

Session Meeting
First Presbyterian Church
Davenport, Iowa
September 21, 2026

The stated meeting of the Session of First Presbyterian Church of Davenport, Iowa was held on Monday, September 21, 2026. The meeting was held in Von Maur Hall with Zoom available.

Moderator Rev. Dr. Kristopher Schondelmeyer called the meeting to order at 6:36 PM and stated that a quorum was present.

During devotion time Pastor Kris shared that September 22 is the day recognized by the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. as Native American Day. He read Psalm 24:1-2 and the Clerk read the Land Acknowledgment, all to emphasize that the earth is the Lord's and we are its' stewards.

	Class of 2026		Class of 2027		Class of 2028
P	Dianna Darland <i>Worship & Music</i>	E	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>
E	Kathy Knox <i>Christian Ed & Fellowship with Youth</i>	P	Wendy Hammen <i>Worship & Music</i>	E	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>
		P	Jay Williams <i>Adult Spiritual Growth</i>		
		E	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>	

He asked Session to think about how The Land Acknowledgment could shape what we do.

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>	P	Diana Miller-Bur <i>Admin Asst to Pastor</i>	P	Kari Swanson <i>Associate Pastor Elect</i>

At 7:00 PM, Pastor Kris started the meeting with prayer.

Guests: FPC Staff Members, Deacon Moderator Andy Edwards, On motion and second, guests were seated with voice and no vote.

The Clerk requested that the agenda be amended to remove the vote for approval of the Operational Manual submissions, but allow discussion. **On motion and second**, the agenda was approved as amended.

On motion and second, the Session approved the seating of FPC Staff and the Deacon Moderator, with voice and no vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were presented on the Consent Agenda:

- Approve the August 3, 2026, Session Meeting minutes
- Approve the August 23, 2026, Specially=Called Congregational Meeting minutes.
- Ratify the E-vote of August 23, 2026, to approve the expenditure of \$1797.54 to repair the AC unit that services the Heritage Room.

Vote: YES 14, NO 0.

On motion and second the consent agenda was approved.

CLERK'S REPORT

- The report from the Clerk of Session for August/September 2026 is appended to these minutes.
- Communications received by the Clerk:
 - The Clerk received a second letter from the Covenant Network of Presbyterians requesting FPC to consider a donation for 2026. The Director of Finance confirmed that a donation of \$500, authorized by the Deason Board, was sent.
- Action Items
 - The Clerk recommended that Gary Johnson, Dan Kennedy, Holly Kennedy and Clare Kraklow be removed from active membership by their request. **On motion and second** it was approved.
 - The Clerk reported that after looking over the FPC Operations Manual revisions submitted by 3 committees that there is a need for a standardized structure and consistent language, therefore, a template will be created and sent to Session and FPC Staff soon. Also since many committees did not submit anything to the Clerk by the deadline, it was requested that they start this work and/or record that the work is occurring in the committee meeting minutes submitted to Session.

DEACONS' REPORT – Deacon Moderator, Andy Edwards reported that the Community Picnic went well. A Homecoming email invitation will be sent out soon.

SESSION COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS

- Written Session committee reports were received and are appended to these minutes.
- **Finance:** Finance provided the July and August 2026 Income/Expense and Custodial/Pass-Through Reports.

- Craig Foster's (Finance) comments were focused on the month of August.

Currently there is a surplus of \$6K, which is \$30K better than this time last year and \$160K better than budgeted. As has been previously noted, income is frontloaded so the current surplus will not hold for the rest of the year. Indications are that our ending deficit will be less than the \$119K projected in the budget. Director of Finance projects that the end of year deficit may be closer to \$65K, or even less if Session chooses to draw from the Restricted funds.

- Nancy Chapman (Finance) reviewed the expected 2027 DRAFT Budget.

The 2026 pledges are \$618K, the Birdies for Charity payout is October 8th and we expect about \$50K which would help avoid drawing from the Restricted funds. The building fund reserves have been significantly depleted because of all the repairs needed to the building. The goal for 2027 pledges is \$800K, which would leave us with a positive \$11k for end of year 2027.

	July 2026		July 2025	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	\$ 27,766	\$ 40,915	\$ 23,575	\$ 39,025
Custodial Accounts Income	4,272	-	5,010	-
Compensation Expenses	(53,071)	(54,287)	(51,341)	(51,846)
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	(21,318)	(20,641)	(14,760)	(18,570)
Custodial Accounts Expenses	(4,272)	-	(5,010)	-
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	(\$46,623)	(\$34,013)	(\$42,526)	(\$31,391)
Restricted Fund Grant Income	-	-	-	-
Net Insurance Claim Inc/(Exp)	-	-	-	-
Net Surplus (Deficit)	(\$46,623)	(\$34,013)	(\$42,526)	(\$31,391)
	2026 Year-To-Date		2025 Year-To-Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	\$ 570,824	\$ 441,408	\$ 486,722	\$ 445,375
Custodial Accounts Income	35,202	-	31,507	-
Compensation Expenses	(376,614)	(388,067)	(360,056)	(369,353)
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	(157,563)	(172,687)	(133,225)	(164,402)
Custodial Accounts Expenses	(35,202)	-	(31,507)	-
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	\$36,647	(\$119,346)	(\$6,559)	(\$88,380)
Restricted Fund Grant Income	-	-	-	-
Net Insurance Claim Inc/(Exp)	-	-	(2,396)	-
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$36,647	(\$119,346)	(\$8,955)	(\$88,380)

All numbers are rounded.

	August 2026		August 2025	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	\$ 45,999	\$ 43,094	\$ 25,661	\$ 41,405
Custodial Accounts Income	6,104	-	2,329	-
Compensation Expenses	(52,493)	(54,279)	(49,937)	(51,846)
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	(24,292)	(23,621)	(20,775)	(21,474)
Custodial Accounts Expenses	(6,104)	-	(2,329)	-
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	(\$30,786)	(\$34,806)	(\$45,051)	(\$31,915)
Restricted Fund Grant Income	-	-	-	-
Net Insurance Claim Inc/(Exp)	-	-	-	-
Net Surplus (Deficit)	(\$30,786)	(\$34,806)	(\$45,051)	(\$31,915)
	2026 Year-To-Date		2025 Year-To-Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	\$ 616,823	\$ 484,002	\$ 512,383	\$ 486,780
Custodial Accounts Income	41,306	-	33,836	-
Compensation Expenses	(429,105)	(442,346)	(409,991)	(421,199)
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	(181,857)	(196,308)	(154,002)	(185,876)
Custodial Accounts Expenses	(41,306)	-	(33,836)	-
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	\$5,861	(\$154,652)	(\$51,610)	(\$120,295)
Restricted Fund Grant Income	-	-	-	-
Net Insurance Claim Inc/(Exp)	-	-	(2,396)	-
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$5,861	(\$154,652)	(\$54,006)	(\$120,295)

All numbers are rounded.

- Motion of the Buildings, Grounds and Safety Committee:
 - Whereas one of the two Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall AC units is not functional (resulting in the functional unit being overworked), and although new HVAC is under consideration by the Strategic Discernment Team, we do not expect new units to be installed for more than a year from now. BG&S moves to repair the non-functioning Sanctuary AC compressor for \$13,237.52 + tax.
 - Finance, Nancy Chapman, stated that the Committee has identified the Capital Maintenance Endowment Fund for this expenditure.
 - **The motion was approved.**

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, it has been another full season of ministry, transition, and new beginnings at First Presbyterian Church.

I was grateful to take a few days of vacation before participating in orientation for my role as Co-Moderator of the 227th General Assembly. I also had the privilege of officiating the funeral for

Joyce Bawden, surrounding her family with the prayers and care of our congregation as we celebrated her life and entrusted her to God's eternal care.

One of the most significant moments in the life of our congregation was the election of our new Associate Pastor, the (almost) Rev. Kari Swanson. We have already begun some onboarding, and Kari is quickly getting up to speed on the life, ministries, and rhythms of First Presbyterian Church. She gets married this coming Saturday, and after she returns from her brief honeymoon, we will both be ready for her to dive more deeply into her ministry among us.

I strongly encourage Session members to sign up for one of the upcoming meet-and-greet opportunities with Kari. These are wonderful opportunities to get to know her beyond Sunday mornings and to begin building relationships with her.

Kari will also serve as the staff person assigned to a few of our Session committees. We will work out those assignments in greater detail after she returns from her wedding and honeymoon.

Worship

Over the past several weeks, I have led us through our sermon series on the River of the Water of Life, tracing the biblical image of water from Genesis through the prophets and the Gospels to Revelation. That series carried us into our Kick-Off Sunday on September 13 and helped frame the beginning of another program year around the promise that where God's life-giving river flows, everything will live.

Our River of the Water of Life series concluded on September 20 with a particularly meaningful Sunday in the life of our congregation. Both Co-Moderators of the General Assembly were present, along with our Stated Clerk, the Rev. Jihyun Oh, who preached and led our congregation in a ritual of covenant. It was a wonderful opportunity to connect the ministry of First Presbyterian Church with the ministry and witness of the wider Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Congregational Life

As you are well aware, our Kick-Off Sunday also included my agreeing to sit in a dunk tank to help raise a few dollars for our Deacons. Beyond the fun and fundraising, however, I think moments like that serve another important purpose: they help humanize the pastoral office.

During my three and a half years as your pastor, I have had several people walk into my office and say, *"I've never been in here before."* When I have asked why, some have shared that they simply did not have that kind of relationship with previous pastors...that they did not feel as though they could simply stop by, or that somehow the pastor's office seemed like a space that was too special to enter. I want us to continue changing that narrative, and if getting in a dunk tank can help, I am willing to do that.

I am not holier than anyone else in this church. The pastoral office is not meant to create distance between pastor and congregation. And neither is my new role with the General Assembly. I always want my office to be a place of welcome, conversation, prayer, laughter, questions, tears, and relationship. Every person in this congregation is worthy of pastoral care and of my time and attention. I want it to be clear that I am always happy to schedule time with members who want or need to visit.

In that spirit, since our last Session meeting, I have had pastoral visits and conversations with approximately a half-dozen members of the congregation.

I also participated last night in the first Youth Group gathering of the new program year. It is good to see our children and youth ministries beginning another season and to spend time building relationships with our young people.

This morning, I participated in the dedication of two of our Foundation-owned properties in our partnership with Tapestry Farms. These two homes are now ready for two refugee families to

move in to. I pray that we have opportunities to mutually benefit from being good neighbors with each other.

Strategic Discernment

I have continued working with the Architect Task Force as we move forward with the next phase of our Strategic Discernment Process. This remains important work as we consider how our facilities can best support the ministry God is calling us to do in the years ahead.

Adult Ministry

I have also participated in multiple planning meetings for our Kirkwood Seminars on Faith and Life as we prepare for our first event featuring singer-songwriter and author David LaMotte. I am excited about the potential of the Kirkwood Seminars to become an important space for thoughtful theological reflection, conversation, and engagement with issues of faith and life...not only for our congregation, but for the wider Quad Cities community.

