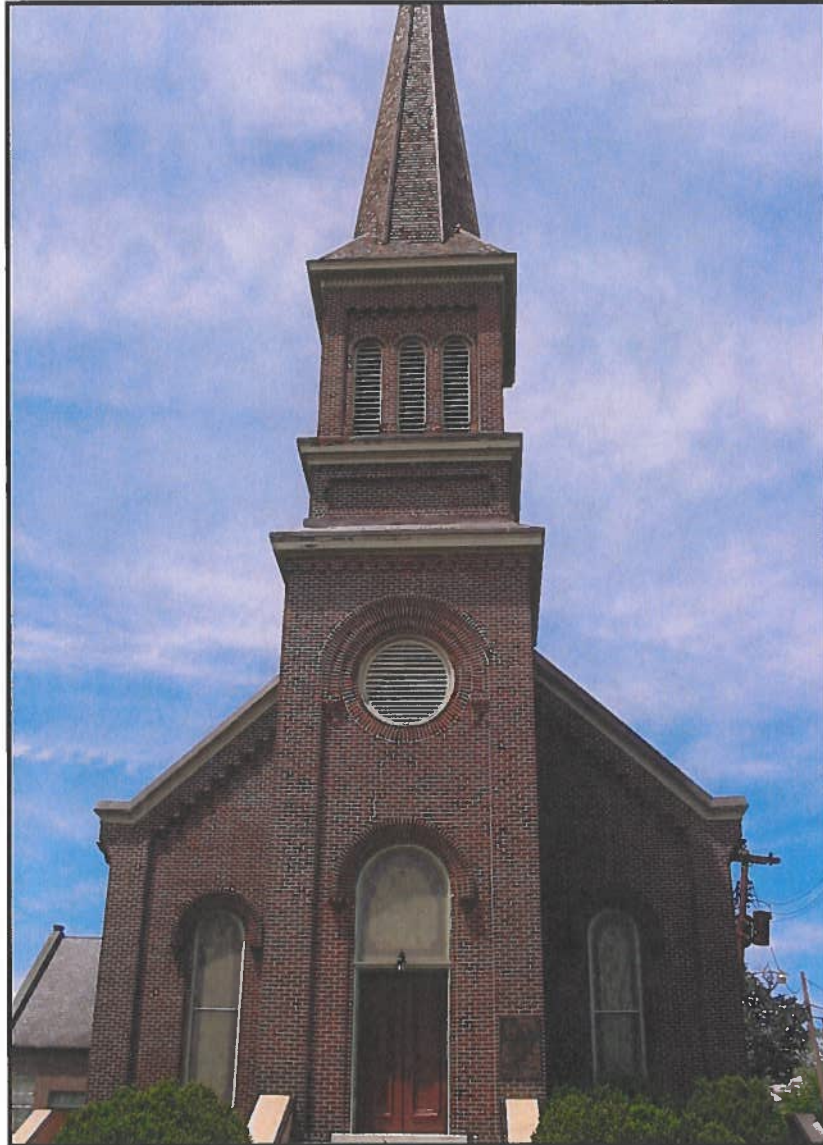


Presbytery of
Sheppards and Lapsley
COMMISSIONER PACKET



Winter Stated Meeting
February 19, 2026

*First Presbyterian Church
130 North Street East
Talladega, AL 3160*

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE UPCOMING February PRESBYTERY MEETING

This Presbytery meeting will be an **IN PERSON ONLY** meeting at First Presbyterian Church in Talladega, AL.

Below are important details regarding registration link, and packet link.

Information for ALL Presbytery meeting participants

Presbytery Registration (No later than Friday, February 13th)

Please use the link below to register for the meeting. It is very important that you register by February 13th, no later than noon. This is so we can get an accurate number for a quorum and lunch reservations.

<https://forms.gle/LBBEPskAPLuA68R79>

Packet Link

Ministers and Commissioners, please download and read the presbytery packet before the meeting. Click the following link for the packet: <http://pslpcusa.org/meetings/> There will be a limited amount of printed packets available at the meeting.

Scroll to the bottom of the page and click the links for the packet and the previous meeting minutes.

A Worship folder will be sent out the day before the meeting.

ATTENDING A PRESBYTERY MEETING

As a Commissioner to the Presbytery, we welcome you! When you arrive, there will be a registration area for those that did not register online. **(Please fill out a registration card even though you registered online)** Worship folders and nametags will be available for pickup.

The meeting time of Presbytery is 9:30 AM until 3:00 PM., with registration beginning at 9:00 a.m. All the business of the Presbytery is contained in this packet.

The packet will detail items that you, as a commissioner, will need to take action upon and items for your information. Some items will have discussion, and some items will be contained within an omnibus motion. All items in the omnibus motion are voted on at one time, during the Clerk's report. As a commissioner, if you desire to ask a question or debate any item you need to stand at the time of the motion's presentation and request that item be extracted. The item will then be removed and voted upon separately. Information items come from various committees and entities of the Presbytery that wish to inform you of things they are working on or committee actions they are empowered to take.

On the day of the meeting, a worship folder will be distributed. This worship folder will contain, in order, all the items that will be presented to the commissioners. The difference between the packet and the worship folder is that the worship folder will not have supplemental material, such as faith statements, addendum and resource items. The packet and worship folder are meant to go hand in hand to help you with the flow and business of the meeting.

Please read the introductory items in the packet. These items contain information about parking, directions to the meeting, how to make motions if you wish, and information on parliamentary process.

The meetings of Presbytery have been designed to provide opportunities for the community to worship and discuss issues together, as well as do the business that is before it for consideration.

Again, welcome!

GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPATING IN PRESBYTERY MEETINGS

1. When speaking at Presbytery, please address the Moderator and not the body.
2. Introduce yourself, by stating your name, church and role.
3. Our rules are that each speaker during debate has up to two minutes to address the issue to which they are speaking. The Moderator may give a 30-second warning, so that you may conclude your remarks.
4. Only enrolled commissioners are authorized to vote on issues. Corresponding members are entitled to address the Presbytery.
5. Any motion made from the floor (be it a new motion, a substitute motion or an amended motion) must be given to the Stated Clerk in writing, at the time the motion is made.
6. Any new business must be placed in the hands of the Stated Clerk, before the approval of the docket.

SAVE THE DATES FOR 2026 PRESBYTERY MEETINGS

February 19	First, Talladega	9:30 AM – 3:00 PM
May 21	Southminster, Birmingham	9:30 AM – 3:00 PM
August 20	First Presbyterian, Tuscaloosa	9:30 AM – 3:00 PM
November 19	TBD	9:30 AM – 3:00 PM

GENERAL NOTES FOR THIS MEETING

1. The offering for this meeting will go to the **Commission on Preparation for Ministry's scholarship fund and the Presbytery Pastoral Care fund**. Please make checks payable to *Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley* or you may use the *QR code to the right*. Please indicate your donation as “*Presbytery offering*”.
2. Requests to include **audio-visual presentations** at the Presbytery Meeting should be addressed to Tammy Strickland at tstrickland@pslpcusa.org no later than Friday, February 13, 2026
3. Requests for an **excused absence** from today's meeting should be addressed to the Stated Clerk, Marilyn Tucker-Marek at statedclerk@pslpcusa.org or 205-978-0320, ext. 305.
4. Please contact Tammy Strickland at tstrickland@pslpcusa.org by Friday, November 13, 2026 to reserve display space (tables) for this meeting.



Please turn in your hanging name badge when the meeting is concluded.

STAY CONNECTED

If you would like to receive the Presbytery newsletter, please contact Tammy at tstrickland@pslpcusa.org. For more information about the Presbytery, please visit our website at <http://www.pslpcusa.org>.

LUNCH

First, Talladega is graciously preparing lunch (\$15) for attendees of this meeting (cash or check only). Please purchase tickets during registration. Make checks for lunch payable to **First Presbyterian Church, Talladega**.

DIRECTIONS to FIRST PRESBYTERIAN, TALLADEGA

130 North Street, Talladega, AL 35160 (256) 362-6191

YOU ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO CARPOOL. The church is on the corner of North Street and Hill Street, one block from the Courthouse Square. There is limited church parking, but volunteers will help direct you to other available parking. Street parking is permitted on North Street from the church to the Square and around the Square and on Hill Street. Please do not park in front of bank or at Alabama Power!

You may enter any door. Registration will be in the Narthex.

From I-20: Take exit 168 in Lincoln; Turn right on Hwy 77 toward Talladega. Follow 77 into town. It will turn right at the stoplight opposite Jacks. Continue to East Street at the Courthouse Square. Turn left on East Street. The church is ahead on the left.

From 280: Head north on Hwy 21 toward Talladega. In approximately 18-19 miles, turn right onto AL-21 toward downtown Talladega. Turn left at the Courthouse Square (East Street). Go 1 block and turn right onto North Street. The church is ahead on the left.

From north of I-20: Take Hwy. 21 to Talladega. Keep going straight on North Street. The church will be on your right.

Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley
Proposed Presbytery Meeting Docket
February 19, 2026
Hosted by First Presbyterian Church, Talladega, AL

9:00 AM Registration

9:30 AM Call to Order and Opening Prayer

Moderator Jonathan Yarboro

Organization – Declaration of Quorum, Adoption of Docket, Seating of Corresponding Members, Welcome of First Time Commissioners, Welcome of Visitors, Requests for New Business to the Stated Clerk in writing by 11:00 AM

Omnibus Motion:

1. To approve the minutes of the November 20, 2025 stated meeting;
2. To approve the requests for absences from today's meeting;
3. To accept the invitation of Southminster Presbyterian Church to host the meeting of the Presbytery on May 21; and to accept the invitation of First Presbyterian Church of Tuscaloosa to host the meeting of the Presbytery on August 20.

