

Session Meeting
First Presbyterian Church
Davenport, Iowa
April 20, 2026

The stated meeting of the Session of First Presbyterian Church of Davenport, Iowa was held on Monday, April 20, 2026. The meeting was held in Von Maur Hall and with Zoom available

Moderator Rev. Dr. Kristopher Schondelmeyer called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM and stated that a quorum was present.

Pastor Kris led a devotion after reading Isaiah 11, specifically quoting, “and a little child will lead them”. He asked Session the same questions that our two confirmands were asked as they wrote their own Confirmation Statement of Faith.

	Class of 2026		Class of 2027		Class of 2028
P	Dianna Darland <i>Worship & Music</i>	P	Dan Darland <i>Building Grounds & Safety</i>	P	Nancy Chapman <i>Finance</i>
P	Denny Jorgenson <i>Congregational Fellowship</i>	P	Craig Foster <i>Finance</i>	P	Colleen Dueñas <i>Hospitality and Welcoming</i>
P	Kathy Knox <i>Christian Ed & Fellowship with Youth</i>	P	Wendy Hammen <i>Worship & Music</i>	P	Nathan Kabel <i>Buildings Grounds & Safety</i>
P	Cathy Pratscher-Woods <i>Stewardship</i>	P	Paula Hartmann <i>Personnel</i>	P	Linda Meadors <i>Personnel</i>
P	Jed Steckel <i>Adult Spiritual Growth</i>	P	Sharon Simmonds <i>Adult Spiritual Growth</i>	P	RuthAnn Tobey-Brown <i>Personnel</i>
		P	Jay Williams <i>Adult Spiritual Growth</i>		
		P	Erin Yingling <i>Christian Ed & Fellowship with Youth</i>		
P	Julia Meyer <i>Clerk of Session, non-voting</i>			<i>P-present E-Excused A-Absent</i>	

Staff members:

P	Rev. Dr. Kristopher Schondelmeyer <i>Pastor / Head of Staff</i>	p	Kristine Olson <i>Director of Financial and Business Administration</i>	P	Darren Long <i>Director of Building and Grounds</i>
P	Marty Bowles Edwards <i>Co-Director of CEFY</i>	P	Jim Middleton <i>Director of Office Administration</i>	P	Matthew Bishop <i>Director of Music and Arts</i>
P	Abby Scholdelmeyer <i>Co-Director of CEFY</i>				

A Land Acknowledgement was read.

At 6:59 PM, Pastor Kris started the meeting with prayer.

Guests: FPC Staff Members, Deacon Moderator Andy Bowles Edwards, and confirmands Brighton Greim and Liam Yingling.

Nancy Chapman asked to provide an update from the SDT and Personnel asked for time on the agenda, **On motion and second**, the agenda was approved as amended.

On motion and second, the Session approved seating our guests, with voice and no vote.

Introduction of Confirmands

Confirmands, Brighton Greim and Liam Yingling, were introduced to Session during which they read their Confirmation Statement of Faith and answered questions. Session approved their full membership of FPC. Their public profession of faith is scheduled for May 24 during Sunday morning service. Their Statements of Faith are appended.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were presented on the Consent Agenda:

- Approve the March 20, 2026, Session Meeting minutes

On motion and second the consent agenda was approved.

CLERK'S REPORT

- The Clerk thanked Session for complying with the new schedule for Session Meeting preparation by providing reports, motions and agenda requests on the Monday before the Session meeting, which is 2 days earlier.
- The Clerk acknowledged that the Facebook online views of the Sunday worship service are much higher this year for the months of February and March. A possible explanation is a change in criteria by Facebook.
- Communications received by the Clerk:
 - None
- A review of Active Membership Roll list #5 by Session was made to provide comments about persons on the list who may be inactive. Andy Edwards volunteered to make some additional calls or emails to clarify the status of some individuals.
- A few corrections to the Elder Roster and Session Committee list of Elders and congregational members were requested. The Clerk will resubmit the list in May for review.

- Action Item
 - **On motion and second** Session approved the removal of Patty Scott and Oliver Banks from active membership at their request.
- The report from the Clerk of Session for April 2026 is appended to these minutes.

DEACONS' REPORT – Deacon Moderator, Andy Bowles Edwards, provided a few verbal comments on activities which happened during the week since the Deacon Board meeting and Session meeting. The full report is appended.

- Ten people from FPC participated in Habitat for Humanity weekend.
- 40 Adults and children participated in Kids Against Hunger, during which 6000 meals were packed,
- An anonymous person donated \$4K to the Deacons.

SESSION COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS

- Written Session committee reports were received and are appended to these minutes.
- **Finance:** Finance did not provide the March 2026 Income/Expense and Custodial/Pass-Through Reports, therefore Craig Foster confirmed that no comments would be presented.
- **CEFY:** Marty Bowles-Edwards thanked Session and stated that all the VBS lunch sponsors (Session Committees) had confirmed their participation. It was discussed that a chair at every table would be saved for those Session members that stay to share lunch with the children. The committee's full report is appended in the Session Committee Reports.
- **Personnel:** Personnel made a motion to receive the resignation of Linda Bengfort, as Assistant Choral Director, effective immediately. **On motion and second** it was approved. A celebration in her honor has been scheduled for May 3 after Sunday morning service.
- **SDT:** Nancy Chapman, Co-Chair of SDT, provided an update of the last SDT meeting on March 7, 2026, and the interaction of the SDT subcommittee with Bray architectural firm. Her comments and the March 7, 2026 SDT meeting minutes are appended in the Session Committee Report.

STAFF REPORTS

Kristine Olson, Director of Finance, provided a verbal report, her comments are included in the appended FPC Staff Reports.

The previously submitted staff reports were received and appended to these minutes.

Report of Rev. Dr. Kristopher Schondelmeyer, Pastor/Head of Staff

Over the past month, the ministry of Pastor Kris was centered on pastoral care, worship leadership, spiritual formation and guiding our Strategic Discernment Team.

Pastoral Care & Congregational Life

He has spent significant time offering pastoral care, including visiting members in the hospital, care facilities, and the hospice house. These moments of presence remain sacred opportunities to embody Christ's compassion in times of vulnerability. He also met privately with members for pastoral counseling and support. Additionally, he officiated a funeral, walking alongside a family in their grief while bearing witness to the hope of Christ.

Worship & Preaching

He has preached each Sunday, including Easter Sunday, and has worked to shape worship that is both meaningful and engaging during the Lenten and Easter season. He facilitated the Maundy Thursday dinner service, which provided a powerful and intimate space for reflection on Christ's commandment to love.

