

Session Meeting
First Presbyterian Church
Davenport, Iowa
February 16, 2026

The stated meeting of the Session of First Presbyterian Church of Davenport, Iowa was held on Monday, February 16, 2026. The meeting was held in Von Maur Hall with Zoom available.

Moderator Rev. Dr. Kristopher Schondelmeyer called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM and stated that a quorum was present.

Pastor Kris led a devotion after reading Hebrews 13:7, and also recognized that February is Black History Month. He asked questions for discussion, e.g. 'When has remembering the past helped you to understand the present more clearly either in your faith or in your life?

	Class of 2026		Class of 2027		Class of 2028
E	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	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>		
		A	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>
E	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 7:01 PM, Pastor Kris started the meeting with prayer.

Guests: FPC Staff Members, Deacon Moderator, Andy Bowles Edwards, and Elder-Elect Colleen Dueñas.

The Moderator made a recommendation to divide the Consent 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.

Examination of Elder Elect

Ruling elder-elect, Colleen Duenas, having been nominated by the Congregational Nominating Committee and approved by a vote of the congregation on January 11, 2026, was introduced and responded to questions as to her gifts and desire to serve on the Session committee for Hospitality and Welcoming. It was moved and seconded that the examination be upheld and that ordination/installation take place during Sunday morning service on February 22, 2026. The motion was approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were presented on the Consent Agenda:

- Approve the January 25, 2026, Called Session Meeting minutes.
- Approve the January 26, 2026, Session Meeting minutes
- Approve the 2026 Church Statistical Report. (Report is attached)
- **On motion and second** the items listed above were approved.
- The Consent Agenda was divided and the original 'Recommendation to Approve the Congregation members of the Session Committees' was amended to remove 3 names from Congregational Fellowship (in bold) and retain Judy Wagschal on W & M.
 - AGS: *Remove* Luann Fields, *Add* Sarah Oliver
 - BGS: *Remove* Zoe McCallum
 - CEFY: *Remove* Al Frolich, Paula Hartmann
Add Deanna Herman, Karla Ruiter, Sherry Williams
 - Congregational Fellowship: ***Remove* Jeffrey Gomez, Linda Meadors, Rebecca Chamycia**
 - Finance: *Remove* Chris Pitcher, Eric Scholl, Edward Owens
Add Kirk Christie, Stephanie Arp
 - Hospitality & Welcoming: no change reported
 - Personnel: *Remove* Dick Koos, Brian Price
Add Vicki Stegall, Dan Breinich
 - Stewardship: *Remove* Sam Crow
 - W & M: *Add* Patrick Downing, ***Retain* Judy Wagschal**
 - 2026 Nominating Committee: *Add* Ted Brown, Judy Hawthorn, Nancy Foster, Colleen Dueñas.

On motion and second the amended list of names was approved.

CLERK'S REPORT

- It was requested that each committee have a representative at the February 22nd Annual Meeting to respond to any questions or comments from the congregation.
- The Clerk thanked the Committee Chairs for submitting committee reports using the suggested template for minutes.
- The report from the Clerk of Session for February 2026 is appended.

DEACONS' REPORT – Deacon Moderator, Andy Bowles Edwards. The report is appended.

SESSION COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS

- Written Session committee reports were received and are appended to these minutes.
 - Due to the work preparing 2025 year-end reports, January 2026 Income/Expense and Custodial/Pass-Through reports will be presented in March.
 - The W&M committee moved that Session approve the summer outdoor services. The three dates are June 14 (Juneteenth), July 12 (Blessing of the Animals), August 9.
On motion and second the dates were approved.
 - The W&M committee moved that Session approve holding two services on July 12, a standard 9:30 AM outdoor service and then a shorter outdoor afternoon (2:00 PM) Blessing of the Animals service that would be advertised to the community at large. After discussion about hot temperatures and asphalt, this motion was tabled until a new date can be identified.
 - The W&M committee moved that Session approve changing a previously approved communion date (August 9) to August 2 (Bix Sunday). After some discussion the **motion was seconded and approved.**
 - The W&M committee moved that Session approve a fundraiser, called Hymn March Madness, The fundraiser will take place over the six weeks leading up to Easter (start Feb. 22). Participation will cost \$25 and qualifies as a tax deductible donation. The proceeds will be put into the general fund. The Director of Music and Pastor will select the 64 hymns and the Admin. Assistant to the Pastor will count the votes each week. The top 4 hymns will be featured at such a time as will be liturgically appropriate. **On motion and second it was approved.**
 - The BG&S committee moved to fund an amount NTE \$20K to find the leak(s), repair/re-plumb the water line(s) in and around the women's bathroom located on the first floor of the Christian Education Building. Finance voted and identified the Development Fund from the Foundation as a funding source. After discussion and the hope that work done by staff and volunteers to find the leak would reduce the final cost, **the motion was seconded and approved.**
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STAFF REPORTS

The staff reports were received and appended to these minutes.

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

- Pastor Kris made hospital and home visits.
- He continues to teach Adult Sunday school and Thursday *Sermon Talks*.
- He participated in a creative worship planning meeting.
- He continues to lead and participate in the Youth Group.
- *Pastor Kris asked Session to allow for sufficient notice when he is asked to attend Committee meetings. He also requested that he not be asked to attend meetings on Sundays without a lot of notice.*
- At the Annual Congregational meeting outgoing Leaders will receive a gift of appreciation for their service. He thanked the new Session members for serving.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Recommendation to approve the Church Blog Posting Guideline. **On motion and second it was approved.**

Evaluation of the Meeting: Everyone appreciated that a new record short meeting time had been set and with a lot of work accomplished.

ADJOURNMENT

The agenda was amended. No new business was brought to the floor. The Moderator closed the meeting with prayer at 8:08 PM.

The next Stated Meeting of the Session of First Presbyterian Church, Davenport, Iowa is March 16, 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 for February 2026.

REPORT OF THE CLERK OF SESSION

February 2026

I. Membership Changes

Death of Members:

Carol A. George of Davenport, IA died January 25, 2026. She became a member in 1951. A service in her memory was held on February 6, 2026, at Runge Funeral Home, Davenport.

II. Communion

Communion was held during Sunday service, February 1, 2026, officiated by Rev. Dr. Kristopher Schondelmeyer.