In addition, I am working with Mark Jones and Kari to develop a series focused on civil discourse and navigating difficult conversations. This will provide opportunities for people to think about how we engage disagreement faithfully, listen compassionately, and remain in relationship across differences.

Looking Ahead

The coming weeks will include several periods of travel related to my responsibilities as Co-Moderator of the General Assembly.

After worship on October 11, I will travel to Louisville and will be away through October 14. I will then travel to Georgia for three different meetings from October 21–24.

In November, I anticipate leaving after worship on November 1 for travel to Israel and Palestine, where I will participate in a visit with Palestinian and Jewish siblings and partners. I expect to return November 14.

Summary

There is a great deal happening in our congregation right now. A new Associate Pastor is beginning her ministry. Our children and youth programs are underway. The choir has returned. Adult education and Kirkwood Seminars are growing. Our Strategic Discernment Process continues moving forward. We are deepening our member care and community partnerships. And our congregation continues to find ways to connect our life with the ministry of the wider church.

I am grateful for the privilege of serving as your Pastor and Head of Staff, and I am especially grateful for the partnership of this Session as together we seek to discern where God's river is flowing...and how we are being called to follow.

OTHER BUSINESS

- A motion to have communion during the installation of Associate Pastor Elect Kari Swanson was **seconded and approved**. Installation is currently scheduled for December 5, 2026, at FPC. Kari is scheduled to be ordained on October 17, 2026, in Chicago.
- The Commissioner's report on the 221st Stated Meeting of PEIA, September 19, 2026, is appended to these minutes.

Evaluation of the Meeting: It was one of the shortest meetings to date. A request to report the dates Kris is out of town in the 'Dates to Remember' table was made.

ADJOURNMENT

No new business was brought to the floor. The Moderator closed the meeting with prayer at 8:10 PM.

The next Stated Meeting of the Session of First Presbyterian Church, Davenport, Iowa is October 19, 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

August/September 2026

I. Membership Changes

Death of member:

Joyce Bawden died on August 6, 2026. A memorial service was held on Wednesday, August 12, 2026, at First Presbyterian Church – Davenport with Rev. Dr. Kristopher Schondelmeyer officiating.

II. Communion

Communion was served during Sunday service, August 2, 2026. The Rev. Pat Halverson officiated.

Communion was held Saturday, August 15, 2026, after the Sanctuary Choir retreat at Christ's the King Chapel, St Ambrose University. The Rev Dr. Kristopher Schondelmeyer officiated.

III. CEFY Christian Education Attendance

			Children and Youth						
August 2026	Nursery	Pray-ground	Sunday School All Grades	1st/2nd	Tweens	Musik-garten*	Kirkwood Choir	Youth Choir	Youth Ministry
8/2 - 8/8	0	0	Recess	Recess	Recess	0	Recess	Recess	Recess
8/9- 8/15	0	3	Recess	Recess	Recess	0	Recess	Recess	Recess
8/16 - 8/22	1	8	Recess	Recess	Recess	4/2*	Recess	Recess	Recess
8/23 - 8/29	1	5	Recess	Recess	Recess	0^	Recess	Recess	Recess
8/30 - 8/31	1	13	Recess	Recess	Recess	3/2	Recess	Recess	8/5*
Total	3	29	0	0	0	7/4	0	0	8/5
Weekly avg	1	6	0	0	0	3/2	0	0	2/1
8/30:Acolyte/Bible Bearer Training - 10						*Child/Adult		^Recess, APNC reception	

No adult Christian education programming was held during August 2026.

IV. Worship Attendance

August 2025					August 2026				
	Time	Cong. Count	Choir/ Clergy	Totals		Time	Cong. Count	Choir/ Clergy	Totals
Bix	9:30 AM	147	31	178	Bix	9:30 AM	157	41	198
Sunday	On-line views			86	Sunday	On-line views			72
3			Total	264	2			Total	270
	9:30 AM	95	3	98		9:30 AM	81	3	84
	On-line views			52		On-line views			27
10			Total	150	9			Total	111
Outdoor	9:30 AM	81	4	106		9:30 AM	99	5	104
	On-line views			4		On-line views			38
17			Total	110	16			Total	142
	9:30 AM	106	5	111		9:30 AM	122	5	127
	On-line views			75		On-line views			43
24			Total	186	23			Total	170
	9:30 AM	86	4	90		9:30 AM	102	4	106
	On-line views			47		On-line views			45
31			Total	137	30			Total	151
Monthly Total				847	Monthly Total				844
Weekly Average				169	Weekly Average				169
Total Attendance and weekly average is based on in-person attendance					On-line views are based on livestream views (Facebook and YouTube)				
plus watches on Facebook and Vimeo. On-line views are based on counts					during the morning service. Weekly average is based on the sanctuary				
taken 2-3 weeks after the last service of the month.					attendance plus views on Facebook and Youtube.				

Online views reporting is limited to views during the Sunday morning service.

Session Committee/Commission Reports: September 2026



Congregational Fellowship Committee August 10, 2026 Meeting Notes

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

- Opening Prayer: Denny
- Reviewed the Bix Race Day Donut Concessions on July 25. Our expenses were \$136.10 and we received \$373.55 in donations for a total profit of \$237.45.
- Reviewed the Bix Jazz Liturgy Cookie Reception on August 2. Our expenses were \$74.62 and we did not ask for donations at this event. We bought three trays of cookies and had one whole tray leftover which we donated to Fellowship Hour after church service. Next year we will only buy two trays of cookies.
- Reviewed the First Night Out Picnic on August 8. Our expenses were \$54.56 with 22 people attending. It was a fun event with games, a potluck lunch and swimming.
- Reviewed the Bix Jazz Celebration Belle Cruise on July 31. We had 42 people attend, eight of whom were from the Bix Beiderbecke Jazz Committee. The Bix Jazz members paid for their own tickets and CF charged FPC members \$55.00 per person. The CF Travel Fund subsidized \$9.00 for each FPC member for a total cost of \$306.00. Linda Meadors bought a small bouquet of flowers and presented them to Verna Burrichter in recognition of her retirement as the Bix Jazz Committee Chairperson.
- Discussed the September 20 reception for Pastor Kris after the worship service. Pastor has asked that we serve short bread cookies and fancy pastries. Deb, Carole and Val volunteered to bake the cookies, and we will purchase the pastries from Sam's Club. We will need committee members to help serve and clean-up. The funds for this event still need to be discussed.
- There will be no Manna & More in September as that is the date of the Deason's Picnic. We are brainstorming new Manna & More breakfast menus for the coming year.
- Our annual Blessing of the Animals service is scheduled as a stand-alone event on October 4 in the afternoon.
- Verna has done some research and has requested that CF host a day trip to the Ragtime Festival in Muscatine on Saturday, January 16 (weather permitting). As we have in the past, we are planning to piggy-back with the Ragtime Festival, which is offered by the Muscatine County Arts Council, and invite Jeff Barnhardt to play at our Carnival Sunday on January 17. It would be nice to formally support the Muscatine event by renting a bus to take FPC members and friends to it. We anticipate approximately 40 participants.
 - We will also discuss the possibility of hosting both the Muscatine event and the annual Christmas light tour and dinner in Clinton in December.
- Discussed the need to nominate a new Chair for the CF Committee. Denny continues to struggle with his health and would like to pass the baton onto a new person. Deb Brashers and Val Horvat

volunteered to co-chair the committee. Pastor Kris will need to approve the next committee chair(s).

- Our next meeting will be on September 14 in Van Der Veer Park on Marie Fraiser's bench at 5:00 pm. We will have pizza and ask that people BYOB.
- Closing Prayer was led by Denny.
- We adjourned at 5:50.



Hospitality and Welcoming Committee August 4, 2026

The membership and welcoming committee of first Presbyterian Church met on August 4 at 7:30. Present were Andy Edwards Colleen Duenas, Bonnie Parriott. Kristine Oswald, Dianna Darland.

Opening prayer was done by Colleen

Information was given and people will be present for September 27. November inquiry folders will be done. Things will be prepared beforehand and will be marked in the back office of Jim Middleton.

An announcement will be put in E news in the bulletin this week.

Usher list will be started to be renewed for next year year 2027. Instructions will be given on other committee members how to look and change ushers and greeters. Greeter list will be formulated also.

Fellowship treats will be done as we did last year and will be in the bulletin if people want to donate. August 30 is taken for Fellowship treats for Matt Bishop celebration for 10 years.

Magnetic name tags are in and will try and get pre-printed names of all members and try and get pictures so that everyone has a picture on the board along with magnetic name tag. This will be ideal for new minister to learn names and faces.

The committee was instructed to think about a new person that would be good on this committee from the church.

It was brought up for membership to try and make a list of people that have not been in church for a while to check on records to see if they have some medical problems. This will be the deacon's responsibility. I'll try and do that on deacons. Also suggested to have an involvement fair on September 13 or Deacon's and session has a table of all things that are possible for people to do. It was also suggested that we try and mix up the fellowship so that people sit with different individuals to get to know others especially at Manna and More. This will be discussed with Fellowship and pastor Kris.

There were no motions for session. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 and was led by prayer by Bonnie.



Adult Spiritual Growth Committee Minutes September 3, 2026

The Adult Spiritual Growth Committee met on September 3, 2026, to coordinate fall and winter adult-education programming, including the David LaMotte event and related book study, a proposed Wednesday evening discussion series, and longer-term study opportunities for Advent, Lent, and next fall.

Key Decisions and Direction

- The committee finalized plans for the David LaMotte fall event and a four-part book study leading up to it.

- The committee agreed to continue developing a new Wednesday evening “Let’s Talk” series focused on current events, faith, and respectful dialogue.
- The foundation’s request for Sunday-morning informational sessions was tabled until after the holidays so it can be considered in the context of broader stewardship planning.
- The committee identified future education possibilities, including studies connected to immigration, Kairos Palestine, Presbyterian non-partisanship, and indigenous spirituality.

Upcoming Programming

- **David LaMotte event:** Scheduled for early November, with event planning and staff liaison coordination continuing.
- **Book study:** Four sessions are planned for September 27, October 4, October 18, and November 1, using David LaMotte’s *Language of Change*.
- **September 20 congregation conversation:** A possible hybrid event may introduce Pastor Kari and General Assembly representatives, depending on participant availability.
- **Wednesday evening discussion series:** A planning meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 9, at 7:00 p.m. to shape topics, structure, and conversation guidelines.

Items Needing Session Awareness

- The committee is intentionally balancing adult spiritual growth programming with stewardship-related requests so Sunday-morning educational space remains aligned with the church’s mission and seasonal priorities.
- The proposed “Let’s Talk” series will require clear discussion covenants or interaction guidelines to support compassionate dialogue on difficult topics.
- Coordination with Pastor Kari will be important for theological grounding, staff liaison support, and integration with broader church programming.