Throughout Lent, he also led contemplative services on Thursday evenings. The services included prayer, scripture, silent contemplation, music, and participation in a spiritual discipline or practice. Each week, our contemplation focused on the FLAGS at the center of our souls: our Fears, Longings, Aching Wounds, Gifts, and our need for Sacred Compassion.

He expressed gratitude for the leadership of those who participated in our Border Encounter trip, who helped lead worship on April 12, offering meaningful testimony about their experiences.

He also assisted in the Eastertide Lessons and Carols service, helping to extend the joy and proclamation of Easter.

He has also been preparing for our upcoming sermon series, which begins this Sunday and will use *The Wizard of Oz* as a guiding illustration for exploring themes of faith, identity, truth, and the presence of God in our journey.

Teaching

Throughout Lent, he also facilitated our Lenten small group book studies using *Love Wins* by Rob Bell, which invited participants into deeper theological reflection and spiritual practice. Around 40 people each week participated in this Lenten book study, including one group comprised of young adults (under the age of 50).

He has also been leading the Sermon Talks Bible Study on Thursday mornings.

Additionally, he continues to be the sole male mentor for the Youth Group on Sunday evenings, providing a consistent presence with our 6th – 12th grade youth.

Leadership & Administration

He continues to meet regularly with staff each Monday fostering collaboration and communication.

A significant portion of his time has been devoted to preparing for the next phase of our Strategic Discernment Process. This work is now moving toward clarifying the concrete tasks required to live into the ministry priorities the congregation helped us to discern. This work will help us discern a sustainable and faithful staffing structure for the future. As part of this work, I had an initial meeting with our architectural design firm alongside members of the Strategic Discernment Team to begin aligning our physical space with our emerging vision.

Looking Ahead

As always, there are many additional conversations, meetings, and moments of connection that fill the rhythm of pastoral ministry—often unseen but deeply meaningful. He remains grateful for the privilege of serving alongside you in this season of faithful ministry and discernment.

OTHER BUSINESS

A report of the 220th Stated meeting of PEIA was submitted by Jay Williams before the session meeting and is appended. Jay also shared that all the Commissioners to the General Assembly were approved. Pastor Kris highlighted the work of the Financial Sustainability Task Force and their ongoing work to ensure a sustainable financial future for the Presbytery. They announced the upcoming distribution of a devotional and discernment resource to all congregations, seeking feedback on the use of unified mission funds.

Evaluation of the Meeting: Session enjoyed the opportunity to talk to the confirmands.

ADJOURNMENT

The agenda was amended. No new business was brought to the floor. The Moderator closed the meeting with prayer at 8:31 PM.

The next Stated Meeting of the Session of First Presbyterian Church, Davenport, Iowa is May 18, 2026, at 6:30 PM in Von Maur Hall. Zoom will be available.

Rev. Dr. Kristopher D. Schondelmeyer
Moderator

Julia A. Meyer
Clerk of Session

Appendix 1: Clerk's Report, April 2026

REPORT OF THE CLERK OF SESSION

April 2026

I. Membership Changes

Death of Member:

Victor C. Manuel of Greenville, SC died March 11, 2026. He became a member in 1978.

Death of Former Member:

Janet McNamara (Lewis) of Des Moines, IA died March 6, 2026. She became a member in 1973 and left the church in 2011.

II. Communion

Communion and Supper were held on Maundy Thursday, April 2, 2026, at 6:30 PM. The Rev Dr. Kristopher Schondelmeyer officiated.

Communion was held during the Easter morning service on Sunday, April 5, 2025. The Rev Dr. Kristopher Schondelmeyer officiated.

III. Building Use Commission

Request by member, Judy Hawthorne, to hold Bridal Shower In Fellowship Hall/Kitchen on April 25, 2026, at 1:00 PM. The BUC approved this request.

IV. CEFY and Adult Christian Education Attendance

	Children and Youth												Adults			
March 2025	Nursery	Pray-ground	Sunday School All Grades	Pre-K to 2	Tweens	Youth	Kirkwood Choir	Cherubs	Musik-garten*	Youth Choir	Ministry	Youth	Adult Sunday School	Women of Hope	Contemplative Lenten Series	Bible Basics
3/2- 3/8	5	9	13	7	6	0	8	3	4/3	3	5/4	8	--	--		Recess
3/9- 3/15	2	10	Manna & More	Manna & More	Manna & More	Manna & More	8#	Recess	Manna & More	Recess	3/5	Manna & More	--	--		Recess
3/16- 3/22	2	10	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess	11	5	11	7	
3/23- 3/29	4	9	11	5	5	1	7	NA	3/2	7	9/4	13	--	12	7	
3/30- 3/31	4	11	14	5	8	1	9	NA	3/2	7	11/5	14	--	11	8	
Total	17	49	38	17	19	2	32	3	10	17	28	46	5	34	22	
Weekly avg	3	10	13	6	6	1	8	3	3	6	7	12	5	11	7	
			#Sang in Worship			Springbreak Movie Night 11/8										

			Children and Youth							
March 2026	Nursery	Pray-ground	Sunday School All Grades	1st/2nd	Tweens	Confirmation Class	Musik-garten*	Kirkwood Choir	Youth Choir	Youth Ministry*
3/1-3/7	2	9	11	3	4	4	3/2	6	12	9/3
3/8-3/14	2	9	M&M	M&M	M&M	M&M	M&M	6	9	9/4
3/15-3/21	2	9	8	5	3	Recess	3/1	6	Recess	Recess
3/22-3/28	2	13	11	3	8	Recess	5/4/2*	8	15	7/4
3/29-3/31	2	15	18	5	8	5	4/5/1	6^	11	8/4
Total	13	45	41	14	17	10	10/7	28	22	20/14
Weekly avg	3	11	13	5	6	3	3/2	7	11	7/5
		Tween Explore the Building -9					*Child/Adult/Teen		^Sang in Worship	

		Adult Spiritual Growth					
March 2026	Adult Sunday School (weekly)	Love Wins (Tues)	Love Wins (Wed)	Women of Hope (monthly)	Bible Basics (weekly)	Sermon Talks (weekly)	Contemplative Service (monthly)
3/1-3/7	16#	12	10		6	7	12
3/8-3/14	M&M	Cancelled	10	7	5	9	18
3/15-3/21	19	12	10		5	8	13
3/22-3/28	21	12	9		6	7	14
3/29-3/31	20				Recess		
Total	76	36	39	7	22	31	57
Weekly avg	19	12	10	7	6	8	14
	#Love Wins classes						

