

Session Meeting
First Presbyterian Church
Davenport, Iowa
August 3, 2026

The stated meeting of the Session of First Presbyterian Church of Davenport, Iowa was held on Monday, August 3, 2026. The meeting was held with Zoom only.

Moderator Rev. Dr. Kristopher Schondelmeyer called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM and stated that a quorum was present.

During devotion time Pastor Kris led a discussion of Isaiah 43:18 -19, He asked Session to focus on the future of FPC and review the past without nostalgia. He asked what new things God is calling us to do and bringing to life in our church that we should notice? Also, what the church would look like in 10 years based on the decisions made today?

	Class of 2026		Class of 2027		Class of 2028
P	Dianna Darland <i>Worship & Music</i>	P	Dan Darland <i>Building Grounds & Safety</i>	P	Nancy Chapman <i>Finance</i>
P	Denny Jorgenson <i>Congregational Fellowship</i>	P	Craig Foster <i>Finance</i>	P	Colleen Dueñas <i>Hospitality and Welcoming</i>
P	Kathy Knox <i>Christian Ed & Fellowship with Youth</i>	P	Wendy Hammen <i>Worship & Music</i>	A	Nathan Kabel <i>Buildings Grounds & Safety</i>
E	Cathy Pratscher-Woods <i>Stewardship</i>	E	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>
P	Marty Bowles Edwards <i>Co-Director of CEFY</i>	P	Jim Middleton <i>Director of Office Administration</i>	P	Matthew Bishop <i>Director of Music and Arts</i>
P	Abby Scholdelmeyer <i>Co-Director of CEFY</i>	E	Diana Miller-Bur <i>Admin Asst to Pastor</i>		

A Land Acknowledgement was read.

At 6:57 PM, Pastor Kris started the meeting with prayer.

Guests: FPC Staff Members, Deacon Moderator Andy Edwards and APNC Chair Mark Jones,

BG&S Committee requested that two motions be added to the agenda. **On motion and second**, the agenda was approved as amended.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were presented on the Consent Agenda:

- Approve the June 15, 2026, Session Meeting minutes

On motion and second the consent agenda was approved.

Report from the APNC

Mark Jones stated that the call for an Associate Pastor had been extended and accepted. He provided some background information about the candidate Kari Swanson.

The Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC) requests the Session call a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, August 23, 2026 following morning worship for the purpose of acting on a nomination from the APNC for the position of Associate Pastor of Adult Ministries. **On motion and second** the motion was approved.

CLERK'S REPORT

- Each Committee and Subcommittee was requested to submit recommendations for any changes to their portion of the FPC Operations Manual to be discussed at the September 21, 2026, Session Meeting. An email was sent May 22, 2026 assigning areas of responsibility. The documents should be submitted to the Clerk, no later than Thursday, September 17. The full document should be edited with strikeouts for deletion and red type for additions. Please contact the Clerk with questions
- The 2025 church records (Redbooks) were bound at a cost of \$550, plus shipping. This is a \$50 increase from the past 5 years.
- Communications received by the Clerk:
 - None
 - Action Item
 - None
- The report from the Clerk of Session for July/August 2026 is appended to these minutes.

DEACONS' REPORT – Deacon Moderator, Andy Edwards reported no new information since the Deacon Board had not met in July.

SESSION COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS

- Written Session committee reports were received and are appended to these minutes.
- The W&M Committee moved that Session approve the recipient of donations collected during the 2026 Christmas Concert be the Deacons' Caring Closet budget. The monies collected are meant to offset the budget, not be in addition to. (In a round-a-bout way, it is a donation to the general fund but with a "front-facing" recipient.) **The motion was approved.**
- The BG&S Committee moved to approve Boss Roofing to replace the gutter and downspout system on the south side) of the CE building for the cost of less than \$6800.00. **The motion was approved.**
- The BG&S Committee moved to approve White Roofing to repair a) missing shingles on the steeple roof (\$3600) and b) seal the leaking downspout on the east side of the sanctuary building (&800) for the cost of \$4472.60. (If we approve both, only \$3800 + tax). **The motion was approved.**
- **Finance:** Finance provided the June 2026 Income/Expense and Custodial/Pass-Through Reports.

Craig Foster (Finance) commented that financially, June was a big month. We had a lot of pledge income coming in to meet the June 30 Birdies for Charity deadline. And we received an unexpected \$50,000 from an individual above and beyond their pledge. The result: June shows a net surplus of \$96,000.

So, for the first six months of 2026, we are showing a net surplus of \$83,000. This compares to a \$34,000 surplus for the first half of 2025, basically a \$50,000 improvement, thanks to the above-and-beyond gift. In addition to the income bump, we would also note that expenses, although higher than a year ago due to increased compensation and other expenses, remain under budget for the year.

Good news so far. However, it remains very unlikely that we will end the year on the plus side. As we have noted previously, pledge income is very much front loaded due to prepaid pledges received in 2025 and efforts to meet the June 30 Birdies deadline. As of June 30, we had already received over 70% of the pledged income for 2026, so we know the income numbers will be modest over the rest of the year. There are reasons to be optimistic that our deficit might end up lower than the \$119,000 we had budgeted, but finishing in the black is unlikely.

And finally, a little information about the Birdies for Charity figures, which will give you some background for the upcoming motion presented by the Finance Committee.

Between July 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026, we received \$828,000 in donations that members approved to go the Birdies. This includes pledges, extra income such as the \$50,000 I mentioned earlier and also \$130,000 funded in advance for the new associate

pastor position. On top of the \$828,000 we received; we've learned that another \$16,000 was sent directly to Birdies on our behalf. So, the total qualified for the Birdies bonus is \$844,000. The program guarantees at least a 5% bonus, and last year the bonus was 9%. So we're looking at a bonus of at least \$42,000 and maybe as much as \$75,000-\$80,000. The catch is that we have to send our \$828,000 to Birdies in mid-August and won't receive that money back until October, when they will send our bonus as well. So, the Finance Committee has been figuring out how we're going to fund an \$828,000 cash outlay for a two-month period. Which leads us to the motion you have in front of you.

Motion of the Finance Committee:

- Whereas First Presbyterian Church (FPC) is eligible to submit a request to the Birdies for Charity program, along with \$828,000 cash by August 17, 2026.; that amount plus 5%-10% bonus to be returned to FPC by October 15, 2026;
- Whereas This is the amount of pledges and donations along with the permission of members and donors, to be submitted to the Birdies program since July 2025 with the understanding that the bonus is for the benefit of FPC;
- Whereas, After recognizing the need to maintain funds to pay operating expenses in August, September and October, FPC expects to have \$448,000 in cash available in the church's general fund operating account by August 14 to submit to the Birdies for Charity Program;
- Whereas The Finance Committee anticipates the Foundation Board of Trustees to seek approval of the Members of the Foundation to make a loan to FPC of \$190,000 cash no later than August 14, 2026, from the Foundation Unrestricted Fund or other Foundation fund as determined by the Board of Trustees;
- Whereas This loan from the Foundation would be without interest or cost to FPC and is expected to be repaid to the Foundation by the end of October; therefore be it
- *Resolved*, That the FPC Finance Committee moves that the Session approves the Finance Committee taking a loan from the Sesquicentennial Restricted Fund and Memorial Restricted Fund of up to \$70,000 total and from the Magnusson gift of \$122,000 cash. This loan will be without interest or cost to FPC and is expected to be repaid by the end of October. **The motion was approved.**

	June 2026		June 2025	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	\$ 173,392	\$ 44,712	\$ 73,701	\$ 36,535
Custodial Accounts Income	13,433	-	3,422	-
Compensation Expenses	(52,881)	(54,277)	(52,693)	(51,846)
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	(24,182)	(23,964)	(18,015)	(22,557)
Custodial Accounts Expenses	(13,433)	-	(3,422)	-
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	\$96,329	(\$33,529)	\$2,993	(\$37,868)
Restricted Fund Grant Income	-	-	-	-
Net Insurance Claim Inc/(Exp)	-	-	-	-
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$96,329	(\$33,529)	\$2,993	(\$37,868)
	2026 Year-To-Date		2025 Year-To-Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	\$ 543,057	\$ 399,946	\$ 463,147	\$ 406,350
Custodial Accounts Income	\$ 30,930	-	26,497	-
Compensation Expenses	\$ (323,545)	(333,780)	(308,715)	(317,507)
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	\$ (136,241)	(152,046)	(118,466)	(145,832)
Custodial Accounts Expenses	(30,930)	-	(26,497)	-
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	\$83,271	(\$85,880)	\$35,966	(\$56,989)
Restricted Fund Grant Income	-	-	-	-
Net Insurance Claim Inc/(Exp)	-	-	(2,396)	-
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$83,271	(\$85,880)	\$33,570	(\$56,989)

All numbers are rounded.

