



TOWER BELLS

September 2026

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds."
Hebrews 10:24

Dear Church Family,

As we continue to seek God's guidance and direction for our congregation, your Session has been actively working on matters that will strengthen our ministry, stewardship, and future mission. We are grateful for God's faithfulness and for the prayers and support of our church family.

Third Street Property Update

The Session received a progress report from the Task Force studying options regarding the sale of the 3rd Street property. Following recommendations from the Task Force and discussions with the Presbytery Board of Trustees, Session approved moving forward with the commercial appraisal completed by Pacetti and rescinded the previous decision to obtain a second appraisal. The Clerk will submit the necessary request to the Trustees as the process continues.

Pastor Nominating Committee Request

Session reaffirmed its desire to move forward in the pastoral search process. The Clerk has been directed to submit a request to the Presbytery Call Commission to form a Pastor Nominating Committee. Please continue praying for God's wisdom and guidance as we seek future pastoral leadership.

Church Life and Communication

To better serve the congregation, Session approved moving the monthly Stated Session Meeting to the third Sunday of each month at 11:45 AM.

Strategic Planning and Leadership

The Strategic Planning Committee presented information regarding plans to hire Rev. Charlie Evans as a Temporary Pastor to provide additional leadership and support for the congregation. Discussion and exploration of this opportunity will continue as Session seeks the best path forward for the church.

A Note of Encouragement

As we navigate important decisions together, we are reminded that God continues to guide His people with wisdom and grace.

Thank you for your faithful prayers, service, and commitment to the ministry of our church. May we continue to move forward together in faith, unity, and hope as we seek God's will for the future.

Upcoming Session Meeting:

September 20, 2026, at 11:45 AM, immediately following the morning worship service.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight."
Proverbs 3:5-6

Blessings,
Your Session/Suzie Cornelio

September Birthdays:

Dave Compton	1 st	Jill Grant	19 th	Sherri Kane	24 th
Steve Crowley	5 th	Carolyn Smith	19 th	John Poitevent	30 th
Pam Matthews	15 th	Robert Tindall	21 st	Marilyn Young	29 th

Financials:

Year to date through August 31st our revenue is \$35,000 lower than we budgeted. Rental income is higher than we had anticipated – so all the decrease is in pledges and offerings.

We are not operating at a deficit -but we had planned to have a surplus we could use going forward. Year to date revenue: \$139,091 Year to date expenditures: \$136,394

Some positive notes: Rental income is higher than expected – and seems to be trending upward. This is a tremendous boost to our budget.

The building endowment fund that we were gifted at the end of 2025 is covering some building maintenance expenses that would otherwise have thrown our budget into a deficit.

Everyone's participation in the support of our church and its ministries is vital – and support does not mean just dollars. Prayers and participation are equally important.

Youth Group

Suzie Cornelio from First Presbyterian and Gaye Esperson from All souls Unitarian Universalist started a Youth Group in August and we had 12 teenagers attend. We meet on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month from 7:00-8:30pm in the basement of the church. The purpose of the group is to create a safe space and to empower young people. There are adults to guide and advise but not to lead. This is an open group; the criteria is that you must be at least 11 years old and still in school. For more information, feel free to contact Suzie at 386-937-7762 or Gaye at 904-540-0421.



Church Event:

The Administration and Presbyterian Women plan a gala Gathering for the entire Church, and guests, on *November 8, 2026*, after church services. Lunch will be served in Westminster Hall, along with good cheer and fellowship. Moderator Pam Matthews calls this new event THE GATHERING. Please mark your calendars and save the date!



<u>Date</u>	<u>Preaching</u>	<u>Liturgist</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Communion</u>
13-Sept-26	Terry Albright	Ron Bloor	Nancy Van Horn, Nancy Driggers	
20-Sept-26	Ricky Kirby	Rob Mattson	Carolyn Faunce, Jordy Thomas	
27-Sept-26	Sandra Hedrick	Steve Crowley	John Poitevent, David Vezzetti	
4-Oct-26	Charlie Evans	Elliott Kane	J. Browning, N. Driggers, N. Van Horn, Tom Stone-Erdman	
11-Oct-26	Terry Albright		David Vezzetti, Ron Bloor	

(Please remember the schedule may change depending on the volunteers as their date gets closer.)

Prayer: *Heavenly Father, thank You for being our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in every season. Guide our church with Your wisdom, unite us in faith, and give us courage to follow where You lead. Help us to trust You and not be afraid, knowing that You are always with us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.*