V. Worship Attendance

March 2025		Cong. Count	Choir & Clergy	Totals	March 2026		Cong. Count	Choir & Clergy	Totals
	9:30 AM	88	42	130		9:30 AM	69	31	100
On-line Views				52	On-line Views				157
2	Total			182	1	Total			257
Ash Wednesday	7:00 PM	34	2	36		7:00 PM	85	47	132
									144
5	Total			36	8	Total			276
	9:30 AM	77	53	130		9:30 AM	76	3	79
On-line Views				20	On-line Views				179
9	Total			150	15	Total			258
Evensong	7:00 PM	45	20	65		7:00 PM	80	40	120
									149
9	Total			65	22	Total			269
	9:30 AM	77	14	91	Palm Sunday	9:30 AM	124	42	166
On-line Views				24	On-line Views				159
16	Total			115	29	Total			325
	9:30 AM	74	35	109			Monthly Totals*		1385
On-line Views				26			Weekly Average*		277
23	Total			135	On-line views are based on livestream views and other views 2 weeks after the last service of the month. Weekly average is figured on the sanctuary attendance plus views on Facebook and Vimeo. *Monthly totals and weekly average based on Sundays only.				
	9:30 AM	83	41	125					
On-line Views				27					
30	Total			152					
		Monthly Totals*		685					
		Weekly Average*		138					
On-line views are based on livestream views and other views 2 weeks after the last service of the month. Weekly average is figured on the sanctuary attendance plus views on Facebook and Vimeo. *Monthly totals and weekly average based on Sundays only.									

Appendix 2: Session Committee/Commission Reports: April 2026

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Building, Grounds & Safety

13 April 2026

In Attendance: Dan Darland, Nathan Kabel, Matt Kabel, Andy Edwards, Pete Madden, Nancy Chapman (Finance), Rev Kris Schondelmeyer (Pastor, Head of Staff), Darren Long (staff)

Approval of Feb Minutes – Matt, Pete

Old Business:

- Crawford came and looked at the underground (across from choir room). 2 people came out, were on site for 3 hours, we were charged \$750 for 6 hours of labor. Due to this being excessive and no work truly accomplished, Matt will be giving Crawford a call to address. (still being discussed, investigated)
- Boiler work - The solenoid for adding water was replaced.
- Removal of old mower and metal in foundation garage – on hold until Foundation is ready to tear down garage. Darren is looking up old quotes for garage tear down to get new quotes. Foundation is ready to take this action.
- Old snow blower status – one is absolutely fine, other two are still being evaluated.
- Need space for wheelchairs in sanctuary. Andy and Darren are looking for options. Dan and others also need to look for ideas on how to accomplish it.
- Darren is calling Kone regarding bill for elevator doors as it seemed high. Also, another door was sticking. Darren
- Backflow device inspection was completed.
- Porte Cochere light power is being isolated from stairwell lights so it can remain on at night without leaving inside lights on.
- Potential gas leak/smell around ovens. Matt is going to get a gas leak detector to evaluate.

Needed Repairs:

Minor ≤ \$1000

- Heat tape needed in downspout, east side of Sanctuary building, after White Roofing is complete.
- Gutter guards on shed – purchased and needs to be installed
- Lights in bell tower (visible through the narrow windows on the tower. – one replaced and is much brighter but reviewing for even brighter. Another one still needs to be changed.
- Flood lights on dormers of bell tower (only south one works)– waiting for warmer weather
- North dormer window blank – waiting for warmer weather
- Radiator vent leak in Men's bathroom, 1st Floor CE building.

Matt

- The motor for #1 boiler possibly has a dead short. Send to RIEMR after heating season

- Walls around and in Women's bathroom, 1st floor CE has been completed. Still need to get third stall functional. Darren
- Oven temperature thermostat/regulator issue to where temp is running low about 25 degrees. Need to remount thermostat.
Andy
- New water fountain for second and possibly third floor CE. Matt is looking at options, Andy is investigating how much we spend on bottled water that we would be able to discontinue.
- Lights in sanctuary ceiling. Need to replace bulbs that are not working.
- Lights in Sanctuary ceiling under the balcony, Andy and Darren are investigating getting the correct lights.

Moderate \$1000 < X < \$5000

Major $\geq$ \$5000

- Leak in the men's restroom next to Fellowship Hall. Modern companies have lowest bid of \$7000. Session approved. To be completed after heating season.
- Bell repair, session approved contingent upon financing from the Armil Fund via the Foundation. \$6060 + \$1000 labor. Request sent to Foundation for financial support from Armil Fund. Foundation BoT denied at this time. Dan is investigating further.
- Chapel roof repair is being scheduled for early May.

New Business:

- Darren to work with Julia on funds available for any further landscaping plants/mulch
- Dan will set up a Spring-Cleaning date for the maintenance area.

Motions made for Session - None

Next Meeting: 4 May 2026, 5:30PM – Parlor



Finance Committee

Tuesday, 10 March 2026, 7pm

Attendees: Tom Spitzfaden, Nancy Chapman, Pam Paulsen, Craig Foster, Kirk Christie, Stephanie Arp and Kristine Olson

Identify note taker for this meeting: Stephanie Arp

Additions/Changes to agenda: None.

Approve minutes: February 10 meeting minutes were approved.

January and February 2026 Financial reports:

- Reports were not provided as they have not been finalized.
- Kristine provided an 'online' review of the preliminary reports.
- Stephanie will help Kristine trace February ledger entries.
- Kristine committed to sending out January by March 11 and February by March 12, both in the Excel format.

Follow up from Annual Meeting held on February 22, 202: All went well.

Discernment Team is looking for a funding source for \$12,500 related to the building review by an architectural firm: Suggested Foundation, provided Foundation approves. Also, RFCE needs to be written and approved.

BG&S project status: No new major projects were identified. The Iowa Street door issue will be covered by the General Fund budget.

Congregational member, Sarah Oliver, has offered grant writing assistance. Nancy will meet with Sarah to gain a better understanding of what she can provide and what her ideas are.

Finance Committee significant projects:

- Nancy, Craig and Kristine will work on designated funds methodology. In addition, they will review custodial funds for possible consolidation.
- Tom and Pam will work on changing banks from Wells Fargo to Green State.
- 2025 procedural review will be completed by Craig, Tom and Stephanie. Timeframe to be determined.
- Follow up on Agreed Procedure recommendations will be addressed later in the year.
- Definition of 'long term' savings will be addressed later.
- Insurance coverage: Kristine will discuss with Matt Bishop if there is a need to specifically list music department items (e.g. piano, bells, chimes, music library, sound system/video equipment) on our policy. Also, is the organ coverage adequate?

Other: Kristine brought up that a member would like to donate two cemetery plots. There was discussion but no decision.

Next meeting date: April 14, 2026, at 7pm via zoom

Prayer: Pam closed the meeting with prayer.

