

Stained Glass Gazette

First Presbyterian Church, Moultrie, GA

AUGUST 21, 2025

Session Report - August 19, 2025

The session met on Tuesday, August 19, 2025, for a Stated Meeting at 5:15 in the Vereen Parlor. The following elders were present: Laura Hall, Melody Jenkins, Dan Jeter, Aileen McNair, Marshall McCranie, and Brooks Sheldon. Visitors present were Jim Soos, Anne Foster, Nancy Coleman, and Jane Brown. Rev. Dr. Hugh Ward was the appointed moderator. Rev. Ward called the meeting to order, and Dan Jeter opened the meeting with a devotional and prayer. The minutes of July 15, 2025, Stated Meeting and July 29, 2025, Called Meeting were approved as submitted. The following items of business and reports were presented, discussed, and acted upon as needed:

- Clerk Melody Jenkins stated that Michelle and Talmadge Williams wished to become members by reaffirmation of faith. Hearing no objection, Rev. Ward proposed a called meeting of the session on a Sunday morning, convenient for Michelle & Talmadge, to accept them into membership. Melody will coordinate the date.
- A year-long Presbytery-wide Bible study will be presented by ZOOM beginning September 9th at 6:30 pm. Information will appear in the Stained Glass Gazette for sign-up.
- All church staff and interested ruling elders are invited to participate in a leadership summit via ZOOM on Thursday, Oct. 2nd, from 10 am-12:00 noon to share valuable information from the Board of Pensions and the Presbyterian Foundation.
- No one was present from the Finance Committee, but the written report of the last meeting was discussed. The following points were highlighted:
 - ◊ Income for July was up, and the account balance is steady.
 - ◊ The committee is considering a preliminary 2026 budget at approximately the same amount as the 2025 budget.
 - ◊ The committee members committed to managing the stewardship campaign this fall, with letters and pledge cards being mailed at the end of September, three Sundays of speakers at worship (10/19, 10/26, and 11/2), and commitment Sunday on November 9th.
 - ◊ The church's financial commitment to Brad Walker will be completed on October 31st for his salary, and on December 31st for health insurance.
- Rev. Ward reported that he is continuing visitation and contact with members as needed or requested.
- New Business – Melody Jenkins reported on the August 2, 2025, Presbytery Meeting as follows:
 - ◊ The Trained Ruling Elder Class of 2025 was recognized, which included Chuck Bannister
 - ◊ Abby Ryon was approved as a candidate for the ministry within our Presbytery. She is studying at the Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Austin, Texas.
 - ◊ 300 lbs. of aluminum cans were collected to support the medical mission in the Dominican Republic of Westminster Presbyterian Church (Warner Robins)
 - ◊ Rev. Ralph Watkins, Dean of the TRE program, thanked Moultrie First Presbyterian Church for their monetary support for the program.
- Unfinished Business – The letter from the session announcing small group meetings on the future direction of our church had been mailed as directed at the July 29th Called Meeting. Ideas were put forth about how and when to conduct these meetings, how the small groups would be formed, and questions/format for facilitators to use in the meetings. Rev. Ward appointed a committee (Kevin Blanton, Melody Jenkins, and Laura Johnson) to develop a detailed plan for the small group meetings. A motion was made by Aileen McNair and seconded by Marshall McCranie for the elders in the Class of 2025 to remain active on the session until the discernment process is completed. Rev. Ward polled the elders (Melody Jenkins, Dan Jeter, and Laura Hall) and all agreed to remain on the session. A congregational meeting must be held for the membership to approve this action. The congregational meeting date will be set when the committee has completed its planning, so both items can be presented to the congregation. Rev. Ward agreed to remain as moderator through this process.
- The idea of opening the sanctuary for a time of prayer and meditation was discussed. Rev. Ward volunteered to conduct a Sunday evening vesper service for this purpose from 5:30-6:00 pm. The starting date will be announced.

The next Stated Meeting will be on September 16, 2025, at 5:15 PM. Having no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned with prayer by Rev. Ward.

Respectfully submitted,
Melody S. Jenkins, Clerk of Session

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Sunday Worship at 11 a.m.