III. Ordination/Installation of Elders

On January 25, 2026, a Specially-Called meeting of the Congregation was held to elect one Elder, Colleen Duenas, for a 3-year term and one Deacon, Doug Wells, for a 2-year term.

Newly elected officer, Colleen Duenas completed leadership training on February 9, 2026, which was led by Rev. Dr. Kristopher Schondelmeyer.

IV. Building Use Commission

The annual meeting of the BUC was held on January 20, 2026, via Zoom. Revisions and clarifications to the BUC Policy were discussed. Three building use requests were discussed and approved. The minutes are attached to the package.

VI. CEFY and Adult Education

January 2025	Nursery	Pray-ground	Sunday School All Grades	Kirkwood Choir	Cherub Choir	Youth Ministry*	Musik-garten*	Adult Sunday School	Women of Hope	Color of Compromise	Bible Basics
1/5 - 1/11	4	5	11	recess	1	recess	3	recess		-	8
1/12 - 1/18	5	10	13	8	3	12	3	14	5	-	6
1/19 - 1/25	4	13	Carnival	11	Carnival	17	Carnival	Carnival		10	5
1/26 - 1/31	4	10	13	9	3	9	4	21		10	6
Total	17	38	37	28	7	38	10	35	5	20	25
Weekly avg	4	10	12	9	2	13	3	18	5	10	6
					*Children & Adults						

January 2026	Nursery	Pray-ground	Sunday School All Grades	Pre-K to 2	Tweens	Confirmation Class	Musik-garten*	Kirkwood Choir	Youth Choir	Youth Ministry*	Adult Sunday School (weekly)	Women of Hope (monthly)	Bible Basics (weekly)	Sermon Talks (weekly)	Contemplative Service (monthly)
1/2-1/3															
1/4-1/13	4	7	14	5	5	4	4/2	7	Recess	Recess	16		8	9	
1/11-1/17	4	11	14	6	5	3	4/3	8	Recess	7/5	19	7	7	9	
1/18-1/24	2	11	M&M	M&M	M&M	M&M	M&M	7	Recess	6/4	Carnivale		7	8	
1/25-1/31	2	8	9	3	4	2	3/2	5	12	8/4	18		6	8	
Total	12	37	37	14	14	9	11/7	27	12	21/13	53	7	28	34	
Weekly avg	3	9	12	5	5	3	4/2	7	12	7/4	18	7	7	9	
		Jan 31, Tween Event - 4 children					*Child/Adult								

V. Worship Attendance:

January 2025		Cong.	Choir &	
		Count	Clergy	Totals
	9:30 AM	100	2	102
	On-line Views			29
5	Total			131

	9:30 AM	98	35	133
	On-line Views			39
12	Total			172

	9:30 AM	96	38	134
	On-line Views			41
19	Total			175

	9:30 AM	83	40	123
	On-line Views			25
26	Total			148

		Monthly Totals		626
		Weekly Average		156

Video counts are based on views 2 weeks after the last service of the month. Weekly average is figured on the in-person attendance plus watches on Vimeo and Facebook.

January 2026		Cong.	Choir &	
		Count	Clergy	Totals
	9:30 AM	115	4	119
	On-line Views			64
4	Total			183

	9:30 AM	89	49	138
	On-line Views			48
11	Total			186

	9:30 AM	89	53	132
	On-line Views			52
18	Total			184

	9:30 AM	62	33	95
	On-line Views			66
25	Total			161

		Monthly Totals		714
		Weekly Average		178

Video counts are based on views 2 weeks after the last service of the month. Weekly average is figured on the in-person attendance plus watches on Vimeo and Facebook.

Session Committee/Commission Reports: February 2026



Building, Grounds & Safety

Attendees: Dan Darland, Nathan Kabelm Andrew Edwards, Pete Madden, Darren Long (staff)

1. Old Business:

- a. Reinstalled the west dormer window blank above bell.
- b. Goetz kitchen exhaust for annual inspection completed.
- c. Light at the top of the east stairs of CE building was replaced.

2. Darren's Office move is on track.

3. Needed Repairs Identified:

- a. Minor $\leq$ \$1000
 - i. Heat tape needed in downspout, east side of Sanctuary bldg.
 - ii. Gutter guards on shed
 - iii. Lights in bell tower which light the narrow windows needs replaced with bright LEDs.
 - iv. Flood lights on dormers of bell tower (only south one works)
 - v. North dormer window blank of Bell Tower needs to be rebuilt
- b. Moderate $1000 < X < 5000$
 - i. Water Leak in Women's bathroom, 1 st floor CE is scheduled for repair
- c. Major $\geq$ \$5000
 - i. Leak in the men's restroom next to Fellowship Hall. Modern companies have lowest bid of \$7000. Session approved. Scheduled for repair
 - ii. Bell repair, session approved contingent upon financing from a specific source. \$6060 + \$1000 labor
 - iii. Walls around and in Women's bathroom, 1st floor CE. Need quote.

4. New Business:

- a. Removal of old riding mower and metal in foundation garage. To coordinate with garage demolition.
- b. Old snow blower status: Three older snow blowers have been removed from the shed and are being evaluated for feasibility of repairs and worked on as deemed reasonable.
- c. Scouts performed service project of cleaning the kitchen during their recent lock-in
- d. Annual Congressional Meeting 22 Feb – Nate will representative as Dan will be out of town on business.
- e. Creating maintenance log to document repairs and workload. Andy is working with Darren on using the from and modifying if needed.

5. Next Meeting: 2 March 2026, 5:30PM, Parlor.



Worship & Music

Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at 7:30pm

In Attendance: Pastor Kris, Matt Bishop, Diana Miller-Bur, Wendy Hammen

Absent: Patrick Downing, Dianna Darland

7:40 pm Diana opened in prayer. Followed by welcoming one of our new elders, Wendy Hammen. Co-chairs will be Wendy Hammen and Diana Miller-Bur.

We discussed Lent and Holy week needs; verifying the finer details are correct. Such as, the cross needing to be installed for Ash Wednesday with the colorful fabrics being added one by one each Sunday. Palm Sunday, the opening order of the service will be adjusted to accommodate a different call to worship with all in the pews/aisles with palm fronds. We can then have a collection spot on the communion table for the choir's palm fronds. Maundy Thursday, communion starts with dinner at 6:30pm, and a worship experience to follow. Good Friday, black fabric placed on the cross and communion table. On Easter Sunday, all the colors plus white and streamers on the chandeliers, flowers to be the same amount as last year.

