

Stained Glass Gazette

First Presbyterian Church, Moultrie, GA

October 23, 2025

JOIN US THIS SUNDAY for HERITAGE SUNDAY with Kirkin' o' the Tartans and Covered Dish Lunch!

Stated Session Meeting Minutes October 21, 2025

The session met on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, for a Stated Meeting at 5:15 in the Vereen Parlor. The following elders were present: Laura Hall, Melody Jenkins, Dan Jeter, Kevin Blanton, Aileen McNair, Joan White, Elaine Barber, Laura Johnson, and Brooks Sheldon. Visitors present were Patty June, Click Peters, Debbie Peters, Elizabeth Strickland, and Austin Pounds. Rev. Dr. Hugh Ward (the appointed moderator) called the meeting to order, and Joan White opened the meeting with prayer. The minutes of September 16, 2025, Stated Meeting were approved as submitted. The following items of business and reports were presented, discussed, and acted upon as needed:

Vital Statistics - Melody Jenkins reported the following:

- Buck & Lynn Heard had requested that their names be removed from the church roll on September 16, 2025.
- Death of member Jack Boose on October 8, 2025. Funeral arrangements are still pending.
- Birth of Collins McKenzie Hathcock on October 12, 2025. Collins is the daughter of Mallory & Mack Hathcock, and the granddaughter of Diane Herndon & Lewis Herndon.

Calendar - Austin Pounds reminded the elders of the following important events:

- Reformation/Scottish Sunday, October 26
- Remembrance Service November 2
- Fall Festival in partnership with First Methodist, October 29
- Thanksgiving WATCH & Youth Bake Auction, November 19
- Advent Festival, December 7
- Christmas Cantata, December 14

Committee Reports

- The **finance** committee did not meet, so there was no report
- **Personnel** – Laura Johnson reported that she had attended the online workshop concerning the Board of Pensions. Changes in the BOP will be included in an updated Personnel policy.
- Laura Hall directed the elder's attention to the Calendar to see the activity of the **Spiritual Growth** Committee.
- Dan Jeter & Aileen McNair reported that the **Christian Service** Committee has planned the following opportunities for the congregation:
 - ♦ *A Time for Prayer & Individual Reflection* will be held from November 4 through January 6. The sanctuary will be open 11:30 – 2:00 each Tuesday. Elders will be present, but there will be no program.
 - ♦ Operation Christmas Child (through Samaritan's Purse) is an opportunity to brighten Christmas for needy children around the world. Boxes will be provided and can be filled by individuals or by providing \$25 for the youth to purchase items and fill the boxes. Flyers providing information have been placed around the church, and information will be available in the Gazette and on the church Facebook & webpages.
- Melody Jenkins presented the report from the **Interim Search Committee**. The committee interviewed Rick Douylliez as a candidate and contacted references. Rick and his wife, Cathy, attended Music in Moultrie, and Rick was available to meet elders last Wednesday in the parlor. The committee recommended that Rick Douylliez be hired as our interim pastor. She presented the terms of the contract, which included salary, housing, and FICA, which had been approved by the Finance committee. Rick will be employed at ¾ time for a term of 1 year, beginning December 1, 2025. The covenant will be reviewed after 1 year for renewal. Hugh Ward commented on his visits with Rick and highly endorsed Rick. The question was called for a vote and passed with 8 voting *yes*, and one voting *no*. The Flint River Presbytery Committee on Ministry will meet on October 23, 2025, to approve the covenant.

New Business

The next Presbytery Meeting will be held on November 1, 2025, via ZOOM. Melody Jenkins volunteered to attend as commissioner.

Unfinished Business

Laura Johnson reported on the listening sessions that have been held during October. To date, 57 people have attended the meetings, with 3 meetings left this week. Each meeting has been different, and many ideas have been put forward that should be helpful for our church as we move forward. Dan Jeter presented information on the Fellowship Community, which is aligned with PCUSA and attempts to offer clarity and community in this time of uncertainty. Some elders questioned whether members of the congregation were aware of the concerns with PCUSA that led to these meetings. Laura said that when the meetings have been concluded, all information will be compiled into a report. The session will decide at that time how the information in the report will be disseminated and where we will go from there.

The next Stated Meeting will be on November 18, 2025, at 5:15 PM. Having no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned with prayer by Rev. Ward.

