

Session Meeting
First Presbyterian Church
Davenport, Iowa
May 18, 2026

The stated meeting of the Session of First Presbyterian Church of Davenport, Iowa was held on Monday, May 18, 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.

During devotion time Pastor Kris led a discussion, using the questionnaire created by the PEIA Financial Sustainability Task Force, to ask Session to discern how God might be calling our church and presbytery to fulfill it's shared mission through the Unified Mission Pledges.

	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>
A	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>	A	Paula Hartmann <i>Personnel</i>	E	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>
		A	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>	P	Diana Miller-Bur <i>Admin Asst to Pastor</i>		

A Land Acknowledgement was read.

At 7:19 PM, Pastor Kris started the meeting with prayer.

Guests: FPC Staff Members, Deacon Vice Moderator Elizabeth Breinich

On motion and second, the Agenda was approved.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were presented on the Consent Agenda:

- Approve the April 20, 2026, Session Meeting minutes
- Ratify the E-vote of May 1, 2026 to allow for the collection of a purse for Linda Bengfort in appreciation of her 17-year tenure at FPC. Vote YES 14, NO 0.

On motion and second the consent agenda was approved.

CLERK'S REPORT

- The Clerk was asked about the Facebook Sunday worship service online views that have been much higher since February this year. Jim Middleton explained that Facebook has changed its algorithms. The Clerk stated that the smallest number is being reported.
- Each Committee and Subcommittee is to submit recommendations for any changes to their portion of the FPC Operations Manual at the September 21, 2026, Session Meeting. A separate email will follow assigning responsibilities to each committee.
- Clerk of Session, Julia Meyer, informed Session that Mark Jones would be Acting Clerk for the month of June.
- A review of Active Membership Roll list #6 by Session was made to provide comments about persons on the list who may be inactive.
- No revisions to the Elder Roster and Session Committee list of Elders and congregational members were requested
- Communications received by the Clerk:
 - None
- Action Item
 - None
- The report from the Clerk of Session for May 2026 is appended to these minutes.

DEACONS' REPORT – Deacon Vice-Moderator, Elizabeth Breinich wanted to highlight an approved motion by the Member Care Team, to invite all ages to the Homecoming event in the Autumn, while still emphasizing the 70 and over age group. The full report is appended.

SESSION COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS

- Written Session committee reports were received and are appended to these minutes.
- **Finance:** Finance provided the March 2026 Income/Expense and Custodial/Pass-Through Reports. Craig Foster commented on the preliminary April financials stating that there is a deficit of only \$3K YTD. This number is due to pledgers either front loading their 2026 pledges before the end of 2025 or before the June 30th Birdies for Charity deadline. It is still expected that the end of year deficit will be \$119K. The good news is that FPC has a fund balance of \$460K but it won't last forever.

	March 2026		March 2025	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	\$ 66,036	\$ 66,420	\$ 68,560	\$ 57,965
Custodial Accounts Income	6,824	-	7,781	-
Compensation Expenses	(53,426)	(56,299)	(50,293)	(53,220)
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	(26,494)	(24,975)	(17,055)	(23,522)
Custodial Accounts Expenses	(6,824)	-	(7,781)	-
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	(\$13,884)	(\$14,854)	\$1,212	(\$18,777)
Restricted Fund Grant Income	-	-	-	-
Net Insurance Claim Inc/(Exp)	-	-	(2,396)	-
Net Surplus (Deficit)	(\$13,884)	(\$14,854)	(\$1,184)	(\$18,777)
	2026 Year-To-Date		2025 Year-To-Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	\$ 249,929	\$ 263,099	\$ 285,497	\$ 284,925
Custodial Accounts Income	9,648	-	13,658	-
Compensation Expenses	(161,432)	(168,914)	(153,950)	(160,445)
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	(66,695)	(77,558)	(56,691)	(74,467)
Custodial Accounts Expenses	(9,648)	-	(13,658)	-
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	\$21,802	\$16,627	\$74,856	\$50,013
Restricted Fund Grant Income	-	-	-	-
Net Insurance Claim Inc/(Exp)	-	-	(2,396)	-
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$21,802	\$16,627	\$72,460	\$50,013

All numbers are rounded.

- Sharon Simmonds made a motion to approve the FPC-Davenport Speaker's Program Operational Rules, which is appended. After discussion, **on motion and second** the motion was approved.
 - Sharon Simmonds made a motion to approve Kent Schroder, Chris Pitcher, Nancy Foster, Sharon Simmonds and Mark Jones to the Speaker's Program Subcommittee for 3-years terms and Staff Liaison, Rev. Schondelmeyer. **On motion and second** the motion carried.
 - Sharon Simmonds made a motion to approve David Lamotte as the first presenter and the proposed budget. This document is appended. **On motion and second** the motion carried.
 - The W& M Committee made a motion to have FPC host a school (Creative Arts Academy) choir concert on Tuesday, January 12, 2027, at 6:00 PM with a reception to follow in Fellowship Hall. After discussion **on motion and second** the motion was approved.
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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, his ministry has continued to focus on worship leadership, pastoral care, strategic discernment, and preparing the congregation for the seasons ahead in ministry and worship.