Note: Diane Roebuck is creating new purple liturgical paraments with possibly a matching runner for the communion table (Diana will check on Diane's timing).

Upcoming special services were quickly gone through – Pentecost Sunday on May 24 will have the flame streamers and doves on the chandeliers. This might be Confirmation Sunday – to be determined by CEFY staff. Pride Sunday will be May 31 with the pride flags on display. Scottish Reformation Sunday on October 25, Pastor Kris is attending the Robert Burns dinner, he is going to find a bagpiper.

Outdoor services for the summer will be the 2nd Sunday of the month (Note: need to send this motion for Session approval) – June 14 Juneteenth, July 12 Blessing of the Animals and August 9. The “Blessing of the Animals” service will be held in the afternoon, advertise it as a community event, have it be a shorter blessing service style, maybe have pet treats and human treats to enjoy THUS hold a standard morning service (to be livestreamed). The concern is that a good selection of congregants avoid the service due to the animals. We want to be inclusive; to do that, we could provide two services for that Sunday. (Note: Send this to Session)

Communion Dates for 2026

April 2 - Maundy Thursday

April 5 - Easter Sunday

June 7

~~August 9—outdoor service~~

Change to August 2 – Bix Sunday (Note: Send this to Session)

Sept. 5 - sanctuary choir retreat

Oct. 4 - world communion

Nov. 29 - 1st Sunday Advent

We discussed the success of the Sanctuary Flowers program. There is some interest but not enough to ensure flowers every month. We may open the concept of congregants bringing in their own flowers on a Sunday morning.

Julia Meyer and Diana refreshed the corner boxes in the Sanctuary with new brown fabric (cost under \$20!) and will be rejuvenating the old urns with silk flowers, which will permanently stay in these corners.

Diana raised the concern that the Facebook page for the Justice Choir of the Midwest did not clearly state it is a ministry of FPC – Matt Bishop will correct this oversight.

The Youth Choir might sing in church in the spring – doodle polls are being actively utilized. There might even be an end of semester (late April or May) concert just for them on a Sunday afternoon.

PAS Updates

Kristine Oswald is willing to continue to host the refreshments stand for the PAS events.

From Patrick Downing:

- Patrick introduced Matt to the Camerata Nova Quintet at WIU - which comprises five School of Music faculty members. They are seeking performance opportunities in the region (they're amazing), and Matt is interested in having them perform on the PAS 2026-2027 season! We can structure this similar to the Choirs concert last November.
- This is a woodwind quintet – no cost to the church for them to perform at FPC.

Pastor Kris verified with Matt that his PAS attendance to open in prayer is only requested for the Christmas concerts and the musicals (2026 musical is June 26-28). Pastor Kris is planning to be on vacation end of June – Pastor Pat may be requested to open the musical in prayer.

Matt Bishop's PAS Updates

2/20: Kristine Oswald manning the popcorn station; Alex Gilson had an interview on Living Local alongside Josh Duffee (who is doing the percussion) – we are proud of Alex!

3/12: Qais Essar and Sonny Singh are staying only one night; stage setup is being figured out as we speak

Good Friday: order of service well in hand

Tuck Everlasting Musical: casting almost complete

PAS Announcement Party for 2026-2027 Season: week of August 17, mail booklets Sept. 1 week – Grape Life has changed owners, unsure if can still be hosted there, Kristine Oswald has agreed to do reconnaissance

CONFIDENTIAL SECTION (on 2026-2027 season)

END CONFIDENTIAL SECTION

Kansas City trip July 24-26, 2026 – church for the benefit concert will be at Village Presbyterian church, Sunday morning service participation church in process

Two potential commissioning projects

- Piece in honor of Jane Magnusson with hopefully a Jan. 26 premier
Still need to determine composer – definitely need Patrick involved
- Piece composed by Moira Smiley – anonymous donors/requesters – timeline unknown

Bix and Carnival Sunday – Carnival Sunday happens on MLK Day

We are a Matthew 25 church, one aspect is to dismantle structural racism

Carnival Sunday overshadows MLK Day

Wendy suggested we could do a one year on, one year off

We agreed to first have Matt B. communicate with Ivory&Gold to focus on black composers and better themed music for a MLK Day focus

Bix Sunday – happy to still have Jeff Barnhardt choose the band

Committee wholeheartedly agreed to revive the Hymn March Madness

(Wendy brought it up, wondering why we never did it again.)

Note: Send to Session for approval - \$5 for one week's ballot, \$25 for entire bracket ballots; funds raised go to general fund; feature the top 4 hymns

Want to do a Christmas hymn ballot during Advent too!

Provided the minutes from the Creative Worship Planning Meeting – Monday, February 9, 2026

In attendance: Pastor Kris, Matt Bishop, Diana Miller-Bur

Changes discussed during W&M committee meeting are italicized.

Aim is to have creative arts elements once a month during the Sunday service.

Schedule of Ideas:

March 29: Palm Sunday – whole congregation involvement with palm fronds – all say words from scripture (i.e. “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord” or similar)

April 5: Easter Sunday - Scripture Skit!!; communion

April 19: Eastertide Lessons and Carols

May 17: Hymn Festival – recognizing ~~CEFY~~ volunteers – *recognize all volunteers, CEFY during children's message; reception will be an ice cream social*

May 31 – Pride Sunday

June 7 – communion

June 14 – outdoor service; *Juneteenth*; ~~Scottish~~ - *Scottish will occur Oct. 25*

July 12 – outdoor service; Blessing of the Animals - *possibly afternoon blessing of the animals outdoor service; morning would be indoor or outdoor?*

August 21 – Bix Sunday - *communion*

August 9 – outdoor service; communion

September 6 or 13: Kick off Sunday – youth dancers

October 4: World Communion – celebrate world languages – invite in a speaker – Tapestry Farms?

October 25: *Scottish Reformation Sunday*

Homecoming – “legacy of the church” theme perhaps; Foundation be involved??

We could as a committee talk to Deacons about the Homecoming luncheon not being about those aged 70 and older, but about those who have been members of the church for a lifetime – honor the history and legacy of the church; if Deacons are unwilling to consider this change; would have recourse to take this to Session

November 1: All Saints Day – something more???