MEETING of the FPC FOUNDATION

The Session meeting was suspended at 7:50 PM to enter a Specially Called meeting of the FPC Foundation.

SESSION MEETING RESTARTED

The Session meeting was restarted at 7:53 PM.

STAFF REPORTS

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

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

Since our last Session meeting, I had the privilege of participating in the 227th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) as a commissioner representing the Presbytery of East Iowa. During the Assembly, my colleague and friend, Rev. Marta Pumroy-Cordero, and I were elected to serve as Co- Moderators of the 227th General Assembly. I genuinely did not expect to be elected, but we now enter into a covenant of shared ministry together as we serve the wider

church. Thank you for believing in me and for supporting me throughout this discernment process.

We will celebrate this new season of ministry together on Sunday, September 20, when both Co-Moderators and the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly will be present at First Presbyterian Church, Davenport, to lead worship. Our Stated Clerk, Rev. Jihyun Oh, will also be our guest preacher that morning.

I have been working to prepare for the responsibilities of serving as Co-Moderator while ensuring that my ministry here at First Presbyterian remains well organized. Diana Miller-Bur will continue managing my congregational calendar and workflow. In addition, the General Assembly provides an administrative assistant in Louisville who coordinates Co-Moderator schedules, meetings, and travel. The denomination also provides financial assistance for pulpit supply whenever my General Assembly responsibilities require me to be away. I will do my best to live into the covenant that we created, recognizing that the needs of the call of Co-Moderator will fluctuate throughout the term. I will continue to keep Session informed of my travel schedule as far in advance as possible. My calendar is beginning to fill quickly for the Fall, but I am doing my best to guard Sunday mornings as much as possible. I anticipate providing updates at each Session meeting so that you know what travel commitments are on the horizon. For instance, I am currently on vacation. We are with Abby's family at their cottage on Clark Lake in the beautiful Irish Hills of Southeast, Michigan. Then, later this week, on Thursday, I will leave the family here to fly to Louisville for a Conference on Zionism and Christian Nationalism. I will preach at Highland Presbyterian Church in Louisville next Sunday. And then Marta and I will participate in our official Co-Moderator orientation. I will then rejoin my family in Michigan for a few more days at the lake before returning to the pulpit on August 16.

Switching gears, I have completed worship planning through Advent and already have the framework for Advent and Christmas in place. My goal is to have worship fully planned through the end of the calendar year before I return to the pulpit on August 16. Once our new Associate Pastor joins the staff, we will begin planning together for Lent and the seasons beyond.

I have also been working with the Adult Spiritual Growth Speakers Series subcommittee to plan an exciting fall book study and a special weekend with award-winning author, speaker, singer, and songwriter David LaMotte this November. More information about these opportunities will be shared soon.

Our Young Adult Ministry (approximately ages 50 and younger) continues to grow. We are planning another fellowship event-a pool party later this month-as we continue investing in authentic community among younger adults. Strengthening this ministry remains an important priority for the future vitality of our congregation.

Our Strategic Discernment Process continues to move forward. I recently published a blog article on our website reflecting on where we are in the process, and I encourage each of you to read it so you remain informed as we continue discerning God's vision for the future of First Presbyterian Church.

I worked alongside the Personnel Committee to interview a candidate for our part-time custodian position. We were very pleased with the interview, his background check was successfully completed, and we have offered him the position. We look forward to welcoming Tyler Powell to the staff very soon.

As we prepare for Kick-Off Sunday and our Deacons Community Picnic, I encourage each of you, as the spiritual leaders of this congregation, to prayerfully consider whom you might invite.

Perhaps it is a family member, a neighbor, a friend, a coworker, or a former member we haven't seen in a while.

Let us not allow this church to remain one of Davenport's best-kept secrets. Share the love of God that is experienced in this place and invite others to become part of the story God is writing here.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

Evaluation of the Meeting: No Comments

ADJOURNMENT

No new business was brought to the floor. The Moderator closed the meeting with prayer at 8:09 PM.

The next Stated Meeting of the Session of First Presbyterian Church, Davenport, Iowa is September 21, 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

**Specially-Called Congregational Meeting
First Presbyterian Church
Davenport, Iowa
Sunday, August 23, 2026**

Moderator Rev. Dr. Kristopher Schondelmeyer opened the Specially-Called Congregational Meeting at 10:33 AM with prayer in the Sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church Davenport. A quorum was present.

The purpose of the called meeting was to act on the recommendation from the APNC to approve Kari Swanson as our Associate Pastor for Adult Ministries and to approve the Terms of Call.

Mark Jones, chair of the APNC, made the following motions:

On behalf of the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee, I move that the APNC's nominee, Kari Swanson, be approved to serve FPC Davenport as the Associate Pastor of Adult Ministries.

- Kari answered questions about her faith and her reasons for choosing FPC Davenport.
- Kari was excused and the congregation was invited to ask Mark Jones and Pastor Kris questions about Kari and the Associate Pastor position responsibilities.
- A vote of the congregation was taken by voice, the motion passed.

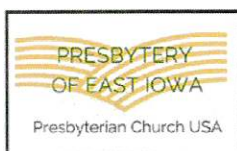
On behalf of the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee, I move the Terms-of-Call for Kari Swanson be approved as presented.

- Mark Jones reviewed the Terms of Call as well as the Addendums requested by Kari Swanson.
- The congregation was invited to and asked questions about the Terms of Call.
- A vote of the congregation was taken by voice, the motion passed.
- The Terms of Call for Kari Swanson are attached to these minutes.

The Moderator closed the meeting with prayer at 11:02 AM.

Rev. Dr. Kristopher D. Schondelmeyer
Moderator

Julia A. Meyer
Clerk of Session



PASTORAL CALL

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THE CALL AND ACTION OF THE CONGREGATION:

The First _____ Presbyterian Church, of
Davenport _____ Iowa, of the Presbytery of East Iowa, being well satisfied with
your qualifications for ministry and confident that we have been led to you by the Holy Spirit as
one whose service will be beneficial to the spiritual interests of our church and fruitful for the
Kingdom of our Lord, earnestly and solemnly calls you Kari Swanson
to undertake the office of (click one) ☐ pastor, ☐ co-pastor, or ☒ associate pastor of this
congregation, beginning 9-8-2026 (date) promising you in discharge of your duty
all proper support, encouragement, and allegiance in the Lord. That you may be free to devote
yourself (click one) ☒ full time, or ☐ _____ % of full time to the ministry of the Word and
Sacrament among us, we promise and obligate ourselves to provide the following annually:

Reportable to the IRS as Income:

Cash Salary <i>in equal monthly payments of</i>	<u>\$ 1,583.33</u>	<u>\$ 19,000</u>
Supplement for Social Security and Medicare		<u>\$ 5,049</u>
Income reportable to the IRS (Other items in the Call may be reportable Seek advice of a qualified tax expert in all matters relating to taxes.)		<u>\$ _____</u>

Other Compensation:

Deferred compensation <i>in monthly installments of</i>	<u>\$ 583.33</u>	<u>\$ 7,000</u>
Other compensation <i>Specify</i>		<u>\$ _____</u>

Allowances & Reimbursements up to Amounts Entered & Fair Rental Value of a Manse:

Housing Allowance	<u>\$ 40,000</u>
Fair Rental Value (FRV) of rent-free use of a Manse	<u>\$ _____</u>
Manse Allowance <i>Examples: repairs, maintenance and/or furnishings</i>	<u>\$ _____</u>
Utilities paid by the church, or as an allowance, or reimbursed	<u>\$ _____</u>
Medical/Dental Reimbursement Allowance	<u>\$ _____</u>

Paid Time Off:

4 _____ Weeks paid annual vacation *four weeks minimum*
2 _____ Weeks paid annual continuing education *two weeks min; cumulative up to 6 wks*
12 _____ Weeks paid family leave

Board of Pensions Benefits:

Full pension, medical, disability and death benefit coverage under the Benefits Plan of the
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and designed and administered by the Board of Pensions.

Expenses of Ministry:

*It is understood that the following expenses of ministry will be reimbursed through an
accountable plan up to the annual amounts listed below:*

Mileage expense for use of personal car at IRS allowable rate in effect at time car is used	<u>\$ Dependent on miles driven</u>
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Continuing education expenses \$1,000 Min; cumulative up to 3 years \$ 2,000
Professional expenses of ministry \$500 Minimum \$ 2,000
We will pay moving expenses to transport personal belongings up to \$ 10,000

We further promise and obligate ourselves to review with you annually the adequacy of this compensation.

