



PCOM

ANNUAL REPORT 2025-26

PRAISES | HOPES | PRAYERS



Presbyterian
Church
of the Master

ONE BODY, MANY GIFTS

When the Apostle Paul wrote in 1 Cor. 12:12 that the Church is like a body—one body with many parts—it is not clear that he had in mind exactly the diversity of our church set up: committees, budgets, elders, staff members, and different ministry departments. And yet, the basic theological point remains completely clear and still timelessly true: in and through the diversity the mystery and beauty of Christ is still made known even here at the corner of Oso and Marguerite in Mission Viejo.

In these pages, you will read about the diverse ministry of Jesus at Presbyterian Church of the Master, ranging from creative arts and music ministries to the nuts and bolts of keeping up our beautiful church campus. When glimpsed all together in a report like this one, however, there is a special beauty that testifies to the work of God's Spirit among us. We are one body, filled with many gifts.

Over the past year, we have actually tried to give some specificity to this uniquely Christ-centered unity-in-diversity as we find it here at PCOM. We did this through our **9 distinctives**, which we launched this past summer. In addition to our long-held values of **friendship**, **beauty**, and **emotional wholeness**, we also added the following six distinctives:

- Missions
- Nuance
- Faith & Science
- Great Tradition
- Women in Ministry
- Global Church

If you want to learn more about these, you can head over to mypcom.com/distinctives. More than anything, though, our hope and prayer is that in these pages you will get a sense of how those distinctives come to life every day through our members, staff team, and volunteers who remind us every day of the beauty and honor of following Jesus together. Thank you for walking with us so faithfully.

With deepest love and thanks,



ELDERS

Class of '26

Michal Margala
C.B. Watson

Class of '27

Doug Britt
Tom Noonan
Bill Humphreys

*second term
**first full term after
filling in a partial term

Class of '28

Michael Bates
Tom Cutkomp*
Heidi Galloway
Jim Stryker
Beth Anne van Voorhis**

Class of '29

(incoming)

Cheryl Rempel
Paula Taylor
Dan van Voorhis

SANCTUARY



I give praise to God that Church of the Master places such great value on our Sanctuary worship music and choir. I am consistently amazed at the outstanding support we enjoy. This past year we welcomed high school student, and now collegiate organ major, Benjamin Fries to play our Rodgers organ in several morning worship services. In the last two decades, many churches have minimized or abandoned hymns, worship instrumentation, choral music, and choir fellowship, but you won't find that the case here at the corner of Oso and Marguerite. May Jesus Christ be praised for that!

Praises

God has blessed our Worship and Music Ministry in an expansive way this year by bringing us a stellar 2025–26 concert season. I praise God for all three events:

- Our Family Christmas Concert, *And the Word Was Made Flesh*, which featured orchestra, choir, and a multigenerational performance celebrating that glorious season.
- Our Spring Concert, *King of Glory*, was a profound musical journey through Holy Week, culminating in breathless anticipation for the coming resurrection.

- Finally, we experienced the exhilarating musical offering performed by the highly elite chamber orchestra, Kontrapunktus, in June

Hopes

It is so exciting to see our new member classes bringing choral music lovers into our midst! Three new members auditioned and were welcomed to our Sanctuary Choir for the upcoming 2026–27 season. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Prayers

My prayer is that the rich traditions and levels of excellence that are so much a part of the fabric of Sanctuary worship and concerts, both historically and presently, will continue to enjoy robust energy and artistry with steadfast congregational support and community interest.

Kathy Harris
Director, Sanctuary Worship

AWAKE



Our Awake team is solid. Our members complement each other. We are so grateful for the many volunteers who serve faithfully in various capacities: the committee, communion servers, ushers, musicians, those who pray with others after each service. There is an audible buzz during the passing of the peace as people spend those few moments together, and it continues once worship is over. No one wants to leave!

Praises

- Liquid Church last April, held at the Laguna Niguel Regional Park, was a wonderful event. Over the course of the morning, the musicians arrived with their instruments, volunteers showed up with coffee, burritos, fruit, coolers, tablecloths and coloring kits for the kids. At 11 a.m., the music began. People walking along the nearby trail stopped to listen and watch.
- One family, who had been curious about visiting PCOM, checked our website the day before for the service time, and learned that we were meeting at the park that Sunday—so they came! Their first experience with us was an outdoor venue. And now they are regular attenders. This is what God does, and it is our privilege to work alongside him.