Worship & Music Committee Report **Meeting held on August 17, 2026 at 7:30PM**

In attendance: Rev. Dr. Kristopher Schondelmeyer, Matt Bishop, Dianna Darland, Patrick Downing, Wendy Hammen, and Diana Miller-Bur.

Absent: Judy Wagschal

The meeting was opened in prayer by Pastor Kris.

The relevant pages of the Operations Manual were reviewed, discussed, and recommendations for changes were made.

The request for funding for the purchase and installation of the carillon bell was discussed. The consensus of the committee is that we do not fund the project at this time.

The Bix Sunday service was reviewed and a recommendation was made that a short video be prepared detailing Bix’s many connections to First Pres. It was also suggested that communion not be served.

The committee approved a request for the purchase of floral arrangements for Pastor Kris’s celebration on Aug 21. Chancel Guild funds will be used for the purchase.

Matt Bishop reported that the Sanctuary Choir retreat will take place on Saturday, Sept. 5. Communion will be served.

A 10-year work anniversary celebration for Matt Bishop was scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 4, 2026 following the worship service.

The schedule of upcoming special services was confirmed: Sept. 13 Kickoff Sunday, Sept. 20 Covenant Service, Oct. 4 World Communion, Oct. 4 Blessing of the Animals (2:00PM), Oct. 25 Consecration Sunday, and Nov. 1 All Saints Day. Suggestions were made for the World Communion Sunday service.

Matt Bishop reported that the PAS Announcement party will be held on Aug. 27 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Invitations have been sent to patrons.

The next committee meeting was decided upon. The meeting was closed in prayer by Diana Miller-Bur.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy R. Hammen



Personnel Committee August 31, 2026

Dan Brenich and Ruth Ann Tobey-Brown (chair) met with Pastor Kris for the personnel meeting. Since there was not a quorum, we further discussed the following: updating the personnel policies, job descriptions, and expectations.



CEFY

Tuesday August 4th at 7:30pm on zoom.

Attending: Abby, Marty, Kathy K, Kathy M, Sherry W, and Deanna H. Absent: Erin Y, Sarah and Matthew H,

Marty opened in prayer

We discussed the budget.

Looked at it closely to see if we can move some money to help offset the going over budget for Compassion camp. We looked at moving 250 dollars from Mission (Services Learning) up to compassion camp.

We also discussed the fact that the volunteers/teachers have let us know that they don't want the little gifts, the appreciation is all that is needed.

For the Art show funds for the gift cards won't come from the CEFY budget anymore but from the Jane Magnusson memorial fund.

We talked about Compassion camp and moving it to July to accommodate different activities taking place.

Kirkwood choir will start again in the fall and the grade range will be K-6

We read through and reviewed and revised the CEFY portion of the operations manual. The only change we decided on was how the age groups were listed.

Abby closed in prayer



CEFY

Monday September 7th 7:30pm on zoom

Attending: Marty, Abby, Kathy K., Kathy M., Deanna, Sherry

Guests: Judy, Karla

Absent: Erin, Matthew

Abby opened in prayer

No new budget update since last month

Abby is working on children's bulletins for prayer ground on Sundays

Abby and Marty are part of a cohort through the PCPA once a month starting in October to work on a project for intergenerational events at the church

Talked about Sunday school and the topics starting off. They will focus on people from the Old Testament and try to make the stories and lesson linear vs jumping around

Went over the child safety policy with everyone as a refresher with Sunday school starting up.

Marty closed in prayer



Buildings, Grounds, & Safety Committee Meeting: 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 - Andy
3. Approval of May Minutes
4. Old Business:
 - a. Need space for wheelchairs in sanctuary. **Andy** is coordinating to remove a pew that will be placed back-to-back behind the last row on the east side.
 - 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. 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. No communication received from insurance company. Need to confirm that we are good to go. **Andy/Kristine**
 - e. Removal of two trees by playground and trimming of spruce tree by transformer, Iowa Street side. This will be executed during fall cleanup.
 - f. **Darren** is getting price on renting a stump grinder to grind the tree Redbud stumps once the other two are cut down.
 - g. Switch for light in boiler room by stairs was lowered. **Done-Darren**
 - h. Air compressor tank draining. An *automatic drain valve* on the air handling air compressor was installed. **Done-Darren**

5. Needed Repairs:

a. Minor $\leq$ \$1000

- i. Heat tape needed in downspout, east side of Sanctuary bldg., after the gutters are replaced, scheduled for end of September. - **Darren**
- ii. Install new lights in bell tower (visible through the narrow windows on the tower. **Done-Dan**
- iii. Flood lights on dormers of bell tower need to be replaced. **Dan, Sean**
- iv. North dormer window blank – **Dan**
- v. Replacement motor for #1 boiler. **Matt** looked into replacement cost and received three quotes.
- vi. 1st floor drinking fountain unit is not cooling. Dr Edwards funded replacement. **Matt/Andy**
- 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 built. **Done-Darren**
- x. 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 $1000 < X < \$5000$

- i. Although Session approve a contract for Boss to put in new gutters and downspouts on South Side of CE building for \$6245. They backed out. We are in communication with the original company general contractor to have their new gutter company review to see if they can repair under warranty. That \$6245 is no longer obligated. **Andy**
- ii. Session approved White Roofing to repair steeple roof & to repair Donaldson Room roof to include new gutters for \$3800. This is scheduled for late September. **Andy**
- iii. Sinkhole in NW portion of Kirkwood/Pershing parking lot has been repaired. **Done-Darren**
- iv. Small leak from steam trap that needs a new gasket. Modern has been contracted to make repairs using \$700 unused from resolving other leaks in that bathroom and \$1000 from our budget. **Darren/Andy**

c. Major $\geq$ \$5000

- i. 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 for use of the Magnusson gift. Worship and Music reported for their July minutes that they are not inclined to support this effort.**

- ii. Sanctuary A/C repair. One of two A/C unit compressors is not working and needs new compressor motor. Two quotes were received; Modern for ~\$13k and Crawford for ~\$16k. **Darren**
 - iii. Plastering in Chappel and Donaldson Room. **Darren** to get quotes for repairs of current damage, assuming there is no more damage we will be ready to execute one roof work is complete.
- 6. New Business:
 - a. Preventative Maintenance quotes were received for the elevators and we tabled decision for a few months to see if we have budget left near the end of the year.
 - b. Reviewed Landscape cmte report.
 - c. Fall Cleanup scheduled for 24 Oct.
- 7. Motions Made:
 - a. Approval of 27 July minutes Matt/Andy – Approved unanimously
 - b. Purchase replacement motor for #1 boiler. Quotes were \$384, \$308, \$265. Pete motioned and Nate seconded to approve purchase for \$265, Approved unanimously. Matt is lead.
 - c. Andy motioned and Matt seconded to make repairs to the Sanctuary AC compressor for \$13,237.52 + tax. Approved unanimously. Dan to communicate with Finance and enter for Session consideration.
- 8. Motions made for Session –

Whereas one of the two Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall AC units is not functional (resulting in the functional unit being overworked), and although new HVAC is under consideration by the Strategic Discernment Team we do not expect new units to be installed for more than a year from now. BG&S moves to repair the non-functioning Sanctuary AC compressor for \$13,237.52 + tax
- 9. Next Meeting: 5 Oct 2026, 5:30PM – Parlor
- 10. Closing prayer (Dan) & Adjournment: 6:15 PM



FPC Landscape Committee

JULY

The ornamental grasses around the generator on Iowa St were removed and installed behind the rocks in the alley bed (west side). 3 additional grasses, the same variety, were purchased and were also installed behind the rocks. Hopefully they will keep the mulch from getting into the rocks. A Bobo hydrangea was also installed in this bed to replace a dead Bobo hydrangea.

Plants \$150

The waterers and weederers were very busy in July. Very little oversight is needed by me.

Darren purchased soaker hoses, at my request, for use around smaller trees on the property. They got some use before the rain came.

AUGUST

Very little supplemental watering was done early in the month due to the constant rain.

I was made aware of the need to move the hydrangea on Std because of a new camera to allow a view of the electronic sign. I will be removing it before September 6th, unless otherwise informed. I will install it in another spot I have identified after it and I have had time to rest.

I have purchased additional plants, while still available, oakleaf hydrangeas, ornamental grasses and knockout roses to finish the Iowa St beds. These will be installed in late September. The store is caring for them until I pick them up. Plants \$425

Another project will be moving Liriope to the triangle near the Shed Gate. The grass was killed to facilitate this.

SEPTEMBER

Advantage tree service will probably come out in September to prune 2 Linden and 2 Dogwood trees on the property. Cost \$1100. This is probably an every other year expense.

OCTOBER

The last purchase for the year will be a big load (30 yds) of mulch.
Approximately \$740 from Jacobsmulch.com, 2025 prices

I would suggest Fall Clean Up for Saturday, October 24, 2026

Submitted by: Julia Meyer



Congregational Fellowship Committee September 14, 2026 Meeting Notes

The meeting was held at 5:00pm at the home of Denny and Marilyn Jorgenson. Committee members present were Denny, Marilyn, Carol, Ralph, Mariann, Verna, Bill, Deb and Val. Our new Associate Pastor, Kari Swanson also attended.

- Opening Prayer: Denny
- Discussed the upcoming September 20 reception for Pastor Kris after the worship service. Deb, Carol and Val will bake Shortbread Cookies and Denny and Marilyn will purchase pastries from Sam's Club. Dianna Darland has volunteered to bake a gluten free dessert. We will need committee members to help serve and clean-up.
- Our annual Blessing of the Animals service is scheduled as a stand-alone event on October 4 in the afternoon. Our new Pastor, Kari Swanson, will lead a brief worship service and bless the animals. We have tentatively set a time of 2:00 pm for the service, but will confirm this in the next week. Deb and Carol will submit the BUF for this event and will help take photos of the animals and their owners following the service.
- Discussed the menus for our Manna and More breakfasts. Our first M&M will be held on October 19, the third Sunday of the month, instead of the usual second Sunday because the church is hosting a special guest on that day. Ralph, Carol and Verna will plan the menus and shop for the ingredients throughout the year. We reminded each other that we need to serve gluten free options at each breakfast and to add those to the shopping lists. We agreed to keep the

price for the breakfasts the same this year, which is \$4.00 per adult and \$1.00 per child. Carol and Deb will submit the BUF for all the breakfasts.