We declare equal opportunity guidelines of the Presbytery of East Iowa were followed in seeking this pastor.

In testimony whereof we have subscribed our names this 23rd day of August, 2026

Persons elected by the congregation to sign the Call (signatures):

Mark Jan

Jim M...

Elizabeth Breinich

Ruth Ann Robey Brown

Sharon L. Simmonds

Having moderated the congregational meeting which extended this Call for ministerial services, I do certify that the Call has been made in all respects according to the rules laid down in the Current Book of Order, and that the persons who signed the foregoing Call were authorized to do so by vote of the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church of Davenport
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A), Presbytery of East Iowa.

Signed Rev. Dr. K. S. Shandell Moderator of the Congregational Meeting

ACTION OF PRESBYTERY OF EAST IOWA:

This Call has been reviewed by Commission on Ministry & Vitality and it recommends Presbytery approval.

Date of Action: _____ Signed: _____ COMV Moderator

This Call was approved by Presbytery.

Date of Action: _____ Signed: _____ Stated Clerk

This Call was approved by the Presbytery of East Iowa through action taken by its Commission on Ministry & Vitality.

Date of Action: _____ Signed: _____ Stated Clerk

The Commission on Ministry & Vitality of the Presbytery of East Iowa shall provide the new minister with a plan of integration and mentoring into the life and ministry of the Presbytery.

ACTION OF MINISTER'S/CANDIDATE'S PRESBYTERY:

This Call has been reviewed by the (*click one*) ☐ Committee on Ministry or ☐ Committee on Preparation for Ministry and it recommends that Presbytery find it expedient to release _____ to accept this Call.

Date of Action: _____ Signed: _____ COMV Moderator

The Presbytery of _____ hereby finds it expedient to release _____ to accept this Call and therefore has placed this Call in the minister's/candidate's hands.

Date of Action: _____ Signed: _____ Stated Clerk

This Presbytery of _____ through action taken by its (*click one*) ☐ Committee on Ministry or its ☐ Committee on Preparation for Ministry, hereby finds it expedient to release _____ to accept this Call and, therefore, has placed this Call in the minister's/candidate's hands.

Date of Action: _____ Signed: _____ Committee Moderator

ACCEPTANCE OF THE CALL:

This is to certify that I have received and accepted the Call

Date of Acceptance: 8/23/2026 Signed: Kari Swanson Candidate or Minister

Please send completed call form to the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of East Iowa at statedclerk@peia.org

REPORT OF THE CLERK OF SESSION

July/August 2026

I. Membership Changes

Death of former member:

Judy Wereley, spouse of former Pastor Richard Wereley, died July 14, 2026.

II. Communion

Communion was served during Sunday service, June 7, 2026. The Rev Dr. Kristopher Schondelmeyer officiated.

Communion was held Friday, June 19, 2026, for the children and adults during Compassion Camp/VBS. The Rev Dr. Kristopher Schondelmeyer officiated.

III. Annual Church Records

The bound annual church records for the years 2018-2023 were boxed and picked up on Tuesday July 14, 2026, for delivery to the Presbyterian Historical Society, Philadelphia, PA, for storage. Copies of these same records are held in the Southwood Heritage Center.

IV. CEFY Christian Education Attendance

			Children and Youth						
June 2026	Nursery	Pray-ground	Sunday School All Grades	1st/2nd	Tweens	Musik-garten*	Kirkwood Choir	Youth Choir	Youth Ministry
6/7 - 6/13	2	12	Recess	Recess	Recess	5/2	Recess	Recess	Recess
6/14 - 6/20	2^	13	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess
6/21 - 6/27	CC service	CC service	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess
6/28 - 6/30	2	3	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess
Total	6	27	0	0	0	5/2	0	0	0
Weekly avg	2	9	0	0	0	5/2	0	0	0
VBS 6/15 - 6/19	Adults 20 , many lunch volunteers: 25 children: 2 youth								
^outside playground						*Child/Adult			

			Children and Youth						
July 2026	Nursery	Pray-ground	Sunday School All Grades	1st/2nd	Tweens	Musik-garten*	Kirkwood Choir	Youth Choir	Youth Ministry
7/5 - 7/11	2	8	Recess	Recess	Recess	6/4	Recess	Recess	Recess
7/12 - 7/18	2	9	Recess	Recess	Recess	6/4	Recess	Recess	Recess
7/19 - 7/25	2	12	Recess	Recess	Recess	6/3	Recess	Recess	Recess
7/26 - 7/31	0	0	Recess	Recess	Recess	0	Recess	Recess	Recess
Total	6	29	0	0	0	18/11	0	0	0
Weekly avg	2	7	0	0	0	5/3	0	0	0
July 15, Tween (3rd-5th) Pool Party						*Child/Adult			

No adult Christian education programming was held during June and July 2026.

V. Worship Attendance

July 2025	Time	Cong. Count	Choir/ Clergy	Total	July 2026	Time	Cong. Count	Choir/ Clergy	Total
6	9:30 AM	88	4	92	5	9:30 AM	75	36	111
	On-line views			55		On-line views			51
	Total			147		Total			162
13	9:30 AM	70	2	72	12	9:30 AM	86	2	88
	On-line views			37		On-line views			40
	Total			109		Total			128
20	9:30 AM	51	2	53	19	9:30 AM	90	4	94
	On-line views			45		On-line views			38
	Total			98		Total			132
27	9:30 AM	80	4	84	26	9:30 AM	55	3	58
	On-line views			43		On-line views			39
	Blessing of the Animals			127		Total			97
Total Views				481	Total Views				519
Weekly Average				113	Weekly Average				130

Total Attendance and weekly average is based on in-person attendance plus watches on Facebook and Vimeo. On-line views are based on counts taken 2-3 weeks after the last service of the month.	On-line views are based on livestream views (Facebook and YouTube) during the morning service. Weekly average is based on the sanctuary attendance plus views on Facebook and Youtube.
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Online views reporting (June & July 2026) is limited to views during the Sunday morning service.

Session Committee/Commission Reports: July/August 2026



Building, Grounds & Safety

6 July, 2026

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

1. Call to order at 5:31 PM
2. Opening Prayer - Andy
3. Approval of May Minutes – Pete/Andy

4. Old Business:

- a. Removal of old mower and metal in foundation garage – Scheduled for late July. Dan will bring dump trailer over just prior to raze to remove metal.
- b. Need space for wheelchairs in sanctuary. Andy and Dan reviewed and make the recommendations to remove a pew just behind the pillar on the west side of the center section.
- c. Engage with potential new chemical providers for the boiler system – Matt/Darren
- d. Porte Cochere light, need to replace conduit interior and photocell. Dan/Sean
- e. Boiler pressure gauge replacement for insurance purposes. Darren to confirm that insurance has received and documented new gauges. Will work with Kristine. Email sent to insurance. Andy/Kristine
- f. Compassion Camp BGS to serve lunch on Monday 6/15/2026 11:00AM. Karla's in charge! We each owe Karla \$
- g. Removal of the three trees by playground and trimming of spruce tree by transformer, Iowa Street side. Revisited

5. Needed Repairs:

- a. Minor ≤ \$1000
 - i. Heat tape needed in downspout, east side of Sanctuary bldg., after White Roofing is completed (see above). After gutters are replaced/ Darren
 - ii. 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 sending list of needed supplies to Kristine. Dan/Sean
 - iii. Flood lights on dormers of bell tower (only south one works). Dan,
 - iv. North dormer window blank – Dan / Ted
 - v. The motor for #1 boiler possibly has a dead short. RIEMR states it is too small to be worthwhile rebuilding. Matt is looking into replacement cost.
 - vi. 1 st floor drinking fountain unit repaired and is getting quotes on 2nd and 3rd floor replacement. Matt
 - vii. Lights in Sanctuary ceiling under the balcony, Darren to contact DECCO to have them assess the situation and recommend repairs.
 - viii. Assoc Pastor office radiator cover being built. Matt

b. Moderate \$1000 - \$5000

c. Major $\geq$ \$5000

i. Leak in the men's restroom next to Fellowship Hall. Modern companies have lowest bid of \$7000. Session approved. Large leaking pipe has been replaced. Still small leak from steam trap. It needs a new gasket and is on order. Darren/Andy

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 at this time. Dan received quote for Verdin Carillon Virtuoso of \$19,490. Additional \$4000 for install. Self-Install can be performed without impacting on the warranty. This action has been submitted to Worship & Music for their consideration.