Submitted by Stephanie Arp; March 31, 2026.



Personnel Committee

April 8, 2026, 2:00 PM

In attendance: Pastor Schondelmeyer, Ruthann Tobey-Brown, Dan Brienach, Vicki Stegall, Linda Meadors, Paula Hartmann

ACTION POINTS

- Committee discussed the need for equity with the benefits for employees and is reviewing the personnel policies to discern recommendations.
- Committee recapped the initial response from Session regarding a Registered Sex Offender policy recommended by our insurance carrier, and will continue discerning a policy recommendation.
- The committee will host a joint CEFY and PERSONNEL meeting in May as a way to hear the perspectives of younger families regarding a RSO policy.

Meeting was adjourned with prayer at 4:00 PM



Congregational Fellowship

April 12, 2026

There will not be an April meeting due to having Manna and More Sunday, April 12.

We served 53 adults and 21 children and brought in collections of \$229.00 and expenses of approx. \$90.00.

Our next meeting will be May 11th. The May Ice cream Social will be on the following Sunday May 17th.

Submitted by Denny Jorgenson



CEFY

Meeting Date: April 6, 2026

Location: Zoom

Time: 7:32pm-7:58pm

Participants: Sherry Williams, Erin Yingling, Matthew Hennes, Karla Ruiter, Deanna Herman, Kathy Middleton, Abby Schondelmeyer and Marty Bowles Edwards. Excused from this meeting was Kathy Knox, home recovering from a recent surgical procedure.

Meeting was opened with a reflection and prayer by Marty.

- Reviewed current budget information and are within appropriate numbers in all budgeted areas. Anticipate expenditures over the next two months to increase as focus of programming shifts to VBS-Compassion Camp June 15-19.
- Third – Fifth graders enjoyed a Pizza party and exploration of the church building on March 28. Special thanks to Darren Long, Alex Gilson, and Mitch Doremus for support and for sharing their expertise with the children. There were nine children participating in the event.
- Programming for Confirmation, Sunday School, and March 8th Manna & More followed themes from Rob Bell's book 'Love Wins'. Both Abby and Marty participated in book study groups through Lent.
- Sunday programming continues to be a successful collaboration with Kathy Middleton's Musikgarten program, Nursery Staff, Volunteer Teachers, and Volunteer Youth Mentors. The children and youth are growing their faith and in their relationships with their peers. There are currently five students in Confirmation with two of those of age and have chosen to proceed with being Confirmed on May 24. The children supported the upcoming Foundation Event by making requested art projects to be utilized on April 19. Youth Group has enjoyed meeting weekly and would benefit from more mentor volunteers.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Abby.

Respectfully submitted by Marty Bowles Edwards



Scout Troop 7 (Family Troop)

First Presbyterian Church of Davenport, Iowa.

First Quarter 2026 summary (Jan-Feb)

January

- Helped Pack 241 with their Pinewood wood derby event and participated in a cross over for 1 new scout.

February

- Held a weekend long lock-in at the church. Deep cleaned the fellowship hall kitchen for service hours and as a thank you to the church.
- Participated in the Scout Sunday service with 6 Scouters, 8 Scouts, and 1 Cub in attendance.

March

- Held our quarterly Court of Honor (COH), awarding scout Sunday patches, campout beads, 3 merit badges and 2 rank advancements. We also held a cross over ceremony during our COH welcoming 2 new scouts from pack 241.
- Attended Merit Badge University with 10 scouts earning 12 completed and 3 partial merit badges, and 4 scouters attending Scouting University at the same location and completing a total of 11 training courses.

Respectfully Submitted,
Daniel D Darland
Charter Organization Representative

Pack 7

YOUTH MEMBERSHIP

Lion/Kindergartners 1
Tiger / 1st Grade 3
Wolf / 2nd Grade 1
Bear / 3rd Grade 1
Webelos / 4th Grade 3
Arrow of Light / 5th Grade 1

TOTAL YOUTH MEMBERSHIP 10

Application In Process 1

ADULT MEMBERSHIP

Cubmaster 1
Den Leader 2
Committee Member 3
Charter Org Rep 1

TOTAL ADULT MEMBERSHIP 7

ADULT TRAINING

- Sean Jacobsmeier - Cubmaster Specifics, Scouting University (March)
- Dianna Darland - Den Leader Specific, Scouting University (March)

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

FPC Scout Sunday 1 Participant

Pack 7 Raingutter Regatta (January) 5 participants

Awards Ceremony (with Troop 7) (March) 6 participants

Illowa Council Pinewood Derby (March) 7 participants

WINNER “Most Fantastical Car”

WINNER “Most Blinged Car”

3rd Place - Tigers Den

3rd Place - Webelos

1st Place - Webelos

Kittan District Bike Rodeo (March) 1 Participant

Camp Card Fundraiser Ongoing until April 17

YOUTH AWARDS

Lion None

Tigers 11 Adventure Loops

Wolf 4 Adventure Loops

Bear 4 Adventure Loops

Webelos 9 Adventure Loops



Strategic Discernment Team

This is an update of recent events for the SDT and Session:

The last meeting of the SDT was on March 7. The minutes of that meeting were sent to Session members on March 16. In the March 7 meeting, the SDT reviewed the seven “ministry priorities” based on congregational input.

Those ministry priorities are:

- Music Ministry with all ages
- Excellence in worship
- Ministry with children, youth and families
- Community Center (intergenerational gatherings for meals, resources, education and spiritual growth opportunities, arts, and wellness)
- Caring Closet
- Digital presence
- Financial management

For each “priority” the group listed ministry commitments based on FPC’s stated purpose of helping all people in the Quad Cities to love God.

In the next SDT meetings on April 22 and May 5, the team will consider the following:

- Answering Who/How often/When questions for each ministry commitment
- Determining who ensures the commitments will happen
- Deciding who leads each commitment, how much time will be needed, whether leadership will be staff (paid) or volunteer
- Creating a resulting staffing plan and schedule
- Proposing an operational budget for the above, as well as suggesting sources of funding to sustain these ministries,

In the same meeting on March 7 the SDT subcommittee on architects (Pastor Kris, John Gere, Dan Darland, Ted Brown and myself) reported the results of the Request for Qualification (RFQs). The subcommittee made a motion to the whole SDT to ask Session to approve spending \$12,500 to sign a contract with Bray Architects for the Master Planning phase.

In the March 9 meeting of the Foundation Board of Trustees, the Board voted to fund the initial stage of the contract with Bray to develop a master plan for \$12,500.

In the March 16 meeting of the Session, Session approved to proceed with the Master Planning phase of the expansion and/or renovation project at the cost of \$12,500, with the knowledge that the FPC Foundation has agreed to provide the funds.

