675.00	0.00	0.00%
TOTAL INCOME	28,259.98	52,663.61	354,000.00	14.88%
EXPENSES				
SHARED MINISTRY & MISSION	\$4,247.62	\$9,947.62	\$96,500.00	10.31%
COMMITTEE EXPENSES				
COUNCIL	65.72	318.94	9,750.00	3.27%
COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00%
COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION	0.00	0.00	750.00	0.00%
Subtotal Committee Expenses	65.72	318.94	11,000.00	2.90%
OPERATIONS	12,153.76	15,867.95	43,300.00	36.65%
PRESBYTERY STAFF				
EXECUTIVE STAFF	9,362.03	20,224.06	123,200.00	16.42%
ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT	2,207.18	4,296.55	30,382.00	14.14%
EMPLOYER PAID FICA TAXES	734.32	1,459.65	8,600.00	16.97%
Subtotal Presbytery Staff	12,303.53	25,980.26	162,182.00	16.02%
APPORTIONMENTS	8,534.09	17,068.18	102,409.00	16.67%
TOTAL EXPENSES	37,304.72	69,182.95	415,391.00	16.65%
TRANSFER ACCOUNTS				
TRANSFER FROM OTHER FUNDS	\$0.00	\$1,317.14	\$62,000.00	2.12%
TOTAL TRANSFERS	0.00	1,317.14	62,000.00	2.12%
EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES	-\$9,044.74	-\$15,202.20	\$609.00	-2,496.26%

**Redstone Presbytery
Commitment to Larger Church
February 28, 2026**

	2026 Pledge	TOTAL PAID	% Payup as of 2/28/2026	Unpaid Pledge Balance
Adah, Palmer		500.00		(500.00)
Apollo, Poke Run	3,897.90		0%	3,897.90
Avonmore	1,000.00	450.00	45%	550.00
Belle Vernon, First	4,500.00	1,125.00	25%	3,375.00
Belle Vernon, Harmony	1,200.00		0%	1,200.00
Belle Vernon, Marion	2,450.00	1,225.00	50%	1,225.00
Belle Vernon, Rehoboth	1,000.00	83.33	8%	916.67
Bolivar	1,500.00	250.00	17%	1,250.00
Brownsville, Calvin		800.00		(800.00)
Brownsville, Ft. Burd				-
Brownsville, Hopewell				-
Colver				-
Cresson		715.00		(715.00)
Delmont				-
Derry	1,200.00		0%	1,200.00
Dunbar, First		1,275.00		(1,275.00)
Dunbar, Laurel Hill				-
Ebensburg	1,000.00		0%	1,000.00
Fairchance				-
Farmington		600.00		(600.00)
Fayette City, Little Redstone				-
Greensburg, First		5,166.66		(5,166.66)
Greensburg, Maplewood	5,000.00	834.00	17%	4,166.00
Greensburg, Westminster		1,000.00		(1,000.00)
Irwin, First	25,000.00	4,166.66	17%	20,833.34
Irwin, W. Hempfield		750.00		(750.00)
Jeannette	3,000.00	600.00	20%	2,400.00
Johnstown, Bethany	1,620.00		0%	1,620.00
Johnstown, First	6,000.00		0%	6,000.00
Johnstown, Second	2,200.00		0%	2,200.00
Johnstown, Westmont	16,000.00	4,000.00	25%	12,000.00
Lake Lynn	800.00		0%	800.00
Latrobe, Main St.	26,500.00	2,210.00	8%	24,290.00
Latrobe, Spring St.				-

Redstone Presbytery
Commitment to Larger Church
February 28, 2026

	2026 Pledge	TOTAL PAID	% Payup as of 2/28/2026	Unpaid Pledge Balance
Leisenring				-
Ligonier, Pleasant Grove				-
Lower Burrell, Grace				-
Lower Burrell, Puckety	10,000.00	1,700.00	17%	8,300.00
Masontown				-
McClellandtown	4,300.00	1,075.00	25%	3,225.00
Merrittstown, Dunlap's Ck.				-
Mt. Pleasant, Reunion	1,200.00		0%	1,200.00
Murrysville, First	12,000.00	3,000.00	25%	9,000.00
Murrysville, Newlonsburg	28,160.00	2,094.00	7%	26,066.00
Murrysville, Union	4,000.00		0%	4,000.00
N. Alexandria, Community	3,000.00	485.00	16%	2,515.00
N. Alexandria, Congruity	5,000.00	2,089.92	42%	2,910.08
New Florence, Bethel		250.00		(250.00)
New Florence, Trinity	3,825.00	637.50	17%	3,187.50
New Kensington	5,109.00	396.42	8%	4,712.58
New Salem	2,000.00	1,421.00	71%	579.00
N. Huntingdon, New Hope	5,700.00	950.00	17%	4,750.00
Patton	4,180.00	4,180.00	100%	-
Revloc				-
Scottdale				-
Smithfield, Grace Chapel				-
Smock, Pleasant View	8,000.00		0%	8,000.00
Trafford, Level Green		2,386.66		(2,386.66)
Uniontown, Tent				-
Uniontown, Third		159.00		(159.00)
Uniontown, Trinity	3,300.00		0%	3,300.00
Vanderbilt, E. Liberty	1,000.00		0%	1,000.00
West Newton, Sewickley	990.00		0%	990.00
W. Newton, Sewickley UP				-
West Newton, United				-
Totals:	205,631.90	46,575.15		159,056.75