6. New Business:

a. Rain / water issue from CE building gutters. Andy is getting quotes. Nancy is discerning funds to use.

b. Floor drain in small boiler room needs to be cleaned out.

c. Sink drainage in 1st Floor, CE building mop sink needs to be cleaned out.

d. Water line for women's bathroom was discussed as it can't keep up when there is a lot of use. Deferred to strategic reno.

e. Proper hose for shopvac

f. BUC update on parking – tenant parking, contractor parking assignments, tow away signage & handicapper signage all discussed.

g. Air compressor tank draining. Darren says he does it daily when AC is in use.

h. Sump pump needs new check valve. Darren

i. Switch for light in boiler room by stairs needs to be lowered or made automatic. Dan/Sean

j. \$3800 repair quote for steeple roof & to repair leaking downspout by the Donaldson Room (needs to be itemized so we understand what all is being done). Andy

k. A/C issues. Darren

l. 1st Floor CE bldg. drinking fountain not cooling. Matt to look at.

m. Sinkhole in NW portion of Kirkwood/Pershing parking lot. Darren to get quotes.

n. Cleaning company discussion. Corporate Cleaning is \$1000 per month to clean weekly.

7. Motions made for Session –
none

8. Next Meeting: 27 July 2026, 5:30PM – Parlor

9. Closing prayer (Pastor Kris) & Adjournment: 7:15PM

27 July, 2026

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

1. Call to order at 5:30 PM
2. Opening Prayer - Dan
3. Approval of May Minutes – Andy/Nate

4. Old Business:

- a. Removal of old mower and metal in foundation garage was accomplished in support of the Foundation. Dan brought dump trailer over removed metal items stored as well as cut metal out of the garage door system. \$94 was received for scrap metal.
- b. Engage with potential new chemical providers for the boiler system – Matt
- c. Porte Cochere light, need to replace conduit interior and photocell. Dan/Sean
- d. Need space for wheelchairs in sanctuary. A position was agreed upon and now looking for a place to store the pew that will be removed.
- e. Boiler pressure gauge replacement for insurance purposes. Andy & Kristine will confirm that insurance has received and documented new gauges.
- f. Red Japanese Maple was removed from Memorial Garden (Dan). One Redbud tree was removed (Dan). The other two Red Buds will be removed, and the Blue Spruce will be pruned - Dan.
- g. We have a quote to prune the dead out of the two Linden trees on the west side of sanctuary as well as the two Dogwoods on the east side. Andy is going to get an additional quote and turn the matter over to Julia Meyer.
- h. Darren is getting price on renting a stump grinder to grind the tree Redbud stumps once the other two are cut down.
- i. It was agreed upon that Julia, in her capacity of Landscape subcommittee Chair, has the authority to act within that capacity and within the landscape budget without coming to BG&S for concurrence.
- j. Air compressor tank draining. It was approved to spend approximately \$100 to put an automatic drain valve on the air handling air compressor.
- k. Assoc Pastor office radiator cover. In Progress – Matt
- l. Switch for light in boiler room by stairs needs to be lowered or made automatic. Dan/Sean
- m. Cleaning Companies. BG&S recommends to the Personnel Committee to replace our former part-time custodian with a part-time custodian of less than half the hours of the previous, plus hiring Corporate Cleaners to clean the church once per week.

5. Needed Repairs:

- a. Minor ≥ \$1000
 - i. Heat tape needed in downspout, east side of Sanctuary bldg., after the gutters are replaced. - Darren
 - ii. Lights in bell tower (visible through the narrow windows on the tower. Dan sending list of needed supplies to Kristine. Dan/Sean
 - iii. Flood lights on dormers of bell tower (only south one works). Dan,
 - iv. North dormer window blank – Dan / Ted

- v. The motor for #1 boiler possibly has a dead short. RIEMR states it is too small to be worthwhile rebuilding. Matt is looking into replacement cost.
- vi. 1 st floor drinking fountain unit is not cooling. Matt
- vii. 2nd and 3rd floor drinking fountain replacement (funded by Dr Edwards and Marty) to be completed in late Aug. Matt/Andy
- viii. Lights in Sanctuary ceiling under the balcony, Andy contacted DECCO to have them assess the situation and recommend repairs, but they have not called back yet.
- ix. Assoc Pastor office radiator cover being built. Matt
- x. Floor drain in small boiler room was cleaned out and working properly. Darren
- xi. Sink drainage in 1st Floor, CE building mop sink needs to be cleaned out. Resolved Darren
- xii. Proper hose for shopvac - resolved Darren
- xiii. Sump pump needs new check valve. Resolved Darren
- xiv. New industrial sump pump approved for purchase at approx. \$175 to have on shelf and the one we have is near end of life. Matt

b. Moderate \$1000 - \$5000

- i. Committee approved White Roofing to repair steeple roof & to repair Donaldson Room roof to include new gutters. \$3800 Andy
- ii. Sinkhole in NW portion of Kirkwood/Pershing parking lot. Darren has reached out to two companies but has not received quotes yet.

c. Major $\geq$ \$5000

- i. Leak in the men's restroom next to Fellowship Hall. Modern repaired issue as quoted for \$7000, Session approved (Large leaking pipe has been replaced). There is still small leak from steam trap that needs a new gasket. That was not part of the bid, so we need them to bid that item. Darren/Andy
- ii. Rain / water issue from CE building gutters. Committee approved to go with Boss to put in new gutters and downspouts for \$6245.
- iii. Bell repair, Dan received quote for Verdin Carillon Virtuoso of \$19,490. Additional \$4000 for install. Self-Install can be performed without impacting on the warranty. This action has been submitted to Worship & Music for their consideration.

6. New Business:

- a. A/C issues in Sanctuary. Company to be onsite, Wed 29 July, to determine what the issue is. Darren
- b. Darren to get quotes on plaster repair for Chappel and Donaldson Room, but repairs will not start until roof and gutters for Donaldson Room are repaired.

7. Motions Made:

- a. Approval of 6 July minutes Andy/Nate – Approved unanimously
- b. Automatic drain valve for air compressor for ~\$100 Matt/Karla – Approved unanimously
- c. Recommend to Personnel to hire 1 Part-time employee at 10 hrs per week and hire Corporate Cleaners to clean church once per week. Nate/Pete - Approved unanimously
- d. Purchase of new sump pump Nate/Pete - Approved unanimously
- e. Contract Boss to put in new gutters and downspouts on South Side of CE building for \$6245. Matt/Karla - Approved unanimously – Sent to Finance

f. White Roofing to repair steeple roof, Donaldson roof, and install new gutters near Donaldson Room for \$3800. Nate/Karla – Approved unanimously – Sent to Finance

8. Motions made for Session –

a. Contract Boss to put in new gutters and downspouts on South Side of CE building for \$6245. Matt/Karla - Approved unanimously – Sent to Finance

b. White Roofing to repair steeple roof for \$3800 (or \$4400 if we do gutters on Donaldson Room at the same time). Nate/Karla – Approved unanimously – Sent to Finance

9. Next Meeting: 14 Sep 2026, 5:30PM – Parlor

10. Closing prayer (Dan) & Adjournment: 6:25 PM



Finance Committee

June 9, 2026

Present: Pastor Kris, Kristine, Karen, Kirk, Nancy, Pam and Stephanie; excused were Tom and Craig

Karen agreed to take notes.

Additions to agenda: BG&S concerning the carillon
Minutes of the May meeting were approved.

Kristine will send the General Fund Balance to the Session. Managed and Restricted Funds will be reviewed next month.

Funeral income and expenses will be included with Wedding income and expenses.

Birdies will be included in August reports.

Quick Books: There will now be separate line items for interest income and Birdies.

Agreed upon procedures review: Kristine will send her response to the committee. The next review will be in the fall.

Conversion to QB: Some work still needs to be done to get everything working together.

There needs to be a policy review. Kristine will summarize for the committee. Kristine will use the lessons learned and apply them to the final steps of the conversion.

Nancy, Craig and Tom will meet to discuss the status of the conversion to QB.

Magnusson bequest status: Kristine will check with New Covenant and thinks the money has already been deposited. The amount is about \$794,000 between the church and the Foundation. The Session has approved that music staff payments could come from this fund. Tom will continue to monitor this.

BG&S: The building and grounds committee cannot request funds from the Magnusson gift. Only the Music Committee can do that per the October 2025 Session minutes.

Kirk and Stephanie requested an update from the Strategic Discernment Team for the congregation.

Birdies for Charity: Kristine reported that \$509,000 is available as of May 31. Kristine will check with the Birdies office about what is eligible from the last 6 months of the year. Tom has concerns about this.

Session request to update Operations Manual and Financial Procedures documentation: Kristine will send us the general description of the Finance Committee. The committee needs to update this by September. The Financial Policies and Procedures document is 39 pages long and will take time to update. We suggest making it a free-standing document.