Since then, the subcommittee contacted Bray Architects indicating we wished to proceed with that firm for the Master Planning phase. A kickoff meeting was set for April 13 at the church. In that meeting we shared how the process works at our church: that final decisions are made by Session, there is a SDT of 17 members of the church with different backgrounds, skills and interests and how important it is to inform the congregation on the status of this process.

There will be biweekly meetings of the SDT subcommittee and Bray Architects on Mondays (but not on Session dates).

SDT Meeting Minutes of March 7, 2026

Strategic Discernment Taskforce Minutes, March 7, 2026

Present: Nancy Chapman and Ted Brown (Co-Chairs), Rev. Dr. Kris Schondelmeyer, Darren Long, Pam Paulsen, Karla Rueter, Matt Kabel, Chris Connelly, Dan Darland, Matt Bishop, Theresa Jacobsmeier, Marty Bowles Edwards, Nancy Foster. Zoom: John Gere.

Pastor Kris presented today's agenda and reviewed the committee's work to date – what we have accomplished so far and what is our purpose going forward. He opened the meeting with prayer.

The discussion was divided into the seven “ministry priorities” based on congregational input and familiar to the committee from previous meetings:

- Music Ministry with all ages
- Excellence in worship
- Ministry with children, youth and families

- Community Center (intergenerational gatherings for meals, resources, education and spiritual growth opportunities, arts, and wellness)
- Caring Closet
- Digital presence
- Financial management

Under each “priority,” the group listed ministry commitments based on FPC’s stated purpose of helping all people in the QCs to love God:

- With all our heart
- With all our soul
- With all our mind and
- With all our strength,
- And loving our neighbors as ourselves

The following was the list of commitments that the committee created today:

Excellence in Worship

- Commit to theme-based worship on Sunday mornings
- Engage creative/performing arts
- Worship elements to intentionally bind us as a community
- Create intentional reflective space
- Encourage members to share their gifts in planning and leading worship
- Method to demonstrate online support during offering
- Inviting people to worship
- Intentionally welcoming others
- Audio accessibility

Music Ministry

- Keep/expand Justice Choir (kids, neighbors)
- Add origin/background on hymns
- Encourage commitment to choir/music involvement
- Increase follow up with visitors
- Continue community involvement (e.g. Beer Choir)

Children, Youth, & Families

- Intentionally encourage families to make church participation a priority
- Create resources for families to use
- Connect seniors and children in service, classes...
- Encourage financial stewardship
- Commit to Sunday morning Sunday School hour

Community Center Concept

- Offer worship opportunities for Caring Closet guests
- Offer hot meal to community
- Educational opportunities (life skills, interests, hobbies)
- Physical well-being opportunities

- Body-mind-spirit groups and other small groups
- Continue/expand adult spiritual growth and encourage participation
- Offer basic wellness checks/information/locations of resources
- Continue Manna & More
- Expand partnership with Sudlow

Caring Closet

- Intentionally honoring the “God” in each guest
- Providing additional space
- Partner with additional outside services in-house
- Offer spiritual opportunities for guests
- Intentional about inviting others to volunteer
- Offer additional meal to guests (see second bullet point in Community Center above)

Digital Presence

- Bring back flat Jesus (a cutout that travels with you)
- Opportunities for congregation to participate in social media (and education)
- Commit to regular blogs/vlogs
- Continue to enhance livestream presence
- Budget for ongoing tech updates
- Ensure website and social media is current
- Commit to hybrid meetings where possible
- Keep outdoor sign up to date

Financial Management

- Continue financial stewardship campaign in the fall annually
- Educate congregation annually about Legacy Giving through Foundation of FPC
- Continue to encourage all to participate in financial giving
- Explore new revenue sources
- Commitment to continued fiscal responsibility and sharing of resources
- Competent financial oversight and management

The SDT sub-committee on architects reported the results of their Requests for Qualifications (RFQs). After a few of the architectural firms self-eliminated, they were left with two firms – Martin Gardner (from Marion, IA) and Bray Architects (with a Davenport office). Both firms have experience working with churches and were felt to be equal in servicing our needs. However, Bray’s proposal and fee structure were notably less. After discussion, the SDT voted to ask Session to approve spending \$12,500 to sign a contract with Bray Architects.

The next SDT meeting will be on Saturday, April 18 from 9:00 to 2:00. At that time, we will consider the following:

- Answering “Who”/”How often”/”When” questions for each ministry commitment
- Determining who ensures the commitments will happen
- Deciding who leads each commitment, how much time will be needed, whether leadership will be staff (paid) or volunteer
- Creating a resulting staffing plan and schedule

- Proposing an operational budget for the above, as well as suggesting sources of funding to sustain these ministries

Pastor Kris closed the meeting with prayer. Minutes contributed by Nancy Foster 3-9-2026

Appendix 3: FPC Staff Reports, April 2026

FPC Staff Reports, April 2026



Abby Schodelmeyer, Marty Bowles-Edwards: Co-Directors of Christian Education

The past month contained numerous collaborative efforts with other FPC committees:

Marty and Abby participated in different Lenten book study groups discussing the book “love Wins” by Rob Bell. Confirmation, Youth Group, and Sunday School lessons were written to introduce the ‘Love wins’ concepts to the Children and Youth through age-appropriate lessons and activities.

Tween social event with 9 participants on March 29th included a pizza lunch and then exploration of many usually unseen places in the FPC building. Many thanks to Darren Long, Alex Gilson, and Mitch Moreno for sharing their expertise with the Tweens.

Manna and More April 12, was planned as an introduction to the VBS-compassion Camp theme for this June. The implementation of a children’s meal table has been well received by both children and their parents. The Fellowship Committee’s brunch provided the backdrop for table sharing of positive childhood memories of moments they shone brightly or felt God to be extra close.

The Foundation request for assistance was met by the Sunday School children, creating artwork for the upcoming Foundation Legacy Giving event. The children have been learning music which they will perform at the celebration April 19, to honor Jane Magnusson’s generously planned gifts to FPC and to the Foundation. Coordinated efforts between CEFY staff and volunteers will provide for children’s programming during the adult portion of the education event.

Scout’s Donut Sunday is being supported now by CEFY ordering donuts for Sunday morning snacks in Sunday School and Confirmation classes. Needless to say, the Children and Youth are enthusiastic participants in this new collaboration! CEFY donated surplus Easter Egg supplies to the Deacon’s Caring closet Easter Basket giveaway event.