- The baptisms this summer were miraculous. We baptized two Jews, one Arab, several Chinese, and one American. Our “little family” is going global!

Hopes

Spirituality is broadening and deepening. The pastors are guiding us, pushing us even, to grow in our faith and act on our beliefs. The thematic connection each Sunday between the sermon, the music selections and even the children’s sermon comes through clearly. We look forward to celebrating the birth of Christ again this Christmas. And we are excited about the new pop-up choir!

Prayers

In 2026–27, we are praying for the following things:

- For discernment about what the Awake community needs and how we can respond to those needs.
- For ongoing generosity of our congregation, and for the development of the rhythm of giving within our new members.

Heidi Galloway
Elder, Awake Service

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

In 2025-26, we deepened our commitment to providing more consistent opportunities for congregants of all ages to grow in their journey of spiritual formation with Jesus. Amazingly, we have seen God show up again and again as he continues to nurture a culture of curiosity, growth, and spiritual hunger in our church family.

Praises

- **Big Wednesday:** Amazingly, many individuals and families took time out of their busy week and responded to the opportunity to participate in Big Wednesday events, which we launched for six weeks in the spring. This midweek opportunity included classes about theology and parenting, along with experiences in contemplative prayer and art. For a new program to attract and retain so many is a testament to the leaders, the body, and most of all, to God and his faithfulness.
- **Deepening Hunger for Spiritual Growth:** Seeing the continuation of Spiritual Renewal Saturday (renamed Spiritual Retreat Saturday for this coming year!) and the expansion of adult opportunities to study God's Word more closely through Roots to Fruits and Big Wednesday. Further, the push for expanded Bible Study groups and facilitators, based on requests from members, is exciting and points to a desire for increased spiritual growth.

Hopes

We are excited to see the continuation and expansion of Bible Study groups. For this year, there are several new groups that are facilitated by congregants that complement the wider drop-in opportunities offered through Dan's midweek Bible Study on Wednesday and the Roots to Fruits classes on Sunday mornings.

Prayers

- We pray that everyone at PCOM will keep our eyes and ears open to what God is doing all around us, with hearts and hands ready to join his work.
- We pray that our committee and church family continue to provide opportunities for spiritual growth for all ages through ongoing small groups, Big Wednesdays, and Spiritual Retreat Saturday. Praise that all have been so well received.
- We pray that God will continue to fill all those who "attend church" with a deeper desire to grow in faith and draw closer to him. Amen!

Bill Humphreys
Elder, Spiritual Formation





Kids ministry at PCOM is so vibrant! One of the things that sticks out to us this year has been God's deepening of curiosity and wonder among our kids. We really try to not just "give kids answers," but to help them grow confident in asking their deep questions about God. We then have the honor of helping them discover the gift of thoughtful conversations that deepen their faith and prepare them for a whole lifetime of spiritual growth. Their wonder, curiosity, and pure desire to know, love, understand, and follow Jesus are all evidence of God's active presence in their lives.

Praises

- We launched a new program called Big Kids on Big Wednesdays where we share a meal, reflect on Scripture, and play together!
- We have a team of faithful, dedicated Sunday School teachers. Their consistency fosters secure relationships with kids, which enhances communication, trust, and an overall sense of being known, seen, and loved.
- Kids expressed such joy and excitement at Roots to Fruits Kids, where they learn about Jesus through science, technology, engineering, art, and math-based exploratory projects! It is a great sign when kids want to be at church and enjoy being here, because their faith journey becomes more personal.
- VBS brought all generations together to explore the character of God and his love for us.

Hopes

We are excited to spend more time together as a community at all-church gatherings like Sunday mornings, Big Wednesdays, Fall Kick-Off, Spiritual Retreat Saturday, Advent Open House, and more. PCOM is a place where kids are an integral part of the community, and it is always special to share time together as a PCOM family.

Prayers

- Our immediate prayer is for volunteers in Sunday School and Roots to Fruits Kids on mornings and Big Kids on Wednesday nights.
- Please pray that God will bring us volunteers for these programs who are dedicated to play and wonder, and who will be a loving, listening presence to the children at PCOM.

Miranda Martin

Director, Children's Ministries

Beth Anne van Voorhis

Elder, Children's Ministries



We have seen a lot of healing in Youth Ministries! We have had physical healing take place, spiritual healing occurring, and both youth and adults working in our ministry are being transformed from the inside out. Our youth are learning how to pray for specific healing independently and in community with others. As we walk through the sermon series on a weekly basis, they are using the Scripture taught on Wednesdays and Sundays to grow their spiritual lives and are changing every week.

