

**Stated Meeting of the Session Agenda
First Presbyterian Church -- Burlington, North Carolina
August 16, 2026**

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| A) Devotion and Opening Prayer | Sara Beth Hardy |
| B) Approval of Consent Agenda | |
| C) Capital Campaign Update | Scott Moffitt |
| D) Budget and Finance Update (Attachment) | David Pinson |
| E) Gratitude and Generosity Update | Ron Joyce |
| F) Report from Elder Commissioners of the June 15 Presbytery Meeting | Phil Langley |
| G) Salem Presbytery Commissioner for 9/1 Meeting | Barbara Roberts |
| H) Moderator's Report | Jim Lunde |
| I) Adjournment of Session Meeting and Closing Prayer | |

**Consent Agenda
Stated Session Meeting – August 16, 2026**

1. Motion to approval of minutes from the 5/17/26 Stated Session Meeting, 6/28/26 Congregational Meeting and 7/19/26 Called Session Meeting
 2. Report from Charlotte Nance-Allbright for information and record (Attachment)
 3. Youth Ministry 2026-2027 calendar (Attachment)
 4. Motion to reflect the following membership updates in our Session minutes:
 - Birth: Ellis Hart Britton was born on May 14, 2026 to Jordan and Katie Britton
 - Transfer: Amanda Holt Rosenblum (#3761) requests a letter of transfer be granted to Myers Park Presbyterian Church of Charlotte, NC.
 - Membership change from active to non-member by his request: John Bowden, III (#174)
 - Death: Linda Hardie Perdue (#3830) died on June 4, 2026.
 - Betty Gwen Beck McPherson (#727) died on July 13, 2026.
 - Anne Grey Gardner (#3291 & 1281 & 2184) died on July 16, 2026.
 - New Members:
 - Alice M. Lively wishes to be received into active membership by letter of transfer from Rocky Mount United Methodist Church of Rocky Mount, VA
 - 2026 Confirmation Class – Joined by profession on May 19, 2026
 - The Class included:
 - Charles Samuel Davis
 - Miles James Dicke
 - Levi Wellman
 - Vincent Wolf
- Reminders: Festival Day – Sunday, August 23
- PLEASE sign up to serve communion on Sunday, September 6 if you have not served this year.

Stated Meeting of the Session, First Presbyterian Church, Burlington, NC
May 17, 2026

Class of 2026

Hal Bates
+Kent Byrd
Don Grady
Charlie Harris
+ Ron Joyce
+Roger Kolarich
+Betsy Reeves
+Virginia Wilburn

Class of 2027

+A. C. Arnn
Jerry Bailey
Caroline Durham
+Sara Beth Hardy
Gail McGowen
+Scott Moffitt
+David Sapp
Avery Wagoner

Class of 2028

Pat Askew
+Veronica Biscocho
Jordan Britton
+Bob Giles
+Phil Langley
Mary Parker
+Chip Smith
+Nan Wooten

+Jim Lunde, Pastor and Moderator
John Johnson, Parish Associate
+Matt Brittain-Director of Music

+Charlotte Allbright, Church Educator
David Pinson, Treasurer
+Barbara Roberts, Clerk

Rev. Dr. Jim Lunde called the stated meeting of the Session to order at 7:00 on May 17, 2026 in the Witherspoon Room. Betsy Reeves opened the meeting with information on PC (USA)'s proposed new confession and then a prayer. A.C. Arnn made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Bob Giles seconded and the motion passed.

Capital Campaign: Before beginning his report, Scott Moffitt thanked Charlotte Allbright for all the activities she is planning and implementing for our congregation and the greater church. He then updated the group by saying that over \$2.2 M had been pledged by 170 family units. Enough funding has already been received to move ahead with several projects. Grant funding to pay for the boiler and one chiller may be received this summer. Discussion arose on the need for water abatement for the Furniture Ministry area.

Budget and Finance: A. C. Arnn noted that there was a positive variance of income over expenses for the third month in a row. Members are keeping up with their annual gifts and expenses have been under budget.

Salem Presbytery: Phil Langley and A. C. Arnn attended Salem Presbytery's May 12 meeting at Westminster Church in Greensboro. A Call to Ministry was issued to Rev. Dr. Dari Rowen who will join our staff as Associate Pastor on June 1. Several others from our congregation and staff were also in attendance including some members of the APNC.

Personnel: Chairman Bob Giles offered a motion to reduce John Johnson's responsibilities to 15 hours weekly and eliminate Pastoral Care from his current duties. The motion passed. He then proposed a motion to hire Eleanor Hill as a summer intern with responsibilities in Youth, Mission and Fellowship with \$2500.00 redirected from Personnel budget to cover a stipend. Additional financial support for this position has been provided from the FPC Foundation. The motion passed. Sara Beth Hardy informed us that Elon provides grant assistance for summer interns.