Pastoral Care & Congregational Life

He met with two different families in preparation for memorial services that will take place over the next two weekends.

Worship & Preaching

Over the past month, he has been preaching through our sermon series titled "Follow the Yellow Brick Road." Using themes and imagery from The Wizard of Oz, the series has explored questions of discipleship, identity, truth, courage, gifts, and the movement of the Holy Spirit in our lives. He has also begun planning for summer worship and has developed a general worship framework stretching through the Advent season. His goal is to have the majority of worship planning details entered into our worship planning file prior to General Assembly this summer.

Adult Spiritual Growth

He has continued facilitating SermonTalks Bible Study on Thursday mornings as we reflect more deeply on scripture and its connection to daily life and discipleship. In Adult Sunday School, he continues to facilitate discussion using Rob Bell's NOOMA video series. These conversations invited participants into meaningful reflection and dialogue around faith, spirituality, and Christian living.

Leadership, Administration & Strategic Discernment

He continued to meet regularly with staff and ministry leaders as we coordinate the ongoing life and ministry of the congregation. He also continued meeting with various committees and ministry leaders throughout the life of the church as we continue to discern faithful next steps in a variety of areas.

He met both with the Strategic Discernment Team as a whole and individually with several SDT members as we continue moving deeper into the discernment process. This work continues to focus on translating our ministry priorities into concrete commitments, sustainable structures, and faithful next steps for the future of the congregation. As part of this work, I also met with our architects alongside members of the SDT Architect Task Force as we continue discerning how our physical space can best support the vision and priorities emerging through the discernment process.

He met with several young parents and other members of the congregation as Personnel continued gathering feedback and perspectives related to the development of a Registered Sex Offender policy for the church. This continues to be a thoughtful and careful process as we center those who are most vulnerable. A draft policy is expected to come before Session within the next couple of months.

Additionally, Personnel has continued work on revisions to the staff vacation policy. I have been involved in conversations and revisions related to that process, and the updated policy recommendation is expected to come before Session in June.

Looking Ahead

Over the next month, part of my work will include preparations related to the 227th General Assembly of the PC(USA). As candidates for Co-Moderator, Rev. Marta Pumroy-Cordero and I will be participating in webinars, town halls, and interviews connected to the discernment process leading up to the Assembly.

As always, much of pastoral ministry continues through ongoing conversations, moments of care, leadership, planning, and presence that often happen quietly throughout the rhythms of congregational life. I remain grateful for the opportunity to serve alongside this congregation during this important season of ministry, discernment, and hope.

OTHER BUSINESS

A report of the highlights from the April 22, 2026, SDT Meeting are appended to this document.

Evaluation of the Meeting: It was suggested that the Deacon report be assigned earlier on the Agenda. However, since the expectation is that the Deacon Board representative would stay for the whole meeting, no change was made.

ADJOURNMENT

No new business was brought to the floor. The Moderator closed the meeting with prayer at 8:35 PM.

The next Stated Meeting of the Session of First Presbyterian Church, Davenport, Iowa is June 15, 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

REPORT OF THE CLERK OF SESSION

May 2026

I. Membership Change

Death of Member

Dennis A. Johns of League City, TX died April 28, 2026. A funeral service was held at FPC on May 14, 2026, officiated by the Rev. Dr Kristopher Schondelmeyer. He became a member in 1964 and served as an Elder and a Deacon.

Laura M. Henneman of Davenport, IA died March 29, 2026. She became a member in 1992.

Members Removed

At the April 2026 Meeting, following Session review, the Session acted to remove the names listed below from Active Membership status at FPC.

Patty Scott

Oliver Banks

II. Communion

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

Communion was held on Easter, April 5, 2026, at 9:30 PM. The Rev Dr. Kristopher Schondelmeyer officiated.

Home communion (Communion to the Furthest Pew) was served on April 30, 2026, by Deacon Andy Edwards and Marty Bowles-Edwards to 2 FPC member.

III. Building Use Commission

Request by member Kay Ferris, Belle Academy, to use the 3rd floor of the CE building for pictures on May 2, 2026, from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The BUC approved this request.

Request by non-member/Staff, Alex Gilson, to hold a piano recital in the Sanctuary on May 8, 2026, from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. The BUC approved this request.

IV. CEFY and Adult Christian Education Attendance

April 2025	Nursery	Pray-ground	Sunday School All Grades	Pre-K to 2	Tweens	Youth	Musik-garten*	Kirkwood Choir	Youth Choir	Youth Ministry	Adult Sunday School	Women of Hope	Contemplative Lenten Series	Bible Basics
4/1-4/5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8		8	6
4/6 - 4/12	4	10	8	2	6	0	6/3	8	5	8/5		5	--	5
4/13 - 4/19	4	10	Manna & More	Manna & More	Manna & More	Manna & more	Manna & More	9#	Recess	2	Manna & More		--	Recess
4/20 - 4/26	2	29	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess		--	6
4/27-4/30	5	10	10	4	4	2	7/5	6	6	8/4*	14		--	7
Total	15	59	18	6	10	2	13	23	11	16	22	5	8	24
Weekly avg	4	15	9	3	5	1	6/4	8	5	8/4	11		8	7
			#Sang in Worship						*Kids Against Hunger					

