

## **Session update: October, 2025**

The October meeting of Session was held by Zoom videoconference. It was opened with prayer.

Session met with new member candidates: Ann Gisch, Bob Gisch, and Norah Hooper. A motion to accept them into membership was seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion from the Personnel Committee, to approve Lindsey Clifton's terms of call for 2026, was approved by e-vote. A motion to affirm the e-vote was seconded, and carried.

A motion to approve the baptisms of Hazel Shoemaker (Sunday, Nov. 2 at the 11:15 a.m. service) and of Princeton Newton and Julia Newton (Wednesday, Nov. 12 at 4:00 p.m.) was seconded, and the motion carried.

Session noted with sorrow the deaths of Roger Farber (Oct. 10, 2025) and Don S. Follett (Oct. 13, 2025).

Jim Halkins kindly joined the meeting to lead Session members in a first read of the 2026 budget.

Rev. Kinney's transition work continues despite her recent injuries.

Donna Taggart reported for the Steering Committee that there have been nine offers to Foundry Commercial for our property. The Committee continues to meet, reviewing offers. This collaborative process is quite time-consuming, but the Committee hopes to be able to present the best offer to the congregation by early 2026 or sooner.

Ted Masthay reported for the Governance Restructuring group. We have an unusually large proportion of members on committees. In order to right-size this imbalance, some changes are planned, including some committee changes and bylaw changes.

Removal of inactive members was tabled for the November meeting in order to ascertain that we agree on the criteria for removal, especially with regard to inactive children of active members.

Kim Miner said that the Personnel Committee will bring staff bonuses to the Session at the November meeting.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.