Missions: Chip Smith presented the Hunger Grant application which provides funding for Andrews Elementary School's snack pack program. It will provide \$3,200.00. The application was approved.

Fellowship: Betsy Reeves requested Elders to sign up to serve Lemonade on the Lawn and support the Snack and Chat on June 7.

Moderator's Report: Dr. Lunde reminded us that Dr. Rowen will begin June 1 and will preach the sermon on June 14. He reviewed his summer schedule, and he is pleased to be preaching at his home church in Michigan

on July 26. In preparation for the June 28 Congregational Meeting to elect a committee to nominate Elders and Deacon, he asked for volunteers from the Session. A. C. Arnn and Kent Byrd volunteered to serve.

Kent Byrd recommended that some updates be made to the FPC website regarding the Furniture Ministry.

With no further business, Dr. Lunde closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Roberts
Clerk of Session

Membership updates: Death of Fred Sisley (#4004) May 11, 2026

Mark and Ann Hauser join by letter of transfer from Front St. UMC

Confirmation Class-Charlie Davis, Vincent Wolf, Miles Davis, Levi Wellman join by profession of faith

Congregational Meeting for Special Purpose, First Presbyterian Church Burlington, NC June 28, 2026

Following worship on June 28, 2026, Dr. Lunde called the Congregational Meeting to order. Clerk Barbara Roberts verified that a quorum was present. Dr. Lunde proceeded with an opening prayer and announced that the special purpose was to elect a Nominating Committee to present candidates for elder and deacon Class of 2029. A. C. Arnn presented a motion that the following names be approved: A. C. Arnn, Patty Blaetz, Katharine Frazier, Lucy Kernodle, Bruce Shields, Allie Moffitt, Kent Byrd. Gail McGowen seconded the motion. Dr. Lunde requested comments or discussion, but hearing none, he called for a vote. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Roberts
Clerk of Session

Called Session Meeting for Special Purpose, First Presbyterian Church, Burlington, NC July 19, 2026

The Session met in the Chapel at 9:15 on July 19, 2026 for the special purpose of receiving new members and voting on the Hunger Grant Application. With a quorum present, Dr. Lunde called the meeting to order and opened with prayer. On behalf of the Mission Team, Dr. Rowen presented the grant that will fund Meals on Wheels projects. Dr. Lunde called for discussion, but hearing none, called for a vote. The motion was accepted. Next, Dr. Lunde presented Elizabeth McCutchen for membership by letter of transfer from Farmville Presbyterian Church (Va.) Her husband, Joe McCutchen is a member of Salem Presbytery. Gail McGowen moved that her transfer be accepted. Ron Joyce seconded and the motion passed joyfully. Dr. Lunde closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Roberts
Clerk of Session

Christian Education Updates

August 2026

Charlotte Nance-Allbright, MACE, MSW, CCE

Director of Faith Formation

Children's Ministry - We are getting our ducks in a row for Sunday school and need more teachers! Sunday school will begin on September 20 with three classes - PreK; K-2nd; 3rd-6th. The PreK will use a variety of curriculum including "Read*Pray*Wonder*Play" by the PC(USA) Office of Christian Formation as well as The Practice of Gratitude by the Union Theological Seminary Children's Spirituality Hub. K-2 will kick off their year with Children Worship, Too including Worship and Sacraments education. 3rd-6th grades will dive deep into scripture with "Submerge" published by Abingdon Press. We have included some outside the Sunday school room opportunities including - a pool party, assisting with Worship Leadership and leading worship, Las Posadas fellowship event, ice skating, and Gargoyles ice hockey.

Youth Ministry (calendar included in packet) - Theme "New Expressions of Faith" - Ready for a great year of group building and faith formation. Including some new opportunities - Jr Youth Sunday School geared for younger youth and older children that come to Sunday school at 9:00 am; Teen Bible Study geared for any youth that prefer study later in the morning; Coffee and Conversation after school to bring together church friends mid-week; Worship Experiences to live into the 2nd bullet point of our Vision statement and discover new expressions of faith through worship and music while preserving holy traditions. Youth will bring back to worship leaders the new expressions of faith that resonate with them and they would like to see us explore in our worship.

Adult Studies - Sunday school classes (John Knox Fellowship, Enrichment Class, and Take Root) have studies picked out for the Fall and are ready to welcome class members and new friends. Sunday adult classes start September 20. The mid-week study led by Jim Lunde will begin in September with a focus on parables.