Vacation Bible Camp: Karen, Kirk, Pam and Stephanie will prepare lunch on June 26th . Kristine will provide chips. Stephanie will check on numbers of participants and will check on beverages.

Our next meeting will be July 14 via zoom.
The meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.



CEFY

6-29-26, 7:30 PM on Zoom

Present: Abby, Marty, Kathy Knox, Kathy Middleton
Guests: Karla Ruiter, Judy Hawthorn
Staff: Kristine Olson
Absent: Matthew Hennes, Erin Yingling, Deanna Herman

Abby opened in prayer

Kristine shared about the budget and what the different budget documents mean. After that Kristine logged off and we continued the meeting. We discussed a movie night: Christmas in July theme. We also talked about pool parties for the different age ranges. The other major point discussed was compassion camp, and what went well and what the guests thought. We will send an email out to the families, regarding what they would like to see next year. We talked about mission theme and projects for next summer. Also looking at an intergenerational theme and potentially in the evening.

Next meeting is August 4th
Marty closed in prayer



Worship & Music

July 20, 2026, 7:30 pm
Attendees: Wendy Hammen, Dianna Darland, Patrick Downing, Diana Miller-Bur, Matt Bishop
A quick meeting was called to discuss the recipient of donations for FPC's Christmas Concert. Session requested that we consider raising money for the general fund over an

outside organization.

Idea – recipient be the Caring Closet (this would be money toward the general fund – Deacons' line item for the Caring Closet)

Future Christmas Concerts benefit FPC funds

W&M Committee voted to have the 2026 Christmas Concert benefit the Caring Closet – need to send to Session for approval

Discussed the request made by the BG&S Committee on funding for a brand new carillon system in the bell tower

Matt Bishop is a strong no for using the Jane Magnusson gift as a funding source – this is an endowment fund not a grant

Dianna & Diana are in support of making the bell striker work but no electronic carillon

Final decision will be made at next meeting (August 17)

Assigned “homework” of reviewing the W&M pages in Operations Manual

Final review will occur at next meeting (August 17) to then be shared with Clerk of Session.



Strategic Discernment Team

Last time I reported on the May 27 meeting of the whole SDT. In that meeting, members of the SDT reported on interviews they had with members of the staff on seven Ministry Priorities which came from the Congregation in the congregational assessment. Pastor Kris is working on next steps from that meeting, to help the Team develop a staffing structure and related expenses to address the ministerial priorities.

The subcommittee with the architects has met three times since the last Session meeting, twice with the architects and once without. At this point there are no proposals but we are keeping the congregation's priorities (HVAC in both buildings, plaster/painting throughout both buildings, updated commercial kitchen, expanded Caring Closet space, more accessible fellowship/recreation (multipurpose) space, stone restoration on the church building) as our guide.

Pastor Kris prepared an update to the congregation on the status of the SDT work. It is available on the church website as a blog and was addressed in last week's E-news with a link to the blog.

Submitted by Nancy Chapman



Congregational Fellowship

July 13, 2026

In attendance: Kris S, Marrian K., Ralph C., Marilyn J., Deb B., Carol S., Bill H., Denny J., Verna B.

Absent: Val H.

Meeting started late at 5:30 PM, due to Denny running late.

1. Opening Prayer : Denny
2. Bix Race doughnut concession July 25th.
 - a. Denny and Marilyn will order 10 dozen doughnuts and water.
 - b. Marilyn turned in BUF.
 - c. Deb will work with the church office to create a flier to pass out .
 - d. Carol, Verna, Val, Matt, Marilyn, and Denny will Meet at 7:00 am and pass out doughnuts.
 - e. Darren will set up tables, coffee, water, and lemonade.
 - f. Budget will be approximately \$160.00.
3. Bix Jazz Celebration Bell Cruise Friday July 31st.
 - a. We have sold out tickets for the cruise with reservations for 42 people.
 - b. Linda Meadors will purchase tickets and turn in the bill to First Pres for reimbursement.
 - c. Cost is \$55 per person plus approximately \$9 subsidized by the Travel Fellowship committee
4. Bix Jazz Liturgy Cookie Reception August 2nd
 - a. Marilyn and Denny will order 3 trays of cookies and flowers for a centerpiece.
 - b. Marilyn will turn in BUF
 - c. Carol and Marriann will set-up cookies and clean-up.
5. First Night Out Picnic August 8th.
 - a. Event will be at Kimberly Village Park 4044 Lillie Ave.
 - b. Judy Hawthorne is coordinating the event and will send out information.
 - c. Denny and Marilyn will supply main dish and place settings,
 - d. Everyone is asked to bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to share.
 - e. Everyone should bring their own drinks and lawn chairs.
 - f. There will be a few games and prizes.
 - g. Matt and Bill and Denny will set up tables and games.
 - h. Budget will be approximately \$70.
 - i. Bring your swimsuit if you would like to swim. and don't forget your pickle Ball rackets.
6. No Manna and More event for September due to Deacon Picnic.
7. Blessing of the Animals service has been moved to a stand-alone event on October [4th at](#) 2:00.
8. Pastor Kris requested that our committee supply a reception on Sept. 20th consisting of several Deserts, Shortbread, Fruit, and a few Gluten free and Vegan choices.
- 9 Next Meeting will be August 10th at 5:00 pm in the parlor.
10. Closing Prayer: Denny



Personnel

Meeting Dates & Times: July 6, 3:00 PM, July 9, 3:00 PM, July 13, 2:00 PM

ATTENDEES: Pastor Schondelmeyer, RuthAnn Tobey-Brown, Linda Meadors, Paula Hartman (except 7/13), Dan Breinich, Vicki Stegall

OPENING WITH PRAYER: Pastor Schondelmeyer

TOPICS & DISCUSSION POINTS

First Presbyterian staff working schedules with our goal being healthy boundaries. Search for custodial services due to the departure of Part-time employee, Chad Dean. Review of current Employee Manual with wording adjustments since last approved version.
Schedule a time with Matt Bishop and Alex to review schedules.

MOTIONS MADE IN COMMITTEE

Dan Breinich would follow up with Kristine Olson to establish office hours. Joint meeting with Buildings and Grounds Committee to discuss use of a commercial cleaning service in conjunction with a part-time employee on Monday July 13, 2026, 2:00 pm

MOTIONS FOR SESSION APPROVAL

None

CLOSING PRAYER: RuthAnn Tobey-Brown July 6, Dan Breinich July 9

MINUTES PREPARED BY: Linda Meadors for approval by RuthAnn Tobey-Brown



CUB SCOUTS PACK 7

2nd Quarter Report (July 28, 2026)

ADULT VOLUNTEERS

Cubmaster	Sean Jacobsmeier
Den Leader (Arrow of Light)	Dianna Darland
Den Leader (Webelos)	VACANT
Den Leader (Wolf/Bears)	Ali Stanton
Den Leader (Lion/Wolf)	VACANT
Committee Chair	Theresa Jacobsmeier
Committee Members	Amy Gahagen
	VACANT

60% Position Trained Adults

40% Requires Position-specific training

100% Scouting America SAFE Guarding Youth protection training

CURRENT MEMBERS (as of June 30):

Lions (Kindergarten)	0 (Lions are not eligible to join until after first day of school)
Tigers (1 st grade)	1
Wolf (2 nd grade)	2
Bears (3 rd grade)	1
Webelos (4 th grade)	1
Arrow of Light (5 th grade)	3

APRIL ACTIVITIES

April 7	Pack Meeting
April 12	Kittan District Bicycle Rodeo; Middle Park Lagoon, Bettendorf, IA

- Public event hosted by Pack 54
- Bicycle safety
- Two Pack 7 participants
- April 14 Den Meeting
- April 17 Kittan District Volunteer Recognition Dinner
- William D. Boyce New Unit Organizer Award, Sean Jacobsmeier
- Kittan District Family of Scouting Award, Jacobsmeier Family + Dianna Darland
- April 18 Friends of Troop 7 Trivia Night Fundraiser
- Supported the Friends of Troop 7 Trivia Night with set-up and operation
- Fundraising / Concessions table, Cub Scout families donated baked goods and sold pizza by the slice to trivia participants
- April 21 Committee Meeting
- April 28 Den Meeting
- What is a campfire program? Cub Scouts gathered around an artificial campfire and told stories, played games, and sang songs.