- Reviewed the proposed plan to host a day trip to the Ragtime Festival in Muscatine on Saturday, January 16 (weather permitting). As we have in the past, we are planning to piggy-back with the Ragtime Festival, which is offered by the Muscatine County Arts Council, and invite Jeff Barnhardt to play at our Carnival Sunday on January 17. After reviewing costs and times, Verna and Linda Meadors have determined the best itinerary for this event is to travel by bus to Muscatine in the late afternoon of January 16, have dinner at a pre-selected restaurant with a pre-selected menu, and attend the evening music session. We estimate the bus will cost \$800 plus a \$50 tip for the driver and \$20 for the concert ticket. Attendees will pay for their dinners individually. We anticipate approximately 40 participants which would put the cost per person less than \$25, not including dinner, which we think is very reasonable. We will ask Linda to promote this trip to the choir members and possibly give a Minute for Mission talk on it.
 - We are still considering hosting both the Muscatine event and the annual Christmas light tour and dinner in Clinton in December but need to confirm costs and logistics for the Clinton trip.
- Discussed a date for our annual Christmas Party. We agreed it will be on Saturday, December 12 at 6:00 at Val Horvat's house.
- Our next meeting will be on October 12 in the Parlor.
- Closing Prayer was led by Denny.
- We adjourned at 6:05.



Finance Committee

Tuesday, July 14, 2026, 7PM (Zoom)

Present: Tom Spitzfaden, Craig Foster, Stephanie Arp, Karen Moore, Kirk Christie, Pam Paulsen, Nancy Chapman **Staff:** Kristine Olson, Pastor Kris Schondelmeyer

Nancy agreed to be the **note taker**

Minutes from June 9 meeting were approved. Kristine to send to Clerk

Financial reports

June financial reports were not available. Kristine indicated they would be complete and distributed by next day. There was discussion about what caused the delay: some duplicate work done that had to be corrected. There was also discussion why there was no communication prior to the meeting that the June financial reports were not ready for the meeting.

Confirm e-Vote approval of **donor-funded commissioned music** for the Sanctuary Choir. Kristine will report approval by Finance Committee to Matt Bishop.

Magnusson bequest status: All funds have been received. Total over \$750,000. Eventually half will be Foundation assets and half will be Music Fund assets. Foundation has taken no action yet to receive. All assets are in Music Fund until Foundation takes action. When funds move to Foundation, we anticipate the then current balance will be split in half.

BG&S project status: Funding source needed for Chapel roof repair – final invoice from White Roofing has arrived. Motion passed to charge remaining \$20,400 to Capital Maintenance Endowment Fund. A proposal from White Roofing for \$3,800 for shingles missing on top of the sanctuary and to correct downspouts that leak into Donaldson room was received but BG&S has not yet made a recommendation.

Birdies status: We have pledged \$800,000+. We are attempting to be sure that we have cash to fund pledge as well as cash for operations through mid-October. Following that, we need to provide request/direction to New Covenant for cash to transfer to General Fund from New Covenant funds. Pam made a motion and Karen made a second to ask Session to approve a loan from the Sesquicentennial and Memorial Restricted funds up to \$70,000 total and \$122,000 cash from the Magnusson Fund. **Motion passed**

There was also a motion made and approved to recommend to the Board of Trustees to loan \$190,000 from the Foundation Unrestricted Fund to the general fund for the purpose of funding the Birdies pledge. **Motion passed.**

There was discussion of **when the Foundation BOT could meet** for approval of the recommendation by the Finance Committee. Kristine will contact Heather Calvert to request that meeting.

Cash position: Tom is managing the process to convert all General Fund CDs to cash prior to August 15 (except IHMVCU) so we may fund Birdies pledge. Tom and Pam will co-ordinate to be sure this happens.

Follow up on Quick Books conversion debrief with Kristine, Stephanie, Craig, and Kris. Kristine committed to communicating with the Finance Committee and Kris on status of reports and projects, including asking Finance Committee for help when needed. Since accounting systems are no longer integrated, there will have to be more controls and procedures to make sure modules are communicating correctly with each other. Kristine will work with the Finance Committee to develop the controls and procedures and make a list of projects and status.

Session request to update Operations Manual and Financial Procedures. Target due date September 21 Session meeting. Members of the Finance committee to review the job description of the Committee at the August meeting. Work on Financial Policies and Procedures to follow. Nancy and Karen offered to work with Kristine on this work.

Nancy raised a question about **check signer term limits in bylaws** to be discussed in August.

Agreed Upon Procedures review

Review of 2024 done in 2025 – Nancy made a motion and Karen seconded it to approve Kristine's response to review of 2024 completed in 2025 and sent to Session in December 2025. Motion passed. Kristine will forward her response to Session for August 3 Session meeting.

Review of 2025 to be done in 2026 needs to find a new date.

Compassion Camp:

Everyone owes Stephanie \$15 for food supplied by the Finance Committee.

Stephanie purchased: three 16 pack beef hot dogs and buns. Box of 50 individually packaged chips-variety; Individually packaged cookies, 2 in each package, variety. 2 containers of red grapes. Ketchup and mustard if church does not have on hand. Church supplied gluten free items (buns and cookies).

Next meeting – Tuesday, August 11, 2026; 7pm – via zoom.

Tom congratulated Kris on being elected Co-Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

End with **prayer**- Pam closed the meeting with prayer

Possible future Carryover items

Spending Policy for Restricted Funds – see Kristine email. Ready to implement? Discussion planned for August 2026

Investment policy, disbursement procedures, communication with New Covenant, allocation from non-expendable to expendable for 4 Restricted funds, etc

Changing banks – Moving toward Green State but they don't offer credit cards for business. Still on hold
Pre-approval of expenses process

Definition of "long-term" savings – needed to help with 2026 annual reporting to congregation

Minutes of the July 14 Finance Committee meeting were approved on August 11 by the Finance Committee with approved updates to two motions.



Finance Committee minutes August 11, 2026

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

Minutes of the July minutes were approved as corrected.

Karen agreed to take notes.

Kristine gave a financial report and a detailed staff report. She will send us a report on the receipt of the Magnusson gift. July was a very good month. Pam will help her move boxes.

Nancy hopes to have the Finance Committee job descriptions done by Sept. 15 and she will red line the changes. We feel that it is not realistic to finish reviewing the Operations Manual by September 15th.

There is a sinkhole in the Pershing Street lot. B&G has not come to us with a proposal. We may have to replace a compressor for the air conditioning in the sanctuary or replace it. Kristine will contact the insurance company about possible damage to the CE building.

Kristine reported that the checks for Birdies have been printed and signed. Tom will close 2 CDs on 8/17 so that there will be enough cash to cover the checks. Kristine will take the checks to Birdies on August 24th.

Tom, Stephanie, Craig and Chris Pitcher will conduct the Procedures review this fall.

Kristine is working on the 2027 budget and will increase the insurance amount by 10%. There will also need to be an amount for the new Associate Pastor for Adult Programming. We need to review the proposed budget by 9/15.

A motion was made and seconded to ask the Clerk of Session to include the General Fund Income and Expense Report to be included in the Session minutes every month. The motion carried.

Nancy proposed a change to the church bylaws concerning terms for congregational members. It will be discussed further next month.

Kristine will send draft Spending Policy and Calculation to committee members for action next month

Our next meeting is Sept. 15.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Pam.

FPC Staff Reports, September 2026



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

Staff report for September 21st Session Meeting

Since August 3rd:

Cleaning and refreshing supplies for monthly Intergenerational gatherings. Goal is to foster a welcoming environment for our gatherings, and clean storage spaces for refreshed supplies. Surplus, supplies were donated to area organizations or placed aside for future children and youth service projects.

Youth Group End of Summer Pool Party August 30th from 5-7:45 pm hosted 8 youth at 5 adults. Great fun, laughter, and feasting were shared by all.

Sunday school lessons were researched to introduce children to Old Testament faith leaders. A chronological approach was chosen to string together stories across the lifetime of individual characters. Selected characters include Abraham and Sarah, Isaac, Esau and Jacob, Joseph, and Moses. A teacher schedule through December has been shared.

Sunday School Teacher orientation and training was completed September 7. Reviewed the Child Protection Policy, flow of Sunday morning programming, and introduced the themes and stories for Fall Semester Sunday School.

Sadly, the September 4th continuing education class chosen by Marty, was cancelled by the provider. Course was entitled, "Rediscovering the Old Testament."

Joined the full staff in welcoming Kari Swanson and we are looking forward to collaborative and creative ministry. Collaboration for Christmas Eve Family Service has started with Kari and CEFY.

Abby, Marty, Kris, and/or Kari are registered for Around the Table through the PCUSA. This course provides guidance for children, youth, and intergenerational ministry programming, development of a project, and support/sharing sessions. Those completing the course will be granted \$1,500 toward an intergenerational event. This opportunity will meet over the next 9 months.

Kick off Sunday was a success with activities and games provided by a collaborative effort of Deacon and CEFY. This also included a blessing of the backpack for all.

Weekly communication has been converted to Breeze. Registration will be online through Breeze this year. We hope this creates a consistent communication look across ministry programs.

Confirmation planning has taken place. A schedule has been communicated with volunteers and families.

Youth planning has taken place. A schedule has been communicated with volunteers and families.

Acolyte and bible bearer will provide weekly involvement for children and youth during the service. A training was provided for children and youth.

The playground remains an active and safe place for children every Sunday morning.

Collaboration between music ministry and CEFY has continued more now that the school year has started.

Bible Discovery for 3th - 5th took place and those children who has not received bibles received them during worship.



Matt Bishop: Director of Music and Arts

- Bix Sunday was a success, with music provided by a jazz quintet fronted by Jeff Barnhart and the Sanctuary Choir.
- Rehearsals began the third week of August for the Spotlight Theatre's production of the musical *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, with a chorus made up of mostly FPC Sanctuary Choir members (and singers from the community as well). Performances are the second and third weekends of October. Those rehearsals are Wednesday evenings, and will become more frequent in October.
- The Sanctuary Choir held its annual Fall Retreat on the Saturday of Labor Day weekend in the Galvin Fine Arts Center of St. Ambrose University. At the end of the day, Pastor Kris led a brief service of communion and remembrance. There are 11 new singers on the choir roster this year (a new record in the last decade), only one of whom is already a member of the church. The Sanctuary Choir's first Sunday back in the choir loft was September 13.
- The Kirkwood Choir, Chamber Chorale, and Justice Choir of the Midwest all have their first rehearsals on September 20, the Vesper Bells on September 24, and the Quad City Youth Choir begins the following on September 27.
- PAS brochures/renewal letters will be mailed on September 16.
- Our contract with ACFEA for the Wales Travel Fellowship has officially been signed. There are still a few spots on the trip if you are interested!



