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Notes from the Session Meeting on April 27, 2021

Submitted by Jon Barnett, Clerk of Session

1. The Session APPROVED the minutes of the stated Session meeting on March 23, 2021.
2. The Session APPROVED the minutes of the congregation meeting on April 18, 2021.
3. The Session APPROVED changing the date of the May stated Session meeting from May 25, 2021, to Tuesday June 1, 2021, a virtual meeting at 7 pm.
4. The Session APPROVED the curriculum for training classes as presented in the Safe Space training outline.
5. The Session APPROVED the timeline for Safe Space training during future Session meetings: July 27, 2021, October 26, 2021, November 16, 2021, February 22, 2022, and April 26, 2022.
6. The Session APPROVED the baptism of Philip Simermeyer on Sunday, May 16, 2021, during the live-stream worship service.
7. The Session ELECTED Kathy Robie-Suh as a commissioner to the May 13, 2021 Presbytery Gathering.

The clerk reported the average church attendance for March 2021 was 149 (total of the in-person worship team and the number of connections to the live-stream), and the following financial summary:

March 31, 2021 Financial Summary

	Actual to Date	Expected to Date	More (Less) than Expected
Contributions Received	\$196,704	\$177,847	\$18,857
Total Income	\$229,072	\$196,877	\$32,195
Expenses	\$211,127	\$196,871	\$14,256
Surplus (Deficit)	\$17,945	\$6	\$17,939

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: June 1, June 22, July 27, August 24



SESSION MEETING

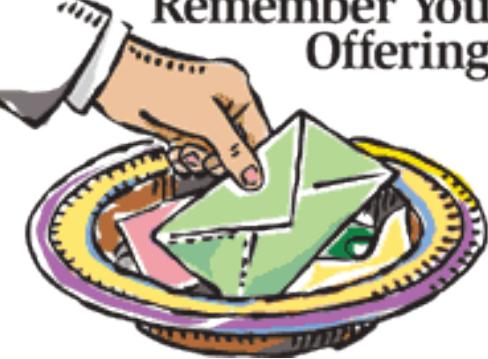
Stewardship News



Financial Report Summary as of April 30, 2021

	Actual to Date	Expected to Date	More (less) than Expected
Contributions Received	\$273,773	\$237,129	\$36,644
Total Income	\$310,238	\$262,503	\$47,735
Total Expenses	<u>\$279,783</u>	<u>\$262,495</u>	<u>\$17,288</u>
Surplus (Deficit) to Date	\$30,455	\$8	\$30,447

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Thank you!

Co-Pastors' Contact Info

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Stewardship News (continued)

2021 Per Capita Apportionment

Total Number of Contributions Received as of May 26, 2021

Total Number = 71

Amount = \$4,131.08

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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Dates to Remember for Elected Officers:

Tuesday, June 1— Stated Session Meeting via Zoom begins promptly at 7:00 p.m.

Elders-elect and Deacons-elect meet with the Session for examination, which will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m.

Examination is required by the Book of Order.

Sunday, June 13—Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m. via Facebook and YouTube

Ordination and/or Installation of Elders and Deacons

There will be a brief Zoom meeting to record the Ordination and Installation at a date to be arranged. This meeting will take place (via Zoom) between June 1 and June 13. Please watch for an email about this zoom meeting.

Monday, June 14 — New Officers begin term of service

Tuesday, June 8 — Super Tuesday Meetings — 7:00 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. via Zoom

Newly elected Elders begin work with their Ministry Areas – both incoming and outgoing classes are asked to attend. Super Tuesday Meetings are always the 2nd Tuesday of the month, except for P3 (2nd Wednesday). The time of your Ministry Area meeting is either 7:00 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. The chair will contact you.

Tuesday, June 15 — 7:00 p.m. — Deacons Meeting via Zoom

First regular Deacons Meeting for new Deacons-elect. (All new and serving on Board of Deacons).

Tuesday, June 22 — 7:00 p.m. — Stated Session Meeting via Zoom

All new and serving Session members

Session meeting begins promptly at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Thank you for serving!