Praises

- What started out as two to three young teens fishing with leaders blossomed into upwards of 8 to 9 students fishing at various locations around South Orange County while having deep conversations about life, school, and faith.
- Our youth are becoming much more involved in their faith. They ask a lot of questions and talk about a lot of deep issues together and with adults. They are open and transparent and take feedback really well.
- About 75% of our youth who regularly attend PCOM events volunteered their time at VBS. Watching the youth give back to their church family while serving

the children in our church and community was an absolute blessing. Watching the relationships they built with each other and many older adults at PCOM really brings the church together as one.

Hopes

We are a welcoming group and new students feel welcomed immediately. I am excited to see how our youth program grows and evolves this next year!

Prayers

Pray that our youth continue to seek after Christ amidst all the distractions coming their way. Pray that they continue to grow in their faith and that even when life becomes messy, they know who they can count on. Pray for the leaders of the youth ministry program that they are able to develop deep relationships that lead to trust from the youth in our program. Pray that our leaders are able to be "that person" for someone who is lonely.

Matt Becerra
Director

Lizzie Cerfogli
Assoc. Director

Michal Margala
Elder



Primetime

55+ FELLOWSHIP

We continue to see our PrimeTimers invite friends to our Midweek Message & Meal. Often they bring new friends who have experienced the loss of a loved one, and the fellowship of our bimonthly lunch and devotional meetings offers help in processing grief.

Folks that attend continue to support our Encouragement Ministry that was initiated midyear 2026. This ministry is aimed at building community and providing encouragement. People share who might need a little encouragement and note cards are mailed to each person letting them know their PCOM family is praying for them and they are loved.

Praises

- Praise that ideas are shared regarding fun bus events and PrimeTimers continue to support our programs.
- Praise that our finance team showed mercy for exceeding our 2025–26 budget. 😊
- Praise that we have been protected from any accidents or illnesses during any event or program.

Hopes

- Preschool connection with PrimeTime. Our Preschool Director, Vanessa, is encouraging our Midweek Message & Meal ("MWMM") attendees to visit our preschool children and make connections.
- We will be encouraging folks to stop by preschool once a month on their way up to the MWMM observing, chatting, and laughing with the children on the playground.
- We will also be inviting PrimeTimers to their Christmas concerts and Spring Concert this coming year and are looking forward to them.

Prayers

Pray that new folks continue to attend and those in need open their hearts and minds to try attending and letting our church family show them love.

Nadine Wardwell
Director, Primetime





Over this past year, God has been opening the door for authentic, meaningful relationships through this ministry at PCOM. These connections have created a stronger sense of community, trust, and belonging. We are seeing the deepening foundation of a community where women can come alongside one another, grow in Christ, and feel supported through different seasons of life.

Women are actively seeking opportunities to grow together in God's Word. There is a genuine hunger to deepen their understanding of Scripture and encourage one another in their faith.

Praises

- The merger of our two existing groups—Women's Fellowship and Ladies in Life Together—has begun to take shape, creating greater unity and connection among the women. It has been encouraging to see God bring these groups together with a shared desire for fellowship and spiritual growth.
- God has raised up in this ministry the start of a Bible study for young moms. Although our group has started small, we share an incredible desire to deepen our faith and grow in our understanding of the Word of Christ. It has been especially meaningful to see the impact extend beyond our time together.

- One of the moms has begun creating new traditions with her husband and children based on what we are learning as a group. Seeing God use this Bible study not only to strengthen us as mothers, but also to influence and encourage our families, has been such a beautiful reminder of the purpose behind this ministry.

Hopes

- Investing in women through **intentional one-on-one time** spent together building authentic connection
- Growing participation in the **moms' Bible study**
- Developing **intentional connections** between the two women's ministry groups
- Identifying and **connecting new women** to ministry opportunities

Prayers

That God would continue to bring unity and growth within the women's ministry, guiding us to build intentional relationships, reach new women, and create a welcoming community where women of all ages and seasons of life can grow together in Christ.