Melody S. Jenkins, Clerk of Session



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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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thursday, October 23 at 11 a.m. CORNERSTONES LUNCH ON THE ROAD

Sunday, October 26 FAMILY HERITAGE SUNDAY with covered dish lunch

Sunday, October 26 from 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. CONFIRMATION CLASS

Monday-Wednesday, October 27-29 CORNERSTONES RETREAT - Epworth

Wednesday, October 29 from 5 to 7 p.m. FPC/FMC FALL FESTIVAL

Thursday, October 30 from 10 a.m. to noon FPC Preschool Fall Festival

Saturday, November 1 at 1 p.m. Beverly Cagle Montgomery memorial service

Sunday, November 2 at 5:30 p.m. REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN: PLEASE SUPPORT THE CHURCH WITH YOUR 2026 PLEDGE

We have been through some challenging times with our church and are making all efforts to move forward in faithful dedication to Christ. As we sort out the details, we still have obligations we must meet to keep the operations of the church going. We urge you to prayerfully consider joining with us in support of the church and plan to make your pledge by November 9, 2025, allowing us to reach our goal of \$534,000. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact any of us on the Finance Committee. Thank you in advance for your support!

The Finance Committee

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Sunday, November 2, 2025 5:30 p.m. ♦ Sanctuary

At our annual Remembrance Service, candles will be lit in memory of those who have passed on to the church triumphant in the last year as well as anyone who has passed that had an impact on your faith journey.

As each name is spoken, a candle will be lit and a bell will be chimed. In our Reformed theological tradition, the lighting of a candle signifies the light of Christ in the life of each of those who is named. The chiming of the bell signifies the presence of the Holy Spirit with them now in death, even as the same Spirit dwells with us in life.

Please join us for this very moving service, a touching tribute to those who have gone before us.



Presbyterian Points of Pride



Ellie Davis won first place at the Sunbelt Shindig gymnastics meet on October 4th. (Pictured at right)

Steve and Connie Fritz's grandson, Carter Spells, was one of three 7th graders in the Leon County School District to make a perfect score on the Spring 2025 EOC Civics Assessment! (Pictured at left)



Anna Claire Lasseter hit her first double playing for the Farm Girls 8U team in the USSSA Girl Power! tournament on October 11th. (Pictured at right)



Jack Cato competed at the South Georgia Barbell Open on September 27th and qualified for the USA Weightlifting Nationals which will take place in June 2026 in Colorado Springs. He achieved a personal record of 140 kg (309 lbs.) in the clean and jerk lift. (Pictured at right)



Congratulations to CCHS sophomore, Leila Hall, for being selected for the Law Hawks Team as a witness! The team of six lawyers and 6 witnesses will compete in the 25-26 Mock Trial Competition Season. (At left)

The boys and girls Middle School Cross Country teams were both Region Champions! Jackson Lasseter, Wyatt Lasseter, and

Sadie-Laurel Cato all went on to compete at the state meet on October 11th in Cochran, GA. Sadie-Laurel received a medal for finishing in the top 25 at state. (Region Championship pictured at right)



Emily Elizabeth Lasseter was cast in the Arts Center's upcoming production of *Aladdin* (November 7-8 at 6pm at Withers Auditorium). Emily Elizabeth was also cast as "Hazel", and Grayson Cato was cast as "Davey" in GEAR's Spring 2026 production of *Newsies*. Stay tuned for more details! (Emily Elizabeth pictured at left)

Please help us support and celebrate these individuals! Please email or text Katie Cato with any points of pride. (katiecato@gmail.com or 706-202-0145)

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Wednesday Nights at the Church

NO WATCH SUPPER ON OCT. 29 — come TO THE FALL FESTIVAL!

SAVE THESE DATES



Remembering Beverly

The family of Beverly Cagle Montgomery invites you to join them at a memorial service at the First Presbyterian Church, Moultrie, on **Saturday, November 1st at 1 p.m.** Following the service, please join us at 3 p.m. at the farm (2250 Bay Rockyford Rd.) for a celebration of Beverly's life with her favorite foods and the Georgia/Florida game.

Presbyterian Women: Bereavement Meals

When a member or friend of the church passes away the Presbyterian Women usually offers to prepare a meal for the family. If anyone would like to bring a dish of food, please let the office know so your name can be added to the contact list. Everyone is always welcome to contribute to the meal.