Kristine Olson, Dir. of Financial & Business Administration

- August General Fund Financials were provided to Finance on Thursday evening, September 10th.
- 2027 Budget: The Initial Draft Budget was provided to Finance on Thursday evening, September 10th. This budget was determined in coordination with committee chairs and is the most collaborative initial draft I have prepared in the past 7 years! This draft has many assumptions regarding revenue, requiring Finance Committee guidance. At the time of this report, the 2027 Stewardship Campaign Goal would be \$800k to have a balanced budget. Once Finance reviews the initial draft for reasonableness, this will be shared with Session. As the 2027 Stewardship Campaign moves forward, Deacons and Session Committees may be asked to provide adjustments to their respective budgets.
- 2026 Forecast: As part of the 2027 Budget template, I created a forecast for Year-End 2026. As of the drafting of this report, the year is expected to end with a net deficit. This assumes all restricted fund grants are received in 2026. These restricted fund grants were budgeted for \$50k total from Memorial and/or Sesquicentennial and \$7k from Deacons Fund.
- DRAFT August 2026 Committee Financials were provided to Deacons; Congregational Fellowship; and Buildings, Grounds, and Safety on Monday, September 14th.
- Approved August 2026 Committee Financials will be emailed to all other committee chairs and staff liaisons the day following the Finance Committee's approval of General Fund Financials.

Printed copies will be placed in the respective committee mailboxes found in the copy room of the front office.

- Going Forward: All Monthly Deacons and Committee Financials will be provided on the day following the Finance Committee's approval of the monthly General Fund Financials. Thus, Deacons, Fellowship, and BG&S may not receive September Financials until after their October meetings.
- On July 29, 2026, I spoke with FPC's Insurance Agent, Katie Wesemann, from Sovereign Insurance. We discussed several items regarding FPC's current P&L Policy and the 2027 P&L Renewal Process. A separate summary of that conversation was with the Finance Committee for their information.
 - Note, when I asked Katie for a rough estimated increase in P&L Policy Premiums for 2027, Katie suggested 10% would be sufficient due to FPC's lack of claims in 2025 & 2026, and potential upgrades to property (roof, hvac, electrical, etc.). Finance approved a 10% increase in P&L Insurance for the initial draft 2027 budget.
- Birdies for Charity 2026 Update: \$827k+ donations made directly to FPC and donor instructed to be forwarded to Birdies were transferred to Birdies on Monday, August 24th. In order to do so, a lot of coordination with New Covenant, Finance Committee, and Foundation occurred to obtain the funds for the transfer and to ensure funds are available to cover ongoing costs thru October 15th.
- I have been working on a Punch List for Quick Books Online and plan to call QBO after August Books are closed. At this time, many of my concerns surround back-ups, reports, and "best practices" for certain items.
- In August, found a QBO tool that works with Excel that allows me to customize a report once and then I can simply refresh the report with the new reporting dates each month. Previously, I was manually customizing the Detailed Income & Expense report that Finance receives. I had a 45minute Zoom Meeting with the Fanatical customer service representative, Chris Meyer, and he was able to provide a lot of insight on what their tool, Flash Reports, will allow me to do. I believe I have been/will be able to create the following reports using the Flash Reports tool:
 - Monthly GF Actual v. Budget for Finance – created for August financials
 - Monthly Session Income & Expense Report – created but will be used for September
 - Monthly Committee Actual v Budget Income & Expense Reports – created for August financials
 - Monthly Custodial & Passthrough Report – still working on this one
 - Summary Report for eNews & Bulletin – created, but will be used for September
- I have not had a chance to work with Tom & Craig to review the Balance Sheet Report from QBO. I will work to coordinate a time with Tom & Craig to meet prior to the next Finance meeting.
- Nancy, Karen, and I have started reviewing the Financial Policies & Procedures Review. This will be an ongoing process. Nancy, Karen and I have met and we have reviewed and updated about half of the policies, up to "General Fund Budget Management Process."
- At the last Finance meeting, there were 20 donors who give online using the old platform, Vanco. As of September 15, there are still 4 donors who I am transitioning to Breeze.
- I have been working with Tom. S. to start the process of transitioning FPC's checking accounts from Wells Fargo to GreenStates Credit Union. The current plan is to have the accounts ready to receive funds by the time of the Birdies Checks distributions and to close the 3 Wells Fargo Checking Accounts by year-end.

- Tom S. & I have discussed moving from Wells Fargo to a new Credit Card provider. It was determined to focus on this in 2027. Staff have requested a Visa credit card provider to allow use at Costo. Pastor Kris has also us asked to explore expense tracking platforms, such as Visa Spend Clarity, to allow for easier expense reporting.
- Accounting Assistant Updates: Tammy is now responsible for the Foundation Property Reporting, beginning with the month of June. She also completed Restricted Fund Q2 Financials. She was very happy to have the challenge of the Foundation Properties and I am thrilled to pass these off. Of course, her first month there were new questions we are still working with the property manager to resolve. Tammy has also created reconciliations of various passthrough accounts to be included with the monthly financial review. These have helped tremendously in keeping track of outstanding items needing approvals and/or support.

Priorities for Next Month

- Coordinate July & August Recon & J/E Reviews with Craig
- Spending Policy Calculations for 2026
- 2027 Stewardship Campaign Mailings & Pledge Tracking
- Transition remaining donors from Vanco to Breeze by end of September Financials
- October 8: Pick-up donation check & match from Birdies with Pastor Kris! Q3 Giving Statements
- Continue to customize Committee Reports using new QBO tool for Excel
- Financial Policies & Procedures – review and update with Nancy C. and Karen M.
- 2025 Financial Policy & Procedures Review -

Finance Committee & Other Assistance Request(s)

- Review QBO Punch List for reasonableness – after 9/21/26
- Draft QBO Recon to 3rd Party Software Procedures – Nancy C. & Karen M.
- Move boxes from Finance Office to Filing Closet & removing “expired” boxes – Pam P.
- Update formatting of GF Balance Sheet Report – Tom S. & Craig F.
- Update formatting/layout of GF Budget v Actual Income & Loss Report – **TBD Finance**
- Committee Feedback Requested on Monthly Financial Reports – layout, information, etc.
- Q3 Giving Statement Mailings – Pam P.
- Stewardship Campaign Mailings – **TBD**

Darren Long, Director of Buildings and Grounds

Since our last session meeting.

- We have had our yearly Fire Extinguisher inspection done.
- I have met with numerous contractors for the Sink hole in the northwest parking lot, which has been fixed.
- Meeting with different contractors for the A/C work that needs to be done on the Sanctuary & Heritage room A/C
- I replaced the drainage hoses on the Heritage room heat pump in the attic that were dripping.
- We had church only parking signs placed around the parking lots by Munson Towing.
- Met with a couple of cleaning services to get bids on cleaning the church.
- Trained our new part-time hire Tyler Powell on what needs to be cleaned. He will be here 2 days a week 5 hours each day.
- I lowered a light switch in the boiler room so people can reach it without a stick.
- I replaced the light timer for the bell tower lights in the tower and spotlights on the outside top.
- I replaced the light timer for the Iowa parking lot and Northwest parking lot.



- I installed a new auto drain on the compressor in the boiler room for the church's A/C and Boiler
- Fabricated a radiator cover for Kari's new office and installed it.
- Cleared out the chapel of stuff that Julia & Diana cleaned out of the alcoves.
- Helped Sean Jacobsmeier install new ceiling light switches in the Gym.
- Replaced all the spotlights in the ceiling of the sanctuary with LED spotlights, Will be working with Jim Middleton on getting them aimed at the right spots.
- Got bids on replacing the 3 or 4 missing shingles on the bell tower. White roofing will be doing the work
- Got bids for flashing on overhang outside of the Donaldson room, White roofing will be doing this work also when doing shingle work.
- We have our yearly Fire Alarm Inspection coming up on Oct.2nd.
- Have a walk through with Modern to see about having them take over for Crawford that does our yearly maintenance agreement for the A/C and Boiler.
- Modern will be coming Sept. 22nd to work on the steam trap in the men's restroom off of fellowship.
- Got everything ready and staged for the church picnic and then put away for next year.(Dunk the Pastor again everyone)
- Been doing a lot of little maintenance issues around the church with some more involved, mainly the sanctuary A/C . When it is super-hot out till we get the one unit fixed, the other has a hard time keeping up and needs to be pampered.(Luckily summers over)



Appendix 4: Deacon's Report, August/September 2026

Deacons Minutes, August and September 2026

Deacons Minutes

August 11th, 2026/ 7:00 PM

People in Attendance: Andy Edwards, Dan Breinich, Elizabeth Breinich, Gail Yingling, Bill Yingling, Pat Halverson, Lois Boyer, Scott Johnson, Sarah Soenksen, Sherry Williams, Heidi Pedersen, Bob Lehnher, Katrina Williams, Mason Pedersen, Amy Saskowski, Kris Woodard, Zoom [Connie Connolly, Steve Earp]

Absent: John Geere, Carrie Braun, Doug Wells, Al Frohlich, Pastor Kris Schdelmeyer, Andrew Darland, Cherrie Umland Burns

Opening Devotion: Andy Edwards

Minutes and Matthew 25: Andy Edwards

Thank You notes: Notes from Sudlow students, Cafe on Vine, Cathy Lumbard and Libby Lake, Bear Creek Camp, Churches United

Succession Planning update: Andy: Who will be Chair and co-Chairs for next year

Green Envelopes: Andy: Need minute for mission last Sunday of August [Andy Edwards] and last Sunday of October

Member Care Follow up: Steve Earp & Lois Boyer

Follow up new teams and birthday cards. Letter to members to be done for the future.

Note Bird: Continue to check and update

Furthest Pew: Status-partial list

Communion was given to two individuals; one did not want communion, and one was not available. Further list to follow information. There are packets available and there is a home communion kit that Andy bought. It is located in the communion shelf area.

Need new list to do communion in August

Tea is done

Homecoming: Needs to be in the e-news and heavily advertised. The committee will need an RSVP including allergy notifications. The plan is to have lunch catered by someone of reasonable price but good quality food. A discussion was had about having an old fashion hymn sing-a-long before lunch begins. This would give the adult Sunday school time and kids Sunday school time to have their sessions before lunch. Perhaps the kids would sing to the group after the meal. DATE: October 25th

Looked at three Caterers, [a seated luncheon served family style is suggested]

The focus will be on seniors. The committee will honor longtime members and families.

Mark Jones and Diane Schroder will get out the cradle rolls to share. In process of forming committees to get things organized.

Decorations, invitations will go out to the total list of church members, possibly nursing homes and people who have moved out of town but used to belong to the church.

Pastor Kris is going to MC for entertainment, honor longtime members and families. People who have moved out of town

Baseball game on June 30th: 2 people attended [hot day!]

Young Adult outing- Bowling happened and swim party is scheduled

Prayer Shawls- in the back of Sanctuary

Funeral helpers list on Breeze. Committee will create a template for future funerals and needs

Joyce Bawden funeral on Wednesday, August 12th at 1:00

Men's fellowship breakfast: September 12th, 8:00 am At the Village Inn on Brady and Harrison. Announcement will go in bulletin and e-news, people will need to RSVP

Tapestry Farms: Andy Edwards no new update

Outreach: Sarah and committee

Caring Closet: They are having a hard time keeping hygiene products. Andy Edwards moved to give \$500 to the caring closet for hygiene products. The motion was moved, seconded and approved.

