

# **First Presbyterian Church-Conroe**

## **Annual Report 2025-2026**

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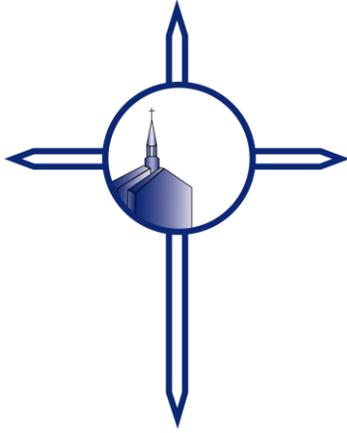
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Dear FPC Family:

As I reflect upon 2025, I find myself filled with deep gratitude for this congregation and hopeful anticipation for what God is continuing to do among us.

This past year has been one marked by faithfulness in many forms. We have worshiped together, cared for one another through joys and hardships, welcomed new faces, and continued the quiet, steady work of ministry that so often defines the life of the church. Again and again, I have seen members of this congregation embody the love of Christ in ways both large and small.

One of the most visible signs of that faithfulness has been the success of our recent capital campaign. When we began this effort, we set what we believed was a bold and hopeful goal. Not only did this congregation exceed that goal, but you exceeded it in a remarkable way. Your generosity has been a powerful testimony to your commitment to the future of this church and its ministry. Because of your giving, we will be able to care for our facilities, strengthen our ministries, and position this congregation to serve faithfully for years to come. Thank you for responding with such prayerful generosity.

Yet even as we give thanks for what has been accomplished, we know that the church is always called to look forward. God's work among us is never finished. The question before us is not simply what we have done, but what we are being called to do next.

In the coming year, we will continue focusing on deepening our life together in worship, discipleship, and service. We hope to strengthen opportunities for fellowship and learning, support families and children in their faith, and continue reaching beyond our walls to love and serve our neighbors. The church exists not only for those who are here today, but also for those whom God is still drawing into this community.

As we look ahead, I am grateful to serve alongside elders, volunteers, and staff who give their time and gifts so faithfully. Most of all, I am grateful for each member of this congregation. The church is not simply a building or an organization, but it is a people called together by Christ.

Thank you for the many ways you contribute to the life of this congregation. I look forward with hope to the year ahead and to seeing how God will continue to guide and shape us together.

In Christ,

Seth Saathoff



## 2025 FINANCIAL RESULTS

	Budgeted	Actual	Change
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>\$800,500</b>	<b>\$806,610</b>	<b>+ 0.8%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$807,976</b>	<b>\$795,557</b>	<b>- 1.5%</b>
<b>Restricted Funds Revenue Received (excl. FF &amp; CC)</b>			<b>\$127,022</b>
<b>Mission Related: \$64,853</b>			
<b>Restricted Funds Revenue Disbursed (excl. FF &amp; CC)</b>			<b>\$178,721</b>
<b>Mission Related: \$69,256</b>			
<b>Restricted Funds Balance (end 2024)</b>			<b>\$382,857</b>
<b>Restricted Funds Balance (end 2025)</b>			<b>\$323,528</b>
<b>Checking/Savings Account(s) Balance (end 2024)</b>			<b>\$421,021</b>
<b>Checking/Savings Account(s) Balance (end 2025)</b>			<b>\$360,681</b>
<b>Committed Funds (end 2025)</b>			<b>\$162,165</b>
<b>Forever Fund Contributions (2025)</b>			<b>\$6,324</b>
<b>Forever Fund Current Market Value (end 2025)</b>			<b>\$555,721</b>
<b>Forever Fund Earning (2025)</b>			<b>\$18,138</b>
<b>Forever Fund Earnings Delivered to Church (2025)</b>			<b>\$0</b>
<b>Capital Campaign Pledges</b>			<b>\$1,192,648</b>
<b>Capital Campaign Donations Received (2025)</b>			<b>\$467,218</b>
<b>Funds Used to Pay Down Debt (2025)</b>			<b>\$341,331</b>
<b>Cap. Camp. Savings Account Balance (end 2025)</b>			<b>\$142,991</b>
<b>Yearly Savings (thus far) in Budget Expense</b>			<b>\$32,853</b>
<b>Year-End Total Loan Principal Outstanding</b>			<b>\$2,062,681</b>
<b>Loan Principal Repayment in 2025</b>			<b>\$397,600</b>



## 2026 GENERAL BUDGET

	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2026 Budget
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$800,500</b>	<b>\$806,610</b>	<b>\$788,495</b>
Pledges	663,500	647,427	627,995
Freewill	87,800	105,533	105,500
Other	49,200	53,650	55,000
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$807,976</b>	<b>\$795,557</b>	<b>\$788,081</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$585,012</b>	<b>\$594,776</b>	<b>\$607,947</b>
Building & Grounds	193,050	208,128	209,300
Administration	38,800	40,639	39,600
Personnel	353,162	346,009	359,047
<b>Debt Reduction</b>	<b>\$191,564</b>	<b>\$174,501</b>	<b>\$134,545</b>
Loan Interest Payments	126,628	119,129	91,478
Loan Principal Payments	64,936	55,372	43,067
<b>Program</b>	<b>\$31,400</b>	<b>\$26,280</b>	<b>\$46,050</b>
Worship	9,700	8,047	10,700
Discipleship	7,900	9,426	12,450
Fellowship	7,500	5,419	6,200
Health & Wholeness	200	0	200
Caring & Prayer	1,200	0	1,200
Membership/Inviting	3,300	3,198	3,700
Presbyterian Women	1,200	190	1,200
Session	400	0	400
Other	0	0	10,000
<b>Net Subtotal</b>	<b>(\$7,477)</b>	<b>\$11,053</b>	
<b>(\$47)</b>			
(Revenue – Expenses)			
<b>Budget Deficit Offset</b>			
Budget Deficit Fund:	\$7,477	\$0	\$47
<b>Overall Net Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$11,053</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>No. of Pledges</b>	102		91



## ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

**Mission:** Lead the personnel, stewardship, financial health, and legal and administrative compliance of our church so that we are sufficient to be the hands and feet of Christ in our community and the world.

