



Providence Post



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By Barb Hazlett

(Note: The following highlights are taken from the minutes of the Monday, September 16, 2024, regular Session meeting.)

Clerk’s Report: Sixty-eight communicants were served communion on Sunday, September 1.

We received a letter from the First Church of Christ transferring Patty Gentch’s membership in that church back to Providence Presbyterian. We welcome Patty back as a member.

Treasurer’s Report: The treasurer’s report was distributed and discussed.

Nominating Committee Report: Bruce Hazlett, Heather Wisor and Amanda Yeager are nominated for the three open positions on Session in 2025. Paul Conway, Barb Weigley and Gaylend Young are nominated to serve on the 2025 Nominating Committee.

Moderator’s Report: Pastor Hilary Livingston said that she is looking forward to being with us.

Session Team Reports (Chair)

Finance & Stewardship (Sue Whitsel): The 2024 per capita amount has been established at \$39.24. For the period ending on August 30, 2024, there was \$3,717.82 given to our per capita fund, which

is unchanged from the figure given as of the end of June 2024. Our response rate remains at 71%.

We have received the stewardship materials from K LW Enterprises. The letter, brochure and the estimate of giving card for our 2025 stewardship program will soon be finished and forwarded to Kimberly for duplication. Stewardship Sunday will be observed on November 10, 2024.

The committee distributed budget worksheets to all Session committees at the August meeting. They are to be completed and returned no later than Sunday, October 6. The Finance and Stewardship committee’s only foreseeable expenses for the coming year will be for the cost of purchasing a stewardship program and the copying and mailing costs associated with these materials. Our committee is requesting a total of \$300 for the Stewardship Expenses portion of the 2025 budget.

The 2024 vs. 2023 Monthly Financial Summary is summarized below:

	Through 08/30/24	Through 08/30/23
Congregational Giving	\$122,703	\$120,060
Building Rental Income(*)	16,609	365
Special Offerings	10,404	10,117
Total Income	\$149,716	\$130,542
Total Expenses	\$140,305	\$172,942
Surplus (Shortfall)	\$ 9,411	\$ 42,400

(*) Reflects giving to the “Organ Fund”

Congregational Care (Gail Irwin): Coupons will be mailed to the Yokosuka Naval Base on Monday, October 28. Our thanks to all the faithful “clippers” who continue to support this project.

Cards/Flowers/Transportation - The schedule was updated for the months of September and October. Several congregants are currently

partnering as drivers with those who need transportation to church activities.

Charyl Gardner will organize the delivery of cakes to the Presbyterian Village at Hollidaysburg on Friday, September 27.

The next cycle of communion for our homebound members is scheduled for November, but adjustments can be made to accommodate Pastor Livingston's schedule as she acclimates to our church. The home communion guidance given to us by our former moderator has served us well during the time between pastors.

Birthday cards, get-well cards and missing-you cards were prepared by team members for September. Names for the congregational card shower were designated.

Several volunteers from the congregation assisted our committee with meal deliveries. The meals and visits were much appreciated.

Our team will assemble 'thinking of you' treat bags for congregants we haven't seen in a while or who may just need a cheerful greeting. The bags will be assembled at our meeting on Tuesday, October 1, and distributed that week during home visits.

Congregational Fellowship (Glenn Nelson): On Sunday, September 22, a welcome reception will be held immediately following the morning worship service to celebrate the Rev. Dr. Hilary Livingston's arrival. The Worship team will serve cake and supply the napkins and plates. The Fellowship team will be responsible for drinks and will serve coffee, tea and ice water.

Our next coffee fellowship will be on Sunday, October 6. A potato bar will be featured with several toppings for the potatoes.

The traditional Advent Dinner will be held on Sunday, December 8.

Mission (Judy Hartzell): The committee received a thank-you letter from Krislund for the 'Caps for Krislund' donation.

At the Soup on Saturday event on August 24, we served 29 guests with the help of ten volunteers, and delivered four containers of soup, three dozen cookies, about one-half pound of fresh cut cheese

slices and one package of sandwich rolls to the Family Services Teen Shelter. For the SOS event in October, the menu includes meatball sandwiches on hot dog rolls, fruit cups and donated desserts.

The Peace and Global Witness offering begins on September 15, and ends on World Communion Sunday, October 6.

This month's mission giving includes the Partnership Presbytery Fund, Altoona Teen Center and the Mountain Lion Backpack Program.

In October, we are asking for donations of canned soup for the Altoona Food Bank. In addition, any donation of nonperishable food is greatly appreciated. For the outside Food Pantry, donations of nonperishable food items and personal care items are requested.

Outreach (Jane Yerty): The team evaluated their budget for 2025.