Picnic date for getting bouncy house and tent: September 13th

11:00-1:00

Andy McNeil proposed a snow cone machine. He would man it and take care of it. Sign up sheets went around for the picnic volunteers. The picnic information is in the e-news and bulletin. Andy is making two banners. Flyers are given out at the caring closet.

Dunk tank has been canceled

PUNCH: Sherry- Memorial to Lost: Punch is having a discussion about doing it differently this year. The idea is to split up the T-Shirts amongst the involved churches with a sign and a list of people. Pastor Kris made a flyer to locate loved ones at different churches on the hill. People will be able to scan the flyer for the location. T-Shirts need names painted on them. [2 people needed] Katrina Williams, Marty Edwards

Blessing Box: The items collected for the blessing box may perhaps be stored at a 1st Presbyterian Church. The church may possibly be a site for people to pick up items.

Junteenth on June 20th: A lot of appreciative people enjoyed the flip flops, sandals and socks. A recommendation was given to have more slides and crocs next year. Set aside money for shoes for the event. Andy will talk to KP Woods

Meal Site: Bob Lehnerr: August 52 people were served. July 67 people were served, June 70 people were served

Mission Connection: Gail Yingling

Response to natural disasters Planning Border outreach next year

Mission trip next year in fall. Possibility to Midwest tornado areas

Habitat for Humanity- Possibly September 17th

They don't have any more work dates this fall.

'I live here' organization- Committee will contact to clean up neighborhoods around the churches, Possibly in October [17th]

Maybe work on landscaping with Tapestry Farms at the new houses-week day or weekend

Natural disasters possibility- Nebraska, Tennessee, North Carolina possibly next year

No news about Border Outreach

Kids against hunger next spring

Special gift: Possible use for homecoming

Compassion Camp-done

Money for celebration for Pastor Kris as co-moderator of Presbyterian Church: Elizabeth: Asking up to \$500: August 21st 6-8PM

Andy Edwards Moved to give up to \$500 to support the celebration for Pastor Kris. It was moved, seconded and approved.

Conservation to move money to birdies fund until money comes back: \$7000 suggested, but it is too late for this year. Money will come back after Birdies is finalized. This will be brought up next year before The Birdies for Charity event.

Andy Edwards shared news regarding church members.

Closing prayer: Andy



Deacons Minutes September 14th, 2026: 7:00 PM

Attendance: Kari Swanson, Andy Edwards, Elizabeth Breinich, Dan Breinich, Gail Yingling, Bill Yingling, Sherry Williams, Heidi Pedersen, Mason Pedersen, Kris Woodard, Pat Halverson, Lois Boyer, Scott Johnson, Steve Earp, Connie Connolly, [zoom] Carrie Braun, Amy Saskowski, Bob Lehnherr, Sarah Soenksen, Doug Wells

Absent: Al Frohlich, John Gere, Cherrie Umland-Burns, Andrew Darland, Katrina Williams

*Andy welcomed Kari to the Deacons meeting.

Opening devotions: Doug Wells

Minutes: Approved

Matthew 25: Andy Edwards: Building Congregational Vitality

Dismantling Structural Racism

Eradicating Systemic Poverty

Succession Planning- Think about who will chair and co-chair for the committees next year

Green Envelopes: Andy Edwards

\$320 resulted from the last green envelopes

Minute for mission for Green Envelopes the last Sunday of October

3. **Member Care:** Steve & Lois

Follow up on new teams and birthday cards.

Letters to members to be done

Note Bird: Put in updates

Abby Pitcher [mom death], Thomas Boyd [Kahl Home], Paul Hartman [Senior Star]

Furthest Pew Status-partial list: Communion was given to 2 people. One did not want to receive communion and one person was not available. A further list will follow. Information packets are available. A communion kit has been purchased and is located in the communion shelf. List for home communion is on the computer in the church office.

A new list is needed to do communion for the month of September and October

Tea: done

Homecoming: Date: October 25th The Homecoming event needs to be in the E-news and heavily advertised. The committee will use Breeze for the initial contact. Invitations need to still be done. If people do not respond to the initial contact, a post card will go out or phone calls will be made at a later date. RSVP has to be made by October 11th. The committee will need a RSVP which includes allergy information. The plan is to have lunch catered by someone of reasonable price but good quality food. Chefs Catering will handle the food. They will take care of preparing,

setting up and cleaning afterwards. Hopefully boy scouts will help with serving. P B& J sandwiches will be made for children. A cake will be purchased from Hy-Vee. The lunch will be served family style around the table. A discussion was had about having an old fashion hymn sing-a-long before lunch begins. Share your favorite hymns. Alex will handle the hymn sing. A suggestion was made to include a favorite hymn on the RSVP.

This would give the adult Sunday School and Children Sunday School time to have their sessions before lunch. The Kids would perhaps sing to the group after the meal

Connie C. will do table decorations.

Budget will be donated. \$1000 is already budgeted.

Who will MC? Kris, Glen R, Mike B?

Traditionally we honor seniors and long term members. This will happen at the end of the meal or after the meal. Mark Jones and Diane Schroder will bring down the Cradle Rolls from years ago.

Young Adult outing: two people showed up

Funeral helper list on Breeze. There will be a template for future funerals and funeral needs

Men's fellowship breakfast September 12th: follow up: The plan is to continue with the breakfast monthly. October 10th is the next date. Time: 8:00 The breakfast will be at the church next time. Perhaps a breakfast pizza will be served.

Minute for mission will need to be at the end of September for the next breakfast.

5. Tapestry Farms: Andy: Nancy Chapman requested some help this Saturday September 19 at 9:00 for a brief clean up at the renovated homes.

6. PUNCH: Sherry: Chief of Police talked about The Memorial to the Lost. "Shots fired" are significantly down. A system has been put in place with key people working with the Justice System. Discussion about getting the T-Shirts set up for The Memorial to the Lost.

Discussion about the a community garden. Churches are taking turns filling water for the water truck to water the garden. Six churches are involved in PUNCH. Next meeting is October 15th at 1:00. Location is First Presbyterian Church

7. **Outreach**: Sarah

Caring Closet: A lot of donations from Family Resources. Hygiene items go fast, towels, and sheets are needed. Queen/ King sheets, blankets. Homecoming dress give away was poorly attended. They can always use more volunteers on Saturdays. The Closet needs more storage. Andy is going to tour a storage place [YMCA] on Mississippi Ave.

Picnic: follow up: Wonderful picnic. Great turn out. Big thank you for monitoring the bounce house. Dunk tank earned \$62 dollars. Possibly assigning food to bring for future picnic.

Served 108 regular burgers, 8 impossible burgers, 60 hot dogs- left over will be used for Churches United.

Giving Tree: December: Bethany Homes wants the gifts delivered by December 12th.

Cocoa and Caring/ Toy give away: First week of December on a Tuesday or Wednesday

Planning nursing home Christmas Sing?

8. Meal Site: Bob: Didn't serve because of Labor Day

9. Mission Connection: Gail

Planning Border outreach: Won't happen for awhile

Local mission: Perhaps next spring

Habitat will wait until the Spring. There is a staff turn over slowing things down a bit.

Looking into clean up the block for the newly renovated homes and block. [Gail]

10. Fill The Truck: Money donated for Hygiene for places

11. Money for Birdies: Not productive enough for Deacons to participate

12. We will meet on Columbus Day October 12th

13. Closing Prayer: Doug Wells

Appendix 5: PEIA Commissioner's Report

Elder Commissioner Report

221st Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of East Iowa, September 19, 2026

- Elder Commissioners: Jay Williams, Mark Jones, Jed Steckel. Rev. Dr. Kristopher Schondelmeyer attended as a member of Presbytery and Kari Swanson attended as a Candidate.
- The meeting was hosted by Camp Bear Creek.
- In attendance were the Co-Moderators of the General Assembly, Rev. Dr. Kristopher Schondelmeyer and Rev. Marta Pumroy-Cordero, and the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, Rev. Jihyun Oh.
- Worship included a Covenant of Constitutional Service led by Rev. Oh. The sermon was offered by Kevin Cullum, Director of Camp Bear Creek. He talked about how the camp has changed the way they teach the gospel as, over time, the percentage of unchurched campers has increased. It is a lesson churches can learn about how people receive the gospel in different ways.
- Changes to the Bylaws were approved that require an annual review of the Stated Clerk and the Treasurer and increased the number of Trustees. These changes increase oversight within the Presbytery.
- The Stated Clerk reported that a misconduct complaint had been received. The investigative committee has been trained and has begun their work. Details are confidential.
- A slate of new committee members was approved as presented by the Committee on Representation and Nomination. This included a second term for RuthAnn Tobey-Brown on the Committee on Preparation for Ministry. More Ruling Elders are needed to serve on committees.
- The 2027 PEIA per capita rate was approved as \$30.77 (up by 90 cents). The per capita for 2027 will be \$49.31 (including GA, Synod, and PEIA).
- An increase of 4.25% for the Minimum Effective Salary for Called and Installed Pastors and CRE's was approved. The full-time called and installed Teaching Elder minimum salary will be \$63,111.
- Candidate AJ Cerniglia was examined and approved for ordination to a Validated Ministry with the Covenant Network of Presbyterians.
- The Commission on Ministry and Vitality (COMV) published a report that included approval of the Terms-of-Call for Kari Swanson.

Submitted 9/20/2026, Mark Jones, RE Commission.

