

What's In Session?

August 2025 Report

Rev. Harrington called the meeting to order and called on Rosalind Barker, who offered a devotion based on prayer and opened the meeting with prayer.

Ends Discussion: You might hear about the “ends,” or guiding principles of our church and the Great Ends of the Church, which guide the vision and missions of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Elders regularly receive education about our “ends” to ensure alignment with its long-term strategic plans. Dr. Tom Dalton attended on behalf of Eden Village, one of SACPC’s missional efforts, as we endeavor to be “faithfully present in our community.” Eden Village is a tiny home community designed to provide permanent homes for chronically homeless individuals. The SACPC youth visit Eden Village monthly, and SACPC also has a home team to serve as dedicated support systems to residents. Dalton discussed how homelessness is a housing problem, and greater supply is needed, and the community is planning to add units. He also said homelessness is a fundamental loss of family and community. Dalton shared the importance of volunteers in supporting Eden Village and its residents, including by building relationships. The community has tours at 2 p.m. on Mondays.

October Presbytery Meeting: Elders Virginia Hager and Nancy Trout will serve as commissioners representing SACPC.

Called Congregational Meeting: Scheduled at 10:50 a.m. on Oct. 12, 2025, to elect new church officers.

Session Retreat: Annual retreat will be held September 26-27, 2025, and will include the September Session meeting.

Katie Harrington reported:

- Capital Campaign update: Katie shared her amazement with the overwhelming generosity of the congregation and shared gratitude for the impact stories and expressed thanks to the capital campaign team. The totals raised will be shared with the congregation on Sept. 7. The First Fruit offering will be Sept. 21, formally launching the three-year commitment cycle.
- HVAC project: All areas of the church have come online with the new system except for the sanctuary.
- The new external door to enhance safety in the preschool area is installed.
- We will move to Brown Hall for worship as of Sept. 7, and the staff has completed two dry runs to prepare for worship.
- The Lower Level looks amazing and has been painted, and youth and children’s spaces have been updated.
- We are still searching for the director of contemporary worship, please pray for that position.

Rev. Harrington adjourned the meeting with prayer.