Redstone Presbytery
Balance Sheet
Consolidated - February 28, 2026

Current Year

ASSETS/BANK ACCOUNTS

CHECKING ACCOUNTS	\$69,892.62
SAVINGS ACCOUNTS	13,000.30
Subtotal Bank Accounts	82,892.92
INVESTMENTS	1,132,575.58
LOANS RECEIVABLE	-0.19
FIXED ASSETS	
BUILDINGS	300,000.00
EQUIPMENT	136,800.00
Subtotal Fixed Assets	436,800.00
OTHER ASSETS	1,877,753.00
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>\$3,530,021.31</u></u>
LIABILITIES	
CURRENT LIABILITIES	
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	\$2,288.18
PASS THRU CONTRIBUTIONS	255.91
Subtotal Current Liabilities	2,544.09
INTERFUND ADVANCES	0.57
TOTAL LIABILITIES	2,544.66
NET ASSETS	
UNRESTRICTED	\$3,359,193.87
TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	87,331.78
PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED	80,951.00
TOTAL EQUITY	3,527,476.65
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	<u><u>\$3,530,021.31</u></u>

Information Items

February 12, 2026, Meeting

Devotions: Ephesians 4:25-32; 5:15-21

Prayer Requests: Jim and healing from his successful surgery; areas in conflict; especially Sudan and South Sudan; Shannan Kellam; this nation for courage to act; for the unknowing in our churches.

The collections at Presbytery Meetings in 2025 were as follows: January – PDA Wildfires; March – PDA North Carolina; May – PDA Wildfires and other hard hit areas; September – PDA; and November – Alaska Foundation (Alaska Community Foundation with "Western Alaska Disaster Relief" in the memo line and mailed to 3201 C Street, Suite 110, Anchorage, AK 99503.)

.
How do we determine the amount that was collected?

How do we assure the money is forwarded to the appropriate group?

Who cuts the check or sends the funds electronically?

Sylvia needs to copy our minutes to Bobbie Shaffor so that she can know where the offering monies from the Presbytery meetings should go.

MSP to have a Mission Fair at the September 22 Presbytery meeting at Pine Springs.

Donna will call Greg Davis about the Pine Springs Mission Cabin for this summer.

Maintain focus on Sudan / South Sudan and others. Note in eNews was done! Do we need to continue with more articles?

Sylvia will contact Dave Dawson to inquire as to who would be the best person to contact re South Sudan.



Pine Springs Camp

LOOK AT ALL THAT IS HAPPENING AT PINE SPRINGS CAMP!

The Blessing of This Place Stories. We are continuing the "This is My Place" series of print, video and social media snippets that we started last fall. Check out a short but sweet post from one of our Discovery Campers (k-2).

On our Facebook

Page <https://www.facebook.com/pinespringspa>



Retreats and more.

- We have several large retreat groups from this weekend until May. We are thankful that this past weekend February 10-22 125 youth and leaders from Peters Creek Baptist were here enjoying the beautiful camp property, playing outdoors, eating great meals and worshipping the Lord in the Refuge. We have a great partnership with this church as they have also been bringing a group of around 50 to our Mission EX Program for the past 6 summers.
- The next 11 weeks are booked either with outside retreat groups. Our PSC retreats and/or special events.

ANNOUNCING A NEW INITIATIVE PINE SPRINGS CAMP-THE SEEKING REFUGE INITIATIVE!

The PSC Board Approved the creation of this new endeavor. In collaboration with pastors, youth leaders, churches, presbyteries, and para-church organizations, Pine Springs Camp will develop, host, and promote a range of retreats and spiritual growth opportunities. The Strategic Plan calls for Pine Springs to serve as a place of refuge and encouragement for those in ministry. We believe that Pine Springs Camp is uniquely equipped to:

- Provide space for spiritual disciplines.
- Facilitate opportunities for discernment and spiritual listening.
- Offer experiences in nature, free from technological and cultural noise.



