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Notes from Session

The Session recently approved a landscaping bid for \$6,500.00 to replace and add new plants in various areas around the church building. They also approved a bid for repairs and painting in the sanctuary, library, and upstairs classrooms for \$13,670.00.

Stuart Baskin has been assigned to moderate our Session meetings until an Interim pastor is secured.

Our COM liaison, Kendall Land presented the next steps for beginning a permanent pastor search. He will meet soon with our Pastor Nominating Committee. Serving on this committee will be Andy Bates, Leah Gorman, Richard Leppert, AprilMauldin, and George Strunk. Please keep them in your prayers.

The Sunday School teachers for 2024-2025 were approved and presented at Brunch and Blessings. Please consider joining us at 9:30 each Sunday morning.

Adult Parlor Class: Maryanne Harris, Debby Leppert (sub)

Men's Library Class: Tony Goodner, Jerry Camp

Upper Room Class: Chad Mauldin
(Room 208)

1st - 5th grade girls: Sarah Garasic, Carolyn Martin (sub)
(Room 206)

1st - 5th grade boys: Andy Bates, Kenny Kirkpatrick (sub)
(Youth room)

3 - 5 years: Amy Bates, Josie Atchley, April Mauldin (sub)
(Room 108)



All women are invited to join a Circle of their choice, and enjoy the fellowship and lessons each month. The Noon Circle will meet Tuesday, October 8, at 12:00 p.m. in the parlor for lunch. The Night Circle will meet Wednesday, October 9, at 7:00 p.m. in the parlor following **Midweek Manna**. Please join us!

\$ Stewardship Report

Monthly Glance: August		Yearly Glance: 2024	
Anticipated Tithes & Offerings	\$34,083	Anticipated Tithes & Offerings	\$409,000
Actual Tithes and Offerings	\$22,275	Actual Tithes and Offerings	\$276,611
Actual Expenses	\$50,656	Actual Expenses	404,485
Overage (deficit)	(\$28,381)	Overage (deficit)	(\$127,874)

Thank you for your tithes and offerings! Without your faithful giving, ministry and missions would not be possible.

Thoughts and Prayers

Regina Baker	Laura Guzman	Ward McCollum	LaVesta W. Thomas
Jim Baker	Ashley Haden	David McElroy	Henry Thompson
Raymond Bazinet	Jerry Hall	Carla McKnight	Stewart White
Velma Beaglehole	Chester Hardy	Don Meador	Julie Whitt
Mac Blackstone	Lucy Harrison	Abbi Melton	Larry Willis
Gary Boyd	Kenzie Hyatt	Rick Murphy	
Randy Brogoitti	Zoe Kelt	Dayne Neal	
Jody Brown	Cheyenne Kirkpatrick	Larry Perkins	
Joe Brown	Rita Knox	Amanda Presley	
Elizabeth Collins	Jeanne W. Kramer	Jerry Richardson	
Linda Curkan	Shirley G Latham	Margaret Roberts	
Susie Pelham Davis	Mike Lee	Jon Rowe	
Marcia Dean	John Lewis	Ken Rucker	
Jack Florence	Dianne Lyle	Vivian Sharp	
John Michael Florey	Donna Marshall	Ouida Smylie	
John Fout	Mike McCollum	Katie Wylie Stovall	

In Service to our Country

Jacob Conner
Robert Gray
Stone Smith

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

October

1 Amy Bates
Wes McCollum
4 Carey Murphy
6 Cameron Clower
Juliandra Gladden
8 Jeff Nestleroad
10 Ron Spradlin

11 Ryan Griffin
Don Myer
Ann Thrower
13 Steve Schnarr
14 Sarah Garasic
Lennon Thrower
15 Clarence Laird
Lexi Rowe
Ouida Smylie
17 Debby Leppert

18 BJ Owen
Bill Terrell
19 Avery Gorman Niles
Beverly Russell
21 Leah Lowery
23 David Castles
24 Brent Brown
27 Gene Smith
30 Tamara Makins
William Richard

Worship/ Fellowship Committee

Worship sub-committee reports:

Sacraments (Linda Sartor): Communion was administered August 4 by ruling elder Dan Phillips, and September 1 by guest preacher Heather Sartor Williamsen. World Communion Sunday is Oct. 6.

Music (Gala Strunk):

- Handbell rehearsals began again in September.
- Grace Notes will sing in worship Oct. 6.

Special Services:

- Mid-week Manna

The committee agreed to continue Midweek Manna for the Wednesdays of October. Without a pastor in place, the service will omit communion; but will continue a similar worship format, replacing a devotional with a lesson, and studying one hymn per week. Following the service, dinner will be provided by this committee.

Wedding Coordinator: Amy Bates and Leah Gorman were coordinators for Margie Mitchell's wedding on Sept. 21.

Sunday Worship: Rev. Jerry Carpenter will preach 3 Sundays of October.

Updated Fellowship Calendar for 2024:

October -

- Danville Picnic - October 6
- Fall Festival - October 27

November -

- New Member dinner - Stewardship Committee
- Possibly a church history scavenger hunt (Cheyenne)

December -

- Advent Festival - December 1
- Grace Notes Christmas program, dinner - December 11

Old Business: Grace Presbytery's Committee on Ministry denied the request to hire Rev. Sam Steele. The committee will reconvene and continue searching.

New Business: none

Celebrations and Concerns: The committee mentioned names of friends and family for prayers.

Respectfully submitted,
Ryan Griffin



LAST MONTH'S PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS

