

Stained Glass Gazette

First Presbyterian Church, Moultrie, GA

May 28, 2026

Dear Church Family,

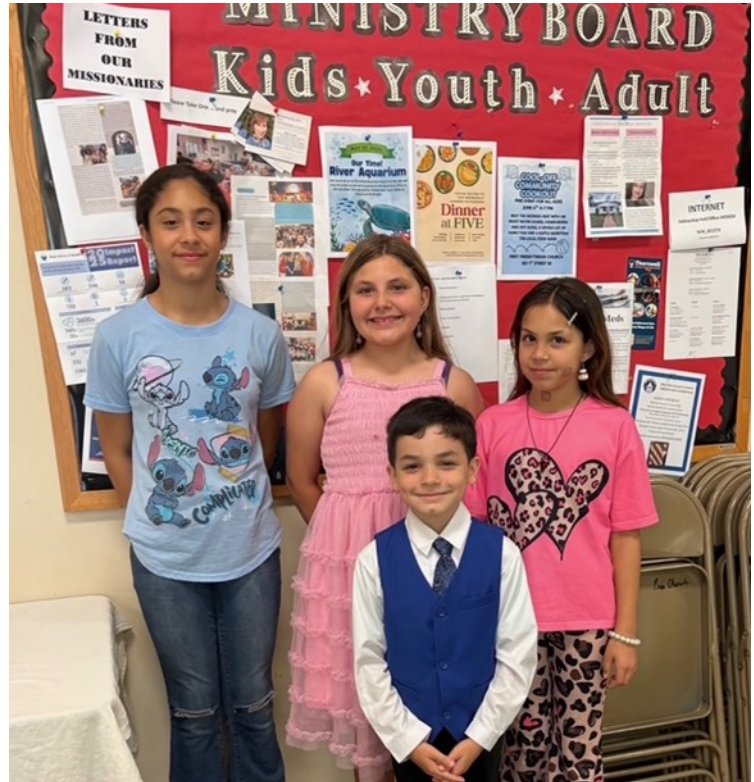
As the choir sang *Spirit Come Down*, on Pentecost Sunday, I couldn't help but think of all the ways in which God is presently working in our midst. The Nominating Committee is busy discerning whom God may be calling to leadership positions. Our Stephen Ministry leaders are about to wrap up their training, and we will commission them in June. A new summer fellowship *Dinner at Five* begins on June 3, and the Cool-Off Cookout on Saturday, June 6 will be an inter-generational opportunity for our church to extend hospitality to our local community.

I am also very excited that we are sending kids (pictured at right) to Dogwood Acres in Chipley, Florida, and meeting up with others from the Savannah Presbytery, for a week of summer fun.

Sending kids to summer camp for the first time is a massive milestone. Camp helps kids grow. It builds independence, deepens their faith, and offers an opportunity to be fully unplugged from devices, creating room for unforgettable outdoor adventures. I fully expect that their week at Dogwood will become the highlight of their summer.

Finally, I hope that you've had time to read the recent letter sent by the session that extends an invitation to chat further about the ways in which we can continue building and moving forward in faith.

Blessings,



Devota, Melody, Michael and Daja

You will find the May Session Summary inside this edition.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

501 First Street, S.E., Moultrie, Georgia 31768 Email us at firstpresmoultrie@gmail.com

Sunday Worship at 11 a.m.

Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 9-5 and Friday 9-4

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.

Stated Session Meeting Summary

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

This summary includes discussion points and action taken by the Session. Full minutes will be available by request in the church office on Monday, June 1, 2026.