THE FIRST PROGRAM OF UNDER THIS INITIATIVE IS REFUGE: A Retreat for the Weary Youth Worker.

Come Reconnect with the Father who called you through unhurried time in His Word, peaceful moments in His creation, contemplation through guided prayer, and authentic community with others who get it.

We're giving you permission to Rest deeply and guilt free as you sabbath in beauty, embrace silence and solitude, and let God restore what weeks, months, and maybe even years of pouring out have depleted. Here, you'll Reignite that fire He first lit in your heart, rediscovering the passion and purpose that brought you into this calling. It is our prayer that REFUGE will have you inspired with renewed vision, overflowing joy, and the spiritual strength to lead from a full cup instead of an empty one. REFUGE is more than another conference to attend. It's a sacred moment to return to your first Love and to encounter God in ways that will awaken and refresh your soul. We've saved a place just for you, and we can't wait to welcome you home.

REFUGE
A RETREAT FOR THE WEARY YOUTH WORKER
PINE SPRINGS CAMP
JENNERSTOWN, PA

RETREAT LEADER
James Sabin
Youth and Family Pastor at
Kingdom Community Church

SEMINAR LEADER
Todd Pearage
Director of
Youth Leader Discs

WORSHIP LEADER
Tom Koon
Worship Leader at
Kingdom Community Church

MONDAY, APRIL 20 AT 6 PM
THROUGH
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22 AT 11 AM

COST: \$150
INCLUDES MEALS, LODGING,
MATERIALS, AND GIFT
COMMUTER RATE: \$115
(HOTELS AVAILABLE NEARBY)

A PROGRAM OF
the **seekingrefuge**
INITIATIVE

MORE INFO & REGISTRATION AT WWW.PINESPRINGS.ORG/REFUGE



Pine Springs Camp

PSC Sponsored Retreats-Here are some of our Events and Retreats that are happening during those 11 weeks. (See below how you can find out more information about all of these. Hint: check our website out at www.pinesprings.org)

- Our New Breakaway Retreat for Young Adults March 6-8
- Winter Remix-(Scheduled) March 20-22
- Men's Catalyst Backpacking - March 27-28 (Offsite-There is a retreat on-site)
- Women in the Woods-April 10-11
- April 17-19 Women's Catalyst
- April 17 -Come Visit Camp Day!
- April 20-22-Refuge Youth Leader Retreat-New and part of the Seeking Refuge Initiative (Partnership Ministry)
- April 24-26-PA Family Alliance Foster Family Weekend-Connections- (Partnership Ministry)
- May 9-Work Day

Other PSC Events

- PSC Skates at Southpoint-March 22 from 2-4
- PSC Scholarship Golf Outing- Monday, May 18

Camper and Staff Recruiting

- We travel all over Southwest PA, Central, PA and even Ohio doing Camper and Staff Recruiting.
- Please contact us if you want one of our staff to come to your church.
- Use the first two videos on our Vimeo page <https://vimeo.com/pinespringscamp> to promote camp during a service or Sunday School.
- Camper Numbers
 - **Residential Current 583- Last year on March 1-498**
 - On-site Day Camp-Running low- 29 total -4 weeks-No more than 10 in any week
 - Traveling Day Camp-
 - Murrysville-50 (14 on wait list-we are trying to open a few spots)
 - Irwin/Norwin/West Hempfield- 39
 - Latrobe-2
- Mike, our Summer Camp Director, has been diligent about finding Volunteer Weekly directors and nurses. He has all but a few filled.

PSC-Wash, PA!- We had a great meeting this week with representatives from Thomas Pres, Church of the Covenant and Canonsburg UP. Although not official we think that the date for this camp will be August 3-7th. Dave Narigon will be the Director, and we are excited that this seems like it will finally come to fruition!

I encourage you to check out our website. Dan has been busy restructuring the site so that all that we are doing in the ministry is clear, accessible and graphically pleasing. (At least I think so!) <https://www.pinesprings.org/> It is also the place to find all the information about the above retreats, activities and events. Make Sure you scroll down and see everything!



Pine Springs Camp

2026 Scholarship Golf Outing-Monday, May 18-
Please mark your calendar for this event which allows us to achieve the goal by offering every camper family the opportunity to experience Pine Springs Camp. As always, your support of being an Amen or Tee or Green Sponsor is appreciated. More information to come!

