8:30 a.m.  Registration and Refreshments  Family Center Bldg.

9:00  Presbytery Convenes with Prayer  TE Stuart Broberg, Moderator

  Committee on Arrangements and Greetings (5 mins)

REMEMBERING OUR MISSION
9:05  Worship

  • Rev. Dr. Susan Faye Wonderland, Synod Transitional Executive
  • Installation of 2016 Moderator and Vice-Moderator: CRE Nellie Baker and TE Geoff Rach

10:00  Stated Clerk Report (15 min.)  RE John Rodgers

  • Omnibus Motion
  • Administrative Commission Report: Chartiers Cross Roads Church

10:15  Intent to Introduce New Business (5 mins)

  Recognition of Elders attending for the first time (5 mins)

REMEMBERING OUR MISSION
10:25  Missional Outreach Committee (20 mins)

  • Resurrection Power representatives: Lori Sergi, current resident; Nicole Leith, House Manager; Resurrection House for Women

10:45  Nominating Committee (5 min)  RE Judy Scott

10:50  Board of Trustees (5 min.)  RE Dick Hultman

  • Sale of adjoining parcel, Peters Creek U.P. Church

REMEMBERING OUR MISSION
10:55  Presbytery Council

  • Breakout discussions (30 mins.)
    o Missions – highlighting our mission partners in Ethiopia
    o Christian Education – planning vacation Bible schools
    o Insurance – protections for congregations & church bldgs
  • Strategic Plan, Peters Creek United Presbn. Church (10 mins.)
11:35 Committee on Ministry (20 min.)  TE Emily Miller, TE Bill Youmans
   • Memorial Moment – TE Millie Adams  TE Betty Voigt
   • Request for “Honorably Retired” status: Rev. Scott Bunting
   • Request for Dissolution of Pastoral Relationship, and Granting of “Honorably Retired” and “Pastor Emeritus” Status: Chartiers Hill United Presbyterian Church and TE Don Austin.

   TE Clarejean Haury

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   • Announcement of Major Capital Campaign

12:10 New Business

12:15 p.m. Adjourn with Prayer

GO FORTH TO SERVE OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

THIS MEETING: Fourth Presbyterian Church, 1000 Jefferson Avenue, Washington

DIRECTIONS: Fourth Church is located at the intersection of Jefferson and E. Wylie Avenues in Washington. From I-70, drivers should use exit 17 and turn right at the end of the ramp. (Although eastbound and westbound ramps are much different, a right turn at the end of the ramp will lead all drivers directly to Fourth Church.)

PARKING: Parking will be in the church lot and shuttle service will be provided from the public lots beneath the nearby I-70 overpass.

MEAL: There is no meal planned for this meeting.

HANDICAPPED FACILITIES: All meetings are on ground level.

NEXT PRESBYTERY MEETING (hour listed is that anticipated for commencement of business): Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. at Thomas Presbyterian Church, 1068 Linden Road, Eighty Four, PA 15330.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: February 9, 2016 at 1:00 PM at SeniorCare.
Stated Clerk’s Report
January 23, 2016

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Presbytery Meeting Schedule

2016

March 8, 2016  4:00 PM   Thomas
May 10, 2016  7:00 PM   Hewitt
Sept. 13, 2016 4:00 PM   Charleroi
Nov. 8, 2016  7:00 PM   TBD

Council Meetings

1:00 p.m. meeting

February 9, 2016 Presbyterian SeniorCare

Information:

1. The membership of the Presbytery is comprised of teaching elders in our jurisdiction, commissioned ruling elders, those with a vote as a result of office, and ruling elder commissioners. Most churches have only one ruling elder commissioner. All others are to register as guests without voice and without vote.

2. Only one ruling elder commissioner from each church is registered as a commissioner for each meeting. The only exceptions are the Church of the Covenant and Canonsburg each of which have two ruling elder commissioners. Please put only one name on a line when registering. This is of great importance when we must count votes.