The Buildings, Grounds & Safety committee was supported in their Spring grounds clean up event on Saturday, March 28th. One Tween, Hazel Romaniello, worked cheerfully and tirelessly beside Marty B.E. and Jessica Romaniello.

Traditional Duties:

Prayground was well utilized this past month with both Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday hosting Children for the full worship service. Craft project supplies were placed and children assisted through those services. Worship Bags continue to be regularly refreshed and were all put to use by guests at the Good Friday Tenebrae Service.

Planning for June 15-19 VBS- Compassion Camp is underway. Abby and Marty have researched independently and met for brainstorming and designing the week. Both met with Pastor Kris to select theologically sound bible verses for daily use and for the overarching theme of the week. "Little Lights, Big Faith" is the chosen theme, with the focus on recognizing children as leaders, inspiring and encouraging them to use their natural gifts and God's guidance to improve the world and share God's love. Session committees have been contacted with the request to provide lunches during VBS-CC week.

The Thursday evening Contemplative Services were attended and greatly appreciated by Marty. Lent was a meaningful and fruitful season as guided by Pastor Kris.

We have 2 Confirmation students coming before Session this month to share their Statements of Faith. Pastor Kris worked with them to prepare their statements. We have 5 currently in Confirmation, but only two 8th graders.

Youth Group has been meeting on a regular basis. We are looking at end of the year programming and plans. In addition, Abby has been sharing with the youth about assisting with Compassion Camp.

Families have been communicated with about **Kids Against Hunger** coordinated by the Deacons.



Matt Bishop, Director of Music & Arts

March 21 was the PAS concert featuring Sangat (Sonny Singh, Qais Essar, and Sukhmani Rayat). I retrieved them from O'Hare on March 20 and was with them throughout the day (as was Jim Middleton) on the 21st. Special thanks to Rocky Kane who drove Qais and Sukhmani to Cedar Rapids.

The Good Friday Tenebrae service saw a slightly new format in a presentation of Linda Kachelmeier's *To Know the Path* (including flute, bassoon, cello, and percussion) with personal accounts from church members who participated in the Border Encounter trip in October. To market the event, I did an interview on WVIK on April 1.

Easter Sunday was a celebratory service, featuring music from the Sanctuary Choir, Vesper Bells, and Alex Gilson. I did some marketing on Facebook to spread the word about our service time and style.

The Quad City Youth Choir sang in regular worship for the first time on April 12.

I secured a partnership with Living Lands & Waters for the upcoming Justice Choir of the Midwest concert after a previous partner organization stopped responding to communications.

The first rehearsal for the PAS June musical *Tuck Everlasting* was held on April 7.

My areas of focus in the coming month will include regular rehearsals for *Tuck Everlasting*, the Justice Choir of the Midwest concert on April 26, the hymn festival on May 17, the Quad City Youth Choir concert on May 17, the QC Pride Pop Up Choir (collaboration with Clock, Inc.) in late May and early June, planning various Pride Month events with Affirming Congregations of

the Quad Cities as the representative from FPC, and planning for the fall choral semester and the 2026-2027 PAS season.



Alex Gilson, Principal Organist & Assistant Director of Music

- Alex continued to provide excellence in music for worship services including preludes, postludes, anthem accompaniments, hymns, offertories and other special services like Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Ash Wednesday.
- Alex added to his repertoire including many works from the Augsburg Organ Library to provide music that fits the liturgical season and learned several famous works of the organ repertoire including the Allegro Maestoso from Elgar's Organ Sonata in G Major, as well as the C minor prelude, BWV 546 by J. S. Bach, and the final from Veni Sanctus Spiritus by Maurice Duruflé.
- Alex worked closely with Matt Bishop for our many different choirs on a consistent weekly basis including youth choir, justice choir, and sanctuary choir.
- Alex provided a diverse musical experience for his monthly "Musical Interludes" program including new banjo and guitar music as well as a learning experience for guests about music history.
- Alex gave his annual PAS recital this February with the silent film accompaniment of "The General" with accompanist Josh Duffee.
- Alex gave a tour of the organ console and pipes to the youth of the church on Palm Sunday.



Jim Middleton, Director of Office Administration

Holy Week and Easter preparations accounted for a significant portion of the reporting period. A total of 200 Easter bulletins were printed, with plans to increase to 300 next year. Bulletins were stuffed with giving envelopes for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter, including One Great Hour of Sharing for Easter and Pastor's Discretionary Fund envelopes for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

Regular office operations and worship support continued smoothly, including the weekly production of approximately 150 worship bulletins. Day-to-day administrative functions were maintained without disruption, contributing to a steady workflow and reliable completion of routine tasks.



Kristine Olson, Director of Financial & Business Administration

As a reminder, please submit APPROVED expense reimbursements on completed expenditure forms to the Finance Office by the 8th and 23rd of each month to ensure payment by the 15th and Last Day of each month, respectively. Unapproved expense reports may result in a delay in processing your reimbursement requests.

March General Fund Financials were not completed by the Finance Meeting and was not provided to Session for the April 20, 2026, meeting.

Breeze Giving - Reminder: Online Giving via Breeze will replace Vanco in 2026. I continue working with existing Vanco givers with the transition.

The Magnusson Music Fund at New Covenant has been established and is awaiting distribution from her estate.

I have been working with the Foundation Board of Trustees (BoT) to update marketing/information materials for the Foundation. This past weekend the Foundation held a successful Celebration & Recognition event honoring Kirkwood Tower Circle members and the legacy gifts of Jane Magnusson. I would like to thank all who assisted with Sunday's event.

Birdies for Charity has officially kicked off and I will be working with Finance, Stewardship, and Pastor Kris to ensure another successful campaign.

Please let me know of any unusual or large expenditures between now and October 8th . The Finance Committee is diligent in maintaining a great balance of having available cash to pay bills and yet investing funds to earn interest. Knowing when unusual or large expenditures will be requested with help Finance to maintain that balance.

Finance will be completing the Financial Policies & Procedures Review of 2025 financials in May. Tammy and I will be working between now and the review to ensure the review is completed within the determined timeline.



Darren Long, Director of Building and Grounds

None submitted

Appendix 4: Deacon Moderator Report, April 2026

First Presbyterian Church Board of Deacons Minutes, April 2026

Attendance: Andy Edwards, Dan Breinich, Elizabeth Breinich, Kris Schdelmeyer, Gail Yingling, Bill Yingling, Sherry Williams, Sarah Soensksen, Amy Saskowski, Heidi Pedersen, Steve Earp, Pat Halverson, Carrie Braun, Scott Johnson, Lois Boyer, Katrina Williams

April 13th, 7:00 pm

Opening Devotions: Dan Breinich: Luke: 6 The Parable of the barren fig tree.