For more information please contact Greg Davis by emailing greg@pinesprings.org



Come Visit Camp! An opportunity for new or potential campers and families to come to Pine Springs Camp and get a tour, meet staff, eat lunch, and have fun! This is also a good opportunity for returning campers and families to reconnect with other campers and staff, as well as a great way to introduce friends and other families to PSC.

Schedule

10:00-10:30 - Arrival/Registration

10:30-11:30 - Tours of Camp

11:30-12:00 - Q&A Time

12:00-1:00 - Lunch Time/Campfire (weather permitting)

1:00-2:00 - PSC Games and Activities (option)

Treasurer's Report

Income & Expense Report

This report provides an unaudited review of the February 28, 2026 Financial Statements for the Presbytery of Redstone.

February represents 16.7% of the year.

Total Income through February is \$52,663.61 which is 14.88%.

Total Expense through February is \$69,182.95 which is 16.65%.

This equates to a loss through February of (\$16,519.34).

Church Pledging / Payment Activity

- 65 Total Churches in this Report
- 35 Churches have pledged to date
- \$205,631.90 pledged to date
- \$46,575.15 paid to date, which is 22.65%

Investments & Holding

Ameriprise Financial Assets gained \$1947.97

February 28, 2026 value was \$768,773.58.

First Commonwealth Bank balance is \$69,892.62.

PILP balance is \$10,000.

Ameriprise Money Market is 2,750.30.

Petty Cash is \$250.

New Covenant Funds are \$365,749.97

Total Investments & Holdings equals \$1,217,416.47.

NOTE: Ameriprise values are estimated.

ACTION AGENDA

Presbytery Council

Presentation and Action Items

- **No Action Items**

Information Items

March 3, 2026, Meeting

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

REPORT OF THE 2024 AUDIT

Barb Terek and Dan King from Horner, Wible and Terek, our auditors presented the 2024 audit to the Council. Barb will be retiring from the firm and Dan King will be taking over her position. Barb told the Council that this was not a full-blown audit, but it was an audit review. A full audit is expensive. Barb walked through the report that the firm had sent to the Presbytery. Barb said that everything looked good in the audit review. A PDF version of the report will be sent to the Council members.

It was **Moved** by Gary Filson and **Seconded by** Glenn Hart and **Passed** to receive the 2024 Audit.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Susan Keaney, Chair of Council, solicited any changes to the agenda. It was **Moved** by Linda Chicka and **Seconded** by Ed Gray and **Passed** to approve the agenda as presented.

DEVOTIONS

Molly Hall led the devotions on 2 Corinthians 4: 1-6. Molly opened the time of devotions with prayer and then she read 2 Corinthians 4: 1-6. We spent some time Dwelling in the Word on this passage. We broke into small groups to discuss what we have heard and experienced in the passage and those thoughts were shared with the group. The devotions ended with a moment of silent prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the January 13, 2026 meeting were presented. It was **Moved** by Gary Filson **Seconded** by Keith Langston and **Passed** to approve these minutes.

REPORTS

Moderator

- No Report

Interim Executive Presbyter There was a written report from the Interim Executive Presbyter. The first page of report is a list of tasks and activities that Lon has been doing from January 14 to March 3, 2026. Lon is waiting to hear from the Synod about the "Fit for the Future" grant. The second page of his report was written statement by a former student of his who was born into a Jewish family in Russia about the invasion of Ukraine by Russia. It was a powerful statement from a young person who had the courage to share what he thought. Lon recommended reading Isaiah to have the courage to speak out about things that are going on in our world.

Interim Stated Clerk

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

- The Correspondence Log
- Ellie Johns-Kelley of the Presbyterian Foundation would like to have 5-7 minutes on the docket of our November 17, 2026 meeting and also a table for information. Ellie would also like to present a pre-presbytery seminar on "Property Checklist: How Do You Prepare for Action?" beginning at 4:30PM and she would provide sandwiches/salads for 20-30 people. She would like to have people pre-register for this seminar.

Cliff Foster **Moved** that we give Ellie Johns-Kelley 5-7 minutes on the docket at the November 17, 2026 meeting and permission to hold a pre-presbytery seminar, it was **Seconded** by Ed Gray and **Passed** to approve these minutes.

Treasurer Report

Keith Langston distributed a written report to the members of Council. Keith shared the highlights of the January report.

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

SUBCOMMITTEES/NETWORKS/TASK FORCES

Staff Support. There was a written report from the Staff Support Committee.

Mission There was a written report from the Mission Committee. They will meet on March 12th.