3. Minutes of the meetings of the Presbytery are posted on line at www.washingtonpresbytery.org. This is a password protected, copy protected file. The password is distributed by email or by calling the presbytery office.

4. The Stated Clerk is receiving invitations for the 2017 stated meetings.

5. On December 7, 2015, the Stated Clerk reported to the Office of the General Assembly the death of TE Millie Adams, who died on December 6, 2015, age 79, at Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh, PA.
OMNIBUS MOTION
January 23, 2016

In order to energize and shorten our meetings, Council has recommended the use of a single OMNIBUS MOTION to be presented by the Stated Clerk early in the meeting. This omnibus motion will contain only non-controversial items that are necessary business of the presbytery. The omnibus motion is not debated, but any ruling elder commissioner or teaching elder member can simply request that any item be pulled from the motion for individual consideration.

The Stated Clerk moves the following:

From the Stated Clerk

1. That the roll of Presbytery be constituted by all teaching elder members and ruling elder commissioners of churches registered, and those entitled to be enrolled by the BOOK OF ORDER and the MANUAL. A quorum is present.

2. That the docket, as included in the packet of materials, be adopted as the docket of the meeting.

3. That the minutes of the November 10, 2015 meeting, as corrected by the presbytery and reviewed by Ruling Elder Jane Noble be approved. The full copies of minutes are available on the presbytery web site. The Stated Clerk can provide a paper copy upon request.

4. That the following be given privilege of the floor at this meeting: TE Jerome Creach (Temporary Supply, Claysville); Greg Davis (Camp Pine Springs); RE David Leslie (Presbytery Representative to the Synod of the Trinity); Nicole Leith (Resurrection Power); Lori Sergi (Resurrection Power); TE Susan Faye Wonderland, preaching (Philadelphia Presbytery)

5. From the Committee on Ministry:
   
   • Dissolution of pastoral relationship between TE James Bailey and Calvary, Donora effective January 1, 2016.
   • Appointment of TE Sharon Woomer as moderator of Calvary, Donora.
   • Appointment of TE Geoff Rach as moderator of West Union.
   • Appointment of TE William Youmans as moderator of Chartiers Crossroads.
   • Appointment of TE Fred Soberg as moderator for West Alexander
   • Honorable retirement of TE Donald Austin and dissolution of pastoral relationship with Chartiers Hill, effective February 1, 2016
   • Honorable retirement of TE Scott Bunting, effective March 1, 2016.

6. In accordance with G-3.0301 and Manual Section I.C., the following is reported as of December 31, 2015: There were 51 active teaching elder members. There are 52 churches, 2 of which are entitled to elect two ruling elder commissioners, thereby resulting in a total of 54 ruling elder commissioners. (NOTE: Included in the number of 52 churches is Muse, which remains on the roll of churches in the presbytery, because
the administrative commission appointed to dissolve it has not yet reported that it has been dissolved). There are 13 Commissioned Ruling Elders. The following 7 ruling elders are voting members of presbytery by virtue of office:

Judy Scott, Chair of Nominating Committee
John Mark Scott, Chair of Committee on Preparation for Ministry
Diane Flynn, Chair of Personnel Committee
John Rodgers, Stated Clerk
Carla Hayes, Chair of the Committee on Representation
Joe Jefferys, Member at Large of Council (Class of 2017B)
Robert Devore, Member at Large of Council (Class of 2016B)

The total number of possible voting ruling elders is 74, which exceeds the number of teaching elder members. Therefore, no adjustments are needed to address imbalance. The Rolls of the Presbytery of the Teaching Elder Members, Commissioned Ruling Elders, Student Pastors, and Certified Christian Educators appear below:

