

## Highlights from the April 2025 Session Meeting

The regular Session meeting was held on April 15, 2025. In place of devotions this month, Elder Dana Riker Jackson conducted a second follow-up activity based on the outcomes of the off-site Officer's Retreat held on February 22, 2025, at the Twin Brook Retreat in Gap, PA. This is a challenging time to be a leader in the church. The exercise dealt with the communication around the values that build trust – Acceptance, Openness, Congruence, and Reliability. Small groups of three or four were joined to discuss the use of the acronym **JOY, Jesus, Others, and Yourself to emphasize the need to **not** put yourself first when trying to build trust.**

The session received the reports of staff, standing committees, and the Report of the Clerk and voted to approve all reports and items of a routine nature from committees and staff in the Consent Agenda.

Information pulled from Consent Agenda:

1. Total attendance figures for March 2025 **510** attended in-person Worship Services and **564** viewed services online. Average **weekly** Worship attendance for the last several months: **March 215**, February 227, January 194, December 2024, 235, November 196, October 180, September 163, August 147, July 148, June 147. The average weekly Worship attendance for 2024 was 193. Average weekly Worship attendance for 2025 is **212**.
2. Electronic vote taken on March 3, 2025, for the call of a Special Meeting of the Congregation on Sunday March 30, 2025, following the 10 AM worship service for the purposes of receiving the report of the PNC, approving the call of the pastor-elect, and approving the terms-of-call. Seventeen (17) voted in the affirmative and one did not vote.
3. New members received at a Special Meeting of Session on Sunday, March 23, 2025, at 2:00 PM (Date for reception by Congregation not yet set):

- a. Mr. Edward Raymond Strauss by Reaffirmation of Faith.
- b. Mrs. Nicole Penska Strauss by Reaffirmation of Faith.
- c. Dr. Megan Rybarczyk by Reaffirmation of Faith.

4. Two inactive members were returned to the active roll at their request, effective March 3, 2025:

- a. Mr. Richard Stingle, member # 3432.
- b. Mrs. Judy Stingle, member # 3431.

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**Finance Report** – Elder John Walton reviewed the financial statements distributed with the session packet. Receipts for the month of March 2025 totaled \$62,256 compared to the March 2024 total of \$75,310. Easter in 2024 happened in March versus April of this year. Receipts are slightly behind the 2025 budget. Total YTD 2025 revenue is \$172,052 compared to same time last year of \$164,300.

Total expenses for YTD 2025 were \$169,463 producing net income (revenue minus expenses) through March 2025 in the amount of \$2,589. In March of 2024 YTD expenses amounted to \$156,456 with 2024 net income YTD of \$7,844.

The following new business was approved:

- A. A **motion** from the Worship committee permitting Ty Harvey, Director of Children and Youth Ministries to preach on Sunday, .April 27, 2025, Children’s Sunday. Motion **APPROVED**.
- B. A **motion** from the Worship committee, that in place of the scheduled sermon on Sunday, May 4, 2025, Laura Kalemkarian be granted time to share information about Compassion International, and Howard Davis be granted time to share information about Pastor George's ministry in India. Motion **APPROVED**.
- C. A date was set for examination by the session of the 2025 confirmation class. The examination will be at the next regular scheduled session meeting on May 20, 2025. Confirmation Sunday is scheduled for June 8, 2025.

Joseph Hare  
Clerk of Session