Children and Youth										
April 2026	Nursery	Pray-ground	Sunday School All Grades	1st/2nd	Tweens	Confirmation Class	Musik-garten*	Kirkwood Choir	Youth Choir	Youth Ministry*
4/1-4/4										
4/5-4/11	4	13	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess
4/12-4/18	2	10	M & M	M & M	M & M	M & M	M & M	6	Recess	8/4
4/19-4/25	2	10	9	4	5	2	3/1*	7	KAH	KAH
4/26-4/30	2	12	13	4	6	3	4/4	7/5^	11	7/4
Total	10	45	22	8	11	5	7/5	20	11	15/8
Weekly avg	3	11	11	4	6	3	3/2	7	11	8/4
							*Child/Adult		^Sang in Worship	

Adult Spiritual Growth				
April 2026	Adult Sunday School (weekly)	Women of Hope (monthly)	Bible Basics (weekly)	Sermon Talks (weekly)
4/1-4/4			6	7
4/5-4/11	Recess	7	5	6
4/12-4/18	M & M		5	9
4/19-4/25	#		5	7
4/26-4/30	17		5	8
Total	17	7	26	37
Weekly avg	17	7	5	7
#Foundation Program				

V. Worship Attendance

April 2025		Cong. Count	Choir & Clergy	Totals
	9:30 AM	102	42	144
	On-line Views			45
6	Total			189
Palm Sunday	9:30 AM	106	50	156
	On-line Views			52
13	Total			208
Easter	9:30 AM	203	42	245
	On-line Views			70
20	Total			315
	9:30 AM	125	4	129
	On-line Views			57
27	Total			186
		Monthly Totals		898
		Weekly Average		224
Good Friday	7:00 PM	42	62	107
18	Total			107

On-line views are based on livestream views and other views 2 weeks after the last service date. Weekly average is figured on the sanctuary attendance plus views on Facebook and Vimeo. Monthly totals and weekly average based on Sundays only.

April 2026		Cong. Count	Choir & Clergy	Totals
Maundy Thursday	6:30 PM	56	2	58
2	Total			58
Good Friday	7:30 PM	85	62	156
3	Total			156
Easter	9:30 AM	190	57	247
	On-line Views			248
5	Total			495
	9:30 AM	102	20	122
	On-line Views			220
12	Total			342
	9:30 AM	107	28	135
				210
19	Total			345
	9:30 AM	95	52	147
				225
26	Total			372
		Monthly Totals		1554
		Weekly Average		388

On-line views are based on livestream views and other views 2 weeks after the last service date. Weekly average is figured on the sanctuary attendance plus views on Facebook and Vimeo. Monthly totals and weekly average based on Sundays only.

Session Committee/Commission Reports: May 2026



Building, Grounds & Safety

4 May 2026

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

Absent: Matt Kabel, Pete Madden

1. Call to order 5:35 PM

2. Approval of Feb Minutes – Andy/Nathan

3. Old Business:

a. 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 labor. Due to this being excessive and no work truly accomplished, Matt contacted Crawford and got the invoice reduced to \$375.

b. Removal of old mower and metal in foundation garage – Nancy is working with Foundation BOT who is reviewing bids and will schedule demo. Low bid is \$1950

c. Old snow blower status – one is absolutely fine, other two are still being evaluated. - Dan

d. Need space for wheelchairs in sanctuary. Dan reviewed with Andy and determined a path forward.

e. Reviewing water softener use for boilers to gauge consumption. Darren is reviewing water consumption since boilers are still in use.

f. Darren is calling Kone regarding bill for elevator doors as it seemed high. Also another door was sticking. Darren is reviewing the two invoices to see which was for what service and then addressing the fee.

g. Porte Cochere light power is being isolated from stairwell lights so it can remain on at night without leaving inside lights on. Schedule for continued work on 5/11/26

h. Potential gas leak / smell around ovens. Dan and Andy evaluated, a couple of pilots were out, all need cleaning. Service is scheduled with CONES on 5/11/26.

i. Chapel roof repair now that it is warmer. This is paid for and White Roofing will be out mid May – Andy

4. Needed Repairs:

a. *Minor* ≤ \$1000

i. Heat tape needed in downspout, east side of Sanctuary bldg., after White Roofing is completed (see above).

ii. Gutter guards have been installed on shed.

iii. 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. Dan, Week of 7 June

iv. Flood lights on dormers of bell tower (only south one works) – waiting for warmer weather. Dan, Week of 7 June

v. North dormer window blank – waiting for warmer weather. Dan, Week of 7 June

vi. Radiator vent leak in Men's bathroom, 1st Floor CE building repaired.