Budget, Finance and Property Committee There was a written report from the Budget, Finance and Property Committee. The committee has added "Property" to their name. The committee would like to have the Chair of Council and the Interim Stated Clerk sign the Stewardship Letter so that it would be a responsibility of the Council of the Presbytery. We hope to increase the number of churches making pledges to the Presbytery there are 29 out of 64 churches who have made pledges for 2026. We hope to seek out a group of people to function as a Stewardship Committee. Susan Keaney and Lon Weaver will get together and come up with a plan on how to proceed in creating a Stewardship Committee, and Susan will create a Stewardship Committee/ Task Force which will report back at the next Council meeting. How do we develop a culture of generosity?

Chuck West has retired from the Budget, Finance and Property Committee.

Communications There was a written report from the Communications Committee.

Matthew 25 Network . There was a written report from the Matthew 25 Network. They would like 5-10 minutes on the March Presbytery Meeting docket to encourage signage of Matthew 25 scripture. It was **Moved** by Gary Filson to give the Matthew 25 Network 10 minutes on the March Presbytery docket, it was **Seconded** by Glenn Hart, the motion was **Passed**.

Meeting Design Committee. At our next Council meeting we will discuss our next Presbytery meeting formats.

Addictions Ministry No Report. Linda Chicka and Janie Short met briefly and will be in contact with Lee to get things start again.

Healing Prayer Network No Report

IPLF Steering

PRESBYTERY MEETING AGENDA

The proposed agenda for the March Presbytery gathering was presented. Matthew 25 Network has asked for 10 minutes at the March Presbytery Meeting. The Journey through the Labyrinth can come off the docket. How does review of the IPLF curriculum needs to be updated to include discernment. Committee on Preparation will include the examination of a candidate under our care to be ready to receive a call. Pastor's Retreat at Pine Springs camp is April 14, 2026. After review and discussion, it was **Moved** by Ed Gray and **Seconded** by Keith Langston, and it was **Passed** to approve as presented with corrections.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

INTERCESSION

Prayer concerns were shared by members of the Council.

ADJOURNMENT

Having lifted up in prayer particular shared needs and the work throughout the meeting, it was **Moved** by Bernice Adams and **Seconded** by Gary Filson and **Passed** to adjourn with our intercessory prayer. Susan Keaney lead a time of intercessory prayer including the needs of the names mentioned and the needs expressed
the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

Presentation and Action Items

- **Pastor Getaway Retreat – April 4, 2025; Pine Springs Camp - Appendix D**

Information Items

March 5, 2026, Meeting

Approval of this Evening's Agenda

MSP to accept and approve this meeting's agenda.

Approval of Minutes

MSP to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2026 meeting.

Report of the Stated Clerk

The report updated the committee on the following items:

- Recent Correspondence Log was provided.
- Minute Review dates were announced: Tues. March 24- 4:30 pm at Irwin, First; Wed. April 22- 6:00 pm at the Presbytery Office; Tues. May 26- 4:30 pm at New Alexandria, Congruity. Please remind your churches.
- It was MSP to recommend to the Presbytery to accept the requests of Waiver of Rotation from the following churches:

Brownsville, Calvin United – Byron Martini
Fairchance, First – Kathleen Hockenberry, Marcia Grimm, Barbara Reiprich, Charles Grimm (ruling elders) & Nancy Chess, Amy Lewis, Stacey Szewczyk (deacons)
Dunbar, First – Seth Myers, Tammy Rockwell (ruling elders)
Derry, Derry – Sandy Dyche (ruling elder) & Richard Dyche (deacon)
- Discussed how many are required for a session/board.
- MSP to approve contract for David O'Hara for Revloc.

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

A written in-depth report from February 6 thru March 5, 2026, was presented and reviewed. Rev. Lon highlighted work of Christian Associates in Pittsburgh to address antisemitism and programs addressing immigration concerns.

Report of the Moderator

- Appointed of Rev. Gary Filson to moderate both Mt. Pleasant, Reunion & Scottdale, Calvin United. Looking to possibly partner with leadership.
- Define Continuing Education perimeters for Terms of Call: We define vacation leave (4 weeks – 4 Sundays). Study Leave historically 2 weeks. What does 2 weeks mean? Not specifically defined. Suggestions (days instead of weeks or 2 weeks + 2 Sundays or inclusive of 2 Sundays...make it a recommendation instead of required); conversations with sessions are important...2 weeks can't exceed 2 Sundays

Reports of Subcommittees

Examinations and Membership

- Members Abbott, Ankrum, Kilbert & Webster
- No report

Search and Call

- Members: Campbell, Glunt, & MacPherson
- PNC Manual draft was provided to committee members. Updates to nomenclature and put into book format and digital format for review. Suggest committee members get together to discuss manual content further and plan the process. Committee members shared positive feedback about the book.
- G.L. discussed Westmont PNC and book reading suggestion – Search: The Pastoral Search Committee Handbook by William Vanderbloom. Westmont hired professional search firm.