MAY ACTIVITIES

- May 5 Pack Meeting
- Nature Hike; Duck Creek Bike Path at Marquette Park
- Completed Outdoor Adventures for all ranks
- May 12 Den Meeting
- May 19 Committee Meeting
- May 22 - 24 Campout at Maquoketa Caves State Park, with BSA Troop 7
- Family camping opportunity; two Pack 7 families (1 Webelos, 1 Tiger, 1 Bear) participated in overnight camping; one family (Wolf) arrived on Saturday-only hiking and cave exploring
- Pack 7 participated in a campfire program with songs, stories, and s'mores
- Webelos and Bear Cub Scouts learned how to set up a campsite and the basics of food safety / preparation
- May 26 Den Meeting

- Outdoor Meeting at Van De Veer Park
- Cub Scouts of all ranks learned about outdoor games and respect in the outdoors (Outdoor Code and Leave No Trace)

JUNE ACTIVITIES

- June 2 Pack Meeting
- Summer Programming Kick-Off; Pack 7 will not meet weekly during the months of June, July and August. Instead, they will participate in 3 larger activities, one per month, to earn their Summertime Adventure Awards
- o June – America 250: Liberty in Action
- o July – Fishing at Vandever Lagoon (or Middle Park Lagoon)
- o August – Astronomy observation with Popular Astronomy Club of the Quad-Cities
- Awarded rank patches (some were not awarded due to inactivity)
- o Tiger; 0
- o Wolf; 1
- o Bear; 1
- o Webelos; 1

o Arrow of Light; 3

June 13 Cub Scout Pack 7 Summertime Activity – America 250;

Liberty in Action

- Joint event with BSA Troop 7 at Sunderbruch Park; Davenport, IA
- Created quilt squares by drawing on fabric symbols of freedom and America.

They will be assembled into a banner for display.

- Learned about the meaning of “Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness” through reading passages from the Declaration of Independence with modern interpretations

- Participated in activities from the 1700’s; ring-toss game, made rolled bees-wax candles, churned butter

- Performed a flag retirement ceremony (nylon, no-burn)

- Activity cut short because of incoming storms

- In attendance; 4 Cub Scouts, 2 BSA Scouts + Adults

- Earned the America 250; Liberty in Action Scouting America Patch

June 22 – 26 Illowa Council Cub Scout Day Camp; Scott County Park, Long Grove, IA

- Cub Scouts met at Scout County Park to complete adventures, including fishing, archery, STEM projects, swimming

- Pack 7 had 2 participants; one Arrow of Light, one Wolf

- Den Leader Ali Stanton volunteered as staff during camp

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 18 Fishing Adventures [POSTPONED DUE TO EXTREME HEAT]

August 15 Astronomy Night with Popular Astronomy Club of the QC; Niabi Zoo, Coal Valley, IL

August 20 “Unpack Your Backpack” Recruitment Night

- Madison Elementary School

- Wilson Elementary School

August 25 “Back to the Pack” First school year meeting

September – Illowa Council Popcorn Sales Fundraiser

November

October 2 – 4 Arrow of Light Campout, with BSA Troop 7 at Loud Thunder Scout Reservation

October 31 Unit Rechartering **DUE**

Scout Troop 7 (Family Troop) First Presbyterian Church of Davenport, Iowa.
Second Quarter 2026 summary (April-June)

Current Scout Roster includes 11 Youth, 3 girls, 8 boys, we also have a provisional scout join us who is considering dual enrollment.

April

*Held a campout at Scott County Park with 6 youth and 2 adults in attendance.

May

- * Started weekend outdoor activities, biking and hiking (started hiking merit badge).
- *Held a campout at Maquoketa Caves along with members from pack 7. The troop had 7 youth and 3 adults in attendance.
- *Held our Court of honor, awarding 12 merit badges, 2 rank advancements, and 1 new leadership position.
- *Participated in the America 250 program activities with Pack 7

June

- *Continued outdoor weekend activities
- *Held troop swim tests at the Moline YMCA, conducted by Theresa and Dianna.
- *Performed community service clean up at Sunderbruch Park and played COPE games
- *Held a parent meeting along with a visit from a volunteer Doctor to do scout physicals in preparation for summer camp.

Respectfully Submitted,
Daniel D Darland
Charter Organization Representative

FPC Staff Reports, July/August 2026



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

We have been very busy since the last Session meeting back in June.

Though traditional Sunday morning programs are on a break we work together, intentionally welcoming and assisting visiting children and their adults feel comfortable, safe, and included in present and upcoming activities. The Playground numbers are increasing, requiring expanding options for quiet Sanctuary activities.

VBS Compassion Camp 2026 was a fun, intergenerational, and well received event. We had 25 children (preschool-5th grade) attend. Countless volunteers worked with us during the week and many more committee members helped prepare and serve lunches for 35 people each day. Thank you all for your prayers and support. Preparations for next summer have already begun. We have surveyed families to hear their input and ideas. If you have ideas, please let us know.

We held a successful tween (3rd -5th grade) summer pool party at Marty's house. There were 6 tweens in attendance. The get togethers for that group have been exciting to see as they have become closer to one another and value each other. They are truly forming relationships that we hope will continue into high school and beyond.

Support for Musikgarten will continue all summer on the Sundays scheduled by the Music Staff. Older siblings are invited to participate in Musikgarten or share board games provided for them on the 3rd floor.

The process to move CEFY communication to Breeze has begun and will be ongoing over the summer.

Cleaning of the third-floor supply rooms will continue over the summer.

We worked with staff to plan the church event calendar until August 2027. The collaboration that spans across ministry areas is vital to successful programming.

Research, planning, and scheduling for Sunday morning and other programs will continue all summer. Teachers are actively being recruited.

Donated to Tapestry Farms, 2 of the 4 brand new cribs that have been stored on the 3rd floor for a number of years. Goal is to have the cribs used while they still meet current safety regulations. Tapestry Farms currently serves 2 expectant Moms and greatly appreciated the donation of cribs and assorted crib bedding.

Participated in the two of a three-part evening seminar hosted by LeClaire First Presbyterian Church, discussing children and youth ministry and building relationships

with fellow Directors of Christian Education. The final event will be held in August.

Initial contacts have been made with other DCEs in the Presbytery of East Iowa to explore future collaborative possibilities.

Reviewed the Operations Manual and CEFY Annual Budget in preparation for the CEFY Committee August 4 meeting. Discussion and edits will be recorded at that time, positioning us to meet target submission dates for both projects.



Matt Bishop, Director of Music & Arts

The FPC performance of *Tuck Everlasting* was a success, with enthusiastic audiences and top-level performances by our cast and crew. Thank you to all of you who supported this production.

The Sanctuary Choir continued its tradition of singing "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" at the morning worship service on July 5 (this service was held in the Fellowship Hall due to the AC in the Sanctuary not functioning).

Members of the Sanctuary Choir traveled to Kansas City July 24-26 for their third regional tour. The choir sang a benefit concert for the Covenant Network of Presbyterians on July 25 at Village Presbyterian Church in Prairie Village, Kansas, and participated in the morning worship service the following morning at Second Presbyterian Church in Kansas City. Rev. Kris joined us and spoke at both events. FPC-Davenport was well-represented, and the choir had a great time. Thank you to Linda Meadors for her help in arranging the itinerary of this tour.

I was away July 9-14 and will be again the first two weeks of August (following Bix Sunday). My plan for the fall is largely finished. The joint choir I am directing for the Spotlight Theater's production of *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* holds its first rehearsal on August 19; the PAS season announcement party is August 27 (please come!!), and the annual Sanctuary Choir retreat is September 5 at St. Ambrose University.

There are 6 slots remaining on the 2027 Travel Fellowship to Wales in February. I plan to hold an informational meeting with Linda Meadors in the near future (date TBD).



Alex Gilson, Principal Organist and Assistant Director of Music

Alex continued to provide excellence in music for worship services including preludes, postludes, anthem accompaniments, hymns, offertories, and other special services like compassion Camp Sunday, The "Wizard of Oz" Themed services, Funerals, and Hymn Festivals.

Alex worked closely with Matt Bishop to accomplish many special performances with the choirs at FPC. This includes the Spring Justice Choir concert, the Pride Pop-up Choir concert at Schwiebert Park, the Youth Choir Concert, starring in a major role for "Tuck Everlasting", and accompanying the Sanctuary Choir for our tour to Kansas City.



Jim Middleton, Director of Office Administration

Overall church activity decreased in July, resulting in fewer church events compared to previous months. Breeze member access requests also continued to decline following the March rollout, reflecting increased user adoption and stability.

Routine office operations ran smoothly throughout the month. Key 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 continued, including the preparation and production of approximately 140 worship service bulletins each week.

Work also continued on the IT side to support the initial planning and infrastructure preparation for a future Associate Pastor position.



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 delayed processing of reimbursement requests.

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.

June General Fund Financials were provided to Finance on Wednesday, July 15th .

June 2026 Committee Financials will be provided to Deacons and all Session Committee Chairs by Friday, July 31st. If Deacons or Committees would like me to review financials in more detail, please let me know and we can schedule time to meet.