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

- viii. Walls around and in Women's bathroom, 1st floor CE has been completed. Fully operational. Nice job Darren and Dr. Andy!
- ix. Oven temperature thermostat/regulator issue to where temp is running low about 25 degrees. Thermostat has been remounted. Need to check temp when running. CONES can look at it.
Dan/Andy
- x. New water fountain for second and possibly third floor CE. Dan is getting a contractor to repair existing and quote on new.
- xi. Lights in sanctuary ceiling. Need to replace bulbs that are not working. Darren to get with Jim on replacing.
- xii. Lights in Sanctuary ceiling under the balcony, Darren is investigating to see what is currently installed and then get the correct lights.
- xiii. Assoc Pastor office refresh - Dan
- b. *Moderate \$1000 to \$5000*
- c. *Major ≥\$5000*
- i. 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.
- ii. 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 request at this time. Dan has asked for a quote for a full Carillon digital bell system that also rings the physical bell. Will be greater than \$25K, at which point the Foundation will need to consider using recent funds that are meant for "music".
- 5. New Business:**
- a. Landscaping budget for sub-committee on landscaping. Motion made by Andy, second by Nathan to give the total landscaping budget of \$2500 to the subcommittee (Julia) for plants, mulch, fertilizer, weed killer, etc. to use as she determines is best and Darren to manage the separate custodial landscaping budget line of \$1000. Approved unanimously.
- b. Spring Cleaning date for the maintenance area – 6/13/2026, 9:00AM.
- c. Compassion Camp BGS to serve lunch on Monday 6/15/2026 11:00AM. Karla's in charge! Andy and Dan (if available) have agreed to help serve.
- 6. Motions made for Session - None**
7. Next Meeting: 1 June 2026, 5:30PM – Parlor
8. Adjourned 7:05PM



Finance Committee

Minutes for April 14, 2025

Present were Stephanie Arp, Nancy Chapman, Craig Foster, Karen Moore, Pam Paulsen, Tom Spitzfaden and Rev. Kris Schondelmeyer. Absent were Kristine Olson and Kirk Christie.

Minutes of the March meeting were approved.
Karen agreed to take notes.

There are no March 2026 Financials as Kristine is absent and there is no update on Conversion to Quick Books status.

Craig reported on the 2025 Procedures review. We are waiting for Kristine's response.

Sarah Oliver, a congregational member, is interested in helping with grants and met with Nancy to discuss this.

The 2026 review is waiting on dates in May/June and prework from Kristine/Tammy.

Tom will follow up on the Magnusson bequest. It should be finalized soon.

Craig reported on the designated fund methodology. In 2027 we will report expenses in the proper department and income will be shown as designated income.

The roofing project will be starting soon. The church is responsible to get a check to White Roofing.

The church's cash position is fine.

Finance Committee will provide lunch for Vacation Bible School on June 16.

Next meeting if Tuesday, May 12 at 7:00 pm.

The meeting adjourned with prayer by Pam.



Personnel Committee

Minutes for May 4, 2026, 7:30 PM

Attendees: RuthAnn Tobey-Brown, Paula Hartmann, Vicki Stegall, Linda Meadors, Dan Brenich, Pastor Kris Schondelmeyer

The personnel committee met with the young parents to get their input on a sex offenders policy. We had a very good discussion, and the personnel committee will have a recommendation in the near future.

The personnel committee then held their meeting to discuss the MOU's for Abby and Marty. These have been submitted to Session with updates to compensation as approved in the budget.

We will meet with the staff for a midyear goals review in the next month.

The meeting was adjourned with Prayer by Pastor Kris.

Minutes prepared by RuthAnn Tobey-Brown.



CEFY

Minutes for 5/12/2026 7:30 PM on Zoom

Attendees: Marty, Abby, Kathy K., Kathy M. Guests: Judy Hawthorne, Carol Scherz

Abby opened in prayer

Budget- was discussed briefly but didn't have the most up to date information, but thought it would be coming soon. Talked about moving some items purchased for VBS CC into the offset fund

Manna and More this Sunday May 17- recognizing volunteers and graduates.

Two graduates- neither are able to be in attendance: Ethan Peterson, and Rachel Frolich

May 24th is confirmation for two students.

The Playground has been well used during Sunday morning services as well as other events; Justice Choir, a concert and a funeral

Musikgarten will be taking off a few weeks this summer. Those dates will be published in the weekly email that Abby sends out

Compassion Camp was the big focus. Lots of hands-on activities for the children to do. Splitting age groups to help the activities be more age appropriate for each group. They are having shirts made from a local printing shop, using a design from one of the youth at youth group. They want to focus on creating something that the parents and kids will both use again versus a throw away item. Looking at hats and cups for the children to use all week. Snacks will be provided, there will be the ingredients and the children will be able to make their own snacks with the items. For example a piece of cheese and a cookie cutter to make shapes with the cheese. Lunch will be provided each day by different committees. Elizabeth Brenich will do yoga with the children each day as well.

Nothing needs to be presented to the Session

Marty closed in prayer at about 8:35 PM.