Care of Congregations and Congregational Leaders

- Prayer Requests: Becca Abbott (treatments)
- Documents in the works: Guidance for when a pastor leaves. Guidance for when a pastor retires.
- Possible questions: Are your books ready to be reviewed? You may want to get them ready.

IPLF Program, Workshops, Ongoing Task Forces

- Discussion on the Annual Pastor Retreat. Book table – people pick book they have enjoyed. Write how the book helped you. Recommend books for others. Scheduled for Tuesday, April 14 – 10am-2:30pm. Need numbers two weeks prior. Worship time – way to encourage each other possibly in groups.
- The April COM meeting will be moved to Thursday April 9 due to the Maundy Thursday date conflict.

Other Business (Unfinished or New)

- New Salem contract – as soon as it is signed it will be effective.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was **MSP** to adjourn the meeting at 7:46PM with prayer offered by Rev. Ankrum.

The following Pastors were prayed for during this time: Curtis Paul, John Pressler, Robert Prinkey, Geoff Rach, Doug Rehberg, Bob Ruefle, Regina Sturiale, Josh Scully, Bob Sheehan, and Dawn Sherwood.

The following churches were prayed for during this time: Delmont, Derry, Dubar First, Dunbar, Laurel Hill, Ebensburg, Fairchance, First, Farmington, Mt. Washington, Fayette City, Little Redstone, Greensburg, First, Greensburg, Maplewood

The next regular meeting of the Committee on Ministry will be held at 6:30 p.m. on April 9, 2026. Rev. Chuck MacPherson will lead the devotions.

February 5, 2026, Meeting

Approval of this Evening's Agenda

MSP to accept and approve this meeting's agenda.

Approval of Minutes

MSP to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2026 meeting. RE Belinda Lambia has agreed to take the minutes at the next meeting on March 5 in the excused absence of the secretary.

A 2026 Devotional Schedule was presented and members signed up to participate. The schedule will continue to be formed at the next meeting.

Report of the Stated Clerk

The report updated the committee on the following items:

- Recent Correspondence Log was provided.
- Minute Review dates were announced: Sat. Feb. 7- 9:15 am at Johnstown, Westmont; Tues. March 24- 4:30 pm at Irwin, First; Wed. April 22- 6:00 pm at the Presbytery Office; Tues. May 26- 4:30 pm at New Alexandria, Congruity.
- It was **MSP** to recommend to the Presbytery to accept the requests of Waiver of Rotation from Fort Burd UP for RE Muriel Nuttall, RE Melissa Deal and RE Kathryn Phillips.
- 2025 Annual Reports were received from AP Linda Gossar-Loesch and CRE Bob Sheehan.
- 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 January 9 thru February 5, 2026 was presented and reviewed. Rev. Lon presented his writing entitled "Collective Relocating".

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

Report of the Moderator

- It was **MSP** to approve the Validation of Ministry for the Rev. Susan Washburn to Christ's Lutheran Church in Murrys ville beginning on March 1, 2026.
- The appointment of a Moderator for Mt. Pleasant, Reunion is in process.

Reports of Subcommittees

Examinations and Membership

- No meeting or anything to report.

Search and Call

- No meeting.
- Irwin, First- Rev. Webster is planning to contact; Uniontown, Trinity- Rev. Abbot reported that they are early in the call process. Session and Deacons had joint meeting. She will be contacting soon; Belle Vernon, First- Rev. Ankrum reported that they are starting the process and are beginning to write their MDP; West Newton, United-no report; New Florence, Trinity-RE Lambie attended Dec. session

meeting, offered to help them with discernment, plans to move forward after Easter, pulpit supply scheduled through Easter, talks with Rev. Susan Blank; Johnstown, Westmont- Interim EP Weaver helped with arrangement with Rev. Ken Foust for 6 months, congregation going through a healing process, hoping to call an Interim Pastor through a headhunter group; Westminster, Greensburg-Rev. Ankrum and Rev. Weaver working with them and Interim Pastor John Simpson, hoping to spruce up current MDP and mission study; Mt. Pleasant, Reunion- new in process

Care of Congregations and Congregational Leaders

- The Moderator reviewed the role of our liaisons. The current Church Liaison List was reviewed and new liaisons were added. It will be reviewed again next meeting. Liaisons are to use the Google Form for reports.