Contemplative Ministry - Our new meditation and prayer group that meets on Thursday mornings is going very well. Conversations of another Wednesday group are being had. I am working with Peggy Harrelson to offer a Women's Retreat in February 2027. Using the retreat I created for my practicum for the Certificate in Spiritual Formation as the foundation, we will include other ways of contemplation such as visio divina and journaling. The retreat will be open to all FPCB women and friends. The labyrinth will be placed in Shive Hall for the season of Lent. Sundays, more intentional time to walk the labyrinth will be provided. Individuals or groups may walk the labyrinth anytime during business hours.

Youth Ministry 2026 - 2027

"New Expressions of Faith"

"Discovering new expressions of faith through worship and music while preserving holy traditions" from FPCB Vision Statement (bullet point 2)

On-going Volunteer Opportunities - Sunday school teacher; FISHin Helper; Worship leadership (lay reader, liturgist, sound system, etc.); Special Events; Furniture Ministry

In the works - Opportunities in addition to Sunday evening Youth Group:

Jr Youth Sunday school at 9:00 am Sundays

Teen Bible Study at 11:15 am Sundays

Game Night every other Wednesday 6:00-8:00 pm

Coffee & Conversation (Wednesday or Thursday) at 4:00 pm

(Transportation provided upon request.)

September

- 13 9:00 am CE Kickoff breakfast - Youth share experiences from summer camps
- 13 5:00 pm Open House - youth & parents/caregivers - Dessert First Dinner - everyone bring a dessert to share
- 20 12:00-4:30 pm Middle School Retreat at Chestnut Ridge
- 20 5:00 pm Sr High Only - Soul Food Mission Project
- 27 Time TBA Sr High Retreat to Escape Room
- 27 5:00 pm Middle School only - Make Communion Bread for Home Communion

October

- 4 5:00 pm dinner & worship experience - Hawfields Pres Faith@Night
- 11 5:00 pm - Pastor Dari in the hot seat - ask any questions!
- 18 3:00-5:30 pm Feed the Hunger packathon at Front St. UMC
- 25 4:00-6:00 pm Craft Axe Throwing in Graham
 - \$20 per person payable to First Presbyterian Church
 - Scan QR for waiver to participate
 - Need adult drivers



November

- 1 5:00 pm dinner & new expressions of faith worship experience - Taize
- 8 3:00 pm Rake-n-Run and dinner at Blue Ribbon
 - (need adult drivers, bring work gloves, rake, & \$ for dinner)
- 15 5:00 pm MS/HS small groups / cohorts
- 22 Churchwide Fellowship Event Las Posadas - youth volunteers needed - time TBA
- 29 No youth - holiday weekend

December

- 6 5:00 pm dinner & worship experience
- 13 11:15 am Lunch & Youth Council
5:00 pm Lessons & Carols
- 20 5:00 pm Youth Party & Mission (location TBA)
- 24 5:00 pm Worship - Need Youth Lay Reader; Acolyte; Crucifer
- 27 No Youth - Merry Christmas Holiday Time

January

- 3 No Youth
- 10 No Youth
- 17 Snow Tubing (in the works). Possible overnight (Schools out Jan 18)
- 24 5:00 pm Mission
- 31 Time TBA Multi Church youth gathering day at Graham Pres

February

- 7 5:00 pm dinner & worship experience - Art
- 10 Ash Wednesday Worship
- 14 Torn Paper Art - Lenten Activity (holiday weekend)
- 21 5:00 pm Mission
- 28 1:00 pm Gargoyles Game (starts at 2:00 pm)

March

- 7 5:00 pm dinner & worship experience - labyrinth
- 14 5:00 pm Mission
- 21 Palm Sunday - ParTee Shack or local Putt-Putt
- 28 Easter - no evening youth - help with children's program in the morning

April

- 4 No youth activities
- 11 5:00 pm Multi Church activity at First Pres - Clue Night Returns!
- 18 5:00 pm youth Sunday practice starts & trek to Smitty's
- 25 5:00 pm youth Sunday practice

May

- 2 Youth Sunday & Go to Lunch following - Last Youth activity for the program year
- 23 Graduation Recognition Sunday - Lemonade on Lawn Reception

Summer 2027 - Mission Trip for Sr Highs (and Intergenerational) in the works!