Appendix 6: July 2026 and August 2026 Income & Expense Reports

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
GENERAL FUND INCOME & EXPENSE REPORT
JULY 2026

	JULY 2026			2026 YEAR-TO-DATE			JULY 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	26,285	37,060	71%	464,229	400,400	116%	21,375	35,620	60%	442,909	414,170	107%
OTHER INCOME	1,224	3,195	38%	90,567	34,958	259%	1,778	3,095	57%	35,338	28,655	123%
INCOME SUBTOTAL	27,509	40,255		554,796	435,358		23,153	38,715		478,247	442,825	
MISSION (DEACONS/MC) INCOME	257	660	39%	16,028	6,050	265%	422	310	136%	8,475	2,550	332%
TOTAL GENERAL FUND INCOME	27,766	40,915	68%	570,824	441,408	129%	23,575	39,025	60%	486,722	445,375	109%
CUSTODIAL ACCOUNTS INCOME	3,394	-		13,613	-		5,010	-		31,507	-	
PAS CUSTODIAL INCOME	878	-		21,589	-		-	-		-	-	
CUSTODIAL INCOME SUBTOTAL	4,272	-		35,202	-		5,010	-		31,507	-	
GRAND TOTAL INCOME	32,038	40,915	78%	606,026	441,408	137%	28,585	39,025	73%	518,229	445,375	116%
EXPENSES												
MISSION EXPENSES												
COMPENSATION, TAXES, BENEFITS	-	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	0%
ALL OTHER EXPENSES	2,060	2,140	96%	21,386	20,848	103%	1,153	2,148	54%	17,731	22,608	78%
EXPENSES SUBTOTAL	2,060	2,140	96%	21,386	20,848	103%	1,153	2,148	54%	17,731	22,608	78%
CUSTODIAL ACCOUNT EXPENSES	-	-		2,500	-		740	-		3,376	-	
TOTAL	2,060	2,140	96%	23,886	20,848	115%	1,893	2,148	88%	21,107	22,608	93%
MINISTRY EXPENSES												
CLERGY COMPENSATION, TAXES, BENEFITS	16,611	16,215	102%	110,148	113,494	97%	16,853	15,950	106%	111,909	111,644	100%
FUNERAL & WEDDING COMP., TAXES, BENEFITS	-	-	0%	908	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	0%
ALL OTHER EXPENSES	1,214	600	202%	2,581	4,200	61%	963	600	161%	3,062	4,200	73%
EXPENSES SUBTOTAL	17,825	16,815	106%	113,637	117,694	97%	17,816	16,550	108%	114,971	115,844	99%
CUSTODIAL ACCOUNT EXPENSES	-	-		490	-		520	-		566	-	
TOTAL	17,825	16,815	106%	114,127	117,694	97%	18,336	16,550	111%	115,537	115,844	100%
CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP EXPENSES												
COMPENSATION, TAXES, BENEFITS	-	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	0%
ALL OTHER EXPENSES	-	-	0%	393	1,668	24%	-	250	0%	776	1,924	40%
EXPENSES SUBTOTAL	-	-	0%	393	1,668	24%	-	250	0%	776	1,924	40%
CUSTODIAL ACCOUNT EXPENSES	2,174	-		2,582	-		1,230	-		1,811	-	
TOTAL	2,174	-	0%	2,975	1,668	178%	1,230	250	492%	2,587	1,924	134%
HERITAGE EXPENSES												
COMPENSATION, TAXES, BENEFITS	-	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	0%
ALL OTHER EXPENSES	-	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	0%
EXPENSES SUBTOTAL	-	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	0%
CUSTODIAL ACCOUNT EXPENSES	-	-		-	-		-	-		-	-	
TOTAL	-	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	0%
CEFY EXPENSES												
COMPENSATION, TAXES, BENEFITS	4,689	5,402	87%	34,213	37,814	90%	3,005	3,754	80%	23,107	25,749	90%
ALL OTHER EXPENSES	439	117	375%	4,762	6,101	78%	-	66	0%	3,868	5,950	65%
EXPENSES SUBTOTAL	5,128	5,519	93%	38,975	43,915	89%	3,005	3,820	79%	26,975	31,699	85%
CUSTODIAL ACCOUNT EXPENSES	21	-		797	-		-	-		845	-	
TOTAL	5,149	5,519	93%	39,772	43,915	91%	3,005	3,820	79%	27,820	31,699	88%
ADULT SPIRITUAL GROWTH												
COMPENSATION, TAXES, BENEFITS	-	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	0%
ALL OTHER EXPENSES	69	46	150%	4,310	655	658%	-	55	0%	-	410	0%
EXPENSES SUBTOTAL	69	46	150%	4,310	655	658%	-	55	0%	-	410	0%
CUSTODIAL ACCOUNT EXPENSES	(69)	-		1,138	-		-	-		52	-	
TOTAL	-	46	0%	5,448	655	832%	-	55	0%	52	410	13%
HOSPITALITY & WELCOMING EXPENSES 1127												
COMPENSATION, TAXES, BENEFITS	-	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	0%
ALL OTHER EXPENSES	-	-	0%	-	200	0%	-	15	0%	-	175	0%
EXPENSES SUBTOTAL	-	-	0%	-	200	0%	-	15	0%	-	175	0%
CUSTODIAL ACCOUNT EXPENSES	-	-		-	-		-	-		-	-	
TOTAL	-	-	0%	-	200	0%	-	15	0%	-	175	0%
MUSIC MINISTRY EXPENSES 1128												
COMPENSATION, TAXES, BENEFITS	15,487	14,351	108%	108,582	108,536	100%	13,772	14,110	98%	104,805	106,193	99%
ALL OTHER EXPENSES	-	516	0%	5,024	5,020	100%	463	516	90%	911	5,020	18%
EXPENSES SUBTOTAL	15,487	14,867	104%	113,606	113,556	100%	14,235	14,626	97%	105,716	111,213	95%
MUSC CUSTODIAL ACCOUNT EXPENSES	1,257	-		5,612	-		2,520	-		24,614	-	
PAS CUSTODIAL ACCOUNT EXPENSES	878	-		21,589	-		-	-		-	-	
TOTAL	17,622	14,867	119%	140,807	113,556	124%	16,755	14,626	115%	130,330	111,213	117%
OFFICE & COMMUNICATIONS 1129												
COMPENSATION, TAXES, BENEFITS	4,721	4,620	102%	32,106	32,338	99%	4,957	4,677	106%	29,049	32,735	89%
ALL OTHER EXPENSES	2,116	3,542	60%	20,597	25,790	80%	2,613	3,226	81%	23,652	23,570	100%
EXPENSES SUBTOTAL	6,837	8,162	84%	52,703	58,128	91%	7,570	7,903	96%	52,701	56,305	94%
CUSTODIAL ACCOUNT EXPENSES	-	-		-	-		-	-		-	-	
TOTAL	6,837	8,162	84%	52,703	58,128	91%	7,570	7,903	96%	52,701	56,305	94%
MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS 1130												
COMPENSATION, TAXES, BENEFITS	4,324	6,345	68%	40,220	44,414	91%	5,779	6,238	93%	41,344	43,222	96%
ALL OTHER EXPENSES	8,695	6,182	141%	51,067	55,810	92%	3,716	6,165	60%	37,224	55,115	68%
EXPENSES SUBTOTAL	13,019	12,527	104%	91,287	100,224	91%	9,495	12,403	77%	78,568	98,337	80%
CUSTODIAL ACCOUNT EXPENSES	-	-		-	-		-	-		-	-	
TOTAL	13,019	12,527	104%	91,287	100,224	91%	9,495	12,403	77%	78,568	98,337	80%
FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION 1133												
COMPENSATION, TAXES, BENEFITS	7,239	7,354	98%	50,437	51,471	98%	6,975	7,117	98%	49,842	49,810	100%
ALL OTHER EXPENSES	6,266	7,034	89%	44,511	49,165	91%	5,458	5,146	106%	43,313	42,345	102%
EXPENSES SUBTOTAL	13,505	14,388	94%	94,948	100,636	94%	12,433	12,263	101%	93,155	92,155	101%
CUSTODIAL ACCOUNT EXPENSES	-	-		-	-		-	-		243	-	
TOTAL	13,505	14,388	94%	94,948	100,636	94%	12,433	12,263	101%	93,398	92,155	101%
PERSONNEL 1134												
COMPENSATION, TAXES, BENEFITS	-	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	0%
ALL OTHER EXPENSES	459	464	99%	2,932	3,230	91%	394	383	103%	2,688	3,085	87%
EXPENSES SUBTOTAL	459	464	99%	2,932	3,230	91%	394	383	103%	2,688	3,085	87%
CUSTODIAL ACCOUNT EXPENSES	11	-		494	-		-	-		-	-	
TOTAL	470	464	101%	3,426	3,230	106%	394	383	103%	2,688	3,085	87%
TOTAL COMPENSATION, TAXES, BENEFITS	53,071	54,287	98%	376,614	388,067	97%	51,341	51,846	99%	360,056	369,353	97%
TOTAL OF ALL OTHER EXPENSES	21,318	20,641	103%	157,563	172,687	91%	14,760	18,570	79%	133,225	164,402	81%
EXPENSES SUBTOTAL	74,389	74,928	99%	534,177	560,754	95%	66,101	70,416	94%	493,281	533,755	92%
TOTAL OF ALL CUSTODIAL EXPENSES	4,272	-		35,202	-		5,010	-		31,507	-	
GRAND TOTAL EXPENSES	78,661	74,928	105%	569,379	560,754	102%	71,111	70,416	101%	524,788	533,755	98%
INCOME OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES	(46,623)	(34,013)	137%	36,647	(119,346)	-31%	(42,526)	(31,391)	135%	(6,559)	(88,380)	7%
RESTRICTED FUND GRANT INCOME	-	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	0%
NET INSURANCE CLAIM INC/(EXP)	-	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	0%	(2,396)	-	0%
TOTAL INCOME OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES	(46,623)	(34,013)	137%	36,647	(119,346)	-31%	(42,526)	(31,391)	135%	(8,955)	(88,380)	10%