Any Questions? Anything to add?

Matt Bishop is composing a piece for Pastor Kris.

Pastor Kris wrote an advent text (on the Virgin Mary) that he wants put to music – based on preliminary talks, Pastor Kris wanted a very specific style – hard to find a composer – so Matt going to do it! Tune based on *O Waly Waly*

Next meeting? 4th Monday of the month at 7:30pm – April 27
Pastor Kris closed in prayer. Adjourned at 9:18pm.



Hospitality and Welcoming

January 27, 2026, with Colleen Duenas, Dianna Darland, Kristine Oswald, Andy Bowles Edwards, Pastor Kris Schondelmeyer and Bonnie Parriott in attendance.

The meeting opened with prayer by Andrew Bowles Edwards at 8:30 PM.

We discussed that an usher list for the year and fellowship treats have been arranged.

There will be a new member inquiry on February 15. Currently there have been some visitors but no interest in membership at this time. Andrew Bowles Edwards will make sure there are forms available for that meeting.

It was discussed how we could make the welcome desk more inviting; suggestions for name tags, packets, and where to place things in the back to make it look more inviting. We may try and buy new friendship pads as they are getting old and unable to keep the pen and pencils in the pads.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Andrew Bowles Edwards at 9:00 PM.



Finance Committee

20 January 2026, 7pm (central time) – By Zoom

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

Identify **note taker** for this meeting. Nancy Chapman

Additions/Changes to agenda: None.

Approve minutes: January 13 meeting minutes. Approved

What does end of 2025 look like?

- There was discussion of preliminary results: Use of designated funds was budgeted at \$15,250 but only \$2,823 actual. \$15,250 budgeted again for 2026. Kristine will work with department heads on designated income earlier in 2026 but no change for 2025.
- There was discussion about using a grant from a Restricted Fund in 2025. In December Session had approved Finance Committee making determination. Finance Committee

decision was to not use any grant from a Restricted Fund in 2025 and to move any grants from Restricted Funds to “below the line” (not the result of operations.)

- 2025 financial results to be forwarded to Session with deficit of \$61,943.

BG&S projects

- There was discussion of project for a leak in men’s bathroom next to Fellowship Hall for \$7,000. Finance Committee indicated if Session approves the project, the Building Reserve is a source of funding.
- Re: the repair of the bell and labor (about \$7,060), the Finance Committee indicated if Session approves the project, there are funds available to cover the expense.

Request for volunteers to help Kristine with year-end tasks:

- Review of Annual Statistical Report-Craig to help
- Review of Finance Committee report in Annual Report-Tom to prepare; Nancy to review.
- Review of Financial Annual Report for 2025-Nancy and Craig to review.
- Annual Financial Review of policies and procedures-Tom, Stephanie and Craig in Spring

Kristine’s comments on Annual Finance Review for 2025-

- Kristine will resend next month.

Kristine’s 2026 goals: Provided to Finance Committee.

Next meeting: February 10, 2026 at 7pm via zoom.

Prayer: Pam read an inspiring prayer

Meeting closed at 8:25pm.



Congregational Fellowship

February 9, 2026

The meeting was held at 5:00 pm in the church Parlor. Committee members present were Denny, Marilyn, Verna, Carole, Ralph, Deb, Bill, and Val. Pastor Kris was also present.

- Opening Prayer: Denny
- Briefly reviewed Carnival Sunday. It was very successful with great music and good food. We hardly had any leftovers. The only suggestion for next year is to have another roaster to accommodate mixing all the jambalaya ingredients.
- Reviewed our February 8 Manna & More breakfast.
 - 46 adults (it seemed like more) and 16 children enjoyed waffles and pancakes, gluten-free waffles, sausage, fresh fruit, strawberry compote and beverages. Thanks to Deb for making the compote.
 - Ralph and Marilyn shopped for the food and spent approximately \$115.00. We received donations of \$207.00 for a profit of \$92.00.

- Ralph, Denny, Marilyn, Deb, Mariann, Verna, Bill, Denny, Jay, Sherry, and Val helped prepare, serve, and clean-up. Special thanks go to Matt Kabel, Bob Lehnerr, and Jed Steckel for extra help.
- Discussed the March 8 Manna & More breakfast.
 - The menu will be biscuits and gravy, pancakes, gluten free waffles, sausage, fresh fruit, and beverages.
 - Carole and Marilyn with shop for supplies.
 - Marilyn will submit the promotional material for the e-news and Bulletin.
 - All committee members who are in-town are asked to help that day.
- We will serve soup and bread on Maundy Thursday, April 2.
 - Those able to help that evening should arrive at 5:00 to prepare for the 6:30 supper.
 - Denny will purchase six types of soup and ask Alex Gilson to make a vegan soup as he did last year. He'll also ask Marty Bowles-Edwards if she will make the bread again this year.
- Discussed the April 12 Manna & More.
 - The menu will be egg casseroles, pancakes, fresh fruit, gluten-free waffles and beverages. We will use gluten-free bread in one or two of the casseroles.
 - We will meet at 9:00 am on Sat, April 11 to prepare the casseroles. Please bring 9x13 pans.
- Confirmed that holding our meetings on the 2nd Monday of each month at 5:00 is still convenient for everyone. Manna & More breakfasts are always on the 2nd Sunday of each month during the academic year.
- Our next meeting will be on March 9 in the Parlor at 5:00pm.
- Closing Prayer was led by Denny.
- We adjourned at 5:40.



CEFY

February 2, 2026 on zoom

Gathering and Prayer

Marty opened at 7:32 pm

Attending: Abby S., Marty E., Kathy Middleton, Sherry W.

Topics discussed: Budget-no update, nursery-new cubbies, ideas for lessons for the nursery workers to implement, Sunday and school, youth group and confirmation going well. We talked about upcoming lesson ideas for Sunday school. We talked about the annual meeting and having Kathy Knox available to answer questions and give a speech if needed. We also discussed musicgarten and plans for the upcoming manna and more.

Motion to discuss and approve funds (money for top three winners) for the art show in partnership with Sudlow.

We approved the funds but also wondered about getting more notice and potentially the money coming out of a different fund in the years to come.

No motions needed for Session at this time.