First Presbyterian Church of Burlington, NC

Financial Updates – 2026 YTD

OPERATIONAL BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

May 2026 Income \$97,515.42
 May 2026 Expense \$84,515.18
POSITIVE VARIANCE \$13,000.24

June 2026 Income \$128,545.71
 June 2026 Expense \$113,355.21
POSITIVE VARIANCE \$15,190.50

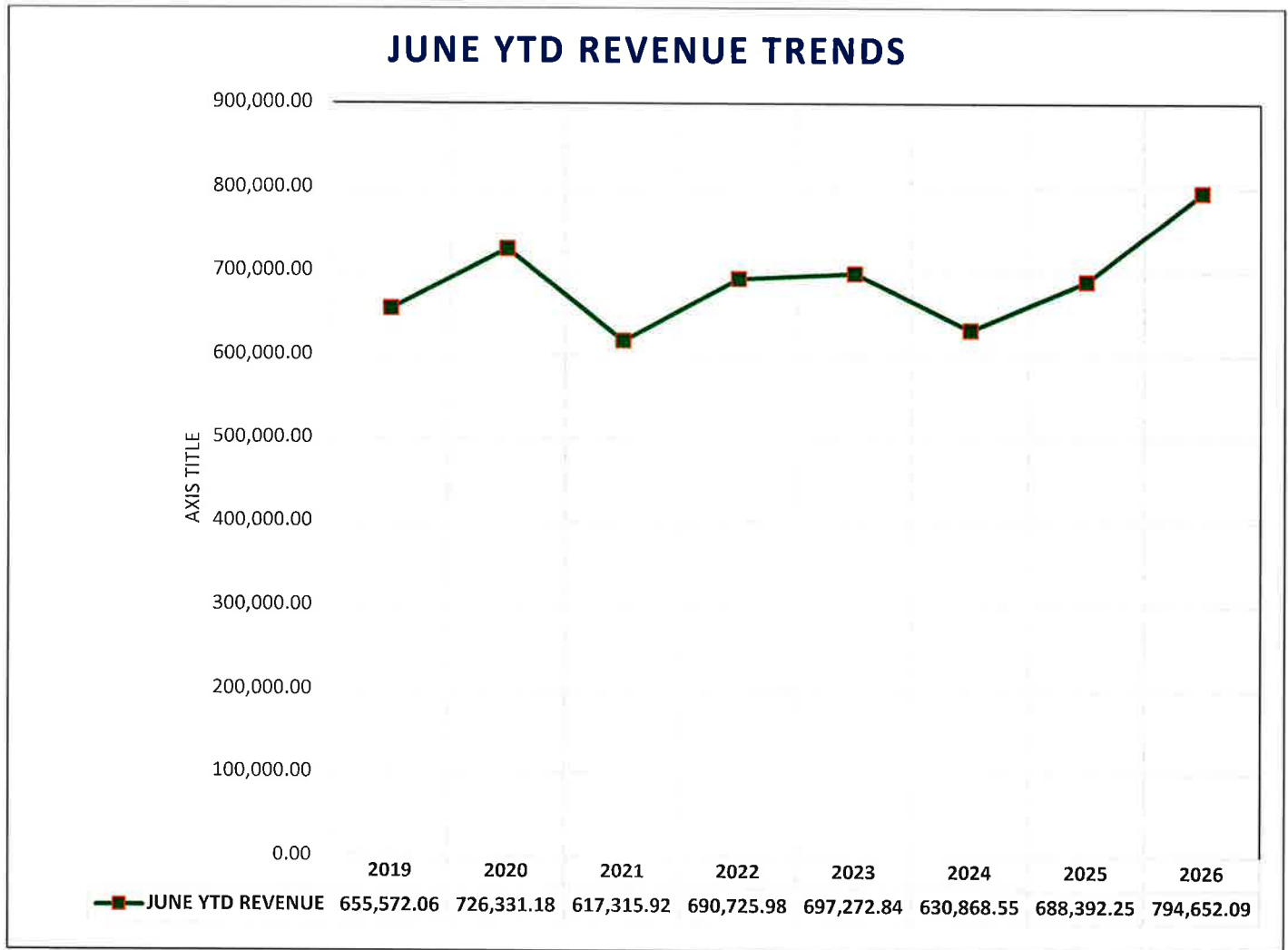
2026 YTD INCOME to EXPENSE Variance \$147,115.38

- JUNE 2026 showed the 2nd highest **POSITIVE** variance between income and expense over the prior 8 years for the month of June! Trend comparison below:

INCOME	JUN 2019	JUN 2020	JUN 2021	JUN 2022	JUN 2023	JUN 2024	JUN 2025	JUN 2026
TOTAL REVENUE	100,252.28	135,398.80	72,763.06	100,271.94	113,516.42	116,979.84	101,391.98	128,545.71
EXPENSE	JUN 2019	JUN 2020	JUN 2021	JUN 2022	JUN 2023	JUN 2024	JUN 2025	JUN 2026
TOTAL MISSIONS	7,979.53	8,863.11	5,144.55	7,142.78	5,824.62	6,772.30	10,062.35	18,194.73
PERSONNEL EXPENSE	52,422.52	57,102.50	62,106.57	63,747.25	60,031.54	55,493.10	48,174.74	59,908.47
Congregational Ministry	128.00	266.61	720.00	654.59	606.24	525.69	134.09	709.14
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	-2,538.82	180.09	1,661.83	865.72	2,906.63	1,612.83	2,413.73	4,171.06
WORSHIP	1,257.97	989.00	1,761.55	3,458.29	3,649.22	3,207.94	1,437.69	3,366.05
Office & Building	34,313.56	37,172.63	32,259.79	48,963.86	36,456.58	37,238.02	28,453.04	27,005.76
TOTAL EXPENSE	93,562.76	104,573.94	103,654.29	124,832.49	109,474.83	104,849.88	90,675.64	113,355.21
VARIANCE	6,689.52	30,824.86	-30,891.23	-24,560.55	4,041.59	12,129.96	10,716.34	15,190.50

- Since July and August typically have lower Pledged income – we are positioned well with our current positive variance.

JUNE YTD REVENUE TRENDS



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

- Capital Campaign pledges (134) are now up to \$2,410,847
 - Paid Pledges to date: \$847,376.79
 - Capital Campaign Expenditures to date: \$434,687.07
 - Funds Available for ongoing projects: \$412,689.72
- Capital Campaign Projects Completed or in Process
 - 2 new HVAC Chillers installed
 - Interior & Exterior Electrical Lighting Conversions to LED
 - Additional electrical repairs in process
 - Roof Repairs and preventive maintenance

- Capital Campaign Upcoming Projects
 - Plumbing Upgrades
 - New windows for Sanctuary & Chapel
 - New Doors & windows in Shive Hall
 - New flooring in Kitchen
 - New flooring in Main Building – 1st floor
 - New hand railing for Sanctuary Chancel
 - New Wheelchair accessibility in Sanctuary
 - Window re-caulking
 - Mary Helen Long Garden Updates