Worship and Music

Monday, April 27, 2026, at 7:30pm

Attendees: Diana Miller-Bur, Wendy Hammen, Dianna Darland, Matt Bishop, Pastor Kris

Guests: Julia Meyer, Chris Connolly

Excused Absences: Patrick Downing, Judy Wagschal

Pastor Kris opened in prayer

Went over our upcoming special services - Pentecost Sunday – May 24 –hang “fire” streamers and doves, keep the rest of the Wizard of Oz display; Pride Sunday – May 31– want rainbow streamers, litany with rainbow candles, flags (need to iron); Bix Sunday– August 2 – communion Sunday; Kick Off Sunday – September 13 – youth dancers –Pastor Kris will reach out to Michelle Kabel

Outdoor services are the 2nd Sunday of the month: June 14 – Juneteenth – plan to invite a guest speaker (Shani McIlwain); July 12; August 9

Blessing of the Animals will be a distinct afternoon blessing service on October 4 (Feast

Day of St. Francis of Assisi) – this will not be a worship service
 Compassion Camp – hosting pizza lunch on Friday, June 19 – will pass around envelope at choir rehearsal to fund – it has been requested that committee members attend the lunch
 Julia Meyer – Strategic Discernment Team – Excellence in Worship
 Take away – once we have an associate pastor, there will be more time to augment our worship services with dramatic readings, skits, etc.
 Chris Connolly – Strategic Discernment Team – Music
 Take away – consider funding new Glory to God hymnals (\$25 per)
 Matt B's Updates:
 Good Friday 2027 – treat it like a normal service next year, choir sing a couple pieces only, not a choir-centric service, opens possibilities for other creative arts
 Musical – rehearsals under way
 Justice Choir of the Midwest
 Nov. 15 = fall concert
 Do we want to host a winter/January choir concert for the Creative Arts Academy?
 Committee agreed to send a motion to Session for approval to host a school choir concert – it is community engagement with Sudlow Middle School, keeping the relationship positive
 PAS – Announcement Party at Grape Life, Thursday, August 27 6-8pm
 Discussed the next two seasons of PAS – who is coming and when, pricing, etc.
 Kansas City Trip – well in hand; concert at Village Presbyterian Church

Composing piece with Pastor Kris – in the works – will be ready for Advent
 The next Travel Fellowship opportunity – Wales to hear Welsh choral music – ACFEA will organize the trip – Feb/Mar 2027 – need over 10 attendees, couple dozen maximum
 Next meeting? 4th Monday of the month at 7:30pm – August 24



Strategic Discernment Team

The minutes of the April 22 meeting are not yet available and will be shared with Session when they are. Here are the highlights of the meeting.

In the March 7 meeting of the SDT, the Team reviewed the “ministry priorities” based on input from the congregation. They 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

Also on March 7, the SDT listed ministry commitments based on FPC's stated purpose and were to develop in the April 22 meeting:

- Answer “Who”/”How often”/”When” questions for each ministry commitment

- Determine who ensures the commitments will happen
- Decide who leads each commitment, how much time will be needed, whether leadership will be staff (paid) or volunteer
- Create a resulting staffing plan and schedule
- Propose an operational budget for the above, as well as suggesting sources of funding to sustain these ministries

At the April 22 meeting it was decided to have seven members of the SDT (other than those on the architect subcommittee) lead on one of the seven ministry priorities and return to the next meeting on May 27 with answers to the above questions for his/her priority. As part of their work, the members were to consult with appropriate staff and volunteers.

In addition, there was a brief update from the subcommittee working with the architects. Bray Architects met with the SDT subcommittee on April 13, and it was decided to meet every two weeks to start to assess the total project and to develop a master plan. Minutes of the meetings are shared with the SDT, and a report will be developed for Session by the June 15th meeting.

FPC Staff Report, May 2026



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

Wrote a Creation lesson for Sunday School for April 26. Children worked together to illustrate the first biblical creation story. Focused on the power of God, the call for humans to be care takers of creation, the value of Sabbath rest, and that God deemed it all to be Good. The Children were challenged to work together on the illustration of the seven day creation story.

End of the year Sunday School and Musikgarten party May 2. Held time and space to children and families to celebrate Linda Bengfort's retirement. Honored children's request to play on the playground where conversation and play was held. There information was gathered from children, parents and teachers regarding the Sunday school year programming, things the children wish they knew more about, and any talents or hobbies the Adults would like to share with the children. CEFY Volunteers will be recognized in worship on May 17 with a reception to follow.

Rehearsed and sang with the Kirkwood choir and parents for worship on April 26, learning the African song, Tumefurahi.

Worship bags and Prayground were well utilized this past month. Children were welcomed and supported through their time in the Sanctuary. Children attending a funeral, Justice choir performances, and worship services. Supplies were refurbished following each service and program.

Participated in the Strategic Discernment process, representing the interests and needs of children and youth, and the discerned priorities of the congregation for children and youth ministries.

Worked on recruiting needed support, supplies, and volunteers for the June 15-19 VBS-Compassion Camp. A Youth Group participant was contracted to create the digital logo for compassion camp.

Coordinated and supported the confirmation students, that are prepared to be confirmed, as they shared their Statements of Faith at the April 20th Session meeting. On May 24th, they will be confirmed in the worship service and honored at a reception.

Secured a male youth mentor for next year for youth group.

Reached out to families of those youth that a graduating. The month of May will include preparing the presentation of recognition and a reception. 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. Youth Mentor Appreciation coming up.