Closing with Prayer- Abby S. 8:20 pm



Adult Spiritual Growth

2/2/26 Meeting Summary

Committee Mission and Spiritual Growth

The committee discussed several key topics including:

- the addition of Sarah Oliver as a new member and the need to clarify the committee's mission and purpose.
- explored the concept of spiritual awareness versus spiritual growth, with Jay emphasizing the importance of awareness as a precursor to growth.
- blog posting policies and content
- discussed the book study and contemplative services for Lent
- agreed to have further discussions about their role and how to better serve the congregation's spiritual needs.



Building Use Commission

Meeting on January 20, 2026, at 1:00 PM via Zoom.

Present were Tom Spitzfaden, Mark Jones, Pam Paulsen, Kris Schondelmeyer, Nancy Chapman and Julia Meyer.

Julia reported that the request from the last meeting to revise the On-line and paper application form to ensure the same information requested was completed. Also, both forms now have a question about the supervision of parents for children under 18 years old.

Discussion of the inconsistencies of the fees requested for members and nonmembers. It was also pointed out that the reservation deposit fee, while listed on the application form, hasn't been collected uniformly and is necessary to hold the date.

The commission agreed that the fee schedule agreed to in 2024 should be followed.

It was decided that FPC staff would be considered members, as long as the use was for a non-profit organization.

The commission agreed that the procedure would be revised in order to first have the fees determined by Head of Staff and the FPC secretary before the BUC e-vote. The application and the appropriate fees would be supplied at the time of the e-vote.

Upon reviewing the policy in the manual of operations, it was decided to add a statement that if a FPC staff member rents space and the other staff agree, that no other staff need to be present

during the function. Currently the policy requires the presence of BG&S Director, music staff and technology staff as appropriate.

It was decided that information on how to obtain a Certificate of Insurance for the day of the function, from FPC or privately would be explained on the application form. Kristine Olson will be contacted about this procedure.

Julia will revise the BUC portion of the Manual of Operations to reflect the decisions made today and well as the application form. A 'How To' for staff will be written.

The 3 outstanding BUC applications were discussed.

Etude Club: Monday, March 9, 2026. Member, non-profit, Sanctuary, kitchen and Fellowship Hall. Request Certificate of Insurance. Clarify, 'no 18 years old participants' with 'some local students'. Ensure that they understand to clean up afterwards. Approved for \$100, which includes \$25 non-refundable reservation deposit and refundable \$200 damage fee.

Moore Birthday Party: Sunday, May 24, 2026. Member, private, Fellowship Hall. Approved for \$100, which includes \$25 non-refundable reservation deposit and refundable \$200 damage fee.

Fundraiser for Ukrainian Refugees: Non-member, non-profit, Fellowship Hall and Kitchen, Certificate of Insurance. Communicate our concern for security and offer local police for \$70/hour. Ensure they understand they are responsible for clean-up of dishes, etc., but not trash removal and vacuuming. Approved for \$575, which includes \$50 non-refundable reservation deposit and refundable \$300 damage fee. (9 hours at \$50/hr and 5 hours at \$25/hr.)

Jim Middleton to follow up with all applicants to communicate any outstanding requirements and to obtain the reservation deposit.

The meeting ended at 1:20 PM.
Submitted by Julia Meyer, Secretary

FPC Staff Reports, January 2026



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

Marty's time has been focused on reading and preparing lessons for Sunday School. The children were led through a unit on prayer, reviewing The Lord's Prayer and the 23rd Psalm, and moving into talking with God in their own ways. Lessons included talking with God while moving, using "wiggle prayers" and labyrinth walking. Yoga has been offered as a way to self-regulate and calm in our busy and noisy world. The children are currently in a unit teaching the Fruits of the Spirit. This theme was shared in the Manna and More programming for February 8.

Marty and Abby have read *Love Wins* by Rob Bell. This book will be used by Pastor Kris as a church-wide study and will also help guide Lent teachings for the children. In addition to the adult version, Abby read the teen edition to help direct Lent lessons for the youth group. Planning for the individual children's and youth lessons during Lent is ongoing.

The Nursery Staff has been invaluable, not only in their loving care of these youngest FPC family members, but in participating in Musikgarten and Sunday School. These church members/employees are vital team members in our ministry with children.

The 1st and 2nd graders have been growing in their relationships with one another. They are developing both their individual voices and their collective voice as a group. They enjoy spending time together learning and growing. This group is also learning that it is okay to be away from their grown-ups and is developing meaningful relationships with other trusted adults.

The Tweens (3rd–5th grade) are also growing in their relationships with each other. Their focus and participation in learning activities and Scripture lessons have strengthened over the year. Fellowship activities have been a nurturing experience for them, and we have planned a group activity every other month. We hope the relationships they are building will continue into their youth group years and encourage ongoing involvement. The January activity was ice skating, which was a hit despite the freezing temperatures.

Confirmation is utilizing the Sparkhouse curriculum each week. Many of those in Confirmation also attend youth group weekly. Since we have programming for youth twice most weeks, they have begun to bond more deeply and better understand the faith they are growing into.

The youth group has continued meeting most weeks. The bonds forming within the group have been valuable for all who attend. They interact with care and respect for one another. We have been focusing on lessons with real-life implications. In a world that is ever-changing and fast-paced, having time to rest and simply be themselves makes church a safe place. Our youth mentors are invaluable—we would not have youth group without them.



Matt Bishop, Director of Music & Arts

- I was on PTO from January 30-February 4.
- Casting for the PAS production of *Tuck Everlasting* is almost complete - the directors are working to recruit actors for the two remaining parts.
- For reasons beyond my control, the juried art exhibition (originally scheduled for early March) has been moved up; the public exhibition will now be Tuesday, February 17 from 6-7pm.
- Publicity for Alex's presentation of the soundtrack to *The General* is underway. He will be joined by percussionist and early-film enthusiast Josh Duffee. The showing is Friday, February 20 at 7:30.
- The Choral Evensong service scheduled for March 1 has been cancelled due to a music shipment problem; the Chamber Chorale is instead focusing its efforts on the April 19 Eastertide Lessons & Carols Service.
- I will be away from February 24-28 at the Midwest conference of the American Choral Directors Association.