9:45 AM Welcome from Host Church

The Rev. Leeann Scarbrough

Service of Worship and Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Host Church

Necrology

Installation of Moderator, Terry Hamilton-Poore, Vice Moderator Jothany James, and Stated Clerk Marilyn McKelvey Tucker-Marek

Presentation of stole and gavel

Words from Outgoing Moderator

Jonathan Yarboro

Words from Incoming Moderator

Terry Hamilton-Poore

Election of Bills and Overtures Committee 2026

Susan Clayton*, Jim Toomey - First, Birmingham, Deborah Thomas – First, Auburn

11:00 Transition Search Committee – General Presbyter

Jane Clayton

11:20 AM Executive Council

Jonathan Yarboro

The Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley is a Matthew 25 Presbytery where:

We do hereby commit to become a Matthew 25 mid council. We pledge to encourage 20% or more of our congregations to become Matthew 25 churches and embrace these areas of focus: Building congregational vitality; Dismantling structural racism; Eradicating systemic poverty. We

promise to keep track of the impact of our ministry and share our stories with the PC(USA) from time to time.

11:35 AM "Good News" Moment Mission Coordinator Ralls Coston

11:45 PM Nominating Caroline Kelly

12:00 PM Lunch

1:00 PM Enrichment – The History of the Presbytery's Relationship with the Congo

1:40 PM General Presbyter's "Good News" Moment Sue Westfall

1:45 PM Commission on Ministry deNay Kirkpatrick

2:00 PM Presbyterian Home for Children "Good News" Moment Doug Marshall

2:05 PM Living River "Good News" Moment Rachel Mathews

2:10 PM Stated Clerk Marilyn McKelvey Tucker-Marek

1. Reports from Administrative Commissions
2. New Business from Bills & Overtures
3. Minutes Review Plan

3:00 PM Adjournment with Prayer Moderator Terry Hamilton-Poore

Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley
Executive Council report to Presbytery
February 19, 2026

Members of Executive Council

Class of 2026

Debra Love
Neil McCarter*
Wendy Tucker
Jonathan Yarboro*

Class of 2027

Tom Bryson*
Terry Hamilton-Poore*
Terri Moon Jones
Donna Winn

Class of 2028

Leeann Scarbrough*
Joe Scrivner*
John Sculer CP
Jothany James

Action Items: None

Information Items:

The Executive Council of PSL held regular, monthly meetings in December 2025 and January 2026. The majority of EC focus has been on the ongoing work of the Transition Team. The body elected a new Stated Clerk in November. Marilyn Tucker Marek began service in that capacity in December and was able to have some transition time with outgoing Stated Clerk Jay Wilkins.

EC, together with the Transition Team, decided it would be helpful to establish a bridge team to work alongside our new Stated Clerk and General Presbyter. This team would serve for approximately six months once both positions have been filled. Michael Bailey, Deborah Love, Jothany James, and Jonathan Yarboro have agreed to serve as the bridge team.

In addition, PSL staff, EC, PSL Personnel, and the Transition Team concurred that it would be best to extend Sue Westfall's service as General Presbyter through the end of March, if needed. Sue agreed to delay her official retirement until that time. This adjustment should allow for a smoother transition to a new General Presbyter once that person is called.

In December, EC began to discuss possible priorities for 2026. In January, those priorities were solidified. They are:

1. EC will facilitate Opportunities for Enrichment at each Presbytery meeting in 2026.
2. Emphasizing and enhancing connectional nature with smaller congregations.
3. Encourage congregations to designate Pentecost Offering 2026 to the Congo Partnership Scholarship program.
4. Follow and empower redevelopment of UKirk B'ham.
5. Future connection for some congregations with Rooted Good.
6. Continued advocacy and support for Matthew 25 Initiative.

EC wants to shift the focus of presbytery meetings from hearing reports to celebrating God's good news as it continues to be revealed. The docket and requests for time to address the body will be adjusted accordingly. Our main focus should be worship, fellowship, and opportunities for enrichment.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Yarboro

Moderator / PSL Executive Council 2026



First United Presbyterian Church of Forestdale

1375 Tomahawk Rd, Birmingham, AL 35214 Phone: (205) 798-5571

Rev. Sue Westfall, General Presbyter
c/o Executive Council
Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley
3603 Lorna Ridge Drive
Birmingham, AL 35216
January 16, 2026

Dear Rev. Westfall:

On behalf of the Session and members of First United Presbyterian Church of Forestdale, we extend our heartfelt thanks for selecting our congregation to pilot the *Rooted Good* church redevelopment program. At the time the proposal was offered to us we were undergoing a serious introspection of where we were as a community of faith and where we wanted to go. Consequently, we embarked on a church-wide strategic planning process designed to realign our mission, core values, and vision. Led by a three-member team of Session members, we met for several months on Saturdays so all congregants could participate, allowing God to open our eyes and show us His will.

Rooted Good could not have come at a more opportune time. After completing that process, we began using *Rooted Good* to help us develop goals, objectives, and action plans that will validate our outcomes. Moving to a post-worship meeting time on Sundays, this exercise in church self-assessment and planning is being led by one of our young adults who effectively guides members in interviewing key community partners (schools, elected officials, residents, etc.) and engages us in identifying areas of community need in interactive workshop sessions.

While *Rooted Good* has a particular focus on using buildings for ministry and possible revenue, First United preferred to focus on mission and ministry rather than as a revenue-generating vehicle. We are currently half-way through the outlined curriculum but feel confident that we will complete the process having selected goals and objectives that meet the needs of the community, spreads the Word, and brings neighbors to Christ.

Subsequent efforts in that direction include an essential food drive sparked by the recent disruption of SNAP benefits and the use of the church building by a community group to host a Kwanzaa celebration. These mission outreach efforts are in addition to our existing Senior Citizen program that engages up to 30 seniors Monday through Friday, our Meals-on-Wheels program that feeds neighbors in need, and our partnership with Church of the



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Highlands' home renovation ministry that repairs the homes of families unable to afford commercial services.

At the end of our planning process, we intend to have a rededication service to formally adopt our new mission, vision, core values, goals, and objectives then commit them to Christ. We invite you all to come witness, bless, support, and encourage us as we go forward doing God's will for His church.

Again, thank you for allowing First United to pilot the *Rooted Good* program. We strongly recommend its use by other congregations in the Presbytery looking to revitalize their ministries or discover means of generating revenue through the mission-filled use of their facilities.

Yours in Christ,

Adrienne Royster

Gloria Lee

Carl Hughes

Adrienne Royster, Team Lead Gloria Lee, Clerk of Session Carl Hughes, Commissioned Elder

Mission Coordinator Report to Presbytery, Feb. 19, 2026

1. The Presbyterian Church's Pentecost Offering has been discontinued. In response, the Executive Council has approved an Offering for Congo Missions, to be collected during Pentecost. The Presbytery's Congo Mission Team will use the funds collected by this Offering to fund projects in DR Congo. There will be more announcements about the Congo Offering in the upcoming weeks.
2. At today's meeting of the Presbytery, we will be showing the PowerPoint presentation about the history of Presbyterian missions Congo and our Presbytery's relationship with the Presbyterian churches in DR Congo. This PowerPoint presentation was shown at the October meeting of the Congo Mission Network, which was hosted by Brown Memorial Presbyterian Church.
3. To avoid confusion, please remember that the Congo Offering to be received at Pentecost is different from the Pentecost Can-Paign, which will be received in July. The Pentecost Can-Paign is a hunger offering, to combat hunger in Alabama.
4. Lastly, we are planning to sponsor another Habitat for Humanity house in the Birmingham area in 2026. Please contact Ralls Coston, rcoston@pslpcusa.org, if you have any questions.

Committee: Congo Partnership

Committee Chair(s): Lydia Wilfong

Meeting date(s) since last stated Presbytery Meeting: We met January 12 and will meet again Feb 6 at 10:00 at the Presbytery Office

Summary of Subjects discussed and/or Actions Taken: We requested, and the executive council approved, that we promote a Pentecost Offering for Congo this year. At our Feb 6 meeting we will consider how best to publicize this offering to all our churches. Support for our partners in Congo has declined in recent years and we want to encourage all our churches to become involved going forward.

Actions Items to be presented for Presbytery Approval:

Other Items about which you wish to make a verbal presentation at the next Stated Presbytery Meeting:

The Pentecost Offering for Congo.

Committee on Nominating and Representation
Caroline Kelly, Chair
Report to the PSL Stated Meeting – February 20, 2026

No meetings since the last Presbytery meeting.

For action:

The Committee nominates the following to fill a new term as indicated:

Anti-Racism Committee
Class of 2028
Lukata Mjumbe*

Respectfully submitted,
Caroline Kelly
Moderator

For information:

We are seeking ruling elders to serve in each of the following:

1 for the Class of 2028, Commission on Ministry
1 for the Class of 2027 and 1 in the Class of 2028, Anti-Racism Committee
1 for the Class of 2028, Trustees

If you are interested in any position, or wish to recommend someone, please contact any member on the Committee on Nominating and Representation.