Minutes: Andy Edwards

Matthew 25: Andy Edwards

- Building Congregational Vitality
- Dismantling Structural Racism
- Eradicating Systemic Poverty

Handouts:

- Kids Against Hunger: April 19th, 4:00 pm: Elizabeth Breinich
Approximately 41 people will attend the event to help with the meals, 25 people donated \$20 to the cause
- Funeral Support: Steve Earp: Sign-up sheet
Funeral last Friday went well- The volunteers who helped direct people around the building and served the lunch were appreciated. Member Care will make a list of what to do for future funerals.
- Foundations Luncheon: Sunday, April 19th
10:15-12:00 volunteers for the Luncheon, Andy will take care of work needed to be done on Thursday
- Habitat For Humanity: Saturday, April 18th Yingling's and Andy Edwards
Sign-up sheet for reminder
- Notes to Sudlow: Amy Saskowski [Finished]

Succession Planning: Andy Edwards: Plan for Chairs and Co-Chairs of each committee

Green Envelopes: Andy Edwards: Update

- Need minute for mission for the Green Envelopes on the last Sunday of July and October

Member Care Follow up: Steve Earp & Lois Boyer:

- Follow up new member care teams and birthday cards. Make sure birthday cards are being sent out to people on your team.
- Note Bird use: Discussion about Note Bird. Do the team leaders need to visit people when someone else has visited? Note Bird will notify you if someone on your team needs something or has a task. Pastor Kris and Andy Edwards answered questions.
- Active member rolls are being reviewed to make sure they are up to date.
- Furthest Pew: Status List is partially done. Andy talked about the list that has

been created. Andy and Pastor Kris will go out together for the first communion visit.

- Ladies Tea: Finished: The tea was well attended. There was a craft, good food and a great speaker.
- Baseball in early summer: \$2 nights are on Tuesdays. The committee has selected June 30th . Steve will get the announcement organized.
- Homecoming: Later discussion
- Young Adult Outing: Young adults participated in the book study. That group will keep meeting and will plan a fellowship event.
- Prayer Shawls: The shawls are available for people who need to pick up a shawl.
- Men's Fellowship Group: Find some time to meet with Pastor Kris regarding the Group

Out Reach: Sarah Soenksen

- Caring Closet: Tuesday-50-60 Lunches, Prom dress give away happened last week. Prom dresses, men's suits and tuxes and shoes, jewelry, and purses are available. Carin Closet gave 20-30 prom dresses away.
Donation of underwear and Bombas socks were donated by the company.
- Picnic date for getting the bounce house and tent [September 13]
- Dunk tank \$255. Do we want to do a dunk tank instead of the bounce house?
- Easter egg report [finished] Served 250-280 Hot Dogs were served. Everything went well.
- Graduation Gifts: What do we need? Eleven people have been given a list, but they are waiting to hear back from some of the students. There could be between 14-17 graduates. The event is June 7th.
We are responsible for two students. \$950-\$1000 dollars per student is allocated for this event. Deacons are waiting on list for special gifts or gift cards. The committee has permission to do the shopping for the two students. The committee will need to get a signature from Andy for reimbursement. Last year Deacons used Green Envelopes for funding.
- Blessing Box April 27th, 9-5 at KWQC
laundry detergent, cleaning supplies
- June Tenth- [June 19th] A tent will be set up on the river front. We usually give away flip-flops. Kathy Pratcher-Woods usually heads this event up. Sarah will contact Kathy to see what day this event will occur and what needs to be collected.
- Compassion Camp Lunch: Deacons are responsible on June 18th [Thursday]
Macaroni and Cheese and Hot Dogs
- Request for leaf raking for the two houses. Saturday, April 25th 10:00-12:00
Andy will send a note out for availability.
- Meal Site: Bob Lehnher No report given

Mission Connection: Andy

- Planning Border outreach: Pastor Kris will create a sign-up interest form to see if anyone would be interested in a trip to the border. There will not be a trip in the

fall. The goal is to keep exploring to see if anyone would like to go on this trip.

- Mission trip possibility next year in the Midwest
- Habitat for Humanity: April 18th
- Kids Against Hunger: April 19th, 4:00pm

Special Gift: Andy sent around a thank you note to be signed by the Deacons. We received \$4,000 dollars to the Deacons fund.

Carrie Braun: Brought up the idea of possibly doing something for a nursing home at Christmas time. Discussion Followed. We will revisit this idea in the summer.

Closing Prayer: Dan Breinich

Appendix 5: PEIA 220th Stated Meeting Report, April 18, 2026

The Presbytery Business Meeting opened with a formal acknowledgment of the Native American heritage of the land, reflecting on the importance of reconciliation and justice. A quorum was established, and first-time commissioners and corresponding members were introduced and welcomed, including special guests such as the Executive Director of Camp Bear Creek and representatives from the Presbyterian Foundation.

The meeting proceeded with the approval of the omnibus motion, which included the meeting docket and minutes from the previous stated meeting. Due to the addition of new business, the docket was voted on separately. The minutes were approved without objection.

The Financial Sustainability Task Force, led by Rev. Dr. Kristopher Schondelmeier, reported on their ongoing work to ensure a sustainable financial future for the presbytery. They announced the upcoming distribution of a devotional and discernment resource to all congregations, seeking feedback on the use of unified mission funds. The resource will be available both digitally and in hard copy, and responses are requested by early summer. The task force emphasized the importance of input from every congregation, regardless of their financial situation.

Two proposed bylaw changes were presented for first reading: one to require annual reviews of the stated clerk and treasurer, and another to increase the number of trustees and provide for staggered terms. Action on these changes will be taken at the next stated meeting.

Reports were received from several committees and teams:

- The Committee on Preparation for Ministry, led by Rev. Sarah Hager, updated the Commissioned Ruling Elder (CRE) policy, adding mentorship requirements and streamlining the process for those called to specific roles. The updated policy was approved, and a call for mentors was issued.
- The Plentiful Gifts program, funded by the Lilly Endowment, continues to support four churches in leadership development, with upcoming retreats and opportunities for broader

Presbytery participation.

- The Commission on Ministry and Vitality, represented by Rev. Rob Brown, provided updates on compensation approvals and called for more ruling elders to serve on the commission. The commission also facilitated the closure of the First Presbyterian Church of Minneapolis, honoring its long history of service and ensuring the continued use of its building for community ministries.
- The Committee on Representation and Nominations, chaired by Jeff, filled a vacancy on the Mission and Social Justice Team and highlighted ongoing needs for volunteers across committees.
- The Mission and Social Justice Team reported on successful school supply distributions, encouraged applications for mission grants, and promoted upcoming opportunities for advocacy and peacemaking, including the use of the presbytery's peacemaking quilt and participation in national advocacy hours.

