Session Update for July 2026

Class of 2026:	*Class of 2027:*	*Class of 2028:*
Kari Keyock (2nd term)	Jennifer Cole (2nd term)	Linda Filipovits (2nd term)
Kim Miner (2nd term)	Phil Fair	Ted Masthay (2nd term)
Jim Halkins	Jeanne Hunsicker	Aileen Williams (1st full term)
Rich Hjorth	Allison Masters	Open: to finish Jon Conrad's 2nd term
JoAnne Turcotte (2nd term)	Donna Taggart (2nd term)	

Session members present: Rev. Lindsey Altvater Clifton; Rev. Karen Kinney, Moderator, Jennifer Cole; Phil Fair; Linda Filipovits; Jim Halkins; Rich Hjorth; Kari Keyock; Allison Masters; Ted Masthay; Kim Miner; JoAnne Turcotte; Aileen Williams

Excused: Jeanne Hunsicker; Donna Taggart

Observer for Deacons: Jane Masters

Devotion: We have been lifting up discipleship practices in worship these last weeks which are also spiritual practices. In today's *Daily Meditations* from the Center for Action and Contemplation, the writer wrote this about Howard Thurman:

"Thurman spoke of spiritual disciplines as those practices by which we remove the barriers to our 'inner altar'—our place of communion with God. And through this definition, he included activism *as a spiritual discipline*… He affirmed the necessity to identify with, and work for the liberation and reconciliation of *all* parties in order to restore beloved community."

Clerk's Report
Communion was celebrated on July 5.

New Members: Diane and Larry Elliott, June 22, 2026, by profession of faith, and were received into membership by the congregation on July 12.

There were a large number of people in our database who are classified as "other participants" and who were listed as active. Most have now been marked "inactive." Those left as "active" are people who are actually participating in the life of the church.

No member deaths have been reported.

Pastor's Report
I continue to work with committees and teams in this time of transition although I have begun to look at what committees and teams, I can pull back from because the PNC will take up a great deal of time.

Mission Study: The final draft has been approved by the Presbytery's Churches in Transition team at its July 13 meeting and is in the final stages of preparation for print. We hope to share it with the congregation on Sunday, Aug. 2.

Pastor Models: There is a recommendation coming from the Personnel Committee regarding using a Designated Pastor model for the next search. This is explained in their minutes and in the action sheet. We have looked at and will continue to explore a co-pastor model in the future – this would be a new model for the Presbytery and needs further exploration.

Nominating Committee: The Nominating Committee will be bringing a request for a congregational meeting to elect a Pastor Nominating Committee. There have been five folks who have agreed to serve and the Committee is waiting on two more responses. It is a diverse committee of fairly new and longer-term members as well as age.

Preschool: The Preschool Governance Committee continues to meet monthly to steward the current Preschool operations and finances, while the Next Chapter Team-Preschool continues to look for new space and handling logistics such as cleaning closets, disposing of unused items, etc. The Next Chapter team is bringing a request to approve a non-binding, no money down Letter of Intent on a recently discovered space. David Crook continues to work on three-year projections with the goal of having the Preschool be financially sustainable on its own.

Stewardship: Our stewardship team is looking at having a first meeting in the first couple of weeks of August. The team consists of Kari Keyock, Phil Fair, Carol Burns, Lindsey Clifton and me. Linda Robertson has offered to review any materials/themes/financial goals, etc. We are currently looking at Sunday, Nov. 15 to collect pledges, celebrate the 1,510 acts of service, commemorate our years of ministry at 2344 Center Street, but also look ahead as we move into the 152nd year of mission and ministry, and end the day with a 4 p.m. (likely) concert featuring our music partners (Dave Macbeth is the lead for this). It should be a day of wonderful celebration and remembrance.

Document Teams: Work has begun on going through the official records such as baptisms, etc. and keeping what we need while recycling or shredding the extraneous material. File boxes from the Fellowship Hall projection room are being moved to outside my office for easier access for those who need to go through them, again preserving what is needed and either recycling or shredding excess material.