Class of 2026
Madison Roberts*
Kathy Tracey
Lee Walthall

Class of 2027
Caroline Kelly*
Jim Holland
Ron Parsons

Class of 2028
Judith Baldwin
Caryl Privett
Jonathan Yarboro*

Committee: Commission on Ministry

Committee Chair(s): deNay Kirkpatrick, Commissioned Pastor and the Reverend Nick Reed, Co-Moderators

**Meeting date(s) since last stated Presbytery Meeting: December 10, 2025 and January 13, 2026
- possible meeting to be held February 10, 2026**

Summary of Subjects discussed and/or Actions Taken:

Information Items:

- 1. Honor the retirement of the Reverend Richard Atkerson**
- 2. Report from the Co-Directors of the Commissioned Pastor program**
- 3. Thanked the Rev. Jonathan Yarboro, the Rev. Elizabeth O'Neill, Elder Charles Nash, and Pastor Carl Martin for their years of faithful service to the COM**
- 4. Nick Reed and deNay Kirkpatrick were elected Co-Moderators and Rachel Winter was elected Clerk for the 2026 year.**
- 5. Reverend Yoo Chang Bang was given permission to serve outside the bounds of our presbytery at the Open Kingdom Korean Presbyterian Church in Montgomery, Alabama. It is a PCA church. He is serving in PC(USA) campus ministry in the Montgomery area and will continue to do so while also serving at Open Kingdom.**
- 6. COM voted to concur with Lee Cleveland serving as a representative for the Enduring Legacy Committee.**
- 7. Separation Guidelines for Stated Clerk and General Presbyter were approved.**
- 8. Along with Michael Bailey, Moderator of the Personnel Committee, held an exit interview with the Rev. Sue Westfall**

Actions Items to be presented for Presbytery Approval:

- 1. Approve the Supply Relationship List for 2026.**
- 2. Approve the request from Lindsey Becker-Brady to lay aside her ordination (G-2.0507) and remove her from our role.**

Respectfully submitted,

deNay Kirkpatrick, Commissioned Pastor, Co-Moderator

The Reverend Nick Reed, Co-Moderator

Other Items about which you wish to make a verbal presentation at the next Stated Presbytery Meeting: none

Report of Co-Directors of Commissioned Pastor Program

Plans to begin a new class of educating persons interested in serving as Commissioned Pastors (CP) will begin on **Saturday, August 22** with a one-day retreat at Living River. We had hoped to start classes earlier in the year, but we are trying to get a new curriculum in place which is taking longer than expected.

We are asking all pastors to think prayerfully about identifying people in your congregation who might be a good candidate for this training. The small churches in our Presbytery have benefitted greatly from the leadership of CPs over the last 20 + years and the need is still there for dedicated leaders.

If anyone is interested, we encourage you to self-refer following the guidelines found on the Presbytery website.

Information packets are also available on the display table outside the sanctuary today.

The deadline for applications is April 30, 2026. All instructions and materials are available on the Presbytery website under "Resources." Applications should be emailed to John and Sharon Schuler at: cp-cre@pslpcusa.org.

If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to call or text John or Sharon at these numbers:

John Schuler Cell Phone: 850-218-0660

Sharon Schuler Cell Phone: 850-218-2788



Churches requesting permission to continue supply relationships for 2026:

- a. **Calvary** requests permission to continue their relationship with Lisa Winston.
- b. **Cahaba Springs** requests permission to continue their relationship with deNay Kirkpatrick. Terms \$13,860 yr
- c. **Dodson Memorial** requests permission to continue their relationship with David Lyons. Terms \$300 each Sunday
- d. **First, Jacksonville** requests permission to continue their relationship with David Lyons and Terry Tingle – Terms \$175 plus mileage and with Rev. Shelaine Bird – Terms \$225 plus mileage.
- e. **First Sylacauga** requests permission to continue their relationship with Charles Sims through August 31, 2026
- f. **Gardendale** requests permission to continue their relationship with Jeff Bonner – Terms \$17,160 yr.
- g. **Goodwater** requests permission to continue their relationship with Pete McElrath, Jeff Coker and Paul Golden – Terms \$250 per Sunday.
- h. **Green Pond** requests permission to continue their relationship with Beverly Dodson. Terms \$150 week
- i. **Leeds** requests permission to continue their relationship with Sharon Eich – Terms \$175 per Sunday
- j. **Marion Junction** requests permission to continue their relationship with George Wood.
- k. **Montevallo** requests permission to continue their relationship with Wayne McLaughlin. Terms \$270 each Sunday
- l. **Pisgah** requests permission to continue their relationship with Ira Blanchard. Terms \$3,250 yr.
- m. **Riverchase** requests permission to continue their relationship with Robert Emerick- Terms \$1854 month
- n. **Union Springs** requests permission to continue their relationship with Bill Sauser – Terms \$800 per month
- o. **Valley Creek** requests permission to continue their relationship with David Hodo. No salary
- p. **Westminster, Tuskegee** requests permission to continue their relationship with Michael Thurman. Terms \$301.92 per Sunday
- q.

Committee: Presbyterian Home for Children (Mission Partner)

Committee Chair(s): Doug Marshall, President

Meeting date(s) since last stated Presbytery Meeting: N/A

Summary of Subjects discussed and/or Actions Taken: N/A

Actions Items to be presented for Presbytery Approval: N/A

Other Items about which you wish to make a verbal presentation at the next Stated Presbytery Meeting: 5 min or more update on the PHFC

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MR. DOUG MARSHALL
President/CEO

January 29, 2026

Dear Friends in Christ,

2025 was a big year for PHFC as we made significant investments as part of a multi-year plan to renovate our historic 80-acre campus and strengthen services addressing housing instability, family separation, educational barriers, and trauma-related needs. These efforts reflect a growing emphasis on stability, hope and long-term healing for the children and families PHFC serves. We are excited about restoring our historic chapel and providing a place for residents, staff and guests to meditate, reflect and pray. Our Director of Spiritual Life Rev. Leeann Scarbrough will have an office there where individuals can come for guidance and grace.



We are completing our new playground for small children and families on campus to enjoy. The accompanying pavilion will be named in memory of Felicia Ayers Storey, honoring her nearly 40 years of faithful service and leadership at the Home. Our dear leader and friend passed away in February 2023.

We formed an innovative partnership with Talladega College's Social Work program that allows their social work students to complete practicum instruction alongside our experienced social workers. This will help them gain hands-on experience while serving our moms and children, as well as young women without children who live on our campus. Students will work directly with clients who receive support with housing, budgeting, education assistance,



transportation, parenting classes, and healing from crisis and trauma. This partnership strengthens our mission while preparing compassionate, skilled social workers to make a lasting impact in our communities.

The Home also expanded our relationship with Talladega College and their new President Willie Todd, Jr. – pictured sitting with me and our leaders above – by offering the option for their students in need to participate in our Transition to Adult Living program. This program helps young women ages 19-26 who are without a strong support system. They come to live on our campus and get full wrap-around program supports until they're ready to fly.

In November, we told you about our new initiative in our Secure Dwellings Program that currently provides safe and secure housing for children and their female caregivers that need a home, like Olivia and her two boys pictured at First Decatur Cottage. Through our new Family Unity Center, we have been working with DHR to help moms who have lost custody of their children due to unsuitable housing regain custody. They move onto our campus, and we stabilize and strengthen the moms and then we advocate for them with DHR to get their children back. Once they regain custody of their children, they can move into one of our Secure Dwellings cottages with our other families or into suitable housing within the community. We have already seen success in this program with one mom getting her three children back in late January with the help of our social workers advocating for her in court!



Education remains a cornerstone of our impact. At Ascension Leadership Academy, our K-12 private school, we opened an entire new floor to accommodate growth and prepare room for more students. The school has seen a lot of success in helping families access the state's CHOOSE Act scholarship, making high-quality, personalized education more accessible. And, looking ahead to 2026, ALA plans to enroll 20 additional students through the CHOOSE Act. Ascension is located at



First Presbyterian Church of Talladega, who is hosting the Presbytery meeting in February. We are very grateful for the special mission partnership with this faithful congregation and are looking forward to welcoming everyone to Ascension and to our beautiful campus under renovations on your way home.

PHFC also continued to expand Caminos®, our specialized program serving unaccompanied migrant minors off campus in homes across Alabama and neighboring states. Through home studies and post-release services in partnership with the US Office of Refugee Resettlement, Caminos® helps ensure children are placed in safe environments and connected to essential resources.

The Home grew our Mission Outreach in Wilcox County, where families face some of the state's highest poverty rates. This fall, we expanded to support 250 elementary students at a school in Pine Hill through a new Caring Closet that provides food, clothing, school supplies, access to laundry equipment, and faith-based encouragement. We hope to add two more Caring Closets at the other elementary schools in Wilcox County this year.



In November 2025, Rev. Brandon Miles, who was our Moderator, and I wrote a letter to our Board after our Strategic Planning Retreat in October. I wanted to share a part of that letter regarding the early framework of a long-term strategic plan for PHFC. "To accomplish this, committees and staff are being assigned follow-up items across the major priority areas identified at the retreat: mission clarity, program alignment, financial sustainability governance, development, culture of faith and wholeness, community partnerships, and performance management. This update includes an action plan with assigned roles for committees and staff to complete a long-term strategic plan for the PHFC. The work we do in the coming months will set the tone for the coming years. We pray this time might be a holy time, a time of diligent work, while also pausing to listen to the still small voice of God moving amongst us and with us. As we move into this new chapter, we are embracing what Henri Nouwen called active waiting. A posture of slowing down enough to listen for God's direction while still taking responsible, purposeful steps forward. Active waiting is not inactivity. It is discernment with intention. It is planning at the pace of the Spirit. It is strategic thinking rooted in trust. In that spirit, our committees and leadership team are

invited to begin the careful work of mission refinement, financial analysis, partnership evaluation, and program alignment. Thank you for your willingness to embrace this rhythm of listening and leading. The path ahead is hopeful as we walk it together, with God's steady guidance."

As always, we are deeply grateful for the Presbytery's prayers, encouragement, and steadfast partnership. Your support sustains this ministry and makes it possible for PHFC to respond faithfully and creatively to the needs God places before us. We remain committed to walking alongside you as we seek God's guidance, trusting that the Spirit is at work in the lives of the children and families we serve and in the church that surrounds them. Thank you for journeying with us in hope, discernment, and shared mission.