The Trustees and Budget and Finance Committee, represented by Treasurer Larry, presented

first-quarter financial results, noting a temporary downturn in investments in March but a strong recovery in April. Larry offered his support to congregations with financial questions or needs.

Camp Bear Creek's Executive Director, Kevin Cullum, shared positive updates on camp programs and encouraged congregations to visit and participate in upcoming events, including the summer kickoff and staff commissioning.

Rev. Kyle Nolan from the Presbyterian Foundation provided an overview of stewardship and investment resources available to congregations, including online giving tools, stewardship education, and investment management options.

A significant motion was passed to form an administrative commission for Church by the River Keokuk, at the congregation's request, to assist with organizational and financial restructuring and to explore future ministry models, including the possibility of closure if necessary. The commission is empowered to assume original jurisdiction if the session is unable to function.

The meeting concluded with the sharing of joys and concerns, including prayers for those affected by recent storms in the Great Rivers Presbytery, celebrations of successful ministry programs, and support for families facing health challenges. Announcements were made about upcoming conferences and opportunities for worship and music education. The moderator expressed gratitude for the participation and commitment of all present, encouraged outreach to absent members and reminded everyone of the next meeting at Camp Bear Creek in September. The meeting closed with prayer and an invitation to provide feedback on the meeting.

Appendix 6: Confirmation Statements of Faith

Confirmation Statement of Faith

Brighton Greim

I believe that God is the creator of heaven and earth. I believe that he sees good in all people and that he has a plan for all of us. He tries to steer us in the right path. He loves us all the same and no one better or more than others. Jesus is the son of God that came and lived with us and died for our sins. He taught us how to be a good, giving and kind person. He modeled how to see a person who they are not what they have or don't have. Jesus taught us when he died on the cross that even when we make mistakes we are loved and forgiven. The Holy Spirit is the little whisper in your ear telling you to do what is good for all. A personal example of this is when my grandma opened the Caring Closet because she felt the holy spirit's pull for her to help her neighbors. As Matthew 25 says "for when you do for the least of you, you have done for me." While you can hear and feel the pull of the Holy Spirit, it is free will to follow that whisper. I think more people should follow the pull and listen to the whisper because it would make it a better world. I believe that the community of the church's purpose is to love and support each other through the high parts and low parts of life. During Covid we couldn't be together in a church but being outside and taking in the beauty of the world became a way that we could connect with God. Realizing that we are a small part of the universe and the world brings us closer as a community and to God. Nature reminded me that you don't need a physical space to worship God and give your thanks. God has blessed me richly with the love and ability to sing and dance (and act). In the Bible the Lord commands us to sing and dance over 200 times. I feel that my purpose in life is to praise God by using these talents in the church, the community and the world. God has a plan for each of us and I want to praise him with the talents he has blessed me with my whole life.

Confirmation Statement of Faith

Liam Yingling

My faith is based on the belief that God loves everyone equally. He created everything and everyone, and no matter what we do or what mistakes we make he still loves us. Jesus was sent to free us from our sins. He died on the cross so we could be forgiven. I also believe the Holy Spirit is always with us, it watches over us, cares for us, and helps guide us through our path of life. I think the church is a place where people come together, support each other, and feel welcome. It's a place where everyone should be accepted for who they are. The role God has for me is to be kind, generous, helpful and to include others and treat everyone with respect. Overall, my faith teaches me to love, and that no matter what god will always be with me.

Appendix 7: Agenda April 20, 2026



Session Agenda April 20, 2026 Von Maur Hall and Zoom

FPC is a Matthew 25 church in the PC USA. The three core pillars of the Matthew 25 initiative are:

- ❖ Building Congregational Vitality
- ❖ Eradicating Systemic Poverty
- ❖ Dismantling Structural Racism

Call to Order (6:30 PM)

Declaration of a Quorum

Devotion and Study (6:30 – 7:00 PM)

Land Acknowledgement: First Presbyterian church gratefully acknowledges the Indigenous Peoples on whose ancestral homelands we gather, as well as the diverse and vibrant Indigenous communities who make Iowa and Illinois their home today. The communities we serve through our ministries occupy the traditional homelands of the people of the Kiikaapoi, Myaamia, Očhéthi Šakówinj, Peoria, Sauk, and Meskwaki nations. We honor these and numerous Indigenous tribes who first made the banks of the Mississippi River a center for arts and commerce.

Approval of the Agenda

Guests: Introductions, seating of guests with voice and no vote

Introduction of Confirmands

Consent Agenda

All items placed under the Consent Agenda are normally considered to be routine. If any item is in question, you may contact the appropriate committee chair or staff person and make an inquiry. If further discussion is helpful, anyone may request the item be pulled off the consent agenda.

- Approve the March 16, 2026, Session Meeting minutes

Clerk's Report

- Report from the Clerk of Session for April 2026, (see Session packet)

- New schedule for Session Meeting preparation. Starting in April, all reports, motions and agenda requests will be due the Monday before the Session meeting.
- Review of Active Membership roll list #5 by Session to provide comments about persons on the list who may be inactive.
- Elder Roster and Committee, etc. Elder and congregational member list is included with the meeting documents.
- Communications received by the Clerk:
 - None
- Action Item:
 - Persons who have requested to be removed from active membership by Session.
Patty Scott
Oliver Banks

Deacons' Report – Deacon Moderator, Andy Edwards

Session Committee/Commission Reports:

- See Session packet for written reports. Session members can ask for discussion or pose questions on any written report. Committees may request time to comment on specific items in the report. Reports will be received as a whole unless a request is made to remove an item for discussion.
 - Discussion:
 - Finance
 - The March 2026 Income/Expense and Custodial/Pass-Through reports are not available at this time.
 - Request from CEFY for VBS-Compassion Camp lunches from Session Committees.

Staff Reports – Written staff reports have been provided. Session members may discuss or pose questions on any staff report.

Report of the Pastor/Head of Staff

Other Business

- Report from the Commissioners to the 220th Presbytery Meeting, April 18, 2026.

Evaluation of the Meeting

Adjournment

DATES TO REMEMBER	
Sermon Series: Follow the Yellow Brick Road	April 26 – May 24, 2026
Upcoming Session Meetings	Monday, May 18, 2026 Monday, June 15, 2026
Next Presbytery Meeting, 221th	Saturday, September 19, 2026, 10 AM In-person and Zoom Camp Bear Creek
227 th General Assembly of PC(USA) (Co-Moderator election July 2, 2026)	Sunday, June 21 – Thursday, July 2, 2026 Baird Center, Milwaukee, WI