IPLF Program, Workshops, Ongoing Task Forces

- IPLF- Reformed Liturgy and Worship is the current study.
- District IV Enrichment Day will be held on 2-7-2026 at Johnstown, Westmont.
- Discussion on the Annual Pastor Retreat. Pastor Retreat Task Force Chair, Rev. Mary Kay Glunt is awaiting confirmation from Pine Springs Camp for the annual Pastor Retreat to be held on Tuesday April 14. Rev. Becka Abbott will play guitar and lead music. The task force is looking for members.
- The April COM meeting will be moved to Thursday April 9 due to the Maundy Thursday date conflict.

Other Business (Unfinished or New)

- Rev. Dr. Brenda Barnes requested the Re-Commissioning of RE Rick Zoltak to Redstone Highlands North Huntingdon.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was **MSP** to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 PM with prayer offered by RE Bob Sheehan.

The following Pastors were prayed for during this time: Aleda Menchyk, John Michael, Art Moffat, Len Morgan, John Morrow, Norma Murphy, Rod Murray, David O'Hara, Owar Ojulu and Kirk Orr.

The following churches were prayed for during this time: Avonmore, First; Belle Vernon, First; Belle Vernon, Harmony; Belle Vernon, Marion; Belle Vernon, Rehoboth; Bolivar, United; Brownsville, Calvin; Brownsville, Ft. Burd; Colver and Cresson.

The next regular meeting of the Committee on Ministry will be held at 6:30 p.m. on March 5, 2026. Rev. Mary Kay Glunt will lead the devotions.

Committee on Preparation for Ministry

Presentation and Action Items

- **The Committee on Preparation for Ministry moves to certify Candidate James Vlosich as ready for examination by a Presbytery for Ordination, pending a call.**
- **New IPLF Term will begin on August 8, 2026 (Appendix F)**

Information Items

March 3, 2026, Meeting

Approval of the February 3, 2026 meeting minutes M/S/P.

The committee met with James Vlosich to read his personal statement of faith. Following a time of examination the motion was made to present Candidate James Vlosich ready for examination by a presbytery for ordination pending a call at the Tuesday, March 24, 2026 meeting of Redstone Presbytery S/P.

The committee reviewed forms that have been used in the past to communicate with Authorized Preachers. We also reviewed the IPLF practicum checklists that students use to track their mentored experiences in preparation for pastoral ministry.

There were no updates from our liaisons.

Meeting was adjourned with prayer by Jim Farrer.

Our next meeting is scheduled to be held on April 7, 2026 at 6:00 PM.

We are scheduled to meet with both Ray Sheets and Bill Poninsky.

February 3, 2026, Meeting

Meeting opened in prayer by Geoff Rach

Welcomed new committee member Ray Edelman who was unable to attend our January meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2026 meeting with the addition of the following: During the discussion on candidate James Vlosich continuing to work on his statement of faith, Donna Havrisko volunteered to gather information on inclusive language for our candidates to utilize as they describe the persons of God. S/P.

The Committee reviewed all those who are under our care as they prepare for ministry. We reviewed our liaison assignments to be sure they have someone specific from the committee to make regular contact with them throughout the year.

- Candidate:

James Vlosich from Trinity, Uniontown

Liaison: Geoff Rach

James is awaiting the results of the Worship & Sacraments and Exegesis ordination exams that he took in January. He continues to work on his statement of faith.

- Authorized Preachers:

Karen Gray from Murrysville, First

Liaison: Tammy Noss

Linda Gossar Loesch

Liaison: Kristen Emrick

from Murrysville, Newlonsburg

Seth Meyers from Dunbar, First

Liaison: Jackie Eckenrod

Tammy Noss

Liaison: Jim Sunseri

from New Alexandria, Community United

Bill Poninsky from Uniontown, Third

Liaison: Geoff Rach

- IPLF Student:

Ray Sheets from Johnstown, Bethany

Liaison: Donna Havrisko

Ray started the IPLF program in the Fall of 2025. He has completed the Reformed Theology course. We received a report on that. The Committee has yet to meet with Ray and will set up an interview with him soon.

We discussed the need for documentation for our authorized preachers and IPLF students.

Meeting was adjourned with prayer by Donna Havrisko.

Our next meeting is scheduled to be held on March 3, 2026 at 6:00 PM.