Thanks be to God!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Doug Marshall". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Doug Marshall

President and CEO

February 2026 Newsletter

Living River Annual Report, 2025



Living River's Impact

- Living River served over 360 kids and youth in 2025:
 - Living River's retreats and Summer Camp served 226 kids and youth.
 - With your generous help, 15 campers were able to attend summer camp with almost full scholarship plus 11 campers from Wilcox Co. with full scholarships.
 - Field trips served 134 kids and youth.
- Over 300 individual visitors come to Living River either enjoying the property during an Open day or participating in Fall River Fest, 2025. This year at Fall River Fest, Alabama's Poet Laureate, Ashley Jones, and Poet Jermaine Thompson shared poems and stories plus live music, river walks, painting, and more!
- A diversity of rental groups booked and enjoyed retreats at Living River throughout the year, including two week-long Civil Rights Pilgrimages, one from Wisconsin and one from California. Over 900 people found *connection in a sacred place* as a part of a retreat group.
- The University of Alabama Atkinson Mussel Lab, Alabama Aquatic Biodiversity Center, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services monitored species, and Cahaba Riverkeeper continued water testing.

Thank you to Living River's 2025 donors!

All donations of time, talent, and resources of every size made Living River's ministry possible last year! Bolded names are **Bedrock Sustaining Donors**. Bedrock Program details are on Living River's website.

Anonymous Donor	Carolyn Collins	Edward Gilmore	Jeanne Jackson
Barrett Abernethy	Ralls & Denise Coston	Pat & Charles Goodman	Frank & Jothany James
Robert & Ree Almon	Frank Covington	Michael & Gillian	Carl & Julie Jamison
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Sharon & Les Thagard
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Thank you to the Calhoun Presbyterian Apartments Foundation, Inc., for painting the exteriors of five of its eight buildings to preserve their integrity and help attract new retreat groups, camper families, and partners.

Thank you to The Independent Presbyterian Church Foundation for renewing a grant for a development staff position. Dedicated staff attention to development and programming is essential for Living River's growth.

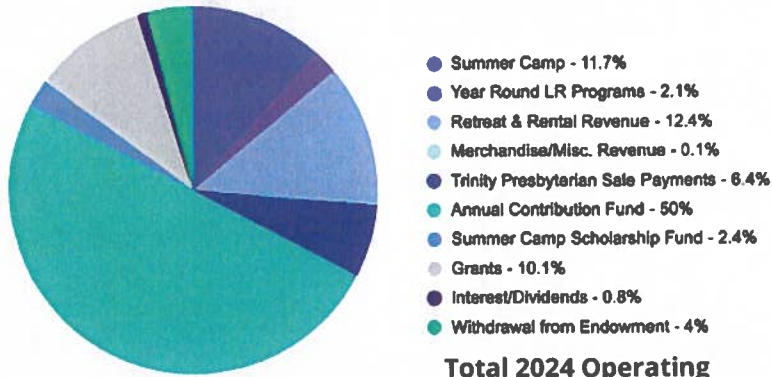
Thank you to the Southminster Presbyterian Church Foundation for a grant to put shade over Living River's outdoor recreation area.

Edgewood Presbyterian Church
First Presbyterian Church Auburn
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First Presbyterian Church Wetumpka
Grace Presbyterian Church
Immanuel Presbyterian Church
Independent Presbyterian Church
Montevallo Presbyterian Church
Mountain Brook Presbyterian Church

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 Presbyterian Women, Brown Memorial
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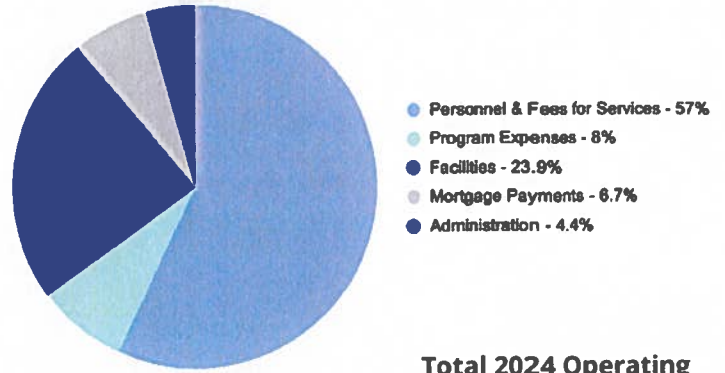
Financial Review of 2025

Living River's Sources of Funds, 2025



Total 2024 Operating Revenue: \$477,366

Living River's Uses of Funds, 2025



Total 2024 Operating Expenses: \$446,754

Exciting Ways to Make an Impact through Living River

Living River's endowment, the Living River Legacy Fund, grew to \$496,200 in 2025. **Please consider bequests to the Living River Legacy Fund in your will or by designating donations to the Legacy Fund.** A 4% annual endowment draw supports Living River's operations. Imagine what will be possible as the Living River Legacy Fund grows!



Help Living River retire its mortgage by Jenny's retirement, July 2027

When Jenny started as Living River's Executive Director in 2018, Living River's mortgage was over \$1 million. The mortgage balance now stands at \$78,205! With regular monthly payments, the mortgage would be paid off in 2.5 years. Help Living River pay it off early by July 2027 as a retirement gift to Living River's longtime, faithful leader, Jenny, and free up more funds for Living River programming!



Living River's Capital Improvement Fund

To perform preventive maintenance and replace appliances as needed, Living River aims to maintain a capital improvement fund of at least \$150,000. Consider helping Living River raise \$60,000 to replenish its Capital Improvement fund. Thank you!

To donate or learn more about Living River visit www.livingriver.org.

2026 Living River Calendar

April 11-13 You & Me Retreat
May 27-June 6 Counselor Training
June 8-13 Night Owl Camp and Elementary Camp 1
June 16-20 Creative Camp
June 22-26 Elementary Camp 2
June 27-29 You & Me Camp
October 19 Fall River Fest
November 9-11 Elementary Retreat

Open Days
Feb. 14 July 18
March 21 Aug. 15
April 11 Sept. 19
May 9 Nov. 21
June 20 Dec. 19

Other Opportunities at Living River

Share the Counselor in Training (CIT) opportunity! High schoolers can be CITs at elementary or creative camps, a great way to learn and build friendships!
Volunteer to help with administrative tasks, maintenance projects, or for Summer Camp. As a small staff, Living River can use help with mailings, facilities projects, and adult leadership, kitchen help, or nursing for summer camp! Email office@livingriver.org with any questions.

Executive Director's Corner

It's always a bit of a nail-biter when we turn the corner at year-end to wait on the December contributions to be deposited, and the final bills to be paid. We received an email from our incredible bookkeeper, Wendy Tucker, after everything had been reconciled, with the first sentence of **"What an amazing year at Living River!"** Big exhale, and a whoop of joy!

Many thanks to Rachel for her good work in raising funds, obtaining grants, developing donors, building relationships, and developing programs; Brett's good work in staying under budget by making repairs that could have been contracted out, taking on cleaning duties, and monitoring utility costs; and Greg's good work in providing assistance and hospitality to our retreat groups. Living River operated within our budget, and donations totaling \$238,601 exceeded our \$207,000 target. Wendy also noted that Living River had never broken the \$200,000 threshold for individual contributions. More importantly, is the impact Living River has had on campers, organizations, and congregations who have been our guests this past year. We appreciate each of you who sees and supports Living River's work as we strive to steward this sacred space on the Cahaba for connection to self, others, nature, and God. -Jenny Thagard



LIVING RIVER

A RETREAT ON THE CAHABA

2000 Living River Parkway
Montevallo, AL 35115



Report from the Stated Clerk, Rev. Marilyn McKelvey Tucker-Marek

Administrative Commissions and Response Teams: See the included report from the Administrative Commission to Providence Presbyterian Church.

Bills and Overtures

Deadlines for the 227th General Assembly February 22, 2026: All reports from General Assembly entities, all overtures with constitutional implications, all requests for authoritative interpretation; April 22, 2026: All overtures without constitutional implications and the report of the Advisory Committee on the Constitution.

Action Item: Overtures to the 227th General Assembly, “Changing Course for a Green Future” and “The Green Future Endowment Fund,” presented for the concurrence of the Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley by: The Rev. Sam Hamilton-Poore, Teaching Elder serving Montevallo Presbyterian Church; Jim Carnes, Ruling Elder Commissioner to Presbytery from First Presbyterian Church, Birmingham; and The Rev. Leanne Pearce Reed, Teaching Elder and Co Pastor serving Southminster Presbyterian Church.

Congregational Statistical Reports: The deadline for congregational statistical reports from 2025 is Friday, February 20th, 2026. Statistical Reports should receive session approval before being submitted. The Presbytery has until March 13, 2026 to submit statistical reports, so if a congregation misses the Feb. 20 deadline, please provide the statistical report information (using the form in this packet), to the Stated Clerk by March 10, 2026, and she can submit it on behalf of a congregation.

2025 Session Minutes Review Plan: Saturday, May 16, 2026 from 10am-12pm there will be a Presbytery-wide minutes review event online. Electronic minutes from congregations who wish to participate must be submitted to Tammy Strickland and Marilyn Tucker-Marek, by Monday, May 11, 2026. Minutes will be uploaded to basecamp, and participants will be assigned another congregation’s minutes to read and review. It is recommended that those participating in this minutes review event have two devices (or two screens) available for use, one on which to read and review minutes, and one on which to participate in the Zoom event.

Churches that wish to provide their minutes in print form to the Stated Clerk should bring those minutes to the stated Presbytery meeting on Thursday, May 21, 2026. Minutes will be reviewed and returned at the stated Presbytery meeting on Thursday, August 20, 2026. If this is a congregation’s preferred minutes review option, please do NOT provide the only copy of session minutes when submitting them for review. Please make a photocopy, provide the Stated Clerk with the copy of the session minutes, and keep the original copy for session records and reference.