**Members:** Fred Kate (Treasurer), Jay Hammonds, Stephan Tibbetts (Session - 2025), Matthew Laletas (Session - 2026), Cheryl Nichols (Chair, Session)

### 2025

#### **Personnel:**

One of our primary responsibilities for the year was re-establishing the personnel evaluation process for the Senior Pastor and key staff of the church. As part of the overall process, we reviewed and prepared job descriptions with key personnel. For our pastor, we established a review which included a self-reflection and feedback from the Session and staff. We also established a review process for direct reports to the pastor. The first evaluation process will be concluded in the first quarter of 2026 and will be an annual process in the future.

#### **Stewardship:**

The Administration Committee collaborated with Pastor Seth on the Stewardship Campaign for 2026. Pastor Seth's theme was, "Telling the Story." Stewardship season began Sunday, November 2, and concluded on Sunday, November 23. To date, the church has received 91 pledges amounting to approximately \$598,000. We hope to receive an additional \$30,000 to achieve our budgeted revenue.

#### **Financial Health and Compliance:**

##### ***Finances***

On a monthly basis, our committee monitors operating results, the use of restricted account funds, and bank and Forever Fund balances. With about \$749,500 in giving and \$467,000 in capital campaign receipts for the year ended 12/31/2025, the year reflected generous giving from the congregation. There was also positive net revenue and revenue more than budget, making 2025 a successful year financially.

With Session approval, we authorized about \$70,000 in payments from the usable portion of restricted funds. Payments were authorized for the capital campaign consultant (about \$29,000), \$21,700 for sprinkler repair, sign upgrade, new computers, staff appreciation, and miscellaneous items. The remaining \$19,000 was funded by the 2024 budget net revenue for Missions funding and a payment to Presbytery.

In 2025, we began working with Building & Grounds to determine short-term and long-term needs of the church to determine potential outlays of funds for capital expenditures.

##### ***Financial Review***

An annual financial review or audit is required by the Book of Order, Our committee (not including the Treasurer) conducted a financial review for the first six months of 2025, and we will perform a review for the remainder of the year in the spring of 2026.

##### ***Debt and Interest Reduction***

The congregation has pledged to date almost \$1.2 million toward the three-year capital campaign to reduce the outstanding principal of FPC-Conroe's debt, and the Church has received about \$467,000 as of 12/31/2025. Our responsibility is to monitor the balance of the Capital Campaign account, the debt balance, and that the FPC-Conroe operating budget reflects current debt payments.

#### **Legal and Administrative Compliance:**

##### ***Operations Manual:***

One of our responsibilities is to review the church Manual of Operations. Revising our manual to make it current was a primary goal for 2025. The revision process involves input from our church committees and approval of the Session. We should complete this process in 2026.

##### ***Other:***

We updated the Periodic Report with the Texas Secretary of State to reflect current officers/elders. (This will be done by the Trustees in the future.)

##### **Other:**

Our committee was the lead point for the Strategic Planning consultation offered by the Presbytery of New Covenant. We were the initial contact for advisement to Session. This has now been transitioned to a newly formed committee.

## **Goals for 2026**

Primary goals for 2026 include completion of efforts we began in 2026:

- Complete the Staff evaluation process for 2025 and determine the cycle going forward
- Complete the financial review for the end of 2025 and determine the financial review cycle going forward
- Complete the Manual of Operations, with the help of our committees and approval of Session

Other primary goals are:

- Expand the Stewardship Campaign to include time/member involvement
- Continue to work with Building and Grounds and other committees to establish a means of planning for future needs/expenditures of the church
- Phone system and building access: with staff, Buildings & Grounds and PDS, evaluate needs and determine best system
- Cybersecurity: with staff and church committees; determine needs and evaluate network vulnerabilities

Additional goals include:

- Personnel: Staff appreciation; personnel policies
- Personnel: evaluate church needs
- Continue to explore other sources of revenue

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN OF 2025

As of January 6, 2026, the church, with proceeds received from the Capital Campaign, has reduced the outstanding debt by \$341,330. This equates to a reduction in operating expenses of \$32,850/year! Total pledges and one-time contributions to the three-year campaign now stand at \$1,192,650.

As of this update, we have \$144,680 in the Capital Campaign account and we anticipate another \$120,000 in revenue on the near horizon. Upon the receipt of those funds, we will make another loan payment of \$265,000, which will reduce our debt payment by an additional \$20,700/year. In summary and including the referenced payment, we will have decreased our indebtedness by 25% and reduced our monthly debt payments by 28%.

The Capital Campaign Committee would like to thank all those who have committed to this worthy cause of reducing our debt and have made its success a reality. Your generosity has greatly relieved the strain on our operating budget and will make it possible for our church to broaden its mission in the future.

It is not too late to participate. While the “official” pledge period is over, you can still pledge. If you are not comfortable with a three-year commitment, we ask you to prayerfully consider a one-time donation. Every dollar you give goes directly to reducing our indebtedness.

Finally, please continue to pray for the continued success of this effort and our church.

Blessings,  
Capital Campaign Committee



## **BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE**

The primary focus for the Building and Grounds Committee this year has been on maintaining and repairing building systems and the grounds of the church.

In addressing the area lighting for the church, the South entry light had new wiring routed to it, which has corrected the problem. The area lighting for the front entrance to the church had to have new fixtures installed to prevent the frequent failure of the bulbs burning out. The lighting in the Narthex Area is being addressed by replacing the existing fluorescent bulbs with LED bulbs as they fail. The remainder of the lighting issues involved the routine maintenance of bulb replacement as they failed.

While we are continuing to solicit and evaluate proposals for improving the rain guttering on the Main Sanctuary, we are addressing any water incursions by having the gutters cleaned as necessary to keep them clear and flowing freely. Any other water incursions are addressed individually as they become apparent. It appears to be a constant problem the needs to be addressed.

In April, we discovered that we had termites in the Southwest Corner of the Sanctuary. We had the immediate area treated and then, out of an abundance of caution, we decided to have all the outside entrances to the original building treated. Since then, we have not noticed any signs of termites around the building. Also, in addressing the original building, we replaced all the worn weatherstripping on the exit doors to reduce air infiltration, but adjustments are an ongoing process.

To reduce our expenses for maintaining the 21 HVAC units throughout the building, we signed a maintenance contract with Allied Air Conditioning to perform service twice a year on all the HVAC units in the building and two ice machines. Additionally, they will provide a proposal to replace the storage building units with two window units.

Fernando Angel and his crew maintained the beds around the church by weeding continually and performing all necessary sprinkler system repairs. He and his crew spread over 18 yards of mulch on the church beds during the months of March and April. Unfortunately, Fernando moved away at the end of the year. However, his cousin, Jose Milan, has agreed to assume the duties of our landscaping and he appears to be even more qualified than Fernando.