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To all who are weary and need rest, to all who mourn and need comfort, to all who are lonely and need friendship, to all who are glad and would serve others, to all who are complacent and need disturbing, to all who sin and need a Savior, this Church opens wide its door in the name of Christ, and bids you welcome.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thursday, August 21 at 1 p.m. Card Playing

Sunday, August 24 from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. CONFIRMATION CLASS

Wednesday, August 27 at 5:30 p.m. WATCH SUPPER

Thursday, August 28 at 10:30 a.m. Cornerstones LUNCH ON THE ROAD

Wednesday, September 3 at 4 p.m. PRAYER SHAWL

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Thursday, September 4 at 1 p.m. Card Playing

Sunday, September 7 at 8:30 a.m. MEN'S BREAKFAST at FPC

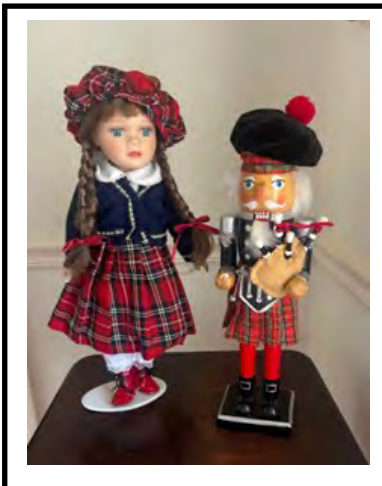
Join us on zoom for a
presbytery-wide Bible Study
Finding Resilience,
Joy, and Our
Identity in Jesus
Christ

Starting Tuesday, Sept 9
from 6:30-8pm and every
2nd Tuesday until May.

Study Book Required
To reserve a copy, contact Laura at
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Name the Scots

These two adorable characters will be the mascots as the Spiritual Growth Committee announces plans for the upcoming Scottish/Family Heritage Sunday on Reformation Sunday, October 26. Each week, the mascots will be announcing in the Gazette a different aspect of the day – Kirkin' of the Tartan, Roll Call of the Families, covered dish meal, etc. But first, they need a name. The pair will be stationed on the table at the base of the stairs in the Vereen Building on Sundays and in the Fellowship Hall during WATCH from now until August 31. You are invited to share your ideas by dropping the naming form into the box. The winning names will be announced at WATCH on Sept. 3. Prizes will be presented for the winning names. Use your creativity to welcome these Scots to our FPC family.

MFPC TREASURER'S REPORT

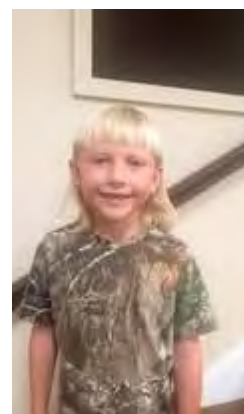
FOR THE MONTH: JULY 2025

	<u>ACTUAL \$</u>	<u>BUDGET \$</u>	<u>VARIANCE \$</u>
Income	54,373	39,938	14,435
Expenses	56,258	47,854	8,404
Net	-1,885	-7,916	6,031

YTD: JAN-JULY 2025

	<u>ACTUAL \$</u>	<u>BUDGET \$</u>	<u>VARIANCE \$</u>
	304,028	279,570	24,459
	331,576	340,061	-8,485
	-27,548	-60,491	32,944

SNAPSHOTS FROM THE FIRST WATCH SUPPER AND TALENT SHOW



Confirmation
Class
Starts Sunday

on 4th
Sundays

FPC
Youth

Aug. 24

6-8
pm

MUSIC IN MOULTRIE

**JOIN US FOR FOOD,
LIVE MUSIC, GAMES
& A SERVICE PROJECT!**

Bring your favorite side or
dessert or donate to
our love offering toward the
cost of the food.

Bring your old T-shirts &
linens to help us make
no-sew throws for our friends
at the animal shelter.
Pet food also appreciated.

Team up with others
and test your trivia skills
or play some poker!

Saturday, September 27th from 12-3 pm

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W.A.T.C.H. SUPPER

Wednesday Nights at the Church

JOIN US WEDNESDAY AT 5:30 P.M.

Wednesday, August 27

Regular/Children: Fried Chicken, Fried Livers & Gizzards, Cornbread Muffin, Rolls, Brown Rice, Green Beans with Bacon

Diet: Baked Chicken, Steamed Vegetables, Salad Bar

Dessert: Peach Cobbler, Cookies, Ice Cream

RESERVATIONS

Remember to let Penny know if you need to change or cancel your reservation.

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