Kelly Colvin
Coordinator, Women's Ministries



This past year was one of regathering and relaunching for men's ministry at PCOM. This momentum recently crystallized into a new men's ministry team led by Pastor Jackson, Bill Swetnam, Aaron Schweitzer, and Brian Wright-Bushman. This has already led to a new slate of activities for 2026–27 that we hope and pray that God will use to continue deepening connection and friendship among men at PCOM.

Praises

Two activities that have long been a cornerstone of men's ministry have continued and even picked up momentum this past year: **golf** and **hiking**.

The Friday morning golf men's gathering at Oso Creek has a long history and has continued to be a draw, with several new additions to the rotating group recently from the ranks of new attenders to PCOM. Our hearty thanks to C.B. Watson who regularly organizes their outings.

Similarly, the Saturday morning hiking group, faithfully led by Brian Wright-Bushman, has grown to include over 20 participants across multiple generations joining together in both fellowship and exercise. In addition, a group of six of those men joined together in a three-day backpacking adventure in Yosemite in September.

Hopes

- That consistency of fellowship will keep leading to regularity of friendship and connection among men and their families.
- That friendship will also lead to a deepening of spiritual hunger and bonding around following Jesus together.

Prayers

- That God will give our organizing team wisdom in how to connect and reach out to men in ways that would be fruitful and encouraging to all.

Jackson Clelland
Senior Pastor

MISSIONS

This year one of our greatest joys as a missions team was giving a home to a couple in Ensenada, Mexico, who desperately needed support. What made this project especially beautiful was that most of the construction happened right in our parking lot on a Saturday morning, with people of all ages and backgrounds invited to participate—children, youth, young families, seniors, members of the Chinese church, and even neighbors. After the house was loaded onto a trailer, a smaller PCOM team traveled to Mexico, assembled the home, and presented it to the family as a tangible expression of God's love.

Praises

- **Viejo Elementary School:** When Viejo Elementary School asked whether PCOM had someone who could help run a STEM lab using boxes of unused supplies, it seemed like it would be nearly impossible to meet such a specific need. But when Mary Simon heard about the opportunity, her heart leapt at the chance to teach science and technology. Throughout the year, PCOM continued to support Viejo through the new STEM lab, weekly tutoring, teacher encouragement, the completion of the shed exterior refurbishment, and participation in Festival de Los Niños. Huge thanks to Shelly Naramore and Heidi Galloway for preparing and organizing the tutoring ministry, and to all our volunteers who make this school shine.
- **Sunrise Senior Living:** Residents of Sunrise Senior Living were encouraged through PCOM visits that included monthly bingo, musical events, and the creation and delivery of Valentine's cards. We are grateful to Karen Humphries for faithfully keeping this ministry organized.
- **Door of Faith Orphanage:** This orphanage, located in La Misión, Mexico, received a vanload of food each month, largely through the faithful efforts of Neil Slate and his team.
- **Wells of Life:** When Bruce Birkland's granddaughter came to the pulpit carrying a large water jug, we were reminded that children in Uganda often walk miles carrying jugs like these each day unless a well can be built in their village. PCOM raised more than expected—\$13,000—so that a new well could be dug and children's lives could be changed.

- **Hope for the Homeless:** Our youth traveled to San Diego each month to distribute food and spend time in conversation with people who are unhoused and living on the streets. By showing up consistently and remembering the names and stories of the people they met, they offered dignity, hope, and practical help to those many choose not to see. Many thanks to Matt Becerra and Lizzie Cerfogli for heading up this team and welcoming many non-youth participants as well on these trips!

Hopes

In the year ahead, I am excited to see new hearts activated toward mission. Whether someone takes a leap of faith to join the house build in Mexico, or feels called to invest in students at Viejo Elementary, or senses God inviting them to encourage a senior at Sunrise, mission is one of the fundamental ways God grows us as disciples.

Prayers

Our prayer is that God would raise up the many new people needed to make the hope of Jesus present to our neighbors—locally, cross-culturally, and around the world.

Jackson Clelland
Senior Pastor





BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

We are so thankful that God continues to give committee members energy and wisdom to guide us to good judgment and sound decisions for the maintenance and improvement of the church campus to support worship and serving the community, and that God provides the financial support for the church to thrive and grow.

Praises

God's hand was in all of the projects that Buildings & Grounds were able to accomplish in the past year, including: ongoing maintenance, wood repair projects, Administration Building roof and HVAC replacements, refurbishing the CEB deck and stairs, the reduction in size of the monument sign on Oso Parkway to improve visibility at the parking exit, and installing a bike rack.