Matt Bishop, Director of Music & Arts

- The Chamber Chorale finished its season with an Eastertide Service of Lessons and Carols on April 19.
- The Justice Choir of the Midwest held its spring concert on April 26 and raised \$1,079 for Living Lands and Waters.
- Linda Bengfort has officially retired from her position as Assistant Choral Director and was honored in worship on May 3.
- On May 6th I accompanied (on piano) Alex Gilson for his Musical Interlude performance of the Haydn Cello Concerto No. 1.
- Rehearsals for the PAS production of *Tuck Everlasting* in June are happening 3-4 times per week at this point and will soon increase.
- The Quad City Youth Choir holds its spring concert on Sunday, May 17.
- Rehearsals for the QC Pride Pop-Up Choir begin May 17. This community group (a collaboration with Clock Inc.) will sing on the evening of June 5 at the QC Pride Fest at Schwiebert Park in Rock Island. I am arranging one of the three pieces the choir is singing.
- I am working to coordinate FPC's booth at the Schwiebert Park Pride Fest June 5-6. If any Elder would like to take part, please let me know.
- I continue to represent FPC on the board of the Affirming Congregations of the Quad Cities, which is planning for joint events during pride month.
- I anticipate having a PAS 2026-2027 season proposal to Session for approval next month.



Jim Middleton, Director of Office Administration

The rollout of Breeze member access continued steadily throughout April, with 57 members now fully activated in the system. Support for onboarding and troubleshooting remained ongoing as additional members began using the platform.

Routine office functions proceeded smoothly throughout the month. Core responsibilities included managing the phone system, overseeing building access control, coordinating document production and copying needs, and maintaining office equipment and software systems. Weekly worship support also continued without interruption, including the preparation and production of approximately 150 worship service bulletins each week.

Overall, April was marked by consistent workflow, reliable administrative operations, and system access initiatives.



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.

- REVISED March General Fund Financials were provided to the Finance Committee Wednesday, May 13th . April DRAFT General Fund Financials were provided to the

Finance Committee on Friday, April 15th . However, these have not been reviewed/approved for the Session meeting on May 18th.

- 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.
- 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.
- The QuickBooks Online Transition imploded due to an egregious error on my end and unfortunate QBO circumstances. With complete support from Finance, Pastor Kris, staff, and members, and through the dedicated and enormous help from Stephanie Arp and Craig Foster, we have nearly completed the transition. Once all Q1 2026 and April financials, all monthly/quarterly reconciliations, and journal entries are completed and reviewed, we will be focused on May going forward and other Finance projects that have been put on hold due to the QBO transition.



Darren Long, Director of Building and Grounds

- Have replaced 2 toilets in the 1st floor restroom.
- Converted office #206 to all LED lighting.
- Started to do outside work now that it has warmed up mowing, weeding and figuring how to hide our black downspouts from being eye sores.
- Arranged security for upcoming events.
- Realigned parking curbs and getting ready to drill new holes for rebar to hold in place.
- Got bids for foundation to tear down garage on rental property on Pershing St.
- Lots of minor maintenance around church & CE building.
- Working with Sean Jacobsmeier on getting the outside landing at the Porte Cochere door lit up at night.
- Took a week off to work around my house.

Appendix 4: Deacon Board Meeting, May 2026

Minutes for Deacon Board Meeting

May 11, 2026, 7:00 PM

Attendance: Dan Breinich, Andy Edwards, Pat Halverson, Lois Boyer, Connie Connolly, Andrew Darland, Steve Earp, Scott Johnson, Heidi Pedersen, Mason Pedersen, Amy Saskowski, Sarah Soenksen, Sherry Williams, Bill Yingling, Gail Yingling, Doug Wells **Zoom:** Bob Lehnherr, Kris Woodard

Absent: Elizabeth Breinich, Kris Schondelmeyer, Carrie Braun, Cherrie Umland-Burns, Al Frohlich, John Gere, Katrina Williams

Opening Prayer: Heidi Pedersen

- Green Envelopes: Received \$3,000 through March \$400 over expected budget.

Member Care:

- Furthest Pew-Andy and Marty went to three congregational members homes two of which were served home communion.
- Elements for the Furthest Pew are in fellowship hall in the cabinets
- Cabinet remains unlocked
- Homecoming: Steve Earp had a discussion with Pastor Kris regarding the Homecoming Event.
The event needs to change to include everyone in the church including people who are not able to get to the church on a regular basis.

Motion: Sherry Williams made a motion to make homecoming a whole church event with emphasis on including the older population. The motion was passed unanimously.

- Steve Earp: Discussion regarding a Men's Fellowship breakfast. Possibly every other month or on a quarterly basis. Possible sites include Machine Shed, Duck Creek Pancake House. A venue that would allow a separate space for a large group. Andy will talk to Pastor Kris about the fellowship.
- Funeral Support:
Dennis Johns Funeral- Thursday, May 14th, 2026
Volunteers-Connie Connolly, and Doug Wells
- The Jim Tucker service will be at the Summit. Sunday, May 31st, 2026
The church will have no responsibilities.
- Ardell Hawley, May 23rd, 2026, at 11:30 funeral at the church. Committee will find out what needs to be done regarding the service.
- Baseball: Scheduled for June 30th, 2026, at Modern Woodmen Park
A sign-up sheet will be provided for people who are interested in attending.

PUNCH: Sunday, June 7th from 1-2 at The Center [graduation celebration]

Sherry Williams is awaiting an actual list for gifts.