- Call to order – Rev. Rick Douylliez
- Elders present – Laura Hall, Melody Jenkins, Aileen McNair, Joan White, Elaine Barber, Laura Johnson, Marshall McCranie, Brooks Sheldon.
- Visitors present – Marty Mathis, Nancy Coleman, Thomas Coleman, Dianne Klar
- Marty Mathis presented an estimate of \$2500 to install a fire alarm system in the *Breathe* building for an upcoming building inspection. Several options were discussed, and the question was tabled pending further investigation of options.
- Laura Johnson requested spending \$226 for dental work for our janitor from the designated dental fund. Brooks made a motion to accept, and Aileen seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- Discussion of Chapter 2 of *Presbyterian Polity for Church Leaders* as part of officer training
- Clerk's Report
 - Approval of April 21, 2026, Stated Session Meeting Minutes, and May 3, 2026, Congregational Minutes as published.
 - Transfer letter for Will Cagle sent to Reid Memorial Presbyterian Church in Augusta, GA.
- Pastor's Report
 - Noted 5 pastoral visits, 2 counseling sessions, 2 community events, and 1 Presbytery meeting in the last month.
 - Rick requested a special session meeting to discuss Dan Jeter's letter to the congregation. The meeting was set for Thursday, May 21, at 7:00
 - Rick requested that the elders study the notes from the listening sessions and be prepared at the next meeting to discuss them as related to the transitional timeline.
- Report from the DCE (presented by Rick)
 - June 6th Cool Off community event – 15 volunteers have been secured, but 5 more are needed.
 - The July 4th community event has been cancelled.
- Joan White reported that the Stephen Ministry training has 2 more sessions. They are compiling a community resource list to use in the ministry.
- Nominating Committee Report
 - The committee recommends reducing the number of elders from 12 to 9. The constitution would have to be changed by a vote of the congregation. The committee is still contacting candidates. The consensus was that 12 elders are needed. The committee will continue to work toward that goal.
- Personnel – Laura Johnson reported that the preschool is still in need of a paraprofessional for the 1-year-old class and that there are 4 slots still available in the 4-year-old class.
- Summer meeting schedule – Session will meet on June 16 and August 18.

Announcements

Sunday, May 31 at 3:30 p.m. Resonance Alternative Worship Service

Tuesday, June 2 at 4 p.m. MISSIONS meeting

Wednesday, June 3 at 5 p.m. DINNER at FIVE- Three Crazy Bakers

Saturday, June 6 at 4 p.m. Cool-Off Community Cookout — WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS!

Monday, June 8 at 9 a.m. Personnel

Monday, June 8 at 10 a.m. Christian Service

Wednesday, June 10 at 4 p.m. Spiritual Growth

Wednesday, June 10 NO CHOIR

Wednesday, June 10 at 4:30 p.m. DINNER at FIVE road trip George & Louie's



**First Presbyterian Church
Alternative Service**

May 31st

3:30-5:00 PM

Worship, Podcast-Style Conversations,
snacks and Discussion

Faith Harmonizing With Life

501 First Street SE, Moultrie, GA

Guest Speaker:

Brittany DiGiammarino

Brittany is the Director of Education at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Valdosta, GA. She is also the small church coordinator for the southern cluster in the Flint River Presbytery. She has a heart for those who are holding onto faith in times of uncertainty and doubt.

Topic:

In this podcast-style service, we'll talk about doubt. We will talk about what it means to hold onto faith while having uncomfortable questions about God, the Church, and maybe even our own part in it all. We will also talk about what it means to see doubt not as being opposed to faith but instead as an invitation to go deeper into it.



FREE EVENT FOR ALL AGES

JUNE 6TH 4-7 PM

**BEAT THE GEORGIA HEAT WITH US!
ENJOY WATER GAMES, HAMBURGERS
AND HOT DOGS, A WHOLE LOT OF
FAMILY FUN AND A RAFFLE BENEFITING
THE LOCAL FOOD BANK.**



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
501 1ST STREET SE**

COOL-OFF COMMUNITY COOKOUT

FOOD BANK RAFFLE

\$5: PER TICKET

\$25: 6 TICKETS



**WINNING TICKET ANNOUNCED AT JUNE 6TH COOKOUT
PRIZE: FAMILY SEASON PASS TO THE PUBLIC POOL**

AND A BEACH BAG FULL OF WATER TIME FUN

**CONTACT AUSTIN POUNDS TO PURCHASE TICKETS AT
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YOU'RE INVITED TO
OUR WEDNESDAY
SUMMER GATHERINGS

Dinner at FIVE

Dinner at FIVE
will meet at
Three Crazy Bakers
on June 3rd

A different
restaurant
each week



EMAIL PENNY IF YOU ARE INTERESTED
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DINNER AT FIVE - 2026 SUMMER SCHEDULE

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| JUNE 3 | Three Crazy Bakers |
| JUNE 10 | George and Louie's - THOMASVILLE ROAD TRIP
Church bus leaves at 4:30 p.m. |
| JUNE 17 | Rancho Grande |
| JUNE 24 | Green Tomato Buffet |
| JULY 1 | Longhorn |
| JULY 8 | Barbeque Pit |
| JULY 15 | Dalton's |
| JULY 22 | Margaritas |
| JULY 29 | Rocco's |