

COUNCIL CORNER

At its meeting held on September 15, the Church Council:

- Received Pastor's Report which highlighted worship attendance during the months of July and August and the first two weeks in September, noted that the congregation wished Wayne Olsen "Godspeed" as he begins a year of internship at Trinity Lower East Side in Manhattan, and noted that plans to start Sunday School in the fall by incorporating a simple breakfast and involving parents. She thanked those who volunteered to lead worship during the summer while she was on vacation.
- Received a report from President Elizabeth Lowe which noted that work has begun on culling material currently stored in the archives.
- Received a report from a joint meeting of the Executive and Finance Committees held on July 7 outlining the plans for the transition from Wayne Olsen to Robert Hubbard as Treasurer.
- Received Financial Reports and reviewed year-to-date expenses and income through 8/22//26 and noted that expenditures continue to exceed income.
- Received reports from the Love in Action Social Ministries team which highlighted activities during the summer months and early September, particularly the Family Promise Walk-In-Dinner on 7/14 and the upcoming dinner on 10/13, the July Can Can campaign and collection of Back-to-School supplies, the annual picnic in conjunction with Volunteer Recognition Sunday on 8/16, St. Paul's presence at Ridgefield's National Night Out on 8/4 and Peace Island Institute's Festival in Teaneck on 9/19, God's Work/Our Hands Sunday on 9/13, and an update on letters sent to congressional representatives in support of Bread for the World's Offering of Letters. A "Food Providers" Box has been set up in the narthex, beginning 9/20, to collect non-perishable food items each week for the Pantry.
- Received a report from Communications Director, Bill Kauffman, noting that ways to be cost effective for livestreaming are being explored.
- Received a report from Robert Jacoby, Property Manager, which noted various accomplishments during the past month and issues that need to be addressed in the coming months. The bottom step in the walkway to the side door has been replaced and a new grate has been installed in front of the side door. Thermostats for regulating the temperature in various areas throughout the building have been set, and A/C window units are now in Dressler Hall, Thomas Hall, Safe Haven, and the staff area.
- Received a report from Intern Wayne Olsen with an update on his first week of activities at Trinity Lower East Side in Manhattan.

- Received a report from Pastoral Associate Rev. Kasana Akridge which noted that the LGBT Ministry will resume on September 27 with a fundraising Drag Show and that the Ridgefield High School STRIVE program will resume on September 16 with students assisting with the Loaves and Fishes lunch program.
- Received a report on the Feeding Ministries program which noted that a total of 711 people received food assistance during the month of August from food distributed at the Pantry and meals served at the Loaves and Fishes lunch program.

The next meeting of the Church Council will be on Tuesday, October 13, 2026.