Gifts cost between \$600 and \$1000

Outreach:

- Caring Closet: May 5th- laundry cards [25] gone within 10 minutes
- Lunches [72 were made and gone quickly]
- Picnic: September 13th, 2026
Dunk tank cost: \$255.00 Pastor Kris wants this for a fundraiser opportunity

Bounce House and big tent

- Juneteenth: June 20th, 2026, from 11-4 [On second street between Bray and Harrison] flip flops will be given out, arrangements for minute for mission and booth with Kathy Pratcher Woods will be made.
- Meal Site [57 meals were served]

Mission Connection:

- Habitat for Humanity location is 424 East 15th St., Davenport
They made good progress at the last event. Gail Yingling is looking into see if there is indoor work that can be done in the fall.

- Kids Against Hunger- Once a year
- Mission Trip: Andy will look for 2 places that could be a weekend event that is located close enough to drive.

Compassion Camp: Deacons are responsible for lunch on Thursday, June 18th

Hot dogs and macaroni and cheese made by Sarah Soenksen. A fruit and dessert is still needed.

Fill The Truck:

Collect Hygiene packs. Andy will send \$50 for the church's contribution

Closing Prayer: Heidi Pedersen

Minutes by Dan Breinich

Appendix 5: Speaker's Program Operational Rules, May 2026

First Presbyterian Church, Davenport

FPC-Davenport Speaker's Program Operational Rules

Intent and Guiding Principles

The intent of the Speaker's Program is to enhance the discipleship of members of FPC. Invited speakers would be asked to present topics that are focused on FPC's purpose and mission. Preference would be given to those speakers that can present a contemporary program with a broader application to which the entire QC community would be invited.

Speakers can be considered local, regional, or national thought leaders.

As a Matthew 25 congregation and members of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians, these commitments should be strongly considered in the selection of speakers.

Operations

- A program committee will serve as a sub-committee of the Adult Spiritual Growth Committee.
- Membership of the program committee
 - The committee will have 3-6 members plus the Head of Staff or his or her designee.
 - All will be voting members.
 - Members would be nominated by the Head of Staff and approved by Session.
 - One member shall be a current member of the Adult Spiritual Growth Committee.
 - The Head of Staff appoints the Chair.
 - Membership would follow the rules of the FPC Session
 - Appointments would be for a 3-year term with the option of a second 3-year term. Shorter term appointments may be considered when appropriate. Staggered terms are preferred.
 - Following 6-years of service, the member must be off the committee for 1 year before being considered for re-appointment.
 - No spouses or parent and their children would be allowed to serve together.
- Meetings
 - Meetings are called as necessary by the Chair or the Head of Staff.
 - Remote meetings and E-voting are allowed as provided by the FPC Bylaws.
 - A quorum will be 50% of the voting members.
- Programming
 - Speakers should be selected based on their ability to deliver the appropriate content to the church and, preferably, also to the broader community. Ideally, the speaker will give two or more presentations, of which at least one will be broadly advertised to the community. If appropriate, speakers can be invited to participate

in Sunday worship and/or adult education classes. Workshop presentations can also be considered.

- The number of speakers per year will be the choice of the committee based on availability and funding.
 - Budgets and programming would be presented to Session for approval.
- The program committee shall maintain regular communications with the Adult Spiritual Growth Committee.

Financial Considerations

- Funding for this program will be through gifts and donations.
- Direct monetary support through the FPC General Fund or the Foundation of First Presbyterian Church would be at the discretion of the Session of FPC or the Members of the FPC Foundation, respectively.
- Indirect support of the programming by the church may include use of the facilities, assistance in publicity, and custodial services. If possible, the speakers' program will cover these expenses.
- A custodial fund will be created to provide accounting for monies collected and distributed.
- Individual donations or grants can be solicited and accepted.
- Unused portions of the fund at the end of each year are to be continued in the same custodial fund for use in subsequent years.
- Generally, all presentations will be free to church members and the public. Free-will offerings would be acceptable and be retained in the custodial fund to cover expenses. A ticketed event may be considered for extraordinary programs. These monies would also be retained by the custodial fund for expenses.
- If the program is abandoned, the balance of funds can be used at the discretion of the FPC Session.

Appendix 6:

To FPC Session
From: Mark Jones

May 10, 2026

Re: Proposal for inaugural event of the *First Presbyterian Church of Davenport presents Kirkwood Seminars on Faith and Life* series (referred to for the remainder of this document as *Kirkwood Seminars*).

The Session of FPC is asked to approve the following proposal before a final agreement is signed.

A tentative agreement has been made to bring speaker, author and musician, David LaMotte to FPC on October 17-18, 2026. He would be the inaugural presenter for the *Kirkwood Seminars* series, approved by Session in November 2025.

While the intent of the *Kirkwood Seminars* series is to primarily bring speakers to FPC, Mr. LaMotte's unique combination of skills allows us to offer a special weekend-long program to the church and the community for this inaugural event. Please see the attached page for excerpts from David Lamotte's bio.

Proposed Engagement at First Presbyterian Church, Davenport:

• Saturday 17, 2026, mid-morning event for young families with children.

Mr. Lamotte will read his children's book, *SS Bathtub*, and sing a few songs. This will be about a 30-45-minute program. It will be open to the public.