To consolidate our fire and safety inspections and monitoring, we contracted with Pye-Barker at a reduced cost to monitor and inspect our fire protection systems. This resulted in a couple of minor deficiencies that were quickly corrected. However, the sprinkler system inspection resulted in finding several sprinkler heads that needed replacement. This has been accomplished everywhere except the Main Sanctuary which requires a JLG Lift to complete. This cost of \$12,000 to \$14,000 was unexpected and necessary. With the replacement of the Fire Panel last year and the major replacement of the sprinkler heads this year, we should be in particularly good condition in the future.

I would like to thank Richard West for being a go-to resource for anything we needed around the church. First, he located, purchased and installed a garbage disposal adapter for the old kitchen. This enabled us to install a residential garbage disposal instead of a very expensive commercial garbage disposal. Second, he located a lift station company that was able to properly diagnose and repair our one and only lift station system, saving us thousands of dollars.

In the kitchen areas, we installed a reverse osmosis system on the large ice machine in the FLC kitchen, in the hope of achieving a longer life for the ice machine. In the old kitchen, we removed and disposed of the sink and dishwasher and are currently installing a residential-sized garbage disposal, as well as repairing the lines which were disconnected for anticipated removal.

In the future, we will continue improving the rain gutters for the main sanctuary and the weather stripping for the entryways to the church. We will renew the bi-annual service plan for all the HVAC systems, which is 21 in all. Finally, we will begin checking out the sprinkler system, mulching and doing the Spring planting.

I would like to thank my committee, Steve Das, Pat Hudson, B. C. Litton, David Perciful and Roy Kessler for all their work and dedication for this past year. I would like to also welcome Richard Gatlin and David MacDonald as the newest members of our committee.

Chairman Bill Harshbarger (2026)

## **CARE AND PRAYER MINISTRY**

The Care & Prayer Committee was without a Chair in 2025, so we do not have an annual report for 2025. However, Randy Blanton has agreed to be the Chair for this Committee for 2026 and has been working on a program for the Care & Prayer Committee to implement. The program's purpose and scope will be presented to the congregation during the 11:00 a.m. service sometime in April during the Minute for Mission.



## DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY

**Mission:** To encourage people to meet in Small Groups and Sunday School classes for fellowship, encouragement, edification, training, prayer, and study of the Bible and to aid people in developing meaningful interpersonal relationships, and to experience the love of God as manifested within the Body of Christ through such fellowship.

**Discipleship Ministry Team:** Anne Spinks, Dena Sowden, Mark Sowden (Chair), Glenna Lang, Yvonne Rose, Virginia Tamborello, Elizabeth Laletas, (Youth) Masen Stuntz & Sean Morton

**Youth Ministry Team:** (Reports to Discipleship for oversight and approval of their recommendations and decisions)  
**Volunteer Youth Director:** Mark Sowden  
**Youth Parent Advisory Committee:** Mark Sowden (chair), Dena Sowden, Jr. & Sr. High Parents

**Vision:** To empower, equip, and train youth to be the future leaders of the church through discipleship.

### Children's Ministry Team:

(Reports to Discipleship for oversight and approval of their recommendations and decisions)  
**Vision:** To create a safe place for parents to bring their children where the little ones will be given the opportunity to encounter God, learn faith and Biblical essentials, and experience a loving community that cares about their spiritual and emotional growth.

#### Essentials to achieve this vision:

1. To teach a love for the Bible.
2. To teach how to talk to God through prayer.
3. To make children aware of what God is doing in their midst.
4. To model God's love to each other through Christ.

## 2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

### Children's Ministry

1. Sunday School Attendance Averages:
  - Nursery – 4
  - Elementary Children – 6
  - Youth – 8 (Attending The Spark on Sunday night in lieu of morning Sunday School)
  - Young Adult/College Age – 5 (Attending The Spark on Sunday night in lieu of morning Sunday School)
2. Continued using Gospel Light Sunday School curriculum. Teachers are pleased with the curriculum.
3. Coordinated a successful Easter Egg Hunt on April 20<sup>th</sup> for elementary children with the help of the Youth.
4. Helped PDS with a kindergarten graduation at the end of May.
5. Coordinated and participated in a successful VBS on July 7-11. The theme was “True North.” 88 children were registered. Average attendance was 75 children with 16 youth Volunteers and 20 adult volunteers. We had Armored Sports after VBS Sports Camp for all 5 days, from 12-4:00 pm with 24 registered participants. We opted to not do a Family Night since we had a 5-day After-VBS Sports Camp, and last year the children were exhausted after being at VBS all morning, Sports Camp all afternoon and Family Night from 5-7:00 pm. We took the Youth Group out for a Fun Day outing for being such great help during the week.
6. The Pumpkin Patch was a huge success this year. The PDS joined in the fun with a wonderful Fall Festival on October 25<sup>th</sup> complete with games, inflatable games donated by MJ's Bounce Houses, vendors, live music and much, much more. However, we had to move activities inside due to rainy weather. We ended the night with the movie “It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown” to conclude the evening's festivities. We had a wonderful turnout in spite of the rain! A special note of thanks to the

Spinks for the use of their tractor and trailer. The hayrides are always a big hit with the young and the young at heart and the benches built by the Youth Group, with the help of Mark Sowden, were a great addition to the “hayride” and made for a much more comfortable seat than hay. Thanks to Liz Kessler for coordinating weekend volunteers to help with the patch.

7. Coordinated the annual Children's Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. In an effort to build bridges between FPC families and PDS families, the tradition has been to invite PDS children to join FPC Sunday School children in telling the story of Jesus' birth, and we had a couple of PDS families participate. The pageant was held during the 11 am church service, in what would normally be Children's Time.
8. FPC helped with the PDS Christmas Program on December 11<sup>th</sup> entitled “Country Christmas”. They had wonderful attendance and a BBQ dinner/social gathering in the FLC gym afterwards.