FPC received the 2nd (and final) distribution from Jane Magnusson's estate and was received by the Magnusson Music Fund at New Covenant. This last distribution includes both FPC's and the Foundation's share of the gift.

2nd Quarter Giving Statements were mailed on July 16th.

Birdies for Charity 2026 Update: Thanks to the very generous members at FPC, the church has raised over \$844k in Birdies donations designated to FPC! This is greater than the 2026 amount pledged by nearly \$244k due to donors designating other gifts to go through Birdies. Every dollar designated to FPC will come back to the church, plus a match of at least 5% from the John Deere Classic. October will be an amazing month for the church! Note, there is some caution to celebrate too early...Due to many donors fulfilling their 2026 pledges early, cash flow for the later part of the year is likely be lower than in prior years.

2027 Budget Season is approaching! Please discuss what your committee expects to spend in 2027 and provide your initial 2027 budgets by Tuesday, September 8th. Templates with your 2025 Actual, 2026 Budget, and 2026 Year-to-Date (6/30/26) Expenses will be emailed with June 2026 Committee Financials.

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

**Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures
For the Period: January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024
Director of Financial & Business Administration's Response
As of: December 10, 2025**

The final January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024 Report on Applying Agreed-Upon procedures of the Internal Policy & Procedure Review Task Force of Stephanie Arp, Craig Foster, and Thomas Spitzfaden ("Task Force"). This report was presented to the First Presbyterian Church Finance Committee at its July meeting on July 15, 2025.

Summary of Findings and Recommendations

Per the Task Force's review of procedures, there were some instances of non-compliance with First Presbyterian Church's financial policies and procedures. The Task Force made the recommendations listed below to comply with FPC's financial policies and procedures.

In most cases, I agree with and will follow these recommendations in a timely manner. I will continue to comply with all church accounting and financial policies and procedures.

Recommendations & Responses

Item 5

The unscheduled petty cash count exposed a \$110 shortfall in the PAS petty cash box which is supposed to have a total of \$200 in cash and receipts. An envelope containing the \$110 was subsequently discovered behind a desk drawer.

Recommendation: It is recommended that: (a) petty cash be counted by both the Director of Financial & Business Administration and the person checking out the box when it leaves the office; (b) there be a sign-out sheet for the check-out person to sign once counted; (c) the check-out person should recount and document cash upon returning funds to the safe; and (d) the Director of Financial & Business Administration should initial and date the sign-out sheet once the box is returned and the updated cash count is confirmed. I agree with this recommendation and will work on a Petty Cash Check-Out Form for the Finance Committee's review. I would also recommend a 2nd unrelated person also be involved in the recount of the petty cash box prior to returning the funds to the safe.

Item 6

A review of the procedure for requesting capital expenditures, requiring a Request For Capital Expenditure (RFCE) form for expenditures greater than \$5,000, revealed 5 instances of 2024 expenditures made without an RFCE form: Digital Signage, Landscaping Renovations, Outdoor Lighting Improvements, PAS Audio Upgrades, and Office Technology Upgrade.

Recommendation: It is strongly recommended that the policy be followed for all such expenditures going forward, regardless of funding source (church or Foundation). I agree with this recommendation. I am now preparing the RFCE forms prior to Session Meetings when a committee or individual intends to make a motion for a capital expenditure. Committees have been asked to inform me of these types of funding requests and provide me with quotes and other information required per the RFCE Form. Per Session's action, either the applicable committee chairs, Moderator of Session, and Clerk of Session will sign the form before leaving the meeting.

Item 7

There were numerous instances of deposits not being made within a week of the cash count, as required by the cash counting policy.

Recommendation: While recognizing the time, effort, and additional expense involved in taking cash to the bank and preparing desktop deposits of checks received, we recommend that the policy be followed in order to better safeguard the church's assets. I agree with this recommendation and make every effort to ensure timely deposits, with dates deposited verified, as per the church's cash counting policy.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristine Olson
Director of Financial & Business Administration
First Presbyterian Church

Appendix 5: General Fund Income & Expense Report: June 2026

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
GENERAL FUND INCOME & EXPENSE REPORT
JUNE 2026**

