

Session Business

June 20, 2021

1. Session approved minutes from its previous meetings of April 18 and May 16, 2021.
2. Three Session members were appointed to attend the Presbytery of New Covenant meeting on July 17: Sharon Walker, Dena Sowden, Mark Sowden.
3. Building and Grounds Committee reported: removal of exhausted pear trees in "Paul's Garden;" gym lights have been replaced with LEDs; drainage at the back of the church (where the columbarium is also located) are 90% complete; solar energy is under consideration; painting of exterior doors is underway.
4. Missions Committee reported: Mission Sunday raised more than \$7,500; Presbytery awarded FPC two grants of \$2,000 each for the Homeless Project (Outreach grant) and Freedom Place (Lynn Johnson Social Justice grant); Session approved a \$3,000 disbursement from the Missions account to help fund a room at Family Promise's new facility, which will include lodging.
5. PDS Ministry reported: a new PDS Director, Louise Reed, started work on June 15. She has more than 17 years' experience as a director of church pre-schools and a strong commitment to a faith-based education with active church congregation involvement.
6. 2021 Nominating Committee reported: a full slate of new members will be voted on by the congregation in a called congregation meeting on July 11.
7. Moderator's report: Dr. Green explained the series of events that unfortunately resulted in the church not issuing a One Call Now (OCN) notification of Gloria Boddeker's service at the funeral home. He requested Session members be trained on OCN. A Session member suggested that staff should also be trained on this system for future emergency backup. He acknowledged the many things Gloria Boddeker did for our church over the years. Dr. Green led a discussion about various options for Sunday worship and Sunday School class schedules after Labor Day. Session approved the minister's request to (1) live stream FPC worship services from his new app for DHGreen.com and (2) direct any contributions/donations to the church for its sole use.

Note: There will be no stated Session meeting on July 18. Instead, a called meeting on July 25 will address opportunities for Sunday morning scheduling after Labor Day.

New Members: Mary and Daniel Vansoestberg

Transfers Out: Allen and Kathy Haines

Death: Gloria Boddeker (June 3)