## Youth Ministry

1. Continued “The Spark” Sunday night meetings for food, fun, fellowship, and service. Average youth attendance is +/- 10. We've started having children as young as elementary age attend, with some adult attendance as well. The Praise Band continues to provide live music. Mark Sowden leads the devotionals, and Amy Folts has been leading our Call to Confession. Dena Sowden plans and cooks the meals each week and gets help with clean-up after the meal from parents in attendance. In the summer of 2025, high school-aged teens started going to a coffee shop once a month for Jesus & Java during the Sunday School hour, but with the limitations on time, Jesus & Java was moved to Sunday nights after The Spark and lead by Sabrina Sowden.
2. Coordinated the Annual Chili Cook-off on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. More than \$12,621 was raised for the Youth Mission Trip expenses.
3. The annual Youth Auction and Mystery Dinner, “Toy Chest Trauma”, was held on April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025, where we raised more than \$10,000 to offset Youth Mission Trip expenses. Words cannot express the gratitude the youth feel for the tremendous generosity and love from our church family. The Mystery Dinner was kid friendly this year and the Youth played character roles with the participants solving the mystery. We had a lot of fun and plan to continue this tradition.
4. We honored our mothers with a Mother's Day Brunch on May 11<sup>th</sup>. Brunch was provided and several men helped with serving brunch with one seating at 10:30.
5. Recognized four graduating seniors during worship on May 18<sup>th</sup>; two FPC youth and two choir members. The graduates received a gift from the church.
6. Confirmation for 2025 included two graduates, Karis Morton & Savannah Hector.
7. Sr & Jr High Mission Trip was to rural Kentucky, from June 7-15, 2025. The youth assisted with cabin rehabilitation for an organization that provided temporary housing for women escaping abusive environments. Our free day included a day at the lake with inflatables and a giant water slide. Mark Sowden, Dena Sowden, Carly Hart and Amy Folts chaperoned the trip. Next Step Ministries was the Mission Trip organization.
8. Conducted a Mission At-Home week here at FPC, from July 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, the same week as VBS. Unfortunately, Hurricane Beryl made landfall on July 8<sup>th</sup> and caused an area-wide power outage. The youth worked on small projects around the church after helping with VBS in the mornings. We took the Youth to Main Event as a reward for their free day. A very special thank you to David and Anne Spinks for offering to provide a hot breakfast each morning.
9. The Youth Praise Band continues to provide worship music on most Sunday mornings prior to the 11:00 service. They also provided music for the Chili Cook-Off, Fall Festival (Mark Sowden & Craig Blackiston) and the Mission At-Home week.
10. The youth continue to assist in various projects around the church, coordinating with the Building and Grounds Committee to serve whenever and wherever needed. The annual Easter Lock-In was held March 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> with a showing of “The Chronicles of Narnia”. During the lock-in the youth stuffed and prepared all the Easter eggs for the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Easter morning and performed our Easter Play during the 11 am worship service to tell the story of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.
11. Mark & Dena hosted a Lock-In on October 24<sup>th</sup> for the Fall Festival weekend, and the youth enjoyed just coming to the Pumpkin Patch and hanging out and helping with the Pumpkin Patch on the weekends.
12. Christmas Progressive Dinner was December 14. We had 12 youth and young adults and two adult chaperones. The Saathoffs provided appetizers, the Spinks provided dinner and the Folts provided dessert.

- Instead of white elephant, we had a Wright Family Christmas gift game.
13. Sunday December 14<sup>th</sup> was the Christmas Pageant, and the Youth took part in reading the script and helping with the children and even playing the role of the camel.
  14. We hosted a Parent's Night Out on December 5, from 4–8:00 pm with the help of a youth members, Sean Morton, Karis Morton, Savannah Hector, Carly Hart and Mark & Dena Sowden. We only had nine children attend, but that's a good start, and we hope to have a bigger attendance in 2026.
  15. The Youth have taken a more active role in the 11:00 Sunday worship services, with the lighting and extinguishing of the candles, assisting in the offertory and as Worship Leaders on a regular basis.
  16. We began a Jesus & Me (J.A.M.) during Wednesday Night Live, with Amber Hernandez teaching children 4 & up. Sean Morton and Savannah Hector help with that class and with Linda Terbl in the Nursery.

### **General Discipleship**

1. Conducted background checks on all teachers, VBS Volunteers, and Youth leaders.
2. Recognized Sunday School teachers in appreciation of their faithful dedication.
3. Used youth in more worship services as Worship Leaders.
4. Continued the Twenties, Thirties and Forties adult group outings or gatherings monthly with childcare provided. The group decided to give themselves an acronym for Christ Loving Adult Presbyterians or C.L.A.P. Most gatherings have had a good turnout, which includes small meetings at a host home, wineries, restaurants and even axe-throwing.
5. We had a small group of moms attending Bible study during Wednesday Night Live and a few gatherings outside of WNL. Usually, an average of 6-8 moms will attend and enjoy the childcare provided by the church.
6. Began a "Year Through the Bible" study on Sunday nights, being led by Frank Denton. We have a great turnout for this with about 12-15 participants each week.

### **2026 OBJECTIVES**

#### **Children's Ministry**

1. Continue to move in the direction of family ministry resulting in spiritual transformation in the children and find ways to involve parents in the discipleship process for the glory of God.
2. Plan more family events, gatherings and seminars. Possibly have potluck lunches the first Sunday of the month or third Sunday to accommodate Session meetings.
3. Collaborate with PDS for programming events.
4. Grow and strengthen the Sunday School and WNL programs to the point where splitting classes into smaller age ranges is necessary.
5. Conduct an Easter Egg Hunt with participation from PDS families and community members.
6. Support and participate in VBS and PDS Summer Camps.
7. Coordinate another Parent's Night Out, possibly more dates, Gingerbread House decorating with PDS families around their Christmas Program, and Family Movie Nights/Game Nights on special occasions.
8. Coordinate the annual Children's Christmas pageant, including the PDS children and families, and continue telling the story of The Resurrection during the Easter Service.

#### **Youth Ministry**

1. Strengthen Youth Ministry through prayer, engaging curriculum, focused time, energy, parent involvement, and inviting new youth.
2. Seek to build relationships with other church youth groups in the area.
3. Coordinate fundraisers for Youth Mission Trips: Chili Cook-off, Youth Auction (which was moved to August instead of April). Include PDS families and staff in as many events as possible.
4. Fund and coordinate a combined Mission Trip to Anchorage, Alaska and an At-Home Mission Trip to FPC Conroe during VBS week, which has been moved to July 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> with a Sports Camp after.
5. Recognize graduating seniors.
6. Conduct Youth Sunday on the last Sunday in September and expand Youth participation in worship.
7. Conduct a Confirmation Class with at least 3-4 participants.