Administrative Commission Report to Presbytery
Providence AC
February 19, 2026

The Providence Presbyterian Church Administrative Commission is winding down its work. Here is a summary of actions that have taken place since the last meeting of presbytery:

- Session requested that the AC assume Original Jurisdiction, effective January 19, 2026. The AC will remain active until the final legal paperwork regarding dissolution of Providence as a 501c3 entity in the state.
- Sale of all Providence Property to ARC of Montgomery closed mid-October. Proceeds of the sale have been deposited with The Presbyterian Foundation and a process for distribution will begin January 2026. The proceeds were set up in a sinking fund investment in order to ensure that net proceeds are delivered to recipients without incurring any fees or other reductions.
- Twelve mission partners will receive a portion of the net sale of the property. The three main recipients are The Presbyterian Home for Children, Meals on Wheels of Montgomery, and Medical Outreach Ministries. Nine other organizations will receive donations to enhance ministry, including The Presbyterian Association of Musicians (PAM). The Legacy Fund for Enduring Witness of Presbytery will also be a recipient.

Respectfully submitted,

Wes Padgett – Elder, Providence, Krysten Holloway – Elder, Westminster Birmingham
Jerry Sailor – Elder, Providence, Sue Westfall – General Presbyter, PSL
Jonathan Yarboro – Pastor, First Wetumpka

The Rev. Marilyn McKelvey Tucker-Marek
Stated Clerk
Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley

Dear Rev. Tucker-Marek:

We request that our presbytery concur with the actions of the Presbytery of Cayuga Syracuse in approving two overtures to the 227th General Assembly (2026) of the Presbyterian Church (USA): “Changing Course for a Green Future” and “The Green Future Endowment Fund”. We hope this can be done at our next meeting on February 19, 2026.

These two overtures were prepared by members of the Advocacy Committee of Presbyterians for Earth Care—a nationwide, grassroots organization of Presbyterians committed to caring for God’s creation through prayer, action, advocacy, and education.

For decades, the Presbyterian Church (USA) has called upon the church at every level to practice and promote caring stewardship for God’s creation as central to Christian discipleship. Throughout these decades, the crisis of climate change has been repeatedly the subject of great and dire concern to the PCUSA. Both attached overtures seek to address concrete ways in which our denomination may respond to this crisis by continuing to align our financial practices with our faith values.

Thank you for your assistance in placing these important overtures before the presbytery on February 19, 2026.

Wishing you Christ’s peace,

Jim Carnes
Ruling Elder
First Presbyterian Church, Birmingham
Commissioner to Presbytery

The Rev. Sam Hamilton-Poore
Teaching Elder
Montevallo Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Leanne Pearce Reed
Teaching Elder
Co Pastor, Southminster Presbyterian Church

Changing Course for a Green Future

In concurrence with the action of the Presbytery of Cayuga Syracuse, the Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley overtures the 227th General Assembly (2026) of the Presbyterian Church (USA) to:

1. Declare that the continued investment of PC(USA) funds in the exploration, development, extraction, refinement, transportation, and sale of fossil fuels is incompatible with the mission and goals of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and our call to serve as faithful stewards of creation.¹
2. Commend The Presbyterian Foundation and The Board of Pensions for reducing their fossil fuel and (aggregated) energy sector holdings (respectively).²
3. Commend the many faith institutions, including the World Council of Churches on their decisions to remove fossil fuel investments from their portfolios, answering “the prophetic call to care for our common home and stand in solidarity with those who suffer most from climate injustice.”³
4. Affirm that the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has satisfied the substantive requirements of The Divestment Strategy: Ethical and Institutional Context (1984)—and any successor policy which may be adopted by the General Assembly—for determining when divestment is warranted with respect to the fossil fuel industry.
5. Call upon all PC(USA)-related fiduciaries, to:
 - a. Undertake the orderly removal of investments from all companies whose primary business (more than 50% of annual profit) is based on the extraction, refinement, transport or sale of fossil fuels, with the goal of fully completing this divestment by 2030 or as soon thereafter as prudent management allows;
 - b. Cease from initiating new investments in such companies; and
 - c. Seek suitable opportunities in renewable energy sectors that meet established ethical and risk-return criteria.

¹ The Divestment Strategy: Principles and Criteria, MINUTES, 196th GENERAL ASSEMBLY, PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.), May 29-June 6, 1984, Phoenix, Arizona. This policy clearly states that “divestment of holdings can be in a particular firm or class of firms and that this is both part of the normal management of funds and *potentially an occasion for Christian witness to God’s call for justice and renewal of society.* [emphasis added] (Paragraph 25.202.) Also see paragraphs 25. 204 and 261

² Between 2018 and 2025 PF moved from 5.14% to 2.24% of total investments and the BoP from 4% in 2019 to 1% of total energy sector investments as of September, 2025. The dollar value of these two combined is still a combined estimated total of around \$141,772,800.

³<https://oikoumene.org/what-we-do/care-for-creation-and-climate-justice/ecumenical-decade-of-climate-justice-action>

6. Direct the Unified Agency through its Mission Responsibility Through Investment (MRTI), the Office of Faith Based Investing and other components) to:
 - a. Continue and expand the church's stockholder advocacy efforts to resist lending and insurance institution practices as directed in the "Green Future" policy adopted by the 225th G.A.
 - b. Encourage all Unified Agency program components to advocate for a just global transition away from fossil fuels and toward ethically produced renewable sources of energy and to stand with local communities who suffer either from the the harms of the fossil fuel industry and climate injustice or the dislocations of the energy transition.
7. Direct the Stated Clerk to:
 - a. Inform all appropriate Church constituencies and church and public media outlets, and ecumenical partners of the passage of this overture;
 - b. Encourage governing bodies, institutions, congregations, and members to engage in theological reflection and advocacy concerning the harms of fossil fuel dependence and the need for a just energy transition; and
 - c. Provide pastoral care to any among our Presbyterian household who may experience dis-ease with the Church's decision or dislocation or other negative consequences which will result from the energy transition envisioned in this overture.

Rationale

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has long affirmed that caring for God's creation is central to our discipleship and our public witness. In doing so we have repeatedly proclaimed our corporate commitment to teaching and practices which will fulfill the mandate in the book of Genesis for humankind to be "keepers and nurturers" of the earth. (Genesis 2:15).

In light of humanity's failures in this regard, and seeking to amend our own efforts as a church, the 226th (2024) General Assembly recommitted the PC(USA) to align its program with that of the global efforts of the United Nations to battle human caused climate change by prioritizing "... responses to the urgent needs associated with the existential threats of the climate crisis, including those related to limiting global warming to well below two degrees Celsius, as outlined in the Paris Agreement. . ." and "transitioning away from fossil fuels in a just, orderly and equitable manner, accelerating action in this critical decade. . . ." ⁴

Why is this decade critical? Why the focus on fossil fuels? Greenhouse gasses produced from extraction, production and use of fossil fuels comprise around 70

⁴ ENV-06

percent of climate changing emissions. The global scientific consensus confirms that the world must make significant emissions reductions by 2030 to avoid temperatures which will be catastrophic for all life.⁵ We already are experiencing many of these consequences in the form of “super-sized” weather events which wreak havoc on all in their path but disproportionately impact those least equipped to recover.

In its adoption of Investing in A Green Future: A Vision for a Renewed Creation, the 225th General Assembly confessed our denomination’s failure to take sufficient action to implement the “turnaround decade” proclaimed in the 1990 Assembly’s *Restoring Creation for Ecology and Justice*. In each of these, (and many more) statements, the Church recognized that faithful stewardship of the earth requires both confession and concrete change. The current overture seeks to bring our Church’s financial practices into alignment with the commitments we have already made by describing the kind of change demanded by the repentance we have offered.

The “Green Future” policy also underscored that the Church’s financial practices must align with its commitments to creation care, encouraging individuals, congregations, and church entities to evaluate how their investments contribute to climate harm and to consider shifting resources toward renewable and just energy systems. In its supporting rationale for that document, ACSWP noted that investment decisions across all levels of the Church have direct moral implications and called for discernment around our denominational investments that reflect our responsibility to safeguard God’s good creation.

Despite these clear policy foundations, the denomination continues to maintain significant investments in fossil fuel companies—companies whose core business activities remain a primary driver of the climate crisis. Our current engagement strategy has yielded only limited improvement in corporate behavior related to emissions from their operations and does not address the larger reality that the products of this industry, when used exactly as intended, are destabilizing the global climate. As a result, our existing investment posture remains out of step with the theological commitments and moral direction repeatedly expressed by past General Assemblies.

Our denominational stockholder strategy related to fossil fuel companies is focused only on harms resulting from company activities but not on their products. This, in essence, is the reason we must divest: to send a clear message regarding our refusal to continue to enable the production of products which are poisoning the planet and wreaking havoc on the most vulnerable of our siblings. Our current strategy of investing millions of dollars in these businesses in order to maintain a “seat at the table” comes at too great a price as it contributes to the very harms we claim to want to heal, as well as undermining the integrity of our Christian witness. We believe, with the leaders of the Laudato Si movement in the Catholic Church, that, “By

⁵ IPCC Synthesis Report, 2023, <https://www.ipcc.ch/report/sixth-assessment-report-cycle/>

divesting from fossil fuel companies, faith institutions remove the social licence of fossil fuel companies to continue pursuing new fossil fuel projects and exacerbating the climate crisis.”⁶

Our strategy as related to fossil fuel companies must now shift to advocacy with lending institutions and end users of fossil fuels and to the social, political, legal and moral spheres, some of which may be achieved through MRTI and others through the Office of Public Witness, the Office of the Stated Clerk and other programmatic initiatives. Communities in need of support in their struggles with fossil fuel companies that pollute and abuse or the economic dislocation associated with the energy transition, may be assured that we have not abandoned them because we have other means of providing assistance and support than through our current practice of stockholder engagement.