- **• Saturday, 17, 2026, evening: Public lecture and concert**
- ○ 6:30 – 7:15 PM: Public presentation based on the theme of creating change in the world – the idea that we are all changing the world whether we intend to or not, and what it looks like to make positive change amid the anxieties of this moment.
- ○ *Intermission – fellowship time, light snacks; possible short entertainment program*
- ○ 7:45 – 8:45 PM – Public Concert
- Mr. LaMotte will be available to meet with attendees following the concert

• Sunday, October 18, 2026, morning worship and education program

- Mr. Lamotte will participate in 9:30AM worship. This will include special music that may include the Sanctuary Choir on one song. He has been asked to offer the sermon. This has not yet been confirmed.
- Leading Adult Spiritual Growth at 10:45AM. Mr. Lamotte will lead the adult Sunday school class with an interactive conversation around his book and/or the sermon. Note: The congregation will be engaged in a study of his book in the fall of 2026 – *You Are Changing the World – Whether You Like It or Not*.

Costs: The cost of this weekend-long event will be covered by donations already committed plus a free-will offering taken at the Saturday evening program.

The following costs are estimates based on early discussions:

- Mr. Lamotte's fee \$ 5,000
- Airline flight, roundtrip \$ 800
- Hotel, 2 nights \$ 400
- Tech Support \$ 100
- Publicity \$ 200
- Parking lot security – Saturday night \$ 210

Estimated Total Cost: \$ 6,710

Additional details:

- David LaMotte will have books and music CDs for sale during the weekend.
- We have permission to record the events for use by First Presbyterian Church.
- Volunteers will be invited to act as greeters at the Saturday morning and Saturday evening programs, help sell merchandise (books and CDs), chauffeur duties and possibly for other tasks.

Excerpts from David LaMotte's bio. For full bio and more, visit: [David LaMotte - Speaker • Author • Musician](#)

David LaMotte is a songwriter, speaker, and author. As a musician, David has performed over 3500 concerts and released thirteen full-length CDs of primarily original music, touring in all of the fifty states and on five of the seven continents.

His dense speaking and workshop calendar has included presenting at the PC(USA) Mission to the United Nations, keynoting peace conferences in India, Australia, Germany and at the Scottish Parliament, as well as offering the baccalaureate for graduates of Atlanta's Columbia Seminary. In June of 2025, he keynoted the opening plenary of the Rotary International Convention in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, for an audience of 16,000 people.

David has published four books, including two illustrated children's books. The first based on his award-winning children's song *SS Bathtub* and the second, *White Flour*, is based on the true story of a creative, effective, and whimsical response to a Ku Klux Klan march in Knoxville, Tennessee by a group called the Coup Clutz Clowns.

LaMotte's fourth book, *You Are Changing the World Whether You Like It Or Not*, has been used as a textbook at universities and colleges across the US and in Australia. Professors at Westminster College in Pennsylvania taught an entire course based on the book in 2024, and Gannon University chose it as their "Gannon READS" selection for 2025, providing every incoming student with a copy of the book, and incorporating it into their First Year Seminar class. He will also speak in Erie, Pennsylvania in 2025, as part of the Jefferson Educational Society's Global Summit XXVII, in a speaker series that also includes Neil deGrasse Tyson, Mike Pence, and Barack Obama.

Appendix 7: Agenda, May 2026



Session Agenda May 18, 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 Šakówiŋ, 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

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 April 20, 2026, Session Meeting minutes.
- Ratify the E-vote of May 1, 2026, to allow for the collections of a purse for Linda Bengfort in appreciation of her 17-year tenure at FPC.

Vote: YES 14, NO 0.

Clerk's Report

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

- Each Committee and Subcommittee are to submit recommendations for any changes to their portion of the FPC Operations Manual at the September 21, 2026, Session meeting. Separate email to follow to assign areas of responsibility.
- Clerk of Session, Julia Meyer, will be out of the country next month. Mark Jones will be Acting-Clerk for the June 15, 2026, Session Meeting, as approved by Session on December 15, 2025.
- Review of Active Membership Roll List #6 by Session to provide comments about persons on the list who may be inactive.
- 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
 - The March 2026 Income/Expense and Custodial/Pass-Through reports.
 - Motions:
 - Motion to approve the FPC-Davenport Speaker's Program Operational Rules. The document is attached.
 - Motion to approve Kent Schroder, Chris Pitcher, Nancy Foster, Sharon Simmonds and Mark Jones to the Speaker's Program Committee for 3-year terms. Staff Liaison, Rev. Schondelmeyer.
 - Motion to approve David Lamotte as the first presenter and the proposed budget. The document is attached.
 - The W&M Committee moves that FPC hosts a school (Creative Arts Academy) choir concert on Tuesday, January 12, 2027, at 6:00 pm with a reception to follow in Fellowship Hall.

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

- Highlights of April 22, 2026, SDT meeting, Nancy Chapman, Co-Chair.

Evaluation of the Meeting**Adjournment**

DATES TO REMEMBER	
Sermon Series: Follow the Yellow Brick Road	April 26 – May 24, 2026
Upcoming Session Meetings	Monday, June 15, 2026 Monday, August 3, 2006
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