We have been very blessed with the support from our church family for the Clothing Giveaway on Saturday, September 14, 2024. Fifty-five pairs of new shoes were donated along with lots of gently used shoes. An abundant amount of clothing for infants to adults was also given. Our church family also stepped up readily with carrying donations from the basement to the Fellowship Hall, sorting and setting up, working the event and cleaning up afterward. The Outreach team expresses our profuse thanks to everyone. Thanks also to the Mission team for partnering with us.

A Veterans Day card making event will be held on Wednesday, October 9, at 1:00 pm. A sign-up sheet will be available in the Fellowship Hall. We are encouraging our church family to invite a friend or neighbor and help them get to know us and our church.

The Community Garden and Library will close at the end of October. Books are still available to give away at any ministry event.

New members are always welcome to work with us.

Property (Geoff Geesey): The stained-glass vent windows on the 25th Street side of the sanctuary have been repaired and placed back in service. We will take a look at the 24th Street side next year.

Carpet cleaning in three basement rooms has been completed.

Spiritual Enhancement (Jeanie Mollica): Two Sunday school classes have been moved. They have started using the new curriculum and are very pleased with it. One classroom would like to get a television. This was discussed and a decision was made that the TV should be larger than 32-inches. Bob Hollingsworth will be asked about getting a router or booster in that room if necessary.

On Sunday, September 22, there will be an ice cream social at 3:00 pm.

Worship (Rick Herbster): We need Session approval to have a worship service on Sunday, November 3, in the afternoon for the purpose of installing Pastor Livingston. A motion was approved for this installation service.

The team discussed the installation of the new digital sound board.



Clothing Giveaway: Thank you to all of you!!!

We've concluded our first Clothing Giveaway, and the Outreach Team wants to express our thanks to everyone. What a group effort with many participants. It would not have been possible without the support and assistance of our church family.

Through your generosity, we received 55 pairs of new shoes—mainly, children's shoes. We also so much appreciate our partnership with Super Shoes of Altoona to provide a 20% discount off the purchase price. The shoes were a big hit, and children and families were delighted to find something they could use. Many gently used shoes were also available. A plethora of clothing

was donated with sizes from infants to adults for both men and women.

Your volunteer efforts were also amazing. Not only did you donate, but carried bags and boxes from the basement, helped with sorting and set up and arrived/stuck around for cleanup. Exhausting, but very much appreciated works of service. Thank you.

At the conclusion of the Giveaway, we had 32 families come through our doors. We gave away 41 pairs of new shoes and estimated one-half of the clothing was taken. The remaining shoes and clothing were given to four different ministries to keep blessing others who need your donations. Thank you for your support and generosity.

Per Capita: Just a reminder that the Per Capita amount for 2024 is \$39.24 *per member*. If you haven't already done so, please try to meet your per capita obligation by using the special [blue envelope](#) in your box of offering envelopes.

Presbyterians in the Press: On August 28, 2024, Improved Dwellings for Altoona conducted its 56th annual meeting. **Kathy Rutter** was installed as their assistant treasurer and was shown in the group photo that accompanied the article.

Family Services October Donation Needs

Providence Presbyterian Church is collecting the following items for Family Services on the second Sunday in October. Items may be left on the table in Fellowship Hall by Sunday, October 13. The category this month is **Cleaning Supplies/First Aid**.

Thank you for your support!

- Cough drops
- Antacids
- Band-Aids®/Neosporin®
- Diapers & pull-ups—all sizes
- Facial tissues
- Toilet bowl cleaner
- Comet®/Bleach spray
- Laundry detergent
- Dish liquid soap
- Dishwasher pods



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Birthdays & Anniversaries

Megan Burchfield	2
Sammy Yerty	2
Emily Donlan	2
Barbara Weigley	10
Zachary Donlan	13
Paul A. Conway	15
Angie Treese	15
Deb McClain	18
Harlan Schnarrs	19
Donna Faye Colbert	21
Joyce Sechrist	21
Dale VanHorne	22
Max Adams	24
Judy Hartzell	24
Jim Burchfield	26
Allyson Hayford	27
Ashley Hayford	27

Jim & Carlene Carothers	15
Lee & Jane Hite	18
Justin & Angie Treese	27



WORLD

Communion Sunday

World Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, October 6, at the 10:15 am worship service. This is also the day to turn in your offering for the Peace & Global Witness offering if you have not already done so.

Special envelopes for the Peace & Global Witness offering are available at the rear of the sanctuary in the black offering boxes.

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*People are often unreasonable, illogical and self-centered;
Forgive them anyway.*

*If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives;
Be kind anyway.*

*If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies;
Succeed anyway.*

*If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you;
Be honest and frank anyway.*

*What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight;
Build anyway.*

*If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous;
Be happy anyway.*

*The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow;
Do good anyway.*

*Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough;
Give the world the best you've got anyway.*

*You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God;
It was never between you and them anyway.*

Mother Teresa of Calcutta