While we acknowledge the preference, inherent in our Reformed theological tradition, to practice stockholder advocacy as a strategy for exerting leverage toward outcomes aligned with God’s vision for humanity, we believe that, having pursued the engagement course for decades, divestment is the more faithful choice at this point in time. For the sake of our public witness, as well as our commitment to address environmental racism and other forms of climate injustice, we must take our stand with and give voice to those who have been, as our Brief Statement of Faith puts it, “long silenced”: the poor, marginalized, future generations, and the creatures of the planet, with no voice in our decision processes.

A Green Future is Possible Now and Saves Lives and Money.⁷ Today, we have viable, cheaper and safer alternatives to fossil fuels with solar, wind, hydropower and battery storage. This action will bring our investments into alignment with the 225th General Assembly’s call for all congregations, mid councils and agencies to “Work toward a goal of 100% renewable energy . . . by 2030 by practicing energy efficiency, purchasing our power from renewable energy sources and investing in the development of renewable energy.”

While as individuals we are still often dependent on or even addicted to living lives deeply intertwined with fossil fuels, we are called as a Church to move forward into the

⁶ From the Catholic Church’s Laudato Si Divestment COP 30 announcement letter of September 15, 2025. https://laudatosimovement.org/news/no-faith-in-fossil-fuels-join-the-global-divestment-announcement-ahead-of-cop30/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_term=2025-10-31&utm_campaign=Hope+gratitude+and+care+for+creation+November+Prayer+Guide

⁷ See: “The Precautionary Principle: Managing Technological Risks to Protect Humanity and our Planet,” Approved by the 223rd General Assembly (2018) I. AFFIRMATION AND DESCRIPTION OF PRECAUTIONARY RESPONSIBILITIES “In retrospect, the climate change crisis reflects the widespread failure of market systems to assess and reduce the impacts of fossil fuel use.”

new day of renewable energy and away from our corporate financial investments in the polluting production and use of fossil fuels. By acting now to redirect our investments away from fossil fuels and toward a more sustainable future, we believe our denomination will more faithfully embody the fruits of repentance previous assemblies have called for and strengthen our witness to God's justice, care, and hope for creation.

The Green Future Endowment Fund¹

In concurrence with the action of the Presbytery of Cayuga Syracuse, the Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley overtures the 227th General Assembly (2026) of the Presbyterian Church (USA) to:

1. Declare that expressions of denominational (i.e. corporate) confession and repentance, as well as the Christian witness and example of the PC(USA), require corporate accountability and response.
2. Affirm that as recently as 2022, with the adoption of “Investing in A Green Future: A Vision for a Renewed Creation”, we confessed to our Church’s failure to live up to past commitments to cherish the earth entrusted to our care and expressed our intention to undertake actions involving our “treasure and vision” in the pursuit of restoration and healing.²
3. Establish a permanent endowment fund created and held in perpetuity by the Presbyterian Foundation in their Fossil Free Investments on behalf of the General Assembly from which The Foundation will make spending formula payments available to the PCUSA, A Corporation to be disbursed in turn to the Unified Agency or its successor to make grants for the following restricted purposes:
 - a. To support greenhouse gas emission reduction, renewable energy transition, and adaptation to climate change;
 - b. To support restorative processes in and to address harms suffered by marginalized communities and natural habitats within the U.S. and abroad as a result of extractive damage, environmental racism and systemic climate change; and
 - c. To address dislocation and community harms related to the transition to renewable energy sources.
4. Direct the Unified Agency (or its successor) to assign a group of six people to a Green Future Fund Design Team (or simply DT), consisting of three staff representing programmatic, (especially the Center for Repair of Historic Harms), as well as financial components of the Unified Agency, and three at-large persons, meeting virtually over the course of the coming two years to design administrative protocols for a “Green Future Endowment Fund” and report back to the 228th (2028) General Assembly.

¹ This overture seeks to implement the vision of the 218th and 225th General Assemblies in their adoption of “The Power to Change: U.S. Energy Policy and Global Warming”, recommendation 3.b, and “Investing in a Green Future: A Vision for a Renewed Creation, recommendation 3

² IBID. Recommendation #3

- a. Request that the DT explore options for amount and method of capitalization of the fund.³
 - b. Request the Design Team, Unified Agency, and Presbyterian Foundation to consult and if feasible, proceed with establishing the fund account or a temporary account if advised, for the purpose of receiving contributions prior to the adoption of the DT report.⁴
 - i. Request the DT consider recommending a “Green Future Grants Committee” housed within the appropriate office of the Unified Agency, composed of five to nine persons, possibly including representatives of the denomination’s Center for the Repair of Historic Harms and the ecumenical “Center for Jubilee Practice.”⁵
5. Direct the Stated Clerk to:
- a. Inform all appropriate Church constituencies and church and public media outlets, and ecumenical partners of the passage of this overture;
 - b. Encourage governing bodies, institutions, congregations, and members to prayerfully consider making financial contributions to the fund; and
 - c. Promote connections with ecumenical and interfaith restorative justice efforts which may enhance the effectiveness of this initiative.

Rationale

Repentance is a practice rooted in scripture. It is more than expressing sorrow for our past actions but includes the kinds of future-oriented changes in direction which John the Baptist called “the fruits of repentance”.⁶ Jesus also embraced this. In the

³ These sources should include possible contributions from Presbyterian Women, congregations, philanthropies, companies, etc as well as unassigned General Assembly funds and the sale of church properties, with the goal of beginning the granting process within ten (10) years of the fund’s establishment but not before the 228th General Assembly adopts the Green Future Fund Design Team report in 2028

⁴ The DT should plan to communicate the existence of the Green Future Endowment Fund initiative immediately following its formation so that potential contributors may begin to participate in its capitalization prior to the official establishment after the receipt of the Green Future Fund Design Team’s report to the next Assembly. The endowment fund will then be officially established by the Foundation upon direction from the Unified Agency that the work of the DT as set forth in this overture is complete.

⁵ These individuals should possess the requisite skills for evaluating proposals, making and monitoring the grants and outcomes, and reporting back to the General Assembly in a manner to be determined. Ideally, we would recommend the majority of this committee should be elected members and not PCUSA staff and reflect the demographics of the communities who suffer most from climate change and other forms of environmental injustice, especially the original caretakers of this nation’s lands and wildlife, the Native American community.

⁶ Matthew 3:8

Background Analysis for the Church's policy document titled, "The Power to Speak Truth to Power", Robert Stivers addressed Jesus' statement about repentance found in Mark 1:14-15:

"Repentance in this situation means: 1) taking this confession seriously; 2) sensitivity to the world's 800 million malnourished and impoverished; 3) awareness of the delicacy of ecosystems; and 4) a change of direction to more frugal energy consumption, justice, and greater sharing in community."⁷

The 225th (2022) General Assembly confessed the need for denominational repentance related to our complicity with climate change.⁸ Reflecting upon the failed efforts of the church in the two decades since the adoption of "Restoring Creation for Ecology and Justice" they declared:

[We] "Confess that we have not sufficiently "responded to the cry of creation" and hereby recommit to a "turnaround decade" for restoring creation. We have failed to place the intrinsic value of God's creation above the idols of the world, such as wealth, power, acquisition and status. We have failed to fully embrace the principles of stewardship and sustainability, of God's concern for those experiencing poverty and their participation in processes and policies, of accepting for our own lives that which is sufficient (rather than the constant accumulation of more), and of solidarity with all creation. **We recommit our energy, our treasure and our vision to a future in which God's creation is restored**, the human family lives together in balance and justice with each other, and the social and ecological destruction that our society inflicts on the world is reversed and repaired. (emphasis added)⁹

We should invest in a green future. Beyond seeking out investments in renewable energy projects, Investing in a Green Future calls upon us to recommit to the "Polluter Pays" principle first lifted up in "Restoring Creation for Ecology and Justice."¹⁰ As we begin to take seriously our culpability for the harms our investments in fossil fuels and

⁷ The Power to Speak Truth to Power: A Public Policy Statement on Energy, Its Production and Use, Adopted by the 121st (1981) General Assembly, Presbyterian Church in the U.S., and by the 193rd (1981) General Assembly, United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.; with a Background Analysis, by Robert L. Stivers, Commended for Study in Connection with the Public Policy Statement. Section II, Theology.

⁸ Investing in A Green Future: A Vision for a Renewed Creation; Recommendation 3

⁹ IBID

¹⁰ IBID. 8.e

addiction to careless patterns of living have inflicted, we commit to use our financial resources to right these harms by establishing a fund from which grants would be made to address them in restorative and redemptive ways in accordance with the broadened vision of the “Green Future” document – ways which may represent a truly just transition.

Writing in the ACT Alliance Final Reflection on COP 30, November 26th, 2025, Elena Cedillo, Lutheran World Federation Program Executive for Climate Justice writes:

“A just transition is not just a technical change to energy systems, but a comprehensive transformation grounded in equity, participation, and human rights.” [A Just Transition will] “ensure that the transition to a low-carbon, climate-resilient future is truly just and leaves no one behind.”

In “The Power to Change: U.S. Energy Policy and Global Warming”, the 218th General Assembly (2008) urged “the ‘Restoring Creation’ program to establish a Presbyterian Green Energy Fund, which would help congregations and other organizations in our church reduce their carbon footprint through investments in energy efficiency, renewable energy production, and Green-certified carbon offsets.” (Recommendation 3.b) So far as we are aware, no such fund was ever established. The Green Future Fund we are proposing, inspired by the broad vision of a just transition for society as well as the church, would be much broader than the one envisioned by the 218th General Assembly and would therefore require substantial investment of time, energy, contributions, and publicity for the realization of its purposes.

What we do as a denomination matters. To those who might complain regarding the use of scarce financial resources for such an undertaking, we would quote once more from “Investing in a Green Future”:

“Instead of focusing on the difficulties or expense, we must lift up our vision and actions to create a revived environment, better health outcomes, employment opportunities that provide a living wage, clean air and water, wilderness preserved for its own sake, universal access to healthy food and the reconciliation of broken relationships.”¹¹

May this action become a small step toward the “fruits” which John the Baptist said all true repentance requires.

