

March 20, 2024 Session Meeting Highlights

The following are the highlights from the March Session meeting:

- Session approved donating our unneeded pizza oven (which requires some repairs) to Daybreak. We had previously donated our extra oven to them.
- Worshipping with Children banners have been placed in Fellowship Hall, the entrances to the Fellowship Hall, Sanctuary, and Preschool, and one will be near or in the Chapel.
- Experimentation is underway to offer children and youth ways to participate in our worship services.
- Extending the Table communion for homebound members re-started on March 3, 2024.
- The Deacons Pastoral Care Visitors program is getting started.
- At the end of March 2024 our actual year-to-date revenues were above year-to-date budgeted revenues and actual expenses were below budgeted expenditures. Overall, we are in good shape so far for 2024.
- There are several priority repair issues and projects for our facility that need to be done now and which may require a capital campaign to finance:
 - We have two boiler units. The heater in one of our two boilers needs to be replaced because the existing heater is no longer manufactured. Parts from the heater that needs to be replaced can be used as spare parts for the other boiler heater.
 - The Chapel roof is missing several tiles (which are no longer manufactured) and something needs to be done to replace them. We are also in the process of getting an estimate for the major repair work that has been identified for the portions of the building roof that were not repaired when we returned to our building after closing it during the height of the COVID19 pandemic
 - The stumps for the recently removed trees need to be ground, filled with dirt, and grass replanted in them.
- Lynda Wiseman was elected as Clerk of Session for the term May 1, 2024 through April 30, 2025.
- Session, functioning as the Board of Trustees, elected the following members as officers of the corporation for the term May 1, 2024 through April 30, 2025:
 - President Josh Luey
 - Vice-President Joel Hurley
 - Treasurer Dot Ouellete
 - Secretary Lynda Wiseman
- The church van has been sold. The proceeds will be used to buy a utility type trailer that can be used to transport material around the church.
- A salary range for the PNC to use in searching for our next Lead Pastor was approved.
- A job description for the half-time Minister for Pastor Care to replace Pastor Kathryn when her contract expires at the end of May was approved. Since this will not be a called and installed position but a contractual position, Session approved a small team to search for suitable candidate.
- Compassion Peace and Justice is planning a June 16th Juneteenth celebration.
- Faith Formation is working on an Earth Day series as well as a Faith and Poetry Series.