We praise God for bringing us three new members and the skills and benefits they bring to the committee.

We are thankful for Jose Escobar and Robert Hutchinson (Hutch) and for all they do every week to maintain and improve the PCOM campus.

Hopes

We are excited for the finalization of the AT&T project and the upcoming installation of the cellular equipment that will provide a new revenue stream toward funding campus operations and maintenance.

Prayers

We pray for God to give the committee wisdom and energy to guide us to sound decisions and good judgment for the campus.

We pray for adequate financial support from our church members, and God's guidance for sound decision-making by the finance committee and Session, to enable what is planned and needed in the years ahead to keep our campus safe and a blessing to all members and the community.

Michael Bates
Elder, *Buildings & Grounds*

CARE MINISTRIES

I'm always amazed at the gentle nudges of the Holy Spirit when it comes to our care ministries. Often one of us will be praying for our people and the Spirit will put a specific name on our hearts. When we give that person a call, they will tell us that it was right when they needed a reminder of the love of Jesus for them!

Praises

Our deacons are so faithful in their love and care for their neighborhoods. They brought home communion to homebound members, visited people in hospitals and assisted living facilities, and served in unique ways by doing everything from delivering fresh-baked bread to hosting gatherings in their homes. Because of our deacons, our people are better connected and feel the love of God and the church for them.

Hopes

I love watching our deacons become empowered to serve in all sorts of different ways. There is no one "right" way to be a deacon, so setting them free to love their neighbors and minister to the members they serve according to their unique gifts is a real joy.

Prayers

Pray that we would become aware of needs. Sometimes people stop attending due to illness or injury but we don't find out about it for weeks. We depend on a network of people—including you!—to let us know when you haven't seen one of your neighbors in the pew for a bit. You can always call or send an email to check in on a friend or neighbor. We're grateful when the congregation helps to be our eyes and ears.

Pastor Courtney

Pastor, Deacons & Care Ministries

Our Deacons

Orva Bohm
Greta Butcher
Nancy Cho
Amanda Oliver
Kelly Colvin
Jill Cremer
Fran Doyle
Kerry Flanagan
Camille Giamara
Lana Gray
Mindy Hohman

Woody Jones
Hyongjung Kang
Kelly Kroeger
Don & Carol Marsh
Carol Mason
Paul Talanian
Andy & Sherry Wanninger
Nadine Wardwell
Kathie Wesson
Linda Watson
Jessica Zechiel



NOMINATING

This year, we have been blessed with the commitment of all members of the Nominating Committee. They have faithfully worked through the challenges of identifying potential candidates for the eight deacon and three elder positions and explaining to them the duties and responsibilities of the positions. This teamwork has brought in a strong group of nominees for confirmation by the congregation.

Praises

Working with and getting to know the committee members better has been a surprising blessing! God has blessed us with a congregation that is always willing to step up to fill the needs of our members. This makes identifying potential deacons and elders an easy task. This year, an unprecedented number of current Deacons have felt the call to continue in their roles serving the needs of their Neighborhoods. This is strong testimony to the rewards of serving for both the Deacon and the people of their Neighborhoods.

Hopes

Working with and getting to know the Committee members better has been a surprising blessing! Meeting together to serve the PCOM community, reaching out to those called to serve, and sharing our stories while sensing how God is working in our congregation's hearts is so rewarding.

Prayers

My prayer is that we continue to have new folks that feel the call to serve as Deacons and Elders. Also, that God will make it clear whom He may be calling into leadership and help us be discerning of those who might be "under the radar" for His call.

Doug Britt
Elder, Nominating

PERSONNEL

God continues to bless the PCOM staff, which in turn blesses all those who interact with our church. The Personnel Committee is continually amazed at how well our staff gets along and their willingness to step forward, help others, and add value outside their immediate areas of focus. PCOM is truly blessed to have such an awesome staff! It is an honor for the personnel committee to support and work alongside such a caring and talented pastoral staff and employees.

Praises

God continues to guide our faithful committee to seek solutions and programs to make PCOM a place where employees want to stay long term. Through the guidance of our pastoral staff and support from the committee, the church has offered new employee programs (Parental Leave Policy, review of employee health plan benefits, updated Employee Handbook, PTO policy, etc.) which have been well received by the staff.

Hopes

PCOM is a dynamic church that continues to grow in answering God's call. I am excited to see what challenges and opportunities are to come and how we respond to those callings by being Jesus' hands and feet.

