Session update for newsletter, May 2025

The Opening Prayer and Devotion for this months' meeting was a statement found on page 25 of *The Breath of the Soul* by Joan Chittister:

> *The truth is we must pray for the strength to do what we are meant to do. We must pray for the courage to meet the challenges of life. We must pray for the endurance it will take to go on even when nothing changes. We must pray that the spirit of God is with us as we do what must be done whether we succeed in the process or not.*

Session approved giving Jane Masters, as the Deacons' representative to Session, a voice but not a vote.

Clerk's report:
Session noted the deaths of John Iverson on May 7, 2025 and June Brunner Jakubowski, a former member, on Feb. 6, 2025.

Session accepted Melody Engel's resignation from Session with regret.

Pastor's report:
Rev. Kinney, now in her third month of serving as transitional pastor, reported that 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.

The Preschool Task Force is working on the budget for 2026 and will begin structuring a draft governance document that reasserts the church's role in the Preschool.

Work on a Manual of Operations has begun with an email sent to all committee chairs requesting they begin a policy and procedures review to revise/rewrite/create needed policies and procedures. This will be important work over the summer.

The Manual of Operations will include clarification of authorized signers of contracts, bank accounts, investments, etc.

Prayer Team: The prayer team has met three times and now has a weekly schedule to meet either in-person or on Zoom. This is a true gift to the church.

Finance Committee: Session approved the Finance Committee's request to authorize the Treasurer to establish a line of credit with TriState Bank (affiliated with Glenmede), backed by the Endowment Funds. This line will have no resting period requirement, and its current rate is 1.5% lower than our existing line of credit. There is no cost unless the line of credit is used, and it provides an additional, lower cost option to cover expenditures.

Strategic Mission Steering Committee: Session approved the Strategic Mission Steering Committee's request to endorse the parameters, marketing materials, and listing agreement for our Call for Offers process with Foundry Commercial. The Strategic Mission Steering Committee updated the congregation on its progress on May 20.

Presbytery Meeting: Kim Miner and Rich Hjorth, our elected commissioners to Presbytery, gave a report on the May 3 Presbytery meeting.