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GENERAL FUND INCOME & EXPENSE REPORT
AUGUST 2026

	AUGUST 2026			2026 YEAR-TO-DATE			AUGUST 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	35,538	38,930	91%	499,767	439,330	114%	21,375	35,620	60%	442,909	414,170	107%
OTHER INCOME	9,733	3,194	305%	100,300	37,652	266%	1,778	3,095	57%	35,338	28,655	123%
INCOME SUBTOTAL	45,271	42,124		600,067	476,982		23,153	38,715		478,247	442,825	
MISSION (DEACONS/MC) INCOME	728	970	75%	16,756	7,020	239%	422	310	136%	8,475	2,550	332%
TOTAL GENERAL FUND INCOME	45,999	43,094	107%	616,823	484,002	127%	23,575	39,025	60%	486,722	445,375	109%
CUSTODIAL ACCOUNTS INCOME	5,604	-		19,217	-		5,010	-		31,507	-	
PAS CUSTODIAL INCOME	500	-		22,089	-		-	-		-	-	
CUSTODIAL INCOME SUBTOTAL	6,104	-		41,306	-		5,010	-		31,507	-	
GRAND TOTAL INCOME	52,103	43,094	121%	658,129	484,002	136%	28,585	39,025	73%	518,229	445,375	116%
EXPENSES												
MISSION EXPENSES												
COMPENSATION, TAXES, BENEFITS	-	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	0%
ALL OTHER EXPENSES	2,891	2,180	133%	24,277	23,028	105%	1,153	2,148	54%	17,731	22,608	78%
EXPENSES SUBTOTAL	2,891	2,180	133%	24,277	23,028	105%	1,153	2,148	54%	17,731	22,608	78%
CUSTODIAL ACCOUNT EXPENSES	3,195	-		5,695	-		740	-		3,376	-	
TOTAL	6,086	2,180	279%	29,972	23,028	130%	1,893	2,148	88%	21,107	22,608	93%
MINISTRY EXPENSES												
CLERGY COMPENSATION, TAXES, BENEFITS	16,687	16,216	103%	126,835	129,710	98%	15,670	15,950	98%	127,579	127,594	100%
FUNERAL & WEDDING COMP., TAXES, BENEFITS	-	-	0%	908	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	0%
ALL OTHER EXPENSES	440	600	73%	3,021	4,800	63%	66	600	11%	3,062	4,200	73%
EXPENSES SUBTOTAL	17,127	16,816	102%	130,764	134,510	97%	15,736	16,550	95%	130,641	131,794	99%
CUSTODIAL ACCOUNT EXPENSES	319	-		809	-		520	-		566	-	
TOTAL	17,446	16,816	104%	131,573	134,510	98%	16,256	16,550	98%	131,207	131,794	100%
CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP EXPENSES												
COMPENSATION, TAXES, BENEFITS	-	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	0%
ALL OTHER EXPENSES	75	-	0%	468	1,668	28%	-	250	0%	776	1,924	40%
EXPENSES SUBTOTAL	75	-	0%	468	1,668	28%	-	250	0%	776	1,924	40%
CUSTODIAL ACCOUNT EXPENSES	195	-		2,777	-		1,230	-		1,811	-	
TOTAL	270	-	0%	3,245	1,668	195%	1,230	250	492%	2,587	1,924	134%
HERITAGE EXPENSES												
COMPENSATION, TAXES, BENEFITS	-	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	0%
ALL OTHER EXPENSES	-	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	0%
EXPENSES SUBTOTAL	-	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	0%
CUSTODIAL ACCOUNT EXPENSES	-	-		-	-		-	-		-	-	
TOTAL	-	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	0%
CEFY EXPENSES												
COMPENSATION, TAXES, BENEFITS	4,721	5,401	87%	38,934	43,215	90%	3,005	3,754	80%	23,107	25,749	90%
ALL OTHER EXPENSES	77	167	46%	4,838	6,268	77%	-	66	0%	3,868	5,950	65%
EXPENSES SUBTOTAL	4,798	5,568	86%	43,772	49,483	88%	3,005	3,820	79%	26,975	31,699	85%
CUSTODIAL ACCOUNT EXPENSES	-	-		797	-		-	-		845	-	
TOTAL	4,798	5,568	86%	44,569	49,483	90%	3,005	3,820	79%	27,820	31,699	88%
ADULT SPIRITUAL GROWTH												
COMPENSATION, TAXES, BENEFITS	-	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	0%
ALL OTHER EXPENSES	3,823	46	8311%	8,133	701	1160%	-	55	0%	-	465	0%
EXPENSES SUBTOTAL	3,823	46	8311%	8,133	701	1160%	-	55	0%	-	465	0%
CUSTODIAL ACCOUNT EXPENSES	-	-		1,138	-		-	-		52	-	
TOTAL	3,823	46	8311%	9,271	701	1323%	-	55	0%	52	465	11%
HOSPITALITY & WELCOMING EXPENSES 1127												
COMPENSATION, TAXES, BENEFITS	-	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	0%
ALL OTHER EXPENSES	-	50	0%	-	250	0%	-	15	0%	-	175	0%
EXPENSES SUBTOTAL	-	50	0%	-	250	0%	-	15	0%	-	175	0%
CUSTODIAL ACCOUNT EXPENSES	-	-		-	-		-	-		-	-	
TOTAL	-	50	0%	-	250	0%	-	15	0%	-	175	0%
MUSIC MINISTRY EXPENSES 1128												
COMPENSATION, TAXES, BENEFITS	14,907	14,347	104%	123,489	122,883	100%	13,772	14,110	98%	104,805	106,193	99%
ALL OTHER EXPENSES	-	516	0%	5,024	5,536	91%	463	516	90%	911	5,020	18%
EXPENSES SUBTOTAL	14,907	14,863	100%	128,513	128,419	100%	14,235	14,626	97%	105,716	111,213	95%
MUSC CUSTODIAL ACCOUNT EXPENSES	1,714	-		7,326	-		2,520	-		24,614	-	
PAS CUSTODIAL ACCOUNT EXPENSES	500	-		22,089	-		-	-		-	-	
TOTAL	17,121	14,863	115%	157,928	128,419	123%	16,755	14,626	115%	130,330	111,213	117%
OFFICE & COMMUNICATIONS 1129												
COMPENSATION, TAXES, BENEFITS	4,461	4,619	97%	36,566	36,957	99%	4,957	4,677	106%	29,049	32,735	89%
ALL OTHER EXPENSES	2,881	3,542	81%	23,478	29,332	80%	2,613	3,226	81%	23,652	23,570	100%
EXPENSES SUBTOTAL	7,342	8,161	90%	60,044	66,289	91%	7,570	7,903	96%	52,701	56,305	94%
CUSTODIAL ACCOUNT EXPENSES	-	-		-	-		-	-		-	-	
TOTAL	7,342	8,161	90%	60,044	66,289	91%	7,570	7,903	96%	52,701	56,305	94%
MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS 1130												
COMPENSATION, TAXES, BENEFITS	4,730	6,345	75%	44,949	50,759	89%	5,779	6,238	93%	41,344	43,222	96%
ALL OTHER EXPENSES	7,958	10,052	79%	59,025	65,862	90%	3,716	6,165	60%	37,224	55,115	68%
EXPENSES SUBTOTAL	12,688	16,397	77%	103,974	116,621	89%	9,495	12,403	77%	78,568	98,337	80%
CUSTODIAL ACCOUNT EXPENSES	-	-		-	-		-	-		-	-	
TOTAL	12,688	16,397	77%	103,974	116,621	89%	9,495	12,403	77%	78,568	98,337	80%
FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION 1133												
COMPENSATION, TAXES, BENEFITS	6,987	7,351	95%	57,424	58,822	98%	6,975	7,117	98%	49,842	49,810	100%
ALL OTHER EXPENSES	5,749	6,004	96%	50,263	55,169	91%	5,458	5,146	106%	43,313	42,345	102%
EXPENSES SUBTOTAL	12,736	13,355	95%	107,687	113,991	94%	12,433	12,263	101%	93,155	92,155	101%
CUSTODIAL ACCOUNT EXPENSES	-	-		-	-		-	-		243	-	
TOTAL	12,736	13,355	95%	107,687	113,991	94%	12,433	12,263	101%	93,398	92,155	101%
PERSONNEL 1134												
COMPENSATION, TAXES, BENEFITS	-	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	0%
ALL OTHER EXPENSES	398	464	86%	3,330	3,694	90%	394	383	103%	2,688	3,085	87%
EXPENSES SUBTOTAL	398	464	86%	3,330	3,694	90%	394	383	103%	2,688	3,085	87%
CUSTODIAL ACCOUNT EXPENSES	181	-		675	-		-	-		-	-	
TOTAL	579	464	125%	4,005	3,694	108%	394	383	103%	2,688	3,085	87%
TOTAL COMPENSATION, TAXES, BENEFITS	52,493	54,279	97%	429,105	442,346	97%	50,158	51,846	97%	375,726	385,303	98%
TOTAL OF ALL OTHER EXPENSES	24,292	23,621	103%	181,857	196,308	93%	13,863	18,570	75%	133,225	164,457	81%
EXPENSES SUBTOTAL	76,785	77,900	99%	610,962	638,654	96%	64,021	70,416	91%	508,951	549,760	93%
TOTAL OF ALL CUSTODIAL EXPENSES	6,104	-		41,306	-		5,010	-		31,507	-	
GRAND TOTAL EXPENSES	82,889	77,900	106%	652,268	638,654	102%	69,031	70,416	98%	540,458	549,760	98%
INCOME OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES	(30,786)	(34,806)	88%	5,861	(154,652)	-4%	(40,446)	(31,391)	129%	(22,229)	(104,385)	21%
RESTRICTED FUND GRANT INCOME	-	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	0%
NET INSURANCE CLAIM INC/(EXP)	-	-	0%	-	-	0%	-	-	0%	(2,396)	-	0%
TOTAL INCOME OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES	(30,786)	(34,806)	88%	5,861	(154,652)	-4%	(40,446)	(31,391)	129%	(24,625)	(104,385)	24%

Appendix 7: Agenda for Session meeting, September 21, 2026



Session Agenda September 21, 2026 Von Maur Hall with Zoom available

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 August 3, 2026, Session Meeting minutes.
- Approve the August 23, 2026 Specially-Called Congregational Meeting minutes.
- Ratify the E-vote of August 23, 2026, to approve the expenditure of \$1797.54 to repair the AC unit that services the Heritage Room.

Vote: YES 14, NO 0.

Clerk's Report

- Report from the Clerk of Session for August/September 2026. (see Session packet)

- Each Committee and Subcommittee are to continue to submit recommendations for any changes to their portion of the FPC Operations Manual to be discussed at the October 19, 2026, Session meeting. An email was sent May 22, 2026 assigning areas of responsibility. The documents should be submitted to the Clerk 1 week before the next Session meeting. The full document should be edited with strikeouts for deletion and red type for additions. Please contact Julia with questions
- Communications received by the Clerk:
 - Letter from the Covenant Network of Presbyterians requesting FPC to consider a donation for 2026. A donation of \$500 was made in 2025.
- Action Item:
 - Recommendation to remove persons from active membership by their request:
 - Gary Johnson
 - Dan Kennedy
 - Holly Kennedy
 - Clare Kraklow
 - Approval of Operations Manual changes for:
 - Hospitality & Welcoming
 - CEFY
 - Worship & Music

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 July and August 2026 Income/Expense and Custodial/Pass-Through reports.
 - 2027 Draft Budget
 - Motion from Buildings, Grounds, and Safety
 - Whereas one of the two Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall AC units is not functional (resulting in the functional unit being overworked), and although new HVAC is under consideration by the Strategic Discernment Team we do not expect new units to be installed for more than a year from now. BG&S moves to repair the non-functioning Sanctuary AC compressor for \$13,237.52 + tax

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

- Commissioner's report on 221st Stated Meeting of PEIA, September 19, 2026

Evaluation of the Meeting

Closing Prayer and Adjournment

DATES TO REMEMBER	
Blessing of the Animals	Sunday, October 4, 2026, 2 PM
Upcoming Session Meetings	Monday, October 19, 2006 Monday, November 16, 2026
Sermon Series	Book of Confessions, Sept 27 –Nov 15, 2026
<i>Deep Roots, New Growth</i> – a workshop on cultivating thriving churches (PEIA & Great Rivers Presbytery)	Saturday, October 17, 2026, 10AM-3PM First Presbyterian Church, Milan, IL Agenda and Registration: https://forms.gle/zWeK9r4TunJZkK3L9
Next Presbytery Meeting, 222th	Saturday, November 14, 2026, 10 AM In-person and Zoom Host: Ely, First
Stewardship Campaign Consecration (Pledge) Sunday	Sunday, September 27, 2026, 9:30 AM Sunday, October 25, 2026, 9:30 AM
<i>Kirkwood Seminars on Faith and Life</i> hosting David LaMotte	Saturday, November 7, 2026 10AM program for children & families 6:30 PM Keynote style address 7:45 PM Concert Sunday, November 8, 2026 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Adult Sunday School