June 2025 Session Update

Session's Opening Prayer and Devotion was on Acceptance, based on page 48-50, *The Breath of the Soul* by Joan Chittister. How do you react, individually or as a leader to this community of faith, to this paragraph found on page 49: *"Prayer is the gift of being able to put my life into the hands of God – and trust the path that opens before me. Whether I think I would have wanted it or not."* Share a time where you have done this. Think about a time when this community of faith has done this.

We discussed the devotion in groups of three people each, then returned to the group to share. Acceptance of God's will is important as we move forward with Foundry's efforts on our behalf.

Session approved the consent agenda, including: Session minutes of May 19, 2025, Minutes from Personnel, Trustees, Property, Finance, and Deacons, and the removal of a list of 98 members from the membership rolls, at their request.

The annual Reading of the Minutes was held on June 7 at First Presbyterian, Lehighton. Our minutes were found to be in good order.

Deaths: Jan Bonge (June 1) and Barbara Supek (June 9). Also, a friend to the congregation and father to member Laura Huffard, Rev. Dr. Samuel A. Huffard, died on May 17.

Rev. Kinney continues to work on all things transition, attending committee meetings, establishing teams to work on specific areas of transition such as the Manual of Operations, attending to the day-to-day administrative items that arise, and working on worship series to move us through grief and pain to hope. She continues to meet with staff individually on a regular basis, viewing her Head of Staff role as a partnership one – listening, acting on, and working together to advance the work of the church.

Rev. Kinney, Sheldon Cooper, Marie Rosenthal, Jennifer Cole and Carol Burns are working on the manual of operations that is mandated by the Presbytery, assembling policies, procedures, committee and position descriptions from the various committees.

The prayer team meets weekly to pray for the church and for whatever the Holy Spirit lays upon their hearts. We are grateful for this gift.

Session appreciates the new narrative portion of the financial reports that David Crook provides.

Donna Taggart reported for the Mission Strategy Team that the Call for Offers (CFO) went out at the end of May. Foundry is pleased with the responses, but the review of offers will not begin until the CFO has closed. There is much work still to do before any decisions need be made.

Session approved a proposed Preschool Fundraiser Master List for the 2025-2026 School Year.

Session heard Rich Hjorth's report from the Nominating Committee.