¹¹ “Green Future” Rationale conclusion.

Please continue to pray for those who are preparing for ministry:

Inquirers

Abby Bunn, Church of the Covenant, Anniston (Columbia)

Dallas Knight, South Highland, Birmingham (Beeson graduate)

Emily Knight, South Highland, Birmingham (Beeson graduate)

Theodore Longlois, Independent, Birmingham

Barbara Tomek-White, First, Auburn (Austin graduate)

Candidates

Annabelle Beavers, First, Tuscaloosa (Union)

Peyton Chandler Independent, Birmingham (graduate Vanderbilt)

Daniel Killilea, South Highland, Birmingham (Louisville)

Teddy Vaughn, Grace, Tuscaloosa (Columbia graduate)

Respectfully submitted, Leeann Scarbrough, moderator

Commission on Preparation for Ministry Members:

Kathy Wolf Reed (2026), Lee Walthall (2026), Luke Ponder (2026), Harvy Kline (2026), Cort Gatliff (2027), Emily Frandsen (2027), Clay Price (2027), and Angela Wright (2027), Jeff Johnson (2028), Nicole Newton (2028), Leeann Scarbrough (2028), Brenda Toomey (2028).

Committee: Personnel

Committee Chair(s): Michael Bailey FPC Tuscaloosa

Meeting date(s) since last stated Presbytery Meeting:

We meet the 4th Thursday by Zoom, so I anticipate we will have met 1/22/26

Summary of Subjects discussed and/or Actions Taken:

I anticipate our focus will be on managing staff transitions and assisting in searching, onboarding, etc.

Actions Items to be presented for Presbytery Approval: I do not anticipate having any action items.

Other Items about which you wish to make a verbal presentation at the next Stated Presbytery Meeting: None that I anticipate

MEMORANDUM

To: The Rev. Marilyn McKelvey Tucker-Marek,
Stated Clerk, The Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley
cell: (334) 202-2004
email: Marilyn.McK.Tucker@gmail.com; statedclerk@pslpcusa.org

From: Lant Davis

Date: January 15, 2026

Committee: Presbytery Trustees

Committee Chair: Rev. Lant B. Davis, H.R.

Meeting date(s) since last stated Presbytery Meeting: We do not have regular meetings, but rather meet when there is business to transact. Often we handle things by email. If all trustees indicate by email that they are in favor of a proposed action, then we treat it as an “action by unanimous consent taken without a meeting.” Then, for purposes of recording the action for the presbytery records, we make a note of it the next time we have an actual meeting (which would typically occur via Zoom).

Summary of Subjects discussed and/or Actions Taken: Our last action by unanimous consent concerned the property of the former Church of the Good Shepherd (Anniston). On January 2, 2026, we agreed (a) to reject the offer of the current tenant to purchase the property or to continue leasing it, (b) to direct our property managers to give notice to the current tenant to vacate the property, and (c) to authorize and direct the officers of the Presbytery to execute and deliver the listing agreement and brokerage disclosure form in substantially the same forms as were circulated among the trustees (i.e., providing for an “asking” price of \$450,000).

Actions Items to be presented for Presbytery Approval: None.

Other Items about which you wish to make a verbal presentation at the next Stated Presbytery Meeting: None.

Committee: Finance

Committee Chair(s): Wendy Tucker

Meeting date(s) since last stated Presbytery Meeting: January 13

Summary of Subjects discussed and/or Actions Taken: Meeting opened with prayer.

Discussion on a designated meeting date resulted in a decision to meet on the third Thursday of the month at 3:00 via zoom. Since Presbytery meets on the 3rd Thursday of February, May, August and November, we will not meet those months.

Executive Council asked for the finance committee to consider a plan for when we get more funds than we need from a request to respond to a particular need such as our solicitation for funds to respond to needs after the Pine Hill tornado. The finance committee recommends to Executive Council that we provide a secondary purpose when a solicitation is made and that the standard request would be that any unused funds be added to a Presbytery Disaster Relief Fund. We feel this will demonstrate an expectation of generosity and a plan to be good stewards of all donations.

Sue Westfall shared a request from the Search Committee for travel reimbursement for in person interviews with two General Presbyter candidates. The cost is anticipated to be \$600. Sue authorized the expenditure from the Presbytery meetings line item. Depending on the expenses for Presbytery meetings this year, the Presbytery meetings line might be over budget by the end of the year.

Meeting was closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Tucker

Members Present:

Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
Laura Ray	Alicia Foster	Sheila Holland
John Schuler	Kevin Long	Wendy Tucker, moderator

Sue Westfall, General Presbyter
Jean Russell, Treasurer

Actions Items to be presented for Presbytery Approval: none

Other Items about which you wish to make a verbal presentation at the next Stated Presbytery Meeting: none

The finance committee is, according to the standing rules excerpted below, a committee of the executive council. As such we typically report to the Executive Council.

Our items of business include:

- 1. preparation of the annual budget for approval at the November Presbytery meeting. We typically present a first draft at the August Presbytery meeting.**
- 2. a recommendation regarding per capita for PSL to be included with the presentation of the annual budget**
- 3. preparation of a brochure for use in articulating the budget and the work it supports**
- 4. other items of business requested by the executive council**

From Standing Rules:

SR-6.01.01.06 Executive Council Committees shall be:

a. Personnel – The Personnel Committee will have the responsibility to provide oversight, evaluation, and review of the employees of Presbytery. It will recommend stipends to the Finance Committee, keep job descriptions current, establish an appropriate process for review and evaluation of the employees, and conduct an annual evaluation. The Personnel Committee shall be at least five persons. The committee will ordinarily be chaired by an elected voting member of the Executive Council. The other members of the Personnel Committee will be nominated by the Nominating Committee with due consideration of race, ethnicity, age, gender, disability, geography, and theological conviction (F-1.0403) and will be elected for three-year terms. Members will be allowed to serve two consecutive terms or a total of six consecutive years.

b. Finance – The Finance committee has responsibility for oversight of the Presbytery Financials. This includes preparation of the annual budget, an annual financial review of Presbytery funds by an outside party, and oversight and maintenance of the Presbytery Financial Policy and Accounting Procedures found in Appendix II of these Standing SR Page 13 Rules. The Finance Committee membership shall be at least 5 persons. The committee will normally be chaired by an elected voting member of the Executive Council. The current Presbytery Treasurer will also be a member. The other three members will be nominated by the Nominating Committee of Presbytery with due consideration of race, ethnicity, age, gender, disability, geography, and theological conviction (F-1.0403) and will be elected for three-year terms. Members will be allowed to serve two consecutive terms or a total of six consecutive years.

c. Equip, Nurture and Connect (ENC) will have the responsibility for faith formation and leadership development. Its purpose is to provide educational opportunities for strengthening faith across all age groups, in settings which may not be available to congregations on their own. Equipping persons in leadership development while strengthening connections with peer groups, with the community and with new ideas will be the primary focus of the ENC. The ENC will normally be chaired by an elected voting member of the Executive Council. Membership of ENC shall be at least 5 persons other than the chair, representing the program areas of ENC and a representative from Youth Council. With the exception of the Youth Council representative (elected by presbytery for Youth Council), they are to be nominated by the Nominating Committee of Presbytery with due consideration of race, ethnicity, age, gender, disability, geography, and theological conviction (F-1.0403) and elected for a three-year term. Advisory

members of the ENC may include professional staff and Living River Executive Director, with voice but without vote.

1. Presbytery Youth Council has the responsibility for planning and carrying out events, retreats and activities for the youth of the Presbytery. Membership on Youth Council will include both adults and youth. Adult membership will be six adults in three classes, elected by the Presbytery upon nomination by the Nominating Committee. Youth membership will have an unspecified number of youth in two classes, Junior and Senior year of high school, elected by the Presbytery upon nomination by the Nominating Committee. Total youth membership shall not normally exceed 18. The term of membership for both youth and adults follows the academic calendar (June - May), with election normally occurring at the May Presbytery meeting. The adult membership shall recommend to the Nominating Committee the slate of youth members as determined by an application process, with due consideration of gender, racial, and geographic diversity.
2. Committee Task Forces, Planning Teams, or Steering committees may be organized for events and training opportunities for the program areas of ENC (i.e. Small Church, Children, Camp scholarships, Leadership Training, Campus Ministry including UKirk Bham, etc.). These committees and teams will be selected by ENC members for specific programs to carry out the mission of the ENC.

d. Bills and Overtures Committee

1. Will have the responsibility of receiving all overtures and amendments which have been referred to Presbytery and providing advice to the Executive Council regarding the action on such overtures and amendments.
2. Will have the responsibility of receiving new business brought to the floor of a Presbytery meeting and make recommendations to the Presbytery.
3. The committee shall be nominated by the Moderator of Presbytery according to SR4.01.01d

Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley

January 2026

Presbyterian Women have been involved the missions and celebrations of our beloved communities during this time of Advent and Christmas. As we look to the new year, we are exploring ways to connect and reach out to all our communities in true Presbyterian fashion. Could there be a return to Spring Gatherings, maybe in a different time and place?



Attached to this report is the January issue of Mission Haven News. We have opportunities to support and fund the mission of MH in this 75th anniversary. Check out the Mission Haven Newsletter - they are gathering recipes from the varied people they have touched over the years. There is still time, if you wish, to donate a recipe to be included.

Recruiting! [still!]

1. Jan Albert of Bowling Green Presbyterian Church in Kentucky is our region's representative on the PW Churchwide Search Committee. She was present during the gathering and is still looking for those interested in serving PW on a regional and national level. Her contact is: jtalbertky@gmail.com
2. Coordinating Council for the PW in our Presbytery is still looking for interested women to assist in reforming PW at the presbytery level. We are looking for a place and team for our Spring gathering!