EXPENSES

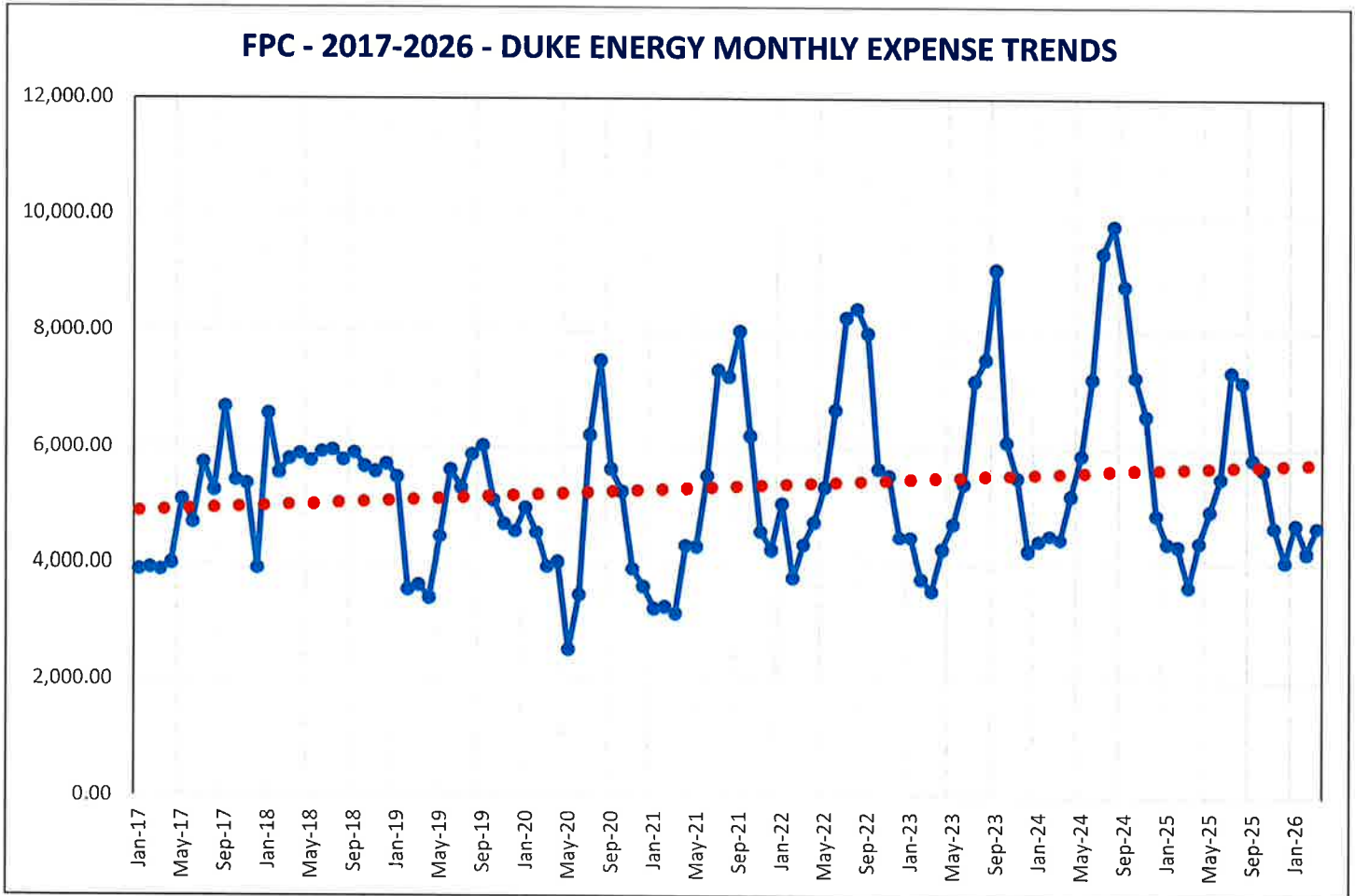
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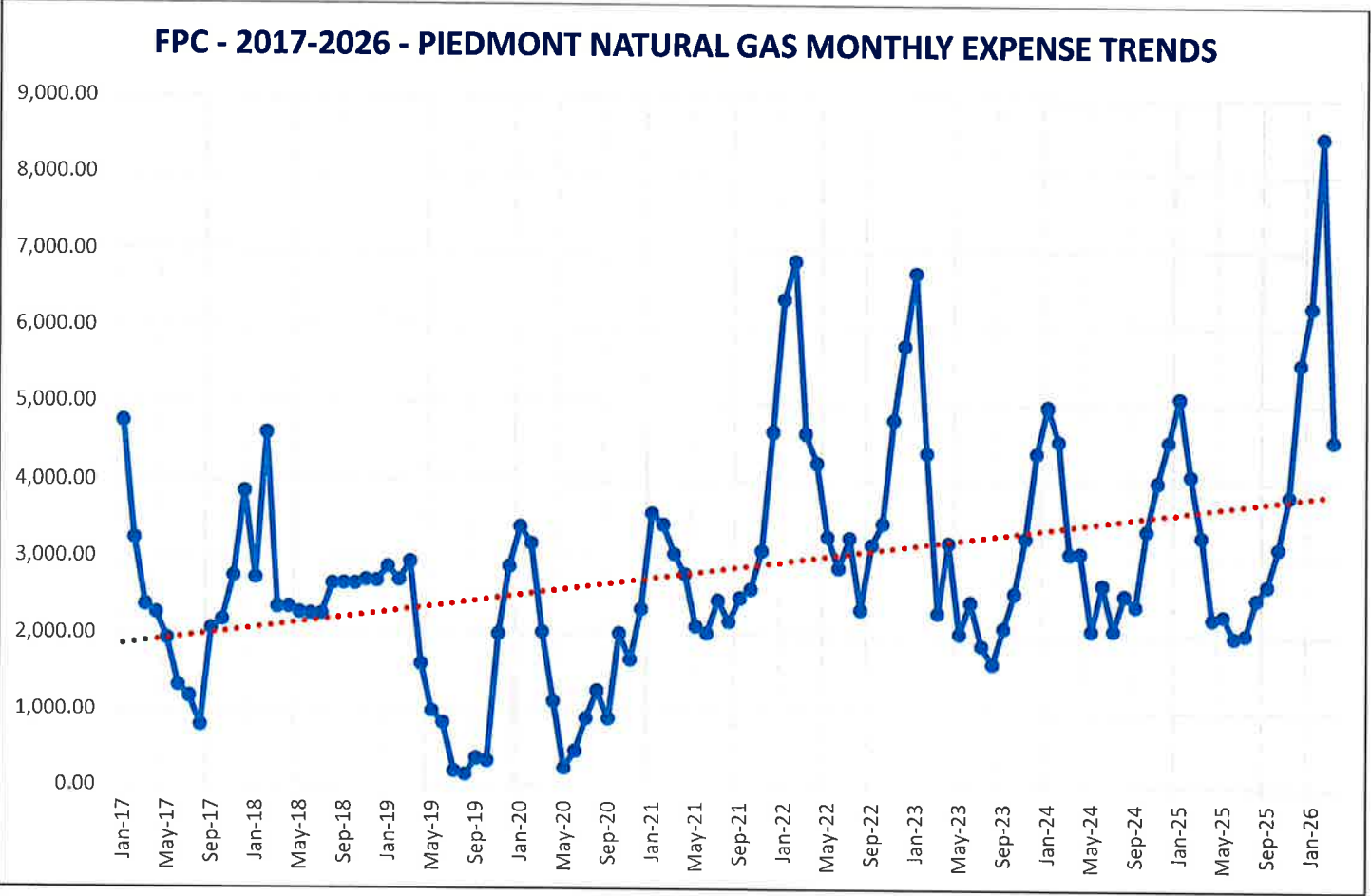
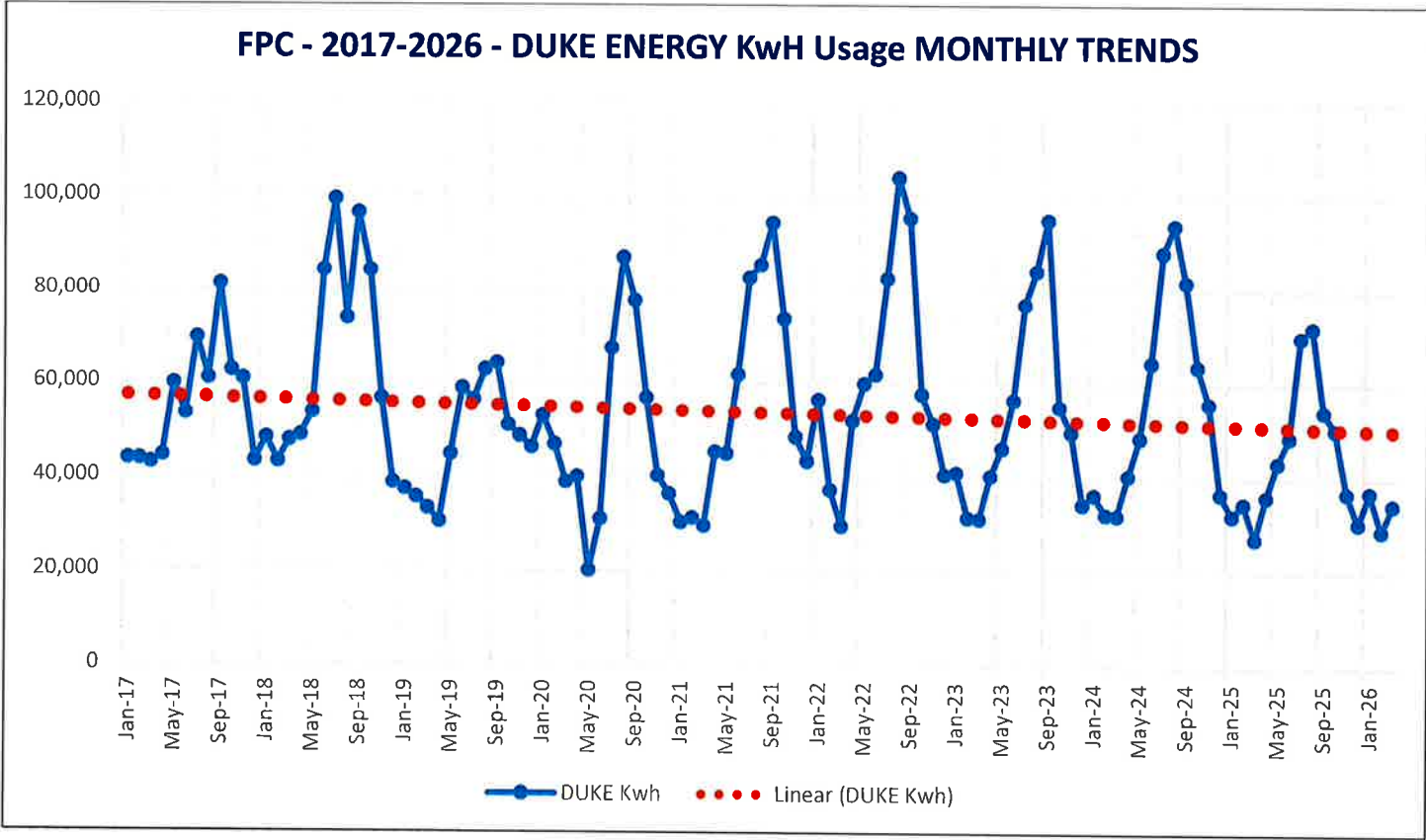
- Overall Maintenance expenses are lower YTD than budgeted due to:
 - Custodial Expenses less than budgeted
 - Custodial will increase to monthly budget levels in September
 - HVAC, Plumbing expenses less than budgeted
 - HVAC repairs offset by being covered by Capital Campaign funding