### **General Discipleship**

1. Continue to build Children's Ministry/Sunday School Team with additional parent participation.
2. Continue the development of additional WNL studies and Adult Sunday School classes, including an Arts & Crafts WNL class and Jesus & Me (J.A.M.) for children.
3. Expand and continue the Pumpkin Patch as an outreach to the community and Fall Festival to forge relationships with PDS families and community businesses.

### **Church Bus Usage**

- January – n/a
- February – Chili Cook-Off
- March – n/a
- April – Easter Lock-in & Youth Auction
- May – n/a
- June – Mission Trip
- July – VBS & Missions At Home week
- August – n/a
- September – n/a
- October – Youth Lock-In & Pumpkin Patch Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat
- November – n/a
- December – Progressive Dinner

## **THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE**

### **Mission Statement:**

The Library Committee was established in 2021 to renovate and revitalize the FPC Memorial Library in memory of Patricia Ezell. This was done by members of her book club, The Texas Lit Chicks. The renovation was completed in 2024, and henceforth the committee exists to maintain functionality of the Library.

### **Library Committee Members:**

Linda Harshbarger, Jenny Peterson, and Cindy Massey

### **2025 Accomplishments:**

1. PDS has increased their use of the Memorial Library. Four classes now check out books during the school week.
2. The committee has gained the help of one PDS grandmother, Pam, who volunteers her time reshelving books and straightening up shelves.
3. The Memorial Library continues to be used by the church and PDS for meetings, Sunday School classes and Wednesday Night Live classes. PDS has also used the Library for hearing tests and storytelling hours.
4. 30 new children's books were donated by the Texas Lit Chicks during the month of December. FPC members continue to donate books throughout the year.

### **2026 Objectives:**

1. Maintaining circulation usable by PDS, the congregation and staff.
2. Maintain the décor.
3. Offer functional meeting and gathering space.
4. Plan to increase FPC member use by improving Fiction book selection and by writing book reviews in the Link/Connection on books available.

Submitted by:

Linda Harshbarger

Library Committee Co-chairman with Jenny Peterson



## FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

**MISSION:** To provide fellowship opportunities throughout the year and to provide opportunities for FPC members to participate in activities that build a foundation and relationship within all age groups of First Presbyterian Church Conroe.

**Committee Members:** Debbie Morse (chair), Shirley Dukes, Liz Kessler, Robbie Ganek, Ina Webb, Marty Taylor, Neva Hammonds, Pat Voorhees, Susan Das, Dana Corbit, Patrick Hudson, Al Bosse, Darlene Andrews, David Nichols, and Cherry Perciful

### **2025 Activities:**

We participated with the Discipleship and WNL Kitchen Crew in the Annual Chili Cook-Off with drinks and assistance where needed. We provided breakfast for the Easter Sunrise Service. In cooperation with Discipleship, we provided dinner for the Youth Auction Fundraiser and held a reception for Senior Recognition Sunday. In the fall and winter/spring, we worked with the Kitchen Crew to provide meals for Wednesday Night Live. We participated with the Annual Pumpkin Patch, and a reception following the Children's Christmas Pageant. We provided lunch following meetings of ministry committees.

We provide lunch every other month for the Women's Shelter guests. We assist with receptions throughout the year for funeral services. This year we held a reception to honor Callie Candee and a luncheon to celebrate the installation of Pastor Seth Saathoff.

We celebrated Rally Day by serving brunch both after Sunday School and after church service, serving more than 120 meals. We provided breakfast for Serve Your Neighbor Day, an event hosted by the Missions Committee.

### **2026 GOALS:**

1. Continued support of Youth Ministry Events
2. Participation in annual events
3. Work with other ministries to present church-wide activities.
4. Retain and recruit new members of all ages.

Respectfully submitted,  
Debbie Morse, Chair Fellowship Committee



## WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE (WNL) KITCHEN CREW

Wednesday Night Live had a successful 2025 Session providing a variety of home-cooked meals to 50-60 FPC congregants attending the dinners. The total cost of the meal is \$5.00 per person, with those over 90 and under 12 years of age, eating at no charge. Dinner is served at 5 PM.

Before each session, we meet to select menus (as a group project) for the coming weeks and to enlist volunteers who will take the lead each week. That person is responsible for adjusting the chosen recipes to meet the number of attendees expected, to shop for the ingredients, and to lead the cooking session. Volunteers step up to make homemade desserts.

The dedicated members of the team meet for eight weeks during each session. The role of lead chef rotates. We meet on Wednesday at 2 PM to prepare the evening's meal. Clean up is completed by 7-7:30 PM. We continue to provide take-out portions for those needing that service.

Once again, we partnered with Fellowship and FPC Youth on several events, e.g., the Annual Chili Cook-off, the Annual Youth Auction, the Annual Children's Christmas Pageant Cocoa and Cookie Reception, and the Annual Pumpkin Patch, and the Mission Committee's Serve Your Neighbor Day. For the third year we provided a Saturday lunch every other month for Montgomery County Women's Crisis Center. This is with the support and full funding from the Missions Ministry. For the last two years we have been blessed to cook for the Presbyterian Day School's Annual Family Christmas Program and Dinner.

An exciting project this year was The Little Chefs in Training Project. Eight Pre-schoolers from the Day School spent two afternoons with Kitchen Crew members learning basic cooking skills and then using them to cook flavorful food that they consumed. We hope to repeat this event in 2026.

The Fall 2025 session closed out with our annual Thanksgiving Feast, which was very well attended. We served approximately 952 WNL meals in 2025. In addition, nearly 200 were served to attendees at the one-time event of a Welcoming Luncheon for Pastor Seth Saathoff and the Kick-off Campaign Luncheon for the Capital Campaign Fund. With the increased food prices, we are still maintaining a \$5.00 cost and keeping the cost of the meal below that. The reasons we can do this are because of the generosity of team members who donate the desserts and the generous donations of meat from Ine and Jerry Webb.

This past year we have seen an increased WNL attendance of parents and children of our Presbyterian Day School. This was most gratifying and enjoyable. It also added the welcomed necessity to add kid-friendly menu items!

If you are interested in participating in this fun and talented team, we would warmly welcome your presence. Attendance at, and participation in, every event is not required. If you would like to participate by providing a dessert or any form of financial assistance, that too, is greatly appreciated. We rarely hold scheduled meetings since we are together each week and complete our business during those times. Other communication is held through texts and email.

