ACC Board Reports Q3 2026 covering the period July 1-JSeptember 30, 2026
Compiled for Council on behalf of Vice Moderator Tom Dean by Eleanor Crump

Board of Endowment Trustees
David Hertzer, October 8, 2026

In the Third Quarter, the Endowment Trustees voted to increase Endowment's contribution to the Pastor's Annual Housing Allowance for 2026 to $25,000. Since 2023 the Endowment's contribution to Pastor's Housing Allowance has increased from $9,000 a year to $25,000 a year, an increase of 178%. A portion of the $25,000 was paid to the Church in the first half of 2026 and the balance paid in July, 2026.

As of September 30, 2026, and including the Bauer gift, the Vanguard Endowment Fund was $1,602,791 and the Vanguard Housing Fund was $884,449. During the first three quarters of 2026, the Dow Industrial Average increased 5.91% and the S&P increased 11.77%. During the first three quarters of 2026, the stock market was very volatile.

The Endowment Board does not time the market and invests for the long term.

Respectfully submitted,
J. David Hertzer, Chair
October 8, 2026

Board of Buildings and Grounds Trustees
Allan Gardiner, October 6, 2026

In the past three months the Board of Building and Grounds Trustees worked on the following:

1. Completed repair to leak in wall of HLK Preschool bathroom
2. Completed patching wall and leak on roof over deck
3. Removed several Black Acacia trees along path from patio to stairs
4. Requested estimate to repair dry rot in deck; cast expected to be under $10,000.
5. Built retaining wall on Rincon Road and installed safety fence on top. HLK will provide plants and maintain the area.
6. Analyzed cost of copier printing; charge has gone up 5% per year, but our cost has gone from $6,200 to $8,500 over last 4 years. Will continue to monitor.

Respectfully submitted,
Allan Gardiner, Chair
October 6, 2026

Health and Safety, a Committee of the Board of Buildings and Grounds Trustees

Toward our mission to assure the health and safety of all who come to Arlington Community Church, in the second quarter of 2026 the Health and Safety Committee

- Arranged for, scheduled, and announced AED, CPR, First Aid Refresher training with David Yberra for Saturday, November 7, 10:30-noon in the Social Hall . Cost will be $45 per participant, to be covered by H&S budget.
- Ron (B&G Trustees) conducted quarterly AED, smoke detector, emergency lights checks and Ruth maintained the First Aid Drawer.
- Completed ACC *Disaster Preparedness Plan* and completed annual review/update of *Emergency Operations Plan*.
- Revised Emergency Response pew poster to include new Emergency Assembly Area (SW corner Rincon and Arlington) and additional fire extinguisher in Narthex.
- Conducted Active Shooter/Targeted Violence/Active Threat training for ERT and interested congregants on Sunday August 2 after worship.
- Confirmed Greeter and Worship Host protocols include awareness of unwanted guests and how to respond.
- Proposed providing iPhones for church recording so ERT can keep their phones in case of emergency.
- Continued to work with Trustees to understand fire alarm operation and protocol.
- Asked Trustees to resubmit request for crosswalk on Arlington from parking lot stairs. Trustees submitted request but was (again) denied.

Respectfully submitted,
Eleanor Crump, Chair
October 1, 2026

Board of Invitation and Belonging
Sara Laferte, October 3, 2026

We welcome Katherine Boswell as a new member of the Board.

Marketing: During the third quarter, I&B voted to send $600 to the Kensington After-School Enrichment Program to support students who can't afford the whole cost of attending classes. KASEP mentions our donation in the Outlook and in their brochures.

We're making extra efforts to use the signboard on Arlington Avenue near the gas station to publicize church events for the community. We need a roster of volunteers who know how to do this and are physically able.

We'll have an ACC table (2) at the KCC Picnic October 18 with information about the church, BWB, Trivia Night, and Grateful Gatherings.

Welcome: In September we held a Spectrum about our "welcome" at ACC—how various people have experienced it, what we might change.

Trivia Night: August 11 was well attended, approximately 50% ACC folk and 50% visitors.

Respectfully submitted,
Sara Laferte, Chair
October 3, 2026

Hospitality Committee, a Committee of the Board of Invitation and Belonging

The Hospitality Committee provided refreshments of treats of various kinds and fruit for each Sunday Social Hour of the third quarter.

Respectfully submitted,
Jaima Roberts
Hospitality Team Leader
October 14, 2026

Board of Worship and Care
Susan Yourd, October 4, 2026

The Board had a somewhat peaceful quarter punctuated by fun events; which got much more busy at summer's end! The energy of our leadership is amazing and inspiring!