Kristine Olson, Dir. 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.**
- The Annual Statistical Report's financial & insurance sections have been completed and reviewed by Finance. These will be provided to the Clerk of Session by end of day, 2/11/26.
- All 2025 year-end government required filings have been completed.
- The 2025 Financial Annual Report is being reviewed by Finance and will be provided to the Clerk of Session, Jim Middleton, and Diana Miller-Bur by end of day, 2/13/26. This is expected to include the "narrative" portion for FPC's 2025 Annual Report.
- January 2026 Financials are in progress as our focus has been year-end 2025 reporting.
- Breeze Giving - **Reminder: Online Giving via Breeze will replace Vanco in 2026.** I continue working with existing Vanco givers with the transition.
- The Policies & Procedures Review for the Year 2024: My responses to the review's findings were provided to the Finance Committee on 12/10/2025.

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



Darren Long, Director of Building and Grounds

1. Double doors to Parlor fixed left side door lock latch
2. Double doors to the Chapel fixed right side door latch and hinges
3. Cleaned & Painted office #208
4. Cleared out office #205 and moved into office #208
5. In the process of cleaning and maybe painting office #205
6. Clearing out and rearranging & organizing maintenance room.
7. Cleaning up and organizing the downstairs kitchen.
8. Replaced a few fluorescent lights in men's fellowship bathroom and VMH.
9. Dan Darland and I replaced the burned-out light on the steps leading to the 2nd floor with LED.
10. Dan, Kris and I climbed the 3 stories up the bell tower and Dan put the window that fell out back in on the west side.
11. Boiler water solenoid has been fixed by Matt Kabel and Dr. Andy has contacted the water company about getting a rebate on the water that was wasted.
12. Boilers were inspected, boiler #2 didn't pass because of a pressure switch that wasn't working, Matt Kabel installed a new one and I contacted the inspector and sent them everything they needed and now we are all good.
13. Getz came and did the annual inspection for the kitchen exhaust fan, We passed
14. Kone came out this Monday, Feb. 9th and fixed the Sanctuary elevator that was getting hung up and getting stuck.
15. Modern started to work on the women's restroom water pipes on 1st floor Feb. 11th. They should be getting a hold of us soon about fixing the men's fellowship restroom boiler return pipe.
16. Gutter work that was done on the CE Building last year has come apart and the company that we used gave us a 2-year warranty so they will be coming back out to fix it.
17. Measured the shed gutters and ordered gutter guards for them.
18. Will be going out and putting parking curbs in parking lot back where they belong, Snowplow pushed them.
19. Took everything out of Fellowship for the Art show on Feb. 17th and will get Fellowship ready for the Quad-City area Ukrainian's get together on Feb. 21st.
20. Lining up security for upcoming PAS events.
21. And last but not least all my regular duties.



Jim Middleton, Director of Office Administration

Integration and Data Management

- The Notebird database has been reset and now contains only current FPC member data.

- Member Care Team Deacons have been added to Notebird and Notebird MCT groups have been built.

Office Operations

- Currently we are printing 150 worship service bulletins.
- Daily office functions—including phone systems, building access control, document production and copying, office equipment maintenance, and software upkeep—continued without interruption.
- Network wiring change have been made to support the maintenance office move to Von Maur Hall.

Appendix 4: Deacon Moderator's Report

Deacon Moderator Report

February 9th , 2026 [7:00 PM]

Attendees: Rev. Kris Schondelmeyer, Rev. Pat Halverson, Carrie Braun, Dan Breinich, Elizabeth Breinich, Lois Boyer, Cherrie Umland-Burns, Connie Connolly, Andrew Darland, Steve Earp, Andy Edwards, Scott Johnson, Heidi Pedersen, Mason Pedersen, Amy Saskowski, Sarah Soenksen, Sherry Williams, Bill Yingling, Gail Yingling
Absent: Al Frohlich, John Gere, Katrina Williams, Kris Woodard, Doug Wells

Opening of meeting: Andy Edwards

Devotions and Prayer: Elizabeth Breinich

Minutes approved: Andy Edwards

Matthew 25 church: Andy Edwards

1. **Member Care:** Steve Earp and Lois Boyer: There are 21 Member Care teams. Each Deacon is assigned a new team of people for their responsibility. The Deacon is responsible for birthday cards going out in time for their birthday and updating anything of interest in NoteBird. Moderator will send out birthday cards to active Deacons. Andy Edwards will work on the list of people who do not have a birthday recorded in Breeze. Pastor Kris emphasized that when talking to people on their member care list, the following needs to be asked: Can I share this information with the Deacons, Prayer team or printed prayer list?

2. **Budget Discussion for 2026: Group:** Andy presented the budget

3. **Notebird:** Kris Schdelmeyer: Kris in-serviced the Deacon board on the web site Notebird. He spent time demonstrating the actions of Notebird and how to navigate through the web site.

Important tabs to learn: At the top of the page People, Milestones, Task. As the Deacon works through Notebird they need to know how to use the following tabs: Update, add Milestone, Add task and everything related to those tabs.

4. **Member Care**

- Furthest Pew: In touch: New list needs to be generated [Andy Edwards]
- Ridgecrest does not need communion because they do it in their own facility
- Tea Date:
Saturday March 28th- Day before Palm Sunday: Email Jim Middleton and Diana Miller-Bur to put into the bulletin and E-news.
- Homecoming: no update
- Baseball: Wait until promotions come out. Possibly early June
- Young Adult outing: Suggestion: movie at last picture house. Carrie Braun volunteered a movie gathering in her back yard as a possible summer gathering.
- Prayer Shawls- There are plenty of prayer shawls to give out to people.
- Funeral Lists [helpers] There will be a new list generated for our next meeting.

5. **Green Envelopes:** Coordinate with Pastor Kris, Kristine and Jim to set a date for Green Envelopes.