Finance Committee Report
Jim Halkins gave the financial report. Financial Position as of June 30, 2026:

Current Assets	
Cash	$9,170
Money Market	$51,567
Accounts Receivable	$253
Prepaid Expenses	$0
Total Current Assets	$60,990
Fixed Assets	
Land	$70,319
Building	$12,024,019
Memorial Gardens	$117,505
Equipment	$515,648
Accumulated Depreciation	($9,581,611)
Net Fixed Assets	$3,145,880

Investments	
Endowment	$4,957,088
Total Assets	$8,163,957
Liabilities	
Personal Loan	$0
Line Of Credit Payable	$255,000
Total Liabilities	$255,000
Equity	
Endowment	$4,957,088
General Fund	$2,924,173
Stategic Mission Fund	$27,697
Total Equity	$7,908,957
Total Liabilities and Equity	$8,163,957

Continuing Business

Next Chapter Preschool Team Update

JoAnne presented a motion from the Preschool Governance Committee to approve the signing of a Letter Of Intent (LOI) for a new commercial space for the Preschool, 90 South Commerce Way, Hanover Township.

The preschool Next Chapter team committee, consisting of Phil Clauser, Lisa Todd, and JoAnne Turcotte, feels confident that the Preschool can meet the rental cost with new tuition rates. Weekly meetings with David will continue to fine tune this.

Significant renovations on the new property will be needed. The approval of the LOI will give the Next Chapter Team the ability and time to meet with an architect and contractor to develop plans and expected costs for these renovations. The Preschool could begin operation at this new location right after ending the 26-27 school year in May 2027.

It was moved and seconded that the approval of the motion be amended to add the words, "pending legal review." The motion carried as amended.

Next Chapter Team Church Update

Lindsey reported on the work of the Next Chapter Church Team and presented three motions from the Committee.

Next Chapter Team Session Action Items:

1) That Session approve the unanimous recommendation of the Next Chapter Team to sign the following one-year extension of our contract with Foundry as our real estate broker for these transactions.

The motion carried.

2) That Session approve the recommendation of the Next Chapter Team to establish the following rental price framework for our first year at Christ UCC Church, with an annual re-evalutaion process and with the mutual understanding that the Christ Church property team and Consistory will analyze their expenses/spending, and we will come to an agreement if financial changes are needed for 2028:

$6,100/month through June.
$6,700/month from July through December.

The motion carried.

3) That Session affirm the recommendation of the Next Chapter Team to share with Pennrose our preference for a single-story attached space (8,000-10,000 sq ft) and that Session empower the Next Chapter Team to work with Pennrose/architects to determine massing recommendation.

The motion carried, with one abstention.

Deacon Update – Jane Masters reported on the Deacons' new Meal Train ministry, to provide meals for people who are ill or post-surgical.

New Business

Kim reported for Personnel Committee, presenting a motion to call a Designated Pastor for three years, a period that will give our worshipping community time to explore pastoral models for when we transition back to the campus. It is very likely that the three-year period for returning to campus will need to stretch to four.

The motion carried.

Aileen reported for Nominating Committee, requesting that Session call a congregational meeting on Sunday, Aug. 16, for the purpose of electing a Pastor Nominating Committee.

The motion was seconded, and approved.

Karen and Lindsey spoke of a project proposed by Kate Arrington, to create an oral and photographic history of the church's life in the current building. This would help with the congregation's transition to the new building. Session affirmed the concept and gave its blessing to continue to develop it.

Session agreed to change the September meeting date to the 21st instead of the 28th, as Pastor Karen will be out of town on the 28th.

Adjourn in Prayer

The meeting closed with prayer at 8:21 p.m.

The next meeting of Session will be held on Aug. 24, 2026 via Zoom videoconference.

The next Presbytery meeting will be held on Saturday, Aug. 15, 2026 at First Presbyterian Church - Bethlehem