December 31, 2015
Continuing Members of Presbytery

Teaching Elders

1. Austin, Donald C  Chartiers Hill
2. Bailey, James B   Honorably Retired
3. Broberg, Stuart D  Covenant
4. Bunting, Scott    Member at Large
5. Campion, Matt    Member at Large
6. Coleman, Don     Canonsburg
7. Cook, Candace    First, California and Roscoe
8. Corbett, Louise  Member at Large
9. Crawford, Hugh M  Honorably Retired
10. Davis, Wm Bradford  Member at Large
11. Dykstra, John   Pigeon Creek
12. Ekas, Daniel K   Member at Large
13. Emerick, Jack H  Grove
14. Gieseey, James F Honorably Retired
15. Gras, Mary Lynn  Honorably Retired
16. Haury, Clarejean Ellen  Honorably Retired and Validated Ministry Gestalt Pastoral Care
17. Hedges, Robert A  Validated Ministry  Resurrection Power
18. Hefner, Jason    Faith U. P.
19. Hornung, Keith G.  Honorably Retired
20. Johnson, Donna   Laboratory
21. Johnson, Terry   Honorably Retired
22. Kephart, Craig A  Executive Presbyter
23. Kilbert, Brian   Center, Midway
24. Kisner, Jeffrey Allan  Stated Supply (First, Mason town, PA)
25. Miller, Emily I.  Member at Large
26. Miller, Robert A  Honorably Retired
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**Commissioned Ruling Elders**

1. Baird, Russ          | Concord
2. Berardinelli, Richard| Lower Ten Mile
3. Deemer, Larry        | Upper Ten Mile
4. Gibson, Gary         | North Buffalo, Presbyterian Senior Care, W&J
5. Lowe, David          | Unity
6. Mankey, Linda        | East Buffalo
7. Mayer, Judy          | Upper Buffalo
8. Narus, Richard       | Avella & Lower Buffalo
9. Randolph, Robert     | Greensboro
10. Schaefer, Patricia  | Robinson
11. Shaw, Linda         | Harmony
12. Skariot, Fran       | Cokeburg
13. Young, Kevin        | Finleyville, First

**Student Pastors**

None

**Certified Christian Educators**

None
Our goal is to acquire and establish a new recovery house for women!

Invite your friends to join you for this important fundraiser.

RSVP by MARCH 28 to Rev. Robert Hedges at 724.328.2943 or e-mail at rhedges@resurrection-power.org.

You or your congregation can sponsor a table for 8 people for just $200.00—your pre-paid sponsorship means 100% of the funds raised during this event will go directly to Resurrection Power.

Come at 8:30 AM for fellowship and a Silent Auction: Sports Items, Gift Baskets.

Resurrection Power of Washington PA is an IRS 501(c)3 non-profit organization.
Item for Action
Emmanuel United Presbyterian Church Gas Lease Amendment—
Emmanuel United Presbyterian Church has negotiated an amendment to the existing gas lease with Rice Drilling B LLC for 13+ acres located at 480 Route 519, Eighty Four, PA 15330. This amendment extends the drilling range to include the deeper Utica shale formation and provides a cash bonus of $1,000 per acre. The rest of the lease is unchanged. The Session of Emmanuel United Presbyterian Church approved the amendment on September 21, 2015 and the congregation approved it on November 1, 2015. William H. Knestrick provided the legal counsel.

The Board of Trustees moves that the amendment to the existing gas lease between Emmanuel United Presbyterian Church and Rice Drilling B LLC be approved.

COUNCIL REPORT
Washington Presbytery
January 23, 2016

Breakout Sessions: Choose the session you would like to attend.
1. Mission- Hear about the recent trip to Bethel Synod in Ethiopia. Led by Rusty Salminen and RE Jeff Schooley
2. Christian Education – an emphasis on Vacation Bible School. Led by RE Judy Scott
3. Church Insurance – discussion of what types of coverage the church needs. Led by TE Dick

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY
Washington Presbytery
January 23, 2016

Items for Action
1. All items for action are presented under the omnibus motion.