6. **PUNCH: Blessing Box:** Monday, April 27th Time: 9-5 KWQC

Items for donations: cleaning supplies, paper products, hygiene items, laundry supplies, baby supplies. Items are to be dropped off at KWQC on Brady Street. First Presbyterian Church is volunteering to help from 10:00-11:00 am.
Easter Egg Hunt: April 4 th [Saturday before Easter] Deacons are responsible for hot dogs

7. Outreach:

- Snowflakes for Sudlow was a success. There are thank you notes from the Sudlow students in fellowship hall.
 - Amy Saskowski made a motion to write a note of encouragement to all Sudlow students and teachers, the week before their Iowa standardized tests. The motion was seconded, voted on and approved unanimously by the board of Deacons. Amy has volunteered to organize this project.
- Caring Closet: 60-70 lunches handed out every Tuesday. People are very appreciative of clothes, laundry cards and lunches.
- Picnic: Scheduled in the Fall
- Giving Tree: Done, Christmas Angle Tree, 750 kids received gifts this year.
- Graduation gifts- A grant has been received for laptops for 17 kids [foster students]. The graduation gathering is June 7th at the Center. Money for graduation gifts comes from the Green Envelopes. Each church takes care of the gifts for one or two students.
- Cocoa and Caring: later date
- Memorial to the Lost: They are going to do it again but date has not been set. There is an ongoing conversation about having the shirts displayed at one place.
- Meal Site: Around 50 meals served
- Houses on Pershing: The two homes were cleaned out and the renovations have begun.

8. Mission Connection

- Response to natural disasters: The committee is looking at several locations for a youth and adult mission project. The date will be determined after more research by the committee.
- Habitat For Humanity: The local organization is in the process of interviewing for a new volunteer coordinator.
- Kids Against Hunger: Possibly another event in April. The date will be determined after talking to Abby and Marty.

Closing prayer: Elizabeth Breinich

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM

Appendix 5: 2025 Church Statistical Report

2025 Church Statistical Report

Church	First	PIN	2598
Presbytery	East Iowa		
Address	1702 Iowa St, Davenport, IA	52803-4315	
Phone	563-326-1691	Fax	
Email	office@fpcdavenport.org		
Web Site	www.fpcdavenport.org		



Membership			
Prior Active Members	536	Adjusted membership	535
Gains		Losses	
Certificate	3	Certificate	0
Youth Professions	0	Deaths	12
Professions & Reaffirmations	1	Deleted for any Other Reason	64
Total Gains	4	Total Losses	76
Total Ending Active Members	463		
Baptisms		Average Weekly Worship Attendance	162
Presented by Others	1	Friends of the Congregation	10
At Confirmation	0	Ruling Elders on Session	20
All Other	0	Do you have Deacons?	Yes
Age Distribution of Active Members		People with Disabilities	
17 & Under	5	Hearing impairment	6
18 - 25	30	Sight impairment	5
26 - 40	51	Mobility impairment	14
41 - 55	54	Other impairment	50
56 - 70	103		
Over 70	213	Gender Distribution	
Total Age Distribution	456	Women	282
		Men	181
		Non-Binary	0
Youth in Congregation			
Age 4 and under	10	Middle School (6th – 8th grade)	15
Elementary School (K-5th grade)	25	High School (9th – 12th grade)	15
		Total Youth	65
Racial Ethnic			
Asian/Pacific Islander/South Asian	1	Native American/Alaska Native/Indigenous	1
Black/African American/African	10	White	430
Middle Eastern/North African	0	Multiracial	0
Hispanic/Latino-a	1		
		Total Racial Ethnic	443
Budgeted Income	827,660		
Budgeted Expense	914,841		
Receipts			
Regular Contributions	702,634	Bequests	8,170
Capital Building Fund	60,899	Other Income	134,703
Investment Income	48,997	Subsidy or Aid	0
Expenditures			
Local Program	850,788	Investment Expenditures	3,252
Local Mission	63,063	Per Capita Appt	6,958
Capital Expenditures	60,899	Other Mission	18,160

Appendix 6: Church Blog Posting Policy

FPC Blog Posting Guidelines & Editorial Policy

Purpose of the Church Blog

The church blog exists to support the mission of the congregation: proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ, nurturing faith, strengthening community, and bearing witness to God's love in the world. All content should reflect the church's theological commitments, pastoral values, and public witness.

Foundation for this Blog Policy

This blog policy is grounded in the Book of Order of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), which affirms that ministers of Word and Sacrament are entrusted with particular responsibility for the church's proclamation, teaching, and interpretation of the faith. In keeping with this polity, the pastor, in collaboration with the Session, bears a distinctive vocation to oversee the theological teaching life of the congregation so that what is taught, shared, and published reflects Scripture, the Reformed tradition, and the confessional commitments of the PC(USA). Accordingly, the blog is an extension of the teaching ministry of our pastor(s), in partnership with our program staff, and its content is curated to serve the congregation's spiritual formation, programmatic ministry, and public witness in Christ. From time to time, members and other staff may be invited to submit content, but the blog is not an open forum for individual theological commentary or personal opinions.

1. Approved Blog Categories

All posts must fit into one of the following four categories:

1. Posts from the Pastor(s)

Theological reflections, biblical commentary, spiritual matters, sermons or sermon excerpts, devotions, pastoral letters, and reflections on current events through a faith lens.

Responsible Staff: Pastor(s)

2. Posts from the Music & Arts Ministry

Reflections on music, worship planning, sacred art, choir life, special services, concerts, creative expression connected to faith, and the Performing Arts Series.

Responsible Staff: Director of Music & Arts

3. Posts from Children's & Family Ministry

Faith formation resources for children and families, family devotion ideas, program updates, and stories of ministry with children and youth.

Responsible Staff: Co-Directors of Christian Education

4. Mission, Service, and Church Life

Mission updates, service opportunities, testimonies, program highlights, volunteer stories, member biographies, congregational life features, and devotions submitted by members. Member contributions will be by invitation from the Pastor(s).

Responsible Staff: Pastor(s)

Posts that do not clearly align with one of these categories will not be published.

2. Who May Submit Content

- Pastor(s) may submit posts in any category. Program staff may submit posts and invite submissions from others within the categories they are responsible for.
- Church members may submit content by invitation or with prior approval from the responsible staff person.

Submission does not guarantee publication. All guest contributions shall be reviewed by the staff person responsible for that category.

The Pastor/Head of Staff has authority to determine whether submitted content is appropriate for publication, based on its alignment with the theology, mission, values, and purpose of the church blog. The blog is not an open forum for public posting.

3. Theological Alignment

All posts must:

- Be rooted in Scripture and consistent with the theological identity and confessional grounding of the Reformed tradition of the PC(USA).
- Avoid promoting personal theological positions as official church doctrine.
- Avoid promoting teachings, ideologies, interpretations, theological frameworks, or belief systems that contradict the church's core convictions.