Respectfully submitted,  
Shirley Dukes,  
Kitchen Crew



## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

### **Mission:**

To assimilate new members into the body of Christ at First Presbyterian Church of Conroe through “First Step” orientation classes and New Member Gatherings; to initiate new approaches to help bring people to FPC-Conroe; to provide opportunities for involvement in church activities for all members.

### **Committee Members:**

Steve Scheffler (Chair), Betty Blott, Henry Blott, Michael Dwyer, Joan Lowery, Judy Weinburger, and Susan Young. David Nichols joined the committee in December 2025 and will take over as chair in January 2026.

### **Accomplishments in 2025:**

- A new process for providing visitors/guests with a small gift (church bookmark) and brochure was established, with the supplies housed at the welcome desk in the narthex.
- A new process for providing new members with a special gift upon joining was established. The committee purchased church coffee mugs and new member welcome bags. These are given when the Session officially approves membership. A photo is now taken of the new members with Pastor Saathoff. This is included in the subsequent weekly bulletin, The Link newsletter, and in the pre-service slide show in the sanctuary.
- The committee continued collection of worship attendance on Sundays. Members collect the attendance register pads after Sunday worship service. Steve Scheffler scans for any visitor/guest information on the sheets and inputs contact information if provided. Members of the Membership Committee follow up with visitor phone calls and/or emails to introduce themselves and find out more about the visitor(s). The process for inputting the registration/attendance data into the Church Windows database needs refinement, including training a member of the church who can assist in this effort.
- An updated church brochure was worked on, with input from the committee and design by Sharon VanSchuyver. This brochure, now almost a year old, will be reviewed and updated in 2026.
- The committee successfully held the “First Steps” orientation for new and prospective members, which took place in April and again in November, with an average of 25 attendees and 7 prospective members in attendance at each event. The next First Steps event will be scheduled for late spring or early summer.
- The committee successfully conducted two New Member Dinners, which were held at the Blott’s home in February and July 2025. The dinner included new members who had joined in late 2024 and throughout 2025. Additionally, members of the Membership Committee and Rev. Saathoff also attended the dinner.
- Two ads were placed to promote the church’s Eastertide services and event in the February and March issues of Community Impact magazine, which is delivered to 76,000 area residents.
- A full roster of volunteer greeters was achieved by committee member, Judy Weinburger, for both the 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services. These greeters provide a friendly face, along with warm words of welcome, to visitors and church members alike.

### **Goals for 2026:**

- Recruit and integrate at least one new member onto the Membership Committee
- Work with church administration to help recruit at least one additional church member to be trained on how to input and pull member reports in Church Windows. The Committee Chair will also receive Church Windows training.
- Assess previous advertising and promotion efforts to recruit new members and participation in church events and activities; create a plan and budget for advertising FPC Conroe in the local community that can be tracked. This could include social media, Google search and display ads, mixed with more traditional advertising in Community Impact, Courier and other outlets.
- Assess the welcome gift process for visitors and new members. This includes the new church brochure. This also includes having a volunteer staff the welcome desk in the narthex before and after the worship service, in addition to the current greeters.
- Continue the “First Steps” orientation classes for prospective and new members, holding one session in the spring and/or the fall, depending on the number of prospective members interested in attending.
- Continue the New Member Dinners for our members who have recently joined. The Membership committee provides a casual dinner for 12-15 individuals including new members, committee members and FPC staff. We intend to hold one or two such gatherings in 2026 (in February and again in late summer or early fall).

- Publish an updated member directory – to be printed in house rather than with an external company.
- Enhance Committee involvement with existing church members including closer coordination with the Care and Prayer Committee to monitor and track the care and wellbeing of current members by helping identify those members who might benefit from church outreach.

**2025 Member Statistics:**

*(based on approved Session minutes from 2025)*

**New Members:** 15 (13 adult members; 2 youth)

Katy Saathoff (January), Matthew & Elizabeth Laletas (January), John and Cathy Wright (March) Tommy & Jenny Taylor (March), Savannah Hector (April), Karis Morton (April), Kaleigh Riggs-Harpur (May), Kwadwo Boadi & Evelyn Frimpong (May), David Macdonald (May), Marsha Park (September), Carly Hart (October)

**Baptisms:** 1 (Carly Hart)

**Deaths:** 7

**Transfers out:** 6

**Total current members:** 400

## MISSION COMMITTEE

### **Missions Committee**

**Members:** Debra Slade-Redden (new chair beginning in 2026), Penny Bell, Susan Estrada, Catherine Scheffler, Tom Young, Veronica Mireles, and Matthew Robledo. Missions Committee meetings were held on the first Sunday of each month in 2025.

**Mission:** To provide financial support, volunteers, and participation in regular activities to support local non-profits, including homeless ministries AND provide an opportunity for the congregation to engage with mission partners and share the love of Christ through service to others.

### **Mission Partners:**

**Angel Reach** – FPC provided financial support, participation in fundraising events, and provided volunteers for day-to-day operations with meals for youth attending monthly life skills training (the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month); this support was discontinued in the summer of 2025; there is currently no FPC regular participation with Angel Reach.

**Compassion United** – FPC provided financial support and participation in fundraising events

**Family Promise** – FPC provided financial support, participation in fundraising events and provided five days (M-F) of evening and breakfast meals, as well as overnight chaperone hosts, four weeks per year for the families living at the guest center. Depending on the number of families living at the guest center at any given time, the number of meals provided to the residents was approximately 500 per year.

**Montgomery County Food Bank** – FPC provided financial support and 4-8 volunteers once a month throughout the year.

**Montgomery County Women’s Center** – FPC provided financial support, participation in fundraising events and provided meals every other month for Women’s Center Meetings.

**Salvation Army** – FPC provided financial support, as well as a team of several members each Monday who either took 60-70 sack lunches or food to cook at the Salvation Site for 75-100 people. The total number of lunches provided in 2025 was approximately 3,380 (52 weeks x 65 lunches). Beginning in 2026, this support will take the form of only being sack lunches prepared and dropped off at the Salvation Army

### **Annual Mission Special Collections:**

**Easter – One Great Hour of Sharing** collection goes to the One Great Hour of Sharing in support of hunger programs worldwide.

**Missions Sunday** collection is held in May and goes to provide financial support for our mission partners and to reimburse church members who provided meals for those partners

**Christmas Joy Offering** collection goes to the retired Presbyterian Church workers in need of housing and goes to students attending Presbyterian schools.