Prayers

My prayer request is that God continues to provide divine guidance to the Personnel Committee to do his will in support of PCOM pastors, personnel, and all those we encounter. I also pray a prayer of thanksgiving for such a wonderful, talented, God-centered staff and that he continue to bless them, their families, and their work.

Tom Noonan
Elder, Personnel

CREATIVE ROOTS

One of the most meaningful experiences this year was our **Blessing Banners** collaborative art project, which brought together 150+ people from four different churches that meet at PCOM. People of different backgrounds, cultures, and languages created banners representing prayers for our world and community. Together, the banners became a beautiful expression of unity in diversity, our love for God, and our love for one another.

Praises

- **Arts: Creating Beauty & Community**
 - **30+ creative opportunities** offered this year
 - **1,200+ participants** in creative arts activities
 - **All generations engaged**, from babies and children to teens and adults in their 90s
 - A wide range of experiences, including free art classes at Viejo Elementary, collaborative art projects, workshops, and a kids' summer art camp
- **Music: Growing Gifts & Building Community**
 - **130+ students** have participated in private lessons and group classes since January 2024, from babies and families, children, teens, and adults
 - **850 private lessons and group classes** provided during the last school year
 - **10 years of Music Together™** classes
 - **10 teachers** now serve in the music conservatory, offering instruction in violin, viola, cello, double bass, piano, voice, acting, and Music Together
 - Students and teachers shared music through recitals, coffeehouse performances, and Christmas caroling at Sunrise Senior Living

Hopes

We are excited to see what God has in store as we continue to expand the beauty, joy, friendship, and connection that music and the arts bring to our congregation and community. We look forward to continued musical growth and performance opportunities at PCOM and Sunrise, along with new opportunities for creative engagement.

Prayers

Please pray for wisdom and guidance as we discern God's purpose for this program and seek to serve God and our community through music, the visual arts, and creativity.

Kjersten Damron
Director, *Creative Roots*



creativerootsconservatory.org

PARENT WELL

Parent Well exists to connect, educate, and encourage parents, particularly during some of the most trying times of parenthood. We seek to support families from PCOM and beyond, offering a resource to both our church and the greater community.

We experienced God's presence both in the addition of a wonderful new Elementary Class teacher and through a number of transformative stories of how Parent Well has helped to support and strengthen families and marriages. Praise God!

Praises

God has continued to bring women and families together in a profound way. Our community of (mostly) moms has consistently shown up for one another and supported one another through some unimaginable difficulties. Our Art of Fatherhood series has been widely attended and extremely well received.

We have also added two new options for our parents of elementary students: One four-week series taught by Moshelle Carlson, meeting during Pizza and Praise, that begins in October. The other is a four-week Beta class offered by Nanette Brown on Friday afternoons.



Hopes

We are excited about the addition of our new classes, the continued growth of Art of Fatherhood through Big Wednesdays and the very high retention rate of all of our classes!

Prayers

Our prayer request is that God will keep providing qualified teachers to help our program continue to grow and that our outreach will continue to grow across Orange County to be a blessing to new families.

Paige Dunbar

Teens/Tweens Teacher, *Parent Well*



parentwell.co

PRESCHOOL

Here's one memorable story about what God is doing at PCOM Preschool: We have a friend who joined our school last year on MWF. His mother stayed in the parking lot and prayed every single day for us and for him before she left. She knew the demand, energy and miracle it was going to take for her son to regulate, assimilate and endure at our school. It was the most gracious, selfless and raw act of faith I have ever encountered. The partnership had to go beyond parent and teacher: home and school. We needed Jesus and a whole lot of coffee. Our friend is returning this year, five days a week, and instead of surviving we will all be thriving!

Praises

- Every child and every family loved being at our school
- All staff felt loved, appreciated and validated
- Chapel time resonated and led to new inspiration

Hopes

We are running three classrooms on MWF and two classrooms on TTH and we have the opportunity for all the classes to be on the playground at the same time. More friends, more opportunity for fun!

Prayers

One prayer request is to keep all preschool staff healthy—mentally, physically and emotionally—and for bodies to keep up with the demands.