UTILITIES

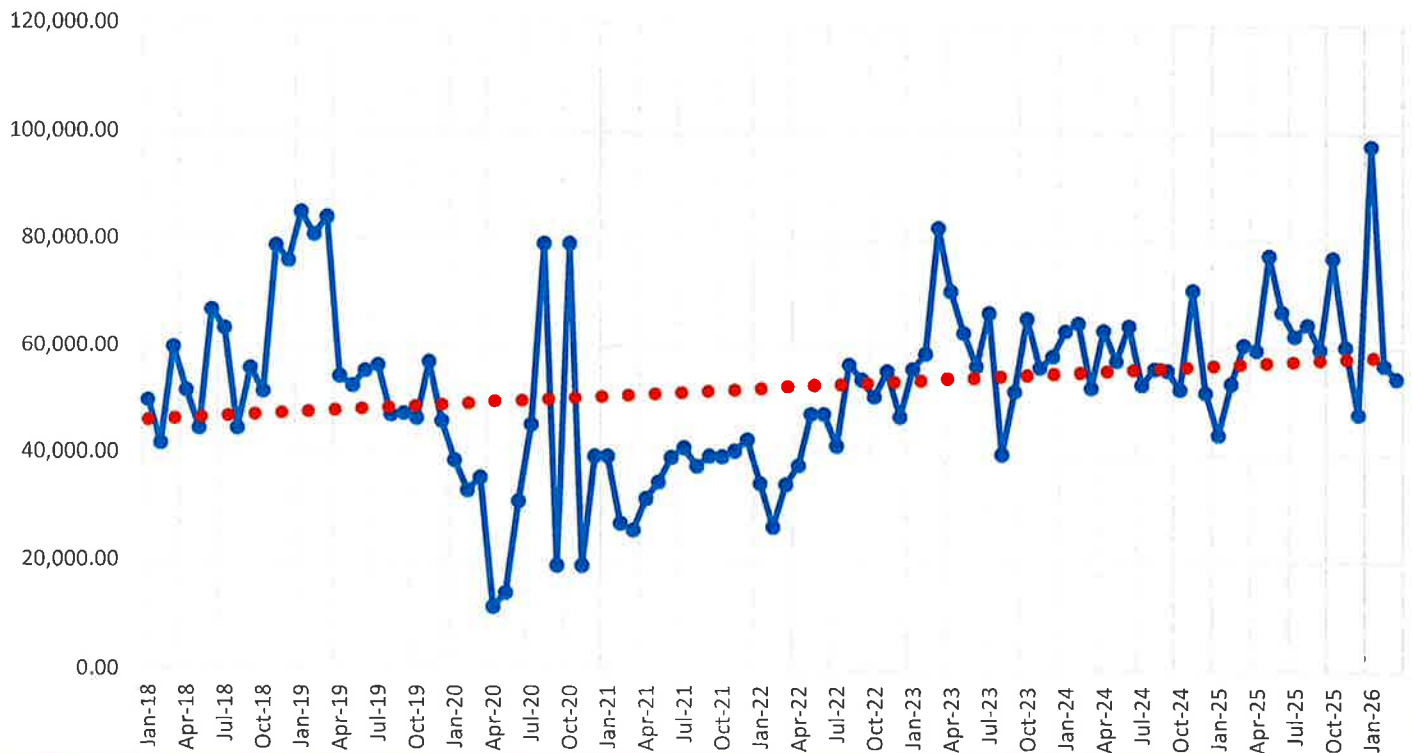
- Duke Energy expense for June YTD 2026 is higher than June YTD 2025
 - 2025 – First 90 degree day was June 19, 2025
 - 2026 – First 90 degree day was May 18, 2026
- Piedmont Gas expense for June YTD 2026 higher in same period 2025
 - 2025 – February 2026 temperatures lower for longer period than 2025
 - Garrison Joyner Building new furnace increased natural gas expense
 - Existing Boiler issues – NEW Boilers will be more energy efficient

- Water - June 2026 YTD water usage has been higher than prior years due to:
 - Increase in CDC Enrollment by 30%+
 - Plumbing Leaks
 - Hot Water Heater Mixing Valve issue in Southeast Building





FPC - 2018-2026 - City of Burlington Water Gallons Used - All Facilities



FPC - 2018-2026 - City of Burlington Water Gallons Used - All Facilities - MARCH