The Pastor/Head of Staff has authority to determine theological suitability.

4. Tone & Spirit

All posts should:

- Reflect grace, humility, and pastoral sensitivity.
- Speak from a place of faith, hope, and love.
- Avoid shaming, belittling, mocking, or inflammatory language.
- Seek to build up the body of Christ.

5. Political & Social Issues

When addressing social or public issues:

- Posts must be grounded in Scripture and the Reformed tradition of the PC(USA).
- Posts must avoid partisan campaigning or endorsement of candidates.

- Posts should reflect the church's pastoral and prophetic commitments to love, justice, compassion, dignity, and inclusion.

The Pastor/Head of Staff shall review and give approval for such posts.

6. Content Standards

Posts must:

- Be originally crafted content or properly attributed (avoid plagiarism).
- Use respectful language.
- Be factually responsible.
- Typically fall within 700 – 1,500 words.

7. Editorial Review Process

1. All submissions by non-staff members are sent to the responsible staff person(s).
 - Submissions may be edited for: clarity, length, tone, theological consistency, grammar, and style.
2. Theological or content changes will be reviewed with the author when possible.

8. Disallowed Content

The blog will not publish:

- Personal attacks, complaints, unverified rumors, or speculation.
- Partisan campaigning or endorsement of political candidates.
- Individual commentary or personal opinions of members (unless invited by the staff person responsible for a particular category).
- Commercial advertising.
- Content that undermines the church's public witness.

9. Attribution

- Authors may be credited by name and/or ministry role.

10. Right to Decline or Remove Content

The blog exists to support the mission, theology, and pastoral witness of the congregation and is not an open forum for public posting. All blog content is subject to review and approval by the Pastor/Head of Staff, and they have authority to determine whether submitted content, including from staff, is appropriate for publication, based on its alignment with the theology, mission, values, and purpose of the church blog.

The Pastor/Head of Staff has the right to:

- Decline any submission.
- Remove previously published content if concerns arise regarding theology, tone, or appropriateness.

The Session has the right to:

- Decline any submission, other than those submitted by the pastor(s).
- Remove previously published content if concerns arise regarding theology, tone, or appropriateness, other than those submitted by the pastor(s).
 - If there are concerns with a pastor(s) posts, it is appropriate for Session to seek the guidance of the Presbytery, similar to how concerns with a pastor(s) preaching would be handled.

Appendix 7: Agenda February 2026



Session Agenda February 16, 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

Examination of Elder-Elect

- Examination of Elder-Elect Colleen Dueñas
- Recommendation for approving the Ordination and Installation of Elder-Elect Colleen Dueñas on February 22, 2026. To take place during Sunday morning service.

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 January 25, 2026, Called Session Meeting minutes.
- Approve the January 26, 2026, Session Meeting minutes
- Approve the 2026 Church Statistical Report. (Report is attached)
- Approve the Congregation members of the Session Committees.

- AGS: Remove Luann Fields, Add Sarah Oliver
- BGS: Remove Zoe McCallum
- CEFY: Remove Al Frolich, Paula Hartmann, Add Deanna Herman, Karla Ruiter, Sherry Williams
- Congregational Fellowship: no change reported
- Finance: Remove Chris Pitcher, Eric Scholl, Edward Owens, Add Kirk Christie, Stephanie Arp
- Hospitality & Welcoming: no change reported
- Personnel: Remove Dick Koos, Brian Price, Add Vicki Stegall, Dan Breinich
- Stewardship: Remove Sam Crow
- W & M: Remove Judy Wagschal, Add Patrick Downing
- 2026 Nominating Committee: Add Ted Brown, Judy Hawthorn, Nancy Foster, Colleen Dueñas

Clerk's Report

- Report from the Clerk of Session for February 2026 (see Session packet)
- It is requested that each committee has a representative at the February 22nd Annual Meeting to respond to any questions or comments from the congregation.
- Communications received by the Clerk:
 - None
- Action Item:
 - None

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
 - Due to the work preparing 2025 year-end reports, January 2026 Income/Expense and Custodial/Pass-Through reports will be presented in March.
- The BG&S committee moves to fund an amount NTE \$20K to find the leak(s), repair/re-plumb the water line(s) in and around the women's bathroom located on the first floor of the Christian Education Building.
- The W&M committee moves that Session approve the summer outdoor services. The three dates are June 14 (Juneteenth), July 12 (Blessing of the Animals), August 9.

- The W&M committee moves that Session approve holding two services on July 12. We aim to be an inclusive church; however, the Blessing of the Animals service does prevent a portion of our congregants from attending. We suggest holding two services - a standard 9:30am outdoor service and then an afternoon (2:00pm) outdoor Blessing of the Animals service that would be advertised to the community at large. This afternoon service would be a shorter blessing service style.
- The W&M committee moves that Session approve changing a previously approved communion date. Originally set as August 9, this requested change is for communion to occur on August 2 (Bix Sunday).
- The W&M committee moves that Session approve a fundraiser, called Hymn March Madness, where the congregation pays to vote for their favorite hymn. The fundraiser will take place over the six weeks leading up to Easter (start Feb. 22), using a similar bracket style to the NCAA Basketball Tournament March Madness. Brackets will be sold for \$5 or a packet of all 6 brackets for \$25. The proceeds will be put into the general fund. The Director of Music and Pastor will select the 64 hymns for the bracket and the Admin. Assistant to the Pastor will count the votes each week. The top 4 hymns will be featured at such a time as will be liturgically appropriate.

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

- Recommendation to approve the Church Blog Posting Guideline.

Evaluation of the Meeting

Adjournment

DATES TO REMEMBER	
Annual Congregational Meeting of FPC	Sunday, February 22, 2026
Upcoming Session Meetings	Monday, March 16, 2026 Monday, April 20, 2026

Next Presbytery Meeting, 220th	Thursday, April 18, 2026, 10 AM In-person and Zoom Iowa City, St Andrew
227 th General Assembly of PC(USA) (Co-Moderator election July 2, 2026)	Sunday, June 21 – Thursday, July 2, 2026 Baird Center, Milwaukee, WI
Ash Wednesday	Wednesday, February 18, 2026, 7:30 PM, Sanctuary
Lenten Small Groups	February through March