Care Team: Led by Pastor Jen
The Team met with Pastor Jen on September 22nd and spoke of those we felt could use some attention we might be able to provide. There were several creative ideas as to what we can do to let them know we are cherishing them. We agreed to follow up and report back to Pastor Jen.
Worship Team: Coordinated by Susan Yourd

- Altar decorating has been by season (currently green for "Ordinary Time"), with additional special touches for a special Sunday (World Communion Sunday) or sermon series (such as Jenn's series on "Living Water").
- Worship Hosts: We currently have two Sundays of the month open, the third and fourth Sundays. Help is needed to fill those slots.
- Aaron Bolderjack preached on World Communion Sunday when Jen was away – such a gift!
- And again, many thanks to Nick Crump for the beautiful Communion loaves.

- Susan Yourd attended the quarterly Meeting of the Committee on Ministries. An important survey to evoke constructive suggestions about the many ministries we at ACC on Ministries. A second meeting, focused on finalizing the survey.

Greeters: Coordinated by Ron Yourd
Serving as a Greeter now and again is a great way to express hospitality and to become more acquainted with each other.

Actions and events:

July: Highlights were a Spectrum on what Light Therapy can do for pain was given by Allan Gardiner.

Also, we helped make festive the Rider's 50th wedding reception, complete with several special guests, held during coffee hour. Many of us were meeting Chris and Dave them in person for the first time, as they now "see" us weekly in worship and in the Checking In on Zoom.

August: On the 9th, Worship focused on Back to School on all levels, and particularly the Blessing of the Backpacks for the kids present. On the 23rd, worship and the all-ACC picnic was held among the majestic redwoods along Austin Creek. Allan Gardiner opened the sanctuary for those who did not drive to the event.

September:

On the 27th, Worship centered around the Blessing of the Animals, and 20 or so dogs, 1 cat, and photos of other pets were blessed during this event, and dog treats became a sort of Communion!

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Yourd, Chair
October 4, 2026

Board of Missions and Social Justice
Dorothy Streutker, October 6, 2026

This report also includes events taking place during the second quarter as well. Following a suggestion from Pastor Jen, the BMSJ has divided into three action teams, and the main board. The action teams have been working well. The Black Wealth Builders action team put on a successful Meal Truck event in the second quarter, and a fundraising concert is upcoming, at Epworth Methodist Church. The Environmental Action Team had a successful Earth Day celebration, with many action groups displaying their information, a petting zoo, and a lot of interaction. This team also arranged a showing of a movie, "Save the Farms, Save the Future. And the Open and Affirming action committee held events during June, LBGTQI+, including having a guest preacher, showing movies on the subject, including one of gay children confronting theologically conservative parents. The main BMSJ committee is planning a book study in February 2027, on a book about criminal justice, "The Price of Mercy."

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy Streutker, Chair

October 6, 2026

Board of Faith and Spiritual Life
Eleanor Crump, October 5, 2026

The Faith and Spiritual Life team (Pastor Jen Chapman, Eleanor Crump (chair), Nick Crump, Susan Frances, Caro Grosvenor, Rachel Sing, and special friends of FSL Chieko Chambers and Elaine Holliman) met on August 4, and September 1 (no meeting in July). Our standing meetings continue to be the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM on Zoom.

Q3, 2026 Activities included the following:

1. **Centering and Meditation sessions:** Chieko hosted Saturday morning meditation session on July 25, August 22 and September 19. The sessions will continue once a month. All are welcome. Any church members who would be willing to host future gatherings would be welcome.

2. **Fourth Friday Fireside Films**
    - July: *Entertaining Angels, The Dorothy Day Story*
    - August: no Fourth Friday Film on August 28 in lieu of BMSJ film on Sunday, August 30.
    - September 25: *What do you Believe Now?* license from Good Docs (~$200) allowed us to share the link with those who couldn't attend in person.
    - FSL is seeking improved AV set up for the Fireside Room and continues to explore licensing issues/opportunities.

3. **Lectio Divina**: Wednesdays, 1:30 led by Susan Francis and Caro Grosvenor. Declining participation—looking to merge with another Lectio Divina group.

4. **Book Studies**
    a. Lewis Richmond *Aging as a Spiritual Practice* led by Rachel: May 31 Spectrum orientation followed by six study (rumination) sessions June 2-July 13, skillfully designed and led by Rachel. Usually 6-8 participants.

5. **Grateful Gatherings** Program (Grateful living.org): Rachel introduced to ACC and broader community by an article in September *Kensington Outlook*, several articles in *ParishScope*, as well as October 4 Spectrum led by Rachel. See the website for the history and philosophy of using grateful living as a practice. As well as an abundance of resources. Gatherings will be on Zoom, 2nd Saturday of each month 10:30-11:30.

6. **Cluster** continued to meet the first Monday of every month on Zoom.

7. **Wise Hearts** enjoyed gathering on August 4 on Zoom. Our next gathering will be November 3.

Respectfully submitted,
Eleanor Crump, Chair
October 5, 2026