	JUNE 2026			2026 YEAR-TO-DATE			JUNE 2025			2025 YEAR-TO-DATE		
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	% OF BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	% OF BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	% OF BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
INCOME												
PLEDGES, OFFERINGS, AND PER CAPITA	112,567	40,570	277%	437,944	363,340	121%	70,236	33,020	213%	421,534	378,550	111%
OTHER INCOME	58,512	3,302	1772%	89,343	31,816	281%	2,361	3,095	76%	33,560	25,560	131%
INCOME SUBTOTAL	171,079	43,872		527,287	395,156		72,597	36,115		455,094	404,110	
MISSION (DEACONS/MC) INCOME	2,313	840	275%	15,771	4,790	329%	1,104	420	263%	8,053	2,240	360%
TOTAL GENERAL FUND INCOME	173,392	44,712	388%	543,058	399,946	136%	73,701	36,535	202%	463,147	406,350	114%
CUSTODIAL ACCOUNTS INCOME	13,433	-		30,930	-		3,422	-		26,497	-	
GRAND TOTAL INCOME	186,825	44,712	418%	573,988	399,946	144%	77,123	36,535	211%	489,644	406,350	120%
EXPENSES												
MISSION EXPENSES 1110												
COMPENSATION, TAXES, BENEFITS	-	-		-	-		-	-		-	-	
ALL OTHER EXPENSES	3,806	3,753		19,326	18,708		3,441	3,761		16,578	20,460	
EXPENSES SUBTOTAL	3,806	3,753	101%	19,326	18,708	103%	3,441	3,761	91%	16,578	20,460	81%
CUSTODIAL ACCOUNT EXPENSES	-	-		2,500	-		-	-		2,636	-	
TOTAL	3,806	3,753		21,826	18,708		3,441	3,761		19,214	20,460	
MINISTRY, CF, AND HERITAGE EXPENSES 1120												
COMPENSATION, TAXES, BENEFITS	15,623	16,211	96%	93,538	97,279	96%	16,969	15,950	106%	95,056	95,694	99%
ALL OTHER EXPENSES	201	600	34%	1,760	5,268	33%	65	600	11%	2,876	5,274	55%
EXPENSES SUBTOTAL	15,824	16,811	94%	95,298	102,547	93%	17,034	16,550	103%	97,932	100,968	97%
CUSTODIAL ACCOUNT EXPENSES	125	-		898	-		46	-		627	-	
TOTAL	15,949	16,811		96,196	102,547		17,080	16,550		98,559	100,968	
WEDDING PERSONNEL EXPENSES 1121												
COMPENSATION, TAXES, BENEFITS	-	-	0%	908	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	0%
ALL OTHER EXPENSES	-	-		-	-		-	-		-	-	
EXPENSES SUBTOTAL	-	-	0%	908	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	0%
CUSTODIAL ACCOUNT EXPENSES	-	-		-	-		-	-		-	-	
TOTAL	-	-		908	-		-	-		-	-	
CEFY EXPENSES 1123												
COMPENSATION, TAXES, BENEFITS	4,883	5,403	90%	29,524	32,412	91%	2,965	3,754	79%	20,101	21,995	91%
ALL OTHER EXPENSES	404	517	78%	4,323	5,984	72%	1,263	566	223%	3,868	5,884	66%
EXPENSES SUBTOTAL	5,287	5,920	89%	33,847	38,396	88%	4,228	4,320	98%	23,969	27,879	86%
CUSTODIAL ACCOUNT EXPENSES	-	-		776	-		75	-		845	-	
TOTAL	5,287	5,920		34,623	38,396		4,303	4,320		24,814	27,879	
ADULT SPIRITUAL GROWTH 1125												
COMPENSATION, TAXES, BENEFITS	-	-		-	-		-	-		-	-	
ALL OTHER EXPENSES	3,816	46		4,242	609		-	55		-	355	
EXPENSES SUBTOTAL	3,816	46	8296%	4,242	609	697%	-	55	0%	-	355	0%
CUSTODIAL ACCOUNT EXPENSES	1,000	-		1,207	-		-	-		52	-	
TOTAL	4,816	46		5,449	609		-	55		52	355	
HOSPITALITY & WELCOMING EXPENSES 1127												
COMPENSATION, TAXES, BENEFITS	-	-		-	-		-	-		-	-	
ALL OTHER EXPENSES	-	-		-	200		-	15		-	160	
EXPENSES SUBTOTAL	-	-	0%	-	200	0%	-	15	0%	-	160	0%
CUSTODIAL ACCOUNT EXPENSES	-	-		-	-		-	-		-	-	
TOTAL	-	-		-	200		-	15		-	160	
MUSIC MINISTRY EXPENSES 1128												
COMPENSATION, TAXES, BENEFITS	14,705	14,347	102%	93,094	94,185	99%	14,626	14,110	104%	91,033	92,083	99%
ALL OTHER EXPENSES	403	1,716	23%	5,024	4,504	112%	446	1,716	26%	449	4,504	10%
EXPENSES SUBTOTAL	15,108	16,063	94%	98,118	98,689	99%	15,072	15,826	95%	91,482	96,587	95%
CUSTODIAL ACCOUNT EXPENSES	12,308	-		25,067	-		3,211	-		22,094	-	
TOTAL	27,416	16,063		123,185	98,689		18,283	15,826		113,576	96,587	
OFFICE & COMMUNICATIONS 1129												
COMPENSATION, TAXES, BENEFITS	4,697	4,619	102%	27,384	27,718	99%	5,108	4,677	109%	24,092	28,058	86%
ALL OTHER EXPENSES	3,312	4,042	82%	18,481	22,248	83%	2,002	3,726	54%	21,039	20,344	103%
EXPENSES SUBTOTAL	8,009	8,661	92%	45,865	49,966	92%	7,110	8,403	85%	45,131	48,402	93%
CUSTODIAL ACCOUNT EXPENSES	-	-		-	-		-	-		-	-	
TOTAL	8,009	8,661		45,865	49,966		7,110	8,403		45,131	48,402	
MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS 1130												
COMPENSATION, TAXES, BENEFITS	5,704	6,345	90%	35,896	38,069	94%	6,052	6,238	97%	35,566	36,984	96%
ALL OTHER EXPENSES	6,218	6,282	99%	42,372	49,628	85%	5,025	5,855	86%	33,508	48,950	68%
EXPENSES SUBTOTAL	11,922	12,627	94%	78,268	87,697	89%	11,077	12,093	92%	69,074	85,934	80%
CUSTODIAL ACCOUNT EXPENSES	-	-		-	-		-	-		-	-	
TOTAL	11,922	12,627		78,268	87,697		11,077	12,093		69,074	85,934	
FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION 1133												
COMPENSATION, TAXES, BENEFITS	7,269	7,352	99%	43,198	44,117	98%	6,973	7,117	98%	42,867	42,693	100%
ALL OTHER EXPENSES	5,614	6,544	86%	38,242	42,131	91%	5,379	5,830	92%	37,854	37,199	102%
EXPENSES SUBTOTAL	12,883	13,896	93%	81,440	86,248	94%	12,352	12,947	95%	80,721	79,892	101%
CUSTODIAL ACCOUNT EXPENSES	29	-		29	-		90	-		243	-	
TOTAL	12,912	13,896		81,469	86,248		12,442	12,947		80,964	79,892	
PERSONNEL 1134												
COMPENSATION, TAXES, BENEFITS	-	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	0%
ALL OTHER EXPENSES	408	464	88%	2,473	2,766	89%	394	433	91%	2,294	2,702	85%
EXPENSES SUBTOTAL	408	464	88%	2,473	2,766	89%	394	433	91%	2,294	2,702	85%
CUSTODIAL ACCOUNT EXPENSES	(29)	-		455	-		-	-		-	-	
TOTAL	379	464		2,928	2,766		394	433		2,294	2,702	
TOTAL COMPENSATION, TAXES, BENEFITS												
	52,881	54,277	97%	323,542	333,780	97%	52,693	51,846	102%	308,715	317,507	97%
TOTAL OF ALL OTHER EXPENSES												
	24,182	23,964	101%	136,243	152,046	90%	18,015	22,557	80%	118,466	145,832	81%
EXPENSES SUBTOTAL												
	77,063	78,241	98%	459,785	485,826	95%	70,708	74,403	95%	427,181	463,339	92%
TOTAL OF ALL CUSTODIAL EXPENSES												
	13,433	-		30,932	-		3,422	-		26,497	-	
GRAND TOTAL EXPENSES												
	90,496	78,241	116%	490,717	485,826	101%	74,130	74,403	100%	453,678	463,339	98%
INCOME OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES												
	96,329	(33,529)	-287%	83,271	(85,880)	-97%	2,993	(37,868)	-8%	35,966	(56,989)	-63%
RESTRICTED FUND GRANT INCOME												
	-	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	0%
NET INSURANCE CLAIM INC/(EXP)												
	-	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	0%	(2,396)	-	0%
TOTAL INCOME OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES												
	96,329	(33,529)	-287%	83,271	(85,880)	-97%	2,993	(37,868)	-8%	33,570	(56,989)	-59%

2026 Church Working Budget Approved by Session 12-15-25:	\$ (118,688.00)	Surplus (Deficit)
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Appendix 6: Session Agenda August 3, 2026



Session Agenda

August 3, 2026

Zoom ONLY

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 Opening Prayer (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

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 June 15, 2026, Session Meeting minutes.

Report from the APNC

The Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC) requests the Session call a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, August 23, 2026 following morning worship for the purpose of acting on a nomination from the APNC for the position of Associate Pastor of Adult Ministries.

Clerk's Report

- Report from the Clerk of Session for July 2026. (see Session packet)
- Each Committee and Subcommittee are to submit recommendations for any changes to their portion of the FPC Operations Manual to be discussed at the September 21, 2026, Session meeting. An email was sent May 22, 2026 assigning areas of responsibility. The documents should be submitted to the Clerk, no later than Thursday, September 17. The full document should be edited with strikeouts for deletion and red type for additions. Please contact Julia with questions
- The 2025 church records (Redbooks) were bound at a cost of \$550, plus shipping. This is a \$50 increase from the past 5 years.
- 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.
 - Motion: The W&M Committee moves that Session approve the recipient of donations collected during the 2026 Christmas Concert be the Deacons' Caring Closet budget. The monies collected are meant to offset the budget, not be in addition to. (In a round-a-bout way, it is a donation to the general fund but with a "front-facing" recipient.)
 - Discussion:
 - Finance
 - The June 2026 Income/Expense and Custodial/Pass-Through reports.
 - Motion from Finance Committee:
- Whereas First Presbyterian Church (FPC) is eligible to submit a request to the Birdies for Charity program, along with \$828,000 cash by August 17, 2026.; that amount plus 5%-10% bonus to be returned to FPC by October 15, 2026;
- Whereas This is the amount of pledges and donations along with the permission of members and donors, to be submitted to the Birdies program since July 2025 with the understanding that the bonus is for the benefit of FPC;
- Whereas, After recognizing the need to maintain funds to pay operating expenses in August, September and October, FPC expects to have \$448,000 in cash available in the

church's general fund operating account by August 14 to submit to the Birdies for Charity Program;

- Whereas The Finance Committee anticipates the Foundation Board of Trustees to seek approval of the Members of the Foundation to make a loan to FPC of \$190,000 cash no later than August 14, 2026, from the Foundation Unrestricted Fund or other Foundation fund as determined by the Board of Trustees;
- Whereas This loan from the Foundation would be without interest or cost to FPC and is expected to be repaid to the Foundation by the end of October; therefore be it
- *Resolved*, That the FPC Finance Committee moves that the Session approves the Finance Committee taking a loan from the Sesquicentennial Restricted Fund and Memorial Restricted Fund of up to \$70,000 total and from the Magnusson gift of \$122,000 cash. This loan will be without interest or cost to FPC and is expected to be repaid by the end of October

Meeting of the FPC Foundation: Suspension of Session meeting to go into Specially Called meeting of the FPC Foundation. Materials provided to Elders in separate email on July 31, 2026.

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

Evaluation of the Meeting

Closing Prayer and Adjournment

DATES TO REMEMBER	
Outdoor Sunday Morning Service Blessing of the Animals	Sunday, August 16, 2026 Sunday, October 4, 2026, 2 PM
Upcoming Session Meetings	Monday, September 21, 2026 Monday, October 19, 2006 Monday, November 16, 2026
Sermon Series	Book of Confessions, Sept 27 – Nov 15, 2026

Next Presbytery Meeting, 221th	Saturday, September 19, 2026, 10 AM In-person and Zoom Camp Bear Creek
Kick Off Sunday Congregational Conversation Deacon's Community Picnic	September 13, 2026, 9:30 AM September 13, 2026, 10:30 AM September 13, 2026, 11:00 AM
Celebrating Kris, Open House in the Parlor GA Co-Moderator Covenant Service Stewardship Campaign Consecration (Pledge) Sunday	Friday, August 21, 2026, 6 - 8 PM Sunday, September 20, 2026, 9:30 AM Sunday, September 27, 2026, 9:30 AM Sunday, October 25, 2026, 9:30 AM