

What's In Session?

May 2025 Report

Rev. Harrington called the meeting to order and called on Nancy Trout, who offered a devotion and opened the meeting with prayer. As the Diaconate was also present, both elders and deacons participated in a written activity about SACPC at their tables.

Rosalind Barker reviewed the role of the Finance Committee in the life of the church and provided some recent updates, including the following:

- The loan for a new HVAC system has been secured and work is underway.
- The Capital Campaign is about to launch.
- Sisson House and The Hub are being repurposed as rental property.
- Upcoming SACPC Lower-Level renovations will make the space appropriate for use by youth and scouts. In a related action at the meeting, the Session approved utilizing rental property revenue to finance lower-level renovations.

Worship update: SACPC will hold one 10 a.m. worship service in the months of July and August.

Young Adult Volunteer: The Session approved an endorsement of SACPC member Olivia Phelps' appointment to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) mission service with the Young Adult Volunteer Program, a faith-based year of service. Olivia spoke at the meeting and shared she will be serving in the U.S./Mexico border region.

Sanctuary Renovations: The Session approved a Finance Committee motion to fund renovations within the sanctuary. The sanctuary was already included in an ongoing church-wide HVAC project. The latest action will implement separate recommendations from the Sanctuary Task Force. Changes will include new flooring, the addition of a platform, improved lighting and audio/visual upgrades. Marty Conley, who served as the chair of the task force, provided background information and answered questions. Based on the renovation timeline of up to seven months, we will be worshipping in Brown Hall through early Spring 2026.

Katie Harrington reported:

- The Capital Campaign process is underway, and progress is being made to prepare for the formal launch.
- Matthew McDonald's last Sunday serving as contemporary worship leader is May 26, and the position is posted.

Rev. Harrington asked for any joys and concerns and adjourned the meeting with prayer.