Nominating Committee

Information Items

There are always opportunities on various subcommittees, task forces and networks. Please submit names of possible Ruling Elders for consideration to the Nominating Committee through either Ed Gray Geoff Rach, Lynn Mance or Lon Weaver.

Interim Executive Presbyter

(Time Period: January 24, 2026 – March 23, 2026)

Opening Comments – A Time of War

- In a time of war, we turn to the scriptures:
 - **“They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation s hall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.” – Isaiah 2:4**
 - **“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.” – Matthew 5:9**
 - **“Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.” – James 3:18**
- In a time of war and hostility, we remember those who we’ve placed in danger:
 - I remember Ivan and Eric.
 - My new friend, Chris DeMarco, the Security Director for Greensburg’s Congregation Emanu-El Israel.
 - Who do you think of in present danger?
- In a time of war and hostility , we repent our sinful unwillingness to live in peace: in silence, let us pray.

Attended worship:

- West Newton (3/8)

Preaching:

- Ebensburg (2/8 & 3/15)
- Newlonsburg (2/22)
- Reunion (3/1)

Musician:

- Pinch-Hitter, Choir Accompanist (1/29, 2/12, 2/19, 2/26)
- Organist at Sunday Worship – 1st P.C., Greensburg (2/1)
- Organist at Sunday Worship - West Hempfield (2/12, 2/14, 2/15)
- Organist for Memorial Service (2/14)
- Pianist for Mission Committee Fat Tuesday Fundraiser for Mission Trips – Congruity P.C. (2/15 & 2/17)
- Organist for Lenten Services – 1st P.C., Greensburg (2/18, 2/25, 3/4)

Conversations:

- Five Meetings for nuancing Interim pastoring (1/24, 1/28, 3/11 [2], and 3/20)
- Nine conversations supporting pastors for a range of matters (2/5 [2], 2/9, 2/26, 2/27, 3/3, 3/5, 3/16, & 3/19)

Presbytery Gatherings/Meetings:

- COM Chair re: updating Church Leadership Connection and PNC search materials (1/28, 2/2, & 3/11)
- Session Meeting at Reunion P.C. (2/1)
- Session Meeting at Ebensburg P.C. (2/2)

Presbytery Gatherings/Meetings (cont.):

- Committee on Preparation for Ministry (2/3 & 3/3)
- Budget, Finance, and Property (2/4)
- Staff Support (2/5)
- Committee on Ministry (2/5 & 3/5)
- Presentation for Redstone Enrich Day (2/7)
- Mission Committee (2/12 & 3/12)
- Communications (2/12)
- Healing Prayer Ministry (2/12)
- Congregational Meeting at Calvin, Scottdale (2/15)
- Council (3/3)
- Planning Meeting for the March Presbytery Meeting (3/10)
- Matthew 25 (3/11)
- Meeting for establishing Stewardship Committee (3/17)
- “Fit for the Future” – Meeting with the Pastors who are leading the projects (3/19)

Denominational Entities:

- Synod -Sponsored Executive Presbyter Forum (1/28-1/29)
- Synod-Sponsored Coaching session with Rev. Youngsook Charlene Kang (2/10 & 3/10)
- Mid Council Leader Webinar – Approaches to Pastoral Change (2/10)
- Meeting/Conversation with General Assembly Staffers re: Mid Council matters (2/11& 3/10)
- Synod-Sponsored Monthly Support Zoom Meeting (2/18)
- Conversation w/ GA Staffer for details of the Church Leadership Connection (3/13)

Ecumenical/Interreligious/Cultural:

- Three Christian Associates Meetings: Zoom Meeting on Antisemitism and Preaching on Holy Week (2/24); Meeting at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary on Immigration and Oppression (3/5); and Annual Retreat – this year at Spring Valley Bruderhof (3/11);
- Participated in the Baptist Ministers’ Conference of Greater Pittsburgh at Bethel AME, Pittsburgh, PA: I offered the prayer for the Clergy (3/16);
- Met with Chris DeMarco, Security Director at Greensburg’s Congregation Emanu-El Israel (3/19)

Various Tasks/Interactions/Events:

- Completed Discernment Tools for Sessions (2/2 & 2/16);
- Completed Recap of January Presbytery Meeting (2/16);
- Completed the new PNC Manual for Redstone (2/20);
- Received the great news that our application for the \$30,000 “Fit for the Future” grant – Rethinking Community Ministries was accepted (3/6)!
- Completed and presented the lecture/essay, “Paul Tillich, Tyranny, Religion and Culture” for the event in Vienna, Austria, “Paul Tillich’s Lectures on Religion and Culture at Harvard: 1955-56” via Zoom (3/20-3/21).