### **Other Mission Activity:**

- Our committee planned the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Serve Our Neighbor Day (SON Day) in August 2025. This was a churchwide day of service where the congregation gathered together for breakfast at the church and then dispersed for one of six different volunteer opportunities throughout the community (Carriage Inn retirement community, Montgomery County Women’s Center, Angel Reach, Family Promise of Montgomery County and Compassion United).
- Promoted a Missions Committee Request Form for members to complete and submit to our committee when they had a non-profit/organization that they wanted the church to either participate in service with or make a donation to (in 2025, our committee approved donations to Haley Baughman’s Africa Ministry and Rolethial McKelvey’s request for support for students to learn trades in Afikpo, Nigeria).
- Developed a “Ways To Get Involved” chart to inform church members of the different ways to participate in volunteer service to our six primary nonprofit partners.

**Committee Goals for 2026:**

- Increase attendance and participation in the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Serve Our Neighbor Day and expand the nonprofit organizations that we partner with.
- Continue to promote the use of the Missions Committee Request Form through occasional Minute for Mission announcements during Sunday services in May; look into having representatives from some of our nonprofit partners to speak during a MFM.
- Continue to update the “Ways To Get Involved” chart with updated information and/or new partnership opportunities.
- Look into the logistics involved with planning a local churchwide mission trip opportunity for adults of the church or an intergenerational mission trip to include families for 2026 or 2027.
- Explore additional grants to apply for to support our homeless ministry mission partners.

# MISSION SEWING GROUP

## Items made by the Mission Sewing Group

### For First Presbyterian Church and Friends:

- 4 Knitted/Crocheted Prayer Shawls for ill FPC members
- 17 Pillowcases for the youth and sponsors who went on mission trips
- Held a Silent auction and sale of homemade items in conjunction with the 2025 Sew-a-thon which raised approximately \$1,325.00 to benefit the Mission Sewing Group. \$407.00 collected for Bags of Love. The Store raised \$380.00. Quilt Raffle raised \$1,045.00 for the FPC Forever Fund. \$560.00 was donated to the work of the Mission Sewing Group.

### For the Community:

- **“It’s My Very Own Bags of Love”**  
Held a Sew-a-thon on February 22, 2025 in which approximately 130 people participated  
Donated 16 children’s quilts to be given to children who are removed from their homes by CPS  
Donated stuffed animals, cloth books, pillowcases, and toiletries.
- **Texas Children’s Hospital.**  
22 Baby Afghans
- **Montgomery County Animal Shelter**  
31 pillows
- **Project Linus, Montgomery County Chapter**  
34 children’s and baby quilts were given to children hospitalized in local hospitals
- **Houston Veterans Hospital**  
97 crocheted lap robes
- **Quilts of Valor**  
Patriotic quilts made and awarded to veterans  
Members Estela Wilson and Michele Shreves participate in this group
- **Dan Duncan St. Luke’s Cancer Center**  
62 crocheted cancer caps

### For World-Wide Missions:

- **Caps to be included in the Seamen’s Christmas boxes**  
100 Knitted Caps
- **H.O.P.E. (Helping Oppressed People Everywhere)**  
Mission trips were made to South Africa and Romania where crocheted caps were given to school children:  
749 crocheted caps

### Coupon Collection

Collected many shoe boxes full of Manufacturers Coupons to be sent to bases around the world to benefit military families.  
This program was discontinued in October 2025 due to limited access to paper Coupons and current trend of digitalized computer coupons.

**Plans for 2026;**

Host the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Sew-a-Thon on Saturday, February 28, 2026.

Plan to include Project Linus in the quilts made at the Sew-a-thon and during the year.

Continue to investigate new agencies to which our quilts can be donated.

Continue doing what we did in 2025, meeting the needs of our church, community and world-wide church community.

Submitted by:

Linda Harshbarger

Mission Sewing Co-coordinator with Liz Kessler

## PRESBYTERIAN DAY SCHOOL MISSION TEAM

At the beginning of this 2025 school year in August, PDS had 128 students with 14 teachers, 4 aides, 3 substitute teachers, the Administrative Assistant, and the Director. The FPC Christian Education Director continues to work with the PDS staff and provide chapel for the children.

With the increase in enrollment, we were able to provide staff with longevity bonuses, based on years of employment with PDS at the beginning of the 2025-2026 school year, as well as 2025 Christmas bonuses and an increase in staff salaries for the 2025-2026 school year.

We were able to install new flooring in all the classrooms with laminate-style, imitation wood floors which helps with clean up and sanitizing after accidents. Those floors were in all classrooms, the PDS Office and the Youth Commons Area, including the 1<sup>st</sup> grade classroom, with the Youth Group and FPC sharing in the cost of that flooring installation.

At the end of December, we have an operating account with a balance of more than \$125,000 with more than \$252,000 in CDs on deposit at First Financial Bank and we have a balanced budget with a positive net income. Cheryl Nichols was instrumental in assisting Sharon McLaurin complete budget and financial reports and meeting goals to establish a clear and transparent reporting practice. See attached year-end Balance Sheet and Financial Summary.

For the calendar year of 2025, the cooperation and coordination of activities and events between FPC and PDS have been amazing! The following events involved children, staff and parents from PDS and FPC:

- Monthly reading to the Children by FPC members
- Fall Festival, Pumpkin Patch, & Trunk or Treat
- Veterans Day Breakfast
- Donuts for Dads
- Goodies with Grands
- “Spark” Youth Program on Sunday evening
- Summer Camp Programs
- Vacation Bible School
- Domino’s Pizza Card Fundraiser
- Book Fair
- Christmas Pageant
- Go Texan Parade in the Spring
- Art Show
- Weekly Chapel lessons with Ms. Dena
- Various holiday class parties, including Valentines, Thanksgiving, and Christmas parties
- Themed events such as Dr. Seuss Crazy Week, Christmas PJ Day, Favorite Hat Day, 50 Days & 100 Days of School, and Storybook Parade
- Teacher appreciation week
- Chili Cookoff in February
- Easter Service & Easter Egg Hunt in March

The goals for PDS Mission Team for 2026 are:

- Maintaining safety and security for children and staff by seeking approval of a Non-Profit Security Grant through FEMA which opened January 13, 2025, and closed March 13, 2025, for up to \$200,000 in funds to add security cameras and systems. This application has been completed and is pending review/approval by the Texas Secretary of State’s office.
- Providing a positive, pleasant, productive, and kind environment for children, staff and parents at all times.
- Providing appropriate instruction for the children at each level – Toddlers, Two-years Old, Three-years Old, Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten and First Grade.

