



## ***Congregational Meeting***

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for **Sunday morning, April 18, 2021**, at the close of the 10:30 a.m. service via Zoom.

The purpose of the meeting is to hear the report of the Congregational Nominating Committee, and proceed to the election of Elders, Deacons and other church officers.

The invitation link to the Zoom meeting will be sent via email at the end of the week just prior to the meeting

## ***Notes from the Session Meetings on February 23, 2021***

### ***Submitted by Jon Barnett, Clerk of Session***

1. The Session APPROVED the minutes of the annual congregational meeting on January 31, 2021.
2. The Session APPROVED the minutes (as corrected) of the called new member Session meeting on January 26, 2021 and the minutes of the stated Session meeting on January 26, 2021.
3. The Session APPROVED the removal of Kim Hamsher from church membership, at her request.
4. The Session CALLED a virtual congregational meeting for Sunday April 18, 2021, for the purpose of electing church officers and committee members.
5. The Session APPROVED the 'Space Occupancy Lease Agreement' with Johns Hopkins University to provide meeting space in the Church for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, pending final approval by General Counsel at Johns Hopkins University.
6. The Session enthusiastically AFFIRMED Blake Collins' transition from Inquirer to Candidate status as he continues his pursuit of a call to ministry and ordination as a Presbyterian Minister, and FORWARDED that affirmation to the Baltimore Presbytery for its consideration of his candidacy.
7. The Session APPROVED the use of \$2608 from the Fazekas fund (restricted for the bell ministry) to have the bells refurbished by Malmark in PA.
8. The Session unanimously AGREED to take up an educational series focused on how a governing body can increase LGBTQ+ acceptance.
9. Session elected Kathie Robie-Suh and Jackie Crispell as commissioners to the March Presbytery gathering.

## Stated Session Meetings 2021

*Unless otherwise noted, meetings are on the fourth Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom until further notice. Optional chat-and-gather time at 6:30 p.m.*

**2021:** April 27, May 25, June 22, August 24



SESSION MEETING

### Co-Pastors' Contact Info

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## Stewardship News



### Financial Report Summary as of February 28, 2021

	Actual to Date	Expected to Date	More (less) than Expected
Contributions Received	\$150,975	\$118,564	\$32,411
Total Income	\$178,508	\$131,252	\$47,256
Total Expenses	\$138,858	\$131,248	\$7,610
<b>Surplus (Deficit) to Date</b>	<b>\$39,650</b>	<b>\$4</b>	<b>\$39,646</b>



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Thank you!

## ***Stewardship News*** *(continued)*

### ***2021 Per Capita Apportionment***

**Total Number of Contributions Received as of March 18, 2021**

**Total Number = 63**

**Amount = \$3,590.90**

**Per Capita for 2021 is \$36.06**

**Have you paid yours yet?**

**Thank you if you did!**

The “Per Capita” is each church member’s share of the expenses of the larger church – the Presbytery, the Synod and General Assembly of the PCUSA. Our congregation is required to pay this amount for each member of the church. First Presbyterian Church of Howard County is faithful in fully paying our congregation’s apportionment; we put the total amount in our operating budget every year for all our members.

Some of our members regularly pay their “per capita” each year in addition to their regular giving. Thank you! It’s a big help to the annual budget.

Wouldn’t it be great if every member of the church made an additional contribution of his or her Per Capita apportionment? A contribution of \$36.06 from every member would mean that money could be put to work in other ways for our congregation’s ministries this year.

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