

Report of the September SFPC Stated Session Meeting

Sept. 17, 2024

The SFPC Session's September stated meeting was held on Sunday, September 15, 2024. Rev. Terry Lester served as Moderator, and Elders Beth Avent, Lindsey Kimbleton, Bill Kirkland, Rob Moore, Carol Banks, Alice De Lambre, George Seay, and Jennifer Grisham were present. George Seay opened the meeting with prayer, a quorum was present, and the following actions were taken at the meeting.



Ann Maenza, the Chair of the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC), provided a written report on the PNC's efforts to identify a new permanent pastor for SFPC. The report indicated that the PNC continues to work diligently, but is having difficulty finding a qualified candidate that "matches" with SFPC's needs. The PNC recently updated the Ministry Discernment Profile (job description) for SFPC, and that may help to locate a qualified candidate.

The financial reports provided to the Session by the Budget and Stewardship Committee reflect that SFPC is operating in fiscal compliance with the approved budget. The Outreach Committee and the Fellowship Committee are working on the Coming Home to SFPC Worship Service scheduled for September 22, 2024, to ensure it is a success.

The Outreach Committee reported that the Food Pantry is holding a food drive and SFPC members will be requested to bring canned goods and other items to SFPC up through October 20, 2024, when the donated items will be delivered to the Food Pantry. Additionally, World Communion Sunday is October 6, 2024. The Kings Center held a Fashion Extravaganza fundraiser on September 14, 2024, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Memories venue on 811 Louisville Road.

The second required motion was made and unanimously passed approving the Outreach Committee's recommendation to distribute \$8,500 from the 2023 Endowment Fund Distribution as follows: \$2,500 to Hope For Tomorrow; \$2,500 to Fresh Start; \$2,500 to Simon House and \$1,000 to Yes Arts.

The Worship Committee reported that substitute pastors have been scheduled for each of the Sundays in November and December in light of Reverend Lester's departure at the end of October. Accordingly, a motion was made and unanimously passed to transfer \$2,500 from the Pastor Search/Compensation for New Pastor budget category into the Worship Committee budget category, so that the substitutes can be paid.

A motion was also made and unanimously approved authorizing the Diaconate to use \$100 from the Deacons' Benevolence Fund to pay for a gift card in that amount for Rachel Shaw to help pay for gas and other expenses.

Reverend Lester ended the meeting with prayer.

Rob Moore, Clerk of Session.

Right: Rev. John Odom while saying goodbye and thank you, made this gesture and said, "We carry you here."

Thank you, Rev. Marian Taylor, for sharing this picture with us.



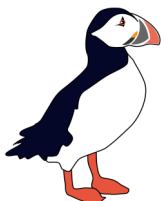
That's a Wrap! *Jerry Van Marter*, Stated Clerk

A lively discussion of Carol Howard's new book on clergy burnout in the age of COVID – "Wounded Pastors" – led by the author drew a large crowd to Okolona Presbyterian Church for a pre-presbytery book study and discussion yesterday.

An even larger crowd gathered for the main event of the day – the presbytery's farewell to its General Presbyter for the last nine years, Rev. John Odom. John was praised for his efforts to strengthen and equip the presbytery's congregations; to provide particularly strong support for such ministries of the presbytery as our four historic African-American churches, Presbyterian seminarians, chaplains and the presbytery's Hispanic/Latino/a ministries; and his creative leadership of the presbytery through the COVID pandemic, including steering funds to congregations to upgrade their technology as they pivoted to online worship.

Rev. Greg Goodwiller, Synod of the Living Waters executive and stated clerk, led the presbytery in a litany of dissolution, which marked the formal conclusion of John's service to Mid-Kentucky Presbytery as he prepares to become the executive for Genesee Valley Presbytery, based in Rochester, New York.

As "parting gifts," John received a framed proclamation from the presbytery, a Louisville Stoneware plate, a stole depicting the children of the world, a proclamation from the mayor of Louisville declaring September 16, 2024 "Rev. John Odom Day," and a gift certificate to a Rochester restaurant.



Parable of the Pufflings

As summer ends on a remote island off Iceland, parent puffins — black and white seabirds with rainbow beaks — stop bringing fish to their chicks. These "pufflings," whose first few weeks were lived in burrows in cliffs, now must launch into a wind current to glide out over the sea and find their own food. Some babies, however, mistake a lit-up house or gas station for moonlight on the water and, as locals say, "fall out of the sky." Because pufflings can't yet take off from land and fly, if left alone they starve.

So for generations, during "puffling season" people on this island have stayed up late to rescue baby birds. On his *Animal* podcast, reporter Sam Anderson tells how, with an islander's help, he picks up a puffling one night, placing it in a box for morning release over the ocean. As the frightened, confused bird squeals and scratches to get free, Anderson supposes it thinks this is the worst night of its life. In fact, it is the best: It's being saved.

We humans often get confused, pulled in wrong directions. We're misled and land in trouble from which we cannot save ourselves. Scared and confused, we believe we're irredeemably trapped in the worst of circumstances. We can't perceive that, even now, we are being protected and rescued, that God is working to give back to us the fullness of life we cannot attain for ourselves.

Hang on, beloved one. Though you can't sense it at this moment, you are held in God's care, soon to be lifted on the wind of the Holy Spirit, who will carry you into better days.