- Investigating the possibility of expanding our grade level to include 2<sup>nd</sup> grade for the school year 2026-2027.
- Re-enforcing polite and appropriate behavior by example and repetition for all children.
- Supporting collaboration between PDS and FPC on events/activities to enhance a united approach to the day school.
- Continuing best practices with the established procedures for all financial matters with levels of oversight to ensure accountability for all funds.
- Expanding parental involvement with PDS activities, assistance with PDS & FPC events, and increase PDS activity with community events.
- Develop a Parent Advisory Board or Parent/Teacher Association to provide input & support for PDS which includes all parents wanting to participate and in collaboration with PDS Staff.
- Continuing to provide financial assistance through scholarships to those meeting criteria.

Enrollment for the 2026–2027 school year will begin in January 2026 for present students’ families, then open to FPC families in February and then open to the public.

PDS will plan to have two summer camp programs again, based on the success of our 2025 programs, for four weeks in June and four weeks in July 2026, working around the week of VBS, which is scheduled for July 13-17, 2026.

Obviously, the Presbyterian Day School is thriving! The staff is outstanding! The programs are awesome! The parents are wonderful! The FPC staff and members are ultra-supportive! PDS is representing this church in all the right ways! Thanks be to God!

Respectively Submitted by  
Dena Sowden  
Director Of Christian Education

**Presbyterian Day School**

**Balance Sheet (6/30/2025)**

**ASSETS**

**Current Assets**

<b>Cash</b>	<b>\$65,645</b>
<b>Certificates of Deposit</b>	<b><u>248,725</u></b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>314,370</b>

<b>Fixed Assets</b>	<b>118,768</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b><u>1,425</u></b>

**TOTAL ASSETS** **\$434,563**

**LIABILITIES & EQUITY**

<b>Deferred Registration Fees &amp; Scholarships</b>	<b>\$30,269</b>
<b>Equity</b>	<b><u>404,294</u></b>

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY** **\$434,563**

**Financial Summary – Year Ended June 30, 2025**

	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Difference</b>
<b>Operating Revenue</b>	<b>\$507,349</b>	<b>\$559,873</b>	<b>\$52,523</b>
<b>Operating Expense</b>	<b>485,591</b>	<b>509,061</b>	<b>24,010</b>
<b>Net Operating Revenue</b>	<b>21,758</b>	<b>50,272</b>	<b>28,514</b>
<b>Employee Retention Credit</b>		<b>60,692</b>	<b>60,692</b>
<b>Net Revenue</b>		<b>110,964</b>	

PDS has a year end of June 30 to reflect the operating cycle of the school. For the year ended June 30, 2025, PDS had an operating profit of \$50,272, which exceeded budget by about \$28,500. This does not include depreciation expense of \$16,819, which was budgeted separately. After depreciation, net operating revenue is \$33,472. The Employee Retention Credit was received during the fiscal year; combined with net operating revenue, PDS had net revenue of \$110,964 (\$94,145 after depreciation). PDS reimbursed FPCC a total of \$42,075 for maintenance, utilities, and janitorial services during the year.



## **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

### **Mission:**

The mission of our local Presbyterian Women group is to nurture our local congregation and international denomination through prayer, Bible study, and philanthropy. We support the mission of “the church” worldwide which helps support justice and peace. We work to support a caring community of Presbyterian women that strengthens the Presbyterian church locally and worldwide as we witness to the promises of God.

### **Team Officers:**

Jenny Peterson - Moderator  
Dana Corbit - Past Moderator  
Marty Taylor – Secretary  
Linda Harshbarger - Treasurer  
Joan Lowery - Membership  
Marty Taylor - Honorary Life Memberships  
Marty Taylor - Funeral/Memorial Coordinator

### **Circle Leaders:**

Lydia Circle - Dana Corbit  
Martha Circle - Jenny Peterson and Linda Harshbarger  
Rebecca Circle - Barb Barton  
Ruth Circle - Marty Taylor and Ann Johnson

The Presbyterian Women’s Team is composed of the Officers and Circle Leaders. Team meetings are held monthly except December, June, and July. Circles meet monthly from September through May.

### **Honorary Life Membership:**

Awarded in 2025: Robbie Ganek and Linda Harshbarger



## WORSHIP MINISTRY

The Worship Committee aspires to provide an opportunity for all to worship God, to learn and know Jesus Christ and character of God, and design mighty works, gospel and love for Him through song, prayer, and inspirational words.

### Accomplishments for 2025:

- Observed all special and Holy Days with service and music, prayer, and words of inspiration.
- We continued Communion by Intinction in the 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM services. The gluten-free communion kits are still available for use by those choosing this preference.
- Provided an opportunity to honor loved ones with flowers at Easter and Christmas.
- Provided an all-Saints Day service in November to honor those who passed away during the past year.
- Honored military on Memorial Day and Veterans Day.
- Purchased and used new battery-operated candles for the Christmas Eve service.
- We continued passing the offering plates for the 11:00 AM service. Participants in the 8:30 AM service may place their financial gifts in the offering plates at entrance of the sanctuary.

### Goals for 2026:

- Observe and provide all special and Holy days with service and music, prayer, and words of inspiration and special displays and activities.
- Provide an opportunity to honor loved ones with flowers at Easter and Christmas.
- Schedule and observe All Saints' Day.
- Schedule and observe a Blue Christmas Service in December.
- Have Church's youth group lead a worship service and participate in others.
- Continue the use of battery-operated candles for Christmas Eve service.
- Worship Committee meets as necessary and continues to look for new members.
- Continue Communion by Intinction and provide gluten-free communion kits for those with gluten sensitivity.
- Continue our usual activities such as maintaining candles and banners, ushers, and preparation for Communion services.



## Let's Get Connected

In this *Annual Report*, you have read the vision of many ministries and learned about many mission projects that our church members conduct. Our church's vision is to **"Love God, invest in people, live generously."** The following table lists the Session ministries, all of which are looking for participants. With each ministry, committee, or team, a contact person's phone number and email address are given. If that ministry, committee, or team interests you, or fits your gifts and passions, please contact the lead person, and talk with him or her. Get connected; put your gifts and passions to use, and you will be blessed for it.

Ministry / Team	Contact Person	Phone	Email
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