Vanessa Renich
Director, PCOM Preschool



pcompreschool.com

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

Over the past few years, our finance team and elders have continued to step out in faith with a vision that has invited our congregation to respond with the financial generosity and stewardship that can make this vision come to life. And our church family has responded in kind:

- Sunday Giving was **up 6.1%** compared to last year
- Total Revenue was **up 7.6%** compared to last year

We are incredibly grateful to our congregation for their ongoing generosity! Our church family's generosity has made possible the kingdom impact and imagination that this annual report details across all of our different ministries.

As a committee, we were particularly encouraged by our church family's response at the end of our fiscal year in June when we were facing a meaningful shortfall compared to our overall budget target. Once they were informed of this gap, the congregation's response was amazing: the shortfall was closed, and then some, so that the year's revenue target was exceeded!

In addition, several estate gifts have enabled us to continue to invest in a number of campus upgrades, and have helped us to make progress on our planned maintenance schedule.

Praises

- Continued alignment between God's calling and vision for us with budget priorities and strategic initiatives.
- Third straight year of overall growth in Sunday Giving. Overall, giving has increased 19.2% since 2022-23.
- Further development and participatory success of the Creative Roots and Parent Well programs. After larger launch-related losses for these programs in their initial year in 2024-25, this past year these losses were cut in half for both ventures.
- PCOM benefited from a very successful year of investment appreciation and management. We are blessed with a relationship with an investment manager that prioritizes PCOM's needs and well-being.

PCOM by the numbers:

2025-26

Operating Fund

Income: \$2,065,405

Expenses: \$2,064,670

Surplus: \$735

Membership & Attendance

(2026 YTD)

Membership: 634*

Avg. Attendance: 538

Baptisms: 11 (so far!)

2025-26

Campus Improvements

\$216,346

Wonderful News:

- Our baptisms have consistently increased in recent years. In addition, they have become an increasing focus of communal celebration.
- Our in-person worship attendance has held steady in a church landscape defined by large-scale attendance decreases.
- Sunday Giving up 6.1%
- Total Revenue up 7.6%

*While it looks like our membership numbers have declined, that is largely due to the fact that we continue to clean our membership rolls, removing those who have moved or are worshipping elsewhere. So while membership numbers have gone down on paper, they are simply now more accurate.

Annual Budget Report

2025–26 Budget Results

- **Church Operating Budget:**
 - Revenue: \$2,065,405
 - Sunday Giving: \$1,718,968
 - Other Income: \$346,437
 - Expenses: \$2,064,670
 - Surplus: \$735
- **Estate Gifts:** \$78,000
- **Preschool:**
 - Revenue: \$304,127
 - Expenses: \$327,527
 - Deficit: (\$23,400)
- **Creative Roots & Parent Well**
 - Revenue: \$80,464
 - Expenses: \$97,328
 - Deficit: (\$16,864)

2026–27 Budget

- **Church Operating Budget:**
 - Revenue: \$2,147,651
 - Expenses: \$2,149,936
 - Deficit: (\$2,285)
- **Capital Expense Budget**
 - General: \$130,000
 - Huether Fund: \$20,000
- **Preschool:**
 - Revenue: \$312,507
 - Expenses: \$312,507
 - Surplus/Deficit: \$0
- **Creative Roots & Parent Well**
 - Revenue: \$86,750
 - Expenses: \$106,750
 - Deficit: (\$20,000)

Balances as of June 30, 2026

Operating Fund Reserves (Unrestricted)

- Balance: \$819,574

Mortgage Fund (Restricted)

- Mortgage loan balance: \$824,687
- Mortgage monthly payment: \$6,350

Endowment Fund (Restricted)

- Balance: \$805,170

Huether Legacy Fund (Restricted)

- Balance: \$1,042,396

Hopes

Our finance team is enthusiastic about the benefits to be derived by PCOM from the upcoming development and successful execution of a capital campaign. Financial successes in recent years have significantly enhanced PCOM's financial stability, while the successful capital campaign will ensure even greater financial stability plus a continuing enhancement of the church's campus for the next several years. This campaign is preliminarily targeted with three goals in mind:

- Paying off the remaining **mortgage balance**, thus freeing up \$76,000 for new ministry efforts
- Preserving our beautiful campus through significantly increasing our **endowment fund**
- Upgrading our **courtyard** for increased fellowship, large event hosting, and smaller gathering spaces for groups

Prayers

- For the stabilization and growth of preschool's enrollment and the continued development of our other community programs, Creative Roots and Parent Well.
- For the continued generosity of the PCOM congregation so that the plans and programs as directed by the pastors and Session will continue to flourish.

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