—Heidi Hyland Mann

Meetings and Activities

Tuesday, September 17

12:00 ... **The Lunch Bunch**, Chili's Grill, 345 Leonardwood Rd.

Wednesday, September 18

7:00 ... Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, September 22

Coming Home to SFPC

10:00 ... Adult SS classes

10:00 ... Children's and High School SS classes

11:00 ... In person, Facebook and YouTube Worship Service, Rev. Terry Lester

12:00 ... Fellowship Lunch and all are welcome.

6:00 ... Youth Group

Monday, September 23 All newsletter articles & items due by noon. Thanks.

2:00 ... Bridge

4:30 ... Knitting

Wednesday, September 25

7:00 ... Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, September 29 Food Pantry Food Boxes are in the Fellowship Hall.

10:00 ... Counterpoints & Faith in Action Adult SS classes

10:00 ... Children's and High School SS classes

11:00 ... In person, Facebook and YouTube Worship Service, Rev. Jack Brewer

12:00 ... Deacons' Meeting

6:00 ... Youth Group

Monday, September 30 All newsletter articles & items due by noon. Thanks.

2:00 ... Bridge

4:30 ... Knitting

Tuesday, October 1

12:00 ... Circle 3, Mary Cheek's Home

5:30 ... Circle 2

Wednesday, October 2

7:00 ... Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, October 6 World Communion Sunday
Peace & Global Witness offering

10:00 ... Counterpoints & Faith in Action Adult SS classes

10:00 ... Children's and High School SS classes

11:00 ... In person, Facebook and YouTube Worship Service, Rev. Terry Lester

6:00 ... Youth Group



Worship Sunday

Attendance: **Sept. 15, 2024**
 SFPC in person Worship: **80**
Join us Sundays- 11:00 a.m., also online service.

During our live streaming time, you can go to

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4C5lbfKanCM> or to

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/sfpcchurch>

<https://www.facebook.com/sfpcchurch/videos/2374137839449590>

The next week, you may go to www.sfpc.org, the church's website and choose "Videos."

If not in the service please consider

donating one of two ways:

1. Mail a check to: South Frankfort Presbyterian Church 224 Steele Street, Frankfort, KY 40601.

2. Click the green "Give Now" button on our website at sfpc.org. You can start and manage your account, and even set up repeating donations.

Sept. 15, 2024 Offering: \$1,528.00

Prayer List

Sondra Massie	Glenda Harned
Haylee Mucci	Shirley Blackwell
Gerry Jones	Tammy Stanley
Lilly Ann Brooks	Mattie Baker Scott
Helen Taulbee	Dottie Herzel
Mary Griffey	Jim Jackson
Brooke Christopher	Ann Shirley Brooks
Mark Tucker	Larry Register
Jason Shaw	David Halbert
Chris Mason	Jane Wilson



South Frankfort Presbyterian Church is now a bronze sponsor of the upcoming Capital Pride Festival on October 12th. SFPC will have a table set up at the festival. We are asking for volunteers willing to sit at the table and pass out goodies and information about SFPC to festival attendees.

There will be a sign-up sheet at the front door of the sanctuary. More information concerning the Capital Pride Festival can be found at <https://www.capitalprideky.org>.



Food Pantry Collection

The Emergency Community Food Pantry of Franklin County, in partnership with local church and community organizations, provides emergency food boxes to people in our community facing hunger. The Food Pantry is holding a food drive on October 27, and SFPC will be collecting canned goods and dry goods for delivery to the Food Pantry through October 20, 2024. Please place your donated canned goods and dry goods in the Food Pantry box in Fellowship Hall, and the items will be delivered to the Food Pantry. Thank you very much for your generosity.

These are the most needed items at the **Food Pantry**:
 canned chicken, meat or tuna, peanut butter, soup,
 boxed instant oatmeal
 canned fruit, spaghetti sauce/spaghetti,
 canned beans, canned vegetables
 rice (1 lb. bags or Minute rice)
 Please check expiration dates.
 Please no restaurant size cans.
 By law no homemade food or home canned food can be accepted. No open containers.



Please suggest people for the following ministry positions.

Elders: _____

Deacons: _____

Nominating Committee: _____

Trustees: _____

You may email the office or use another sheet of paper and mail your suggestions to the office.

Sept. 1 Casey Philpot	Sept. 14 Celeste Donnelly
Sept. 2 Neil Greenwell	Sept. 15 Andrea Breeck
Sept. 2 Nancy Overstreet	Sept. 15 Roland Herzel
Sept. 5 Corey Rogers	Sept. 16 Brooks Sweger
Sept. 5 Stewart Stoltz	Sept. 18 Jimmie Lou Young
Sept. 5 Sallye Hill Stumbo	Sept. 19 Lisa Stone
Sept. 8 Julian Delambre	Sept. 19 Patsy Vander Meer
Sept. 10 Beth Curlin	Sept. 21 Penelope Baute
Sept. 10 Matt Ross	Sept. 21 Charlotte Saunderson
Sept. 11 Leland Fern	Sept. 24 Carl Meyer
Sept. 11 Toni Lewis	Sept. 26 Merritt Shaw
Sept. 11 Kim Penn	Sept. 27 David Kimbleton
Sept. 11 Gary Stolz	Sept. 28 Cyndy Susan
Sept. 13 Carol Banks	Sept. 29 Presley Winner

Happy Birthday!