Items of Information
1. COM presents a memorial moment for TE Millie Adams by TE Betty Voigt.
2. COM presents a special moment of recognition at the retirement of TE Don Austin, presented by TE C.J. Haury.
Good News About Presbytery Meetings!

by Cathy Surgenor

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Presbytery meetings! Who needs them? Who looks forward to them? Surprisingly, many commissioners to the Hudson River Presbytery meetings do. One person wrote, after the December 2013 meeting, “The enthusiasm of the community made me realize how much I had missed these meetings.”

The meetings where representatives of a presbytery’s churches gather to worship, conduct business and socialize are an essential part of our life together and a primary opportunity to build community. However, attendance at these meetings is often seen as a duty or even a burden because they last several hours and the tenor of the meetings can vary from friendly to boring to tense or even hostile.

Last year, members of the Hudson River Presbytery Coordinating Cabinet decided that, while their meetings were rarely hostile, they could definitely be made more interesting. They decided to introduce some major changes and to track the response to those changes through a feedback form designed for that purpose. The long-term impact they hoped to achieve was to create meetings so dynamic and participative that the congregations would learn about the work of their presbytery and begin to see themselves as part of it. They would think of the presbytery as “us,” not “them.” They asked this author to design the feedback form/survey, collect and analyze the results, report back to the coordinating cabinet after each meeting and modify the feedback form to reflect new adaptations. A guided conversation helped determine the long-term impact they hoped to achieve.

Changes in structure and flow of meetings

The leaders decided to explore a trend several other presbyteries are undertaking. Eliminating most committee reports allowed time for “community conversations.” Attendees could choose from among four to six topics and participate in the discussion(s) of interest to them. Conversation topics and leaders were chosen ahead of time and discussions occurred in assigned breakout spaces. Committee leaders could use this time to share their work with those interested in their topic. For example, the Congregational Change Committee held a discussion based on the book “Our Iceberg Is Melting,” which created a demand for further exchange of ideas on church change. A “community conversation” on gun violence led to several congregational studies and a General Assembly overture.

The response to this greater opportunity for participation was immediate. After the April meeting one attendant reported, “There was a sense of togetherness that I have not seen in some time in presbytery meetings.” Another expressed gratitude for the “warmth and comfort of being with Presbyterians who share my beliefs even if we argue greatly over issues and details.” Attendees reported having greater opportunity to spend time with old friends and to make new ones. In fact, these conversations and sufficient time for friends were repeatedly cited as the most valuable aspects of the meetings.
“Community conversations” did not occur at every meeting. Twice, powerful guest speakers provided connection with the wider church and the issues that confront it. Attendees appreciated the opportunity to engage with these church leaders in a small group discussion before the actual presbytery meeting as well as during it.

Lively worship services, which always included Holy Communion, were also cited as a highpoint of the meetings. People appreciated the wide diversity of music (from traditional reformed hymns and organ music to a soaring solo sax player or camp songs under a tent). Insightful, inspiring preaching was highly valued.

The sense of community developed through conversation and worship carried into the business portion of the meetings. Throughout the year, over 95 percent of respondents reported that the business portions of the meetings were conducted in “a spirit of respect and good will.” Even difficult discussions such as the gracious dismissal of congregations were conducted in a manner of mutual respect. In April, May and July a strong majority of respondents reported a sense of the Holy Spirit being present during the business portion of the meeting.

Conclusion

The desired long-range impact of having congregations become excited about the work of the presbytery is still a work in progress. The majority of survey respondents described “mild interest” in their own reports back to their congregations. However, a positive note is that a third of the respondents reported that individual members expressed greater interest in particular topics and programs under discussion. This increased interest can be built upon.

Deliberate, well-monitored change led 85 percent of respondents to report that presbytery meetings have become more enjoyable. A majority found the meetings were more productive. Nearly half reported that they themselves have increased their participation during the meetings. Ninety-four percent of respondents agreed that their overall experience of the December presbytery meeting was positive. Of those, 44 percent stated they “strongly agreed.” It’s safe to say they are looking forward to the next meeting.

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