If anyone is interested in re-forming and re-energizing Women in the Presbytery - please let me know!

For God's Glory

Kathy Tracey, Moderator, PW [PS&L]



What's New?

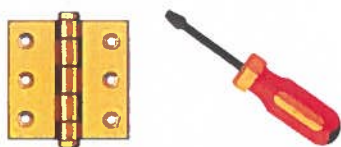
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Maintenance

Apartment 2-B

A family who lived here for a year departed in December. Our local team is working diligently to "deep clean" the residence, refresh the furnishings, and perform maintenance, including:

- Install new blinds in the front bedroom
- Clean the carpet
- Purchase new sleeper sofa, new twin mattresses, and linens (with Target gift cards)
- Paint cabinet and replace hinge
- Touch up paint as needed
- Install pneumatic hinge on screen door
- Wash all linens



Money Matters

Annual Gatherings

Many PW groups host a gathering in later winter/early spring. As you make event plans, invite your state representative or local ambassador to attend and bring display items.

Learn more about "your" ministry and support us as you are able.

State representatives are listed on our [webpage](#).

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HAVEN HAPPENINGS

Housing ~ Hospitality ~ Clothing ~ Prayer

Mission Haven Newsletter

When God's People Are In Need, Be Ready To Help Them. Always Be Eager To Practice Hospitality. – ROMANS 12:13



Housing ~ Hospitality ~ Clothing ~ Prayer

75 Years: 1951-2026

Diamond Anniversary

The first two missionary families moved into apartments in Building 1 during September 1950. At the suggestion of the seminary, we incorporated in January 1951. Since that time, we

- Built a garage
- Constructed (and expanded) a second apartment building
- Built a structure that houses the Clothes Closet, Workshop, Office, and excess inventory
- Purchased three ranch houses adjacent to the seminary property

We continue to maintain—and renovate—each of our 9 residences as well as the picnic area, exercise room, storage space, meeting room, and landscape areas.

We have hosted countless missionary families for 75 years, and despite changes within the PC(USA) structure, we plan to continue this ministry for years to come.



Grateful



Remembrances and Recipes

Celebrating 75 Years

What do friends and families have in common? They have memories of shared experiences, and in most cases, they have eaten many meals together.

Our missionary workers have done likewise in the countries they served.

We are assembling a unique cookbook which also includes special stories. Stories from mission workers, from seminary alumni, from Presbyterian Women, and from Mission Haven supporters. Contained within the pages will be cuisine from Africa, South America, Asia, the Southern U.S., and beyond.

Note: *We are experiencing unexpected publishing delays, so if you haven't submitted your recipe, there is a small grace period in which you can do so. Send your contribution to missionhavendecatur@gmail.com.*

Volunteer Spotlight

Welcome, Linda!

We have a new local volunteer on our Refresh Team: Linda Reimer. She was instrumental in renewing apartment 2-B (see "Maintenance" article). In the words of Alice, she is a "hard and able worker!"

Linda has a heart for mission. She and her husband are the proud parents of Holly, an ordained Presbyterian minister.

Mission Haven is supported and operated by Presbyterian Women in the Synods of South Atlantic and Living Waters. We rely on YOUR contributions to maintain 3 houses and 6 apartments.

Visit us at www.missionhaven.net and "like" us on Facebook!

Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley
Analysis of Revenues & Expenses - Summary
January to December 2025

Accounts	MTD Actual (This Year)	MTD Budget (This Year)	YTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Budget (This Year)	YTD Budget/Actual (This Year)	Annual Budget (This Year)
Revenues						
General Fund	\$27,087.39	\$18,789.37	\$303,238.17	\$225,472.00	\$77,766.17	\$225,472.00
Mission Giving-Income	\$3,339.87	\$1,851.88	\$24,321.09	\$22,223.00	\$2,098.09	\$22,223.00
Per Capita Income	\$9,494.33	\$15,318.63	\$181,817.16	\$183,824.00	(\$2,006.84)	\$183,824.00
Total Revenues	<u>\$39,921.59</u>	<u>\$35,959.88</u>	<u>\$509,376.42</u>	<u>\$431,519.00</u>	<u>\$77,857.42</u>	<u>\$431,519.00</u>
Expenses						
Council						
Council Expenses-Other	\$0.00	\$931.25	\$10,000.00	\$11,175.00	\$1,175.00	\$11,175.00
Salaries & Allowances						
Executive Presbyter	\$10,581.71	\$10,146.51	\$123,221.47	\$121,759.00	(\$1,462.47)	\$121,759.00
Administrative Salaries	\$1,125.00	\$375.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$0.00	\$4,500.00
Staff Expenses	\$3,653.85	\$350.00	\$4,195.15	\$4,200.00	\$4.85	\$4,200.00
Total Salaries & Allowances	<u>\$15,360.56</u>	<u>\$10,871.51</u>	<u>\$131,916.62</u>	<u>\$130,459.00</u>	<u>(\$1,457.62)</u>	<u>\$130,459.00</u>
Total Council	<u>\$15,360.56</u>	<u>\$11,802.76</u>	<u>\$141,916.62</u>	<u>\$141,634.00</u>	<u>(\$282.62)</u>	<u>\$141,634.00</u>
Equip, Nurture, Connect						
Other ENC Expenses	\$1,420.89	\$1,266.74	\$12,315.18	\$15,200.00	\$2,884.82	\$15,200.00
Total Equip, Nurture, Connect	<u>\$1,420.89</u>	<u>\$1,266.74</u>	<u>\$12,315.18</u>	<u>\$15,200.00</u>	<u>\$2,884.82</u>	<u>\$15,200.00</u>
Mission	\$0.00	\$12.50	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
UKirk Birmingham	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Trustees	\$5,223.70	\$5,478.73	\$83,801.07	\$65,743.00	(\$18,058.07)	\$65,743.00
Presbytery Per Capita Expenses						
Stated Clerk & Moderator	\$1,906.51	\$2,546.25	\$28,634.52	\$30,555.00	\$1,920.48	\$30,555.00
Presbytery Commissions	\$0.00	\$333.48	\$2,799.06	\$4,000.00	\$1,200.94	\$4,000.00
Asst.to Stated Clerk/Ofc Mgr	\$5,435.55	\$5,435.50	\$65,268.01	\$65,226.00	(\$42.01)	\$65,226.00
Total Presbytery Per Capita Expenses	<u>\$7,342.06</u>	<u>\$8,315.23</u>	<u>\$96,701.59</u>	<u>\$99,781.00</u>	<u>\$3,079.41</u>	<u>\$99,781.00</u>
Per Capita-Expenses	<u>\$4,460.93</u>	<u>\$8,279.38</u>	<u>\$97,802.46</u>	<u>\$99,353.00</u>	<u>\$1,550.54</u>	<u>\$99,353.00</u>
Mission Giving-Expenses	<u>\$4,197.72</u>	<u>\$1,851.88</u>	<u>\$25,178.94</u>	<u>\$22,223.00</u>	<u>(\$2,955.94)</u>	<u>\$22,223.00</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$38,005.86</u>	<u>\$37,007.22</u>	<u>\$457,715.86</u>	<u>\$444,084.00</u>	<u>(\$13,631.86)</u>	<u>\$444,084.00</u>
Net Operating Total	<u>\$1,915.73</u>	<u>(\$1,047.34)</u>	<u>\$51,660.56</u>	<u>(\$12,565.00)</u>	<u>\$64,225.56</u>	<u>(\$12,565.00)</u>
Other Revenues						
Designated Income (Loss)	\$101,832.68	\$0.00	\$115,830.30	\$0.00	\$115,830.30	\$0.00
Property Contributions	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$416,448.96	\$0.00	\$416,448.96	\$0.00
Total Other Revenues	<u>\$101,832.68</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$559,059.43</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$559,059.43</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
Other Expenses						
Total Other Expenses	<u>\$2,792.89</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$33,514.68</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>(\$33,514.68)</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
Net Total	<u>\$100,955.52</u>	<u>(\$1,047.34)</u>	<u>\$577,205.31</u>	<u>(\$12,565.00)</u>	<u>\$589,770.31</u>	<u>(\$12,565.00)</u>

PRESBYTERY CALENDAR – 2026

FEBRUARY

- 19 Presbytery meeting at First, Talladega, 9:00 AM
- 20 Presbytery office closed – Last day for churches to enter statistics
- 23 CPM, via hybrid, 10:00 AM
- 24 Anti-Racism, via Zoom, 10:00 AM

MARCH

- 4 Presbytery Staff meeting, via Hybrid, 10:00 AM
- 10 COM via hybrid, 10:00 AM
- 17 Executive Council, via Hybrid, 10:00 AM
- 19 Finance, via Hybrid, 3:00 PM
- 23 CPM, via hybrid, 10:00 AM
- 24 Anti-Racism, via Zoom, 10:00 AM
- 29 Palm Sunday

APRIL

- 1 Presbytery Staff meeting, via Hybrid, 10:00 AM
- 2 Maundy Thursday
- 3 Good Friday – Presbytery office closed
- 5 Resurrection of the Lord/Easter
- 6 Presbytery office closed in recognition of Easter
- 14 COM via hybrid, 10:00 AM
- 16 Finance, via Hybrid, 3:00 PM
- 21 Executive Council, via Hybrid, 10:00 AM
- 27 CPM, via hybrid, 10:00 AM
- 28 Anti-Racism, via Zoom, 10:00 AM

MAY

- 6 Presbytery Staff meeting, via Hybrid, 10:00 AM
- 12 COM via hybrid, 10:00 AM
- 19 Executive Council, via Hybrid, 10:00 AM
- 21 Presbytery meeting at Southminster, Birmingham, 9:00 AM
- 22 Presbytery office closed
- 25 Presbytery office closed in recognition of Memorial Day
- CPM, via hybrid, 10:00 AM
- 26 Anti-Racism, via Zoom, 10:00 AM