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Tuesday & Friday
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Alive and Well

It is October! The autumn season is here with its richly colored landscape for all to enjoy. There will be leaves to rake and outdoor flowers to worry about as there is a touch of frost looming in the forecast. In the blink of an eye, October will come to an end. And at its end, in just a few weeks, the annual church pledge letter will arrive in the mail.

Like many churches, our congregation conducts a Stewardship campaign in the fall months of the year. During this time, each of us is called upon to prayerfully consider our monetary commitment to the church in anticipation of the coming year.

Despite the fact that we have don’t have an installed pastor who requires a regular paycheck, our financial obligations to keep our building and programs ongoing and thriving remains a priority. Our supply ministers and moderator deserve compensation. Our insurance invoices and utility bills and dedicated staff need to be paid. A building as large and precious as ours needs to be maintained, given loving care and continuous attention.

One of the most important steps in the budget process is your household’s role in completing and submitting a pledge card. In addition to your commitment to keeping the church solvent, the money that you pledge to gift our church will aid in the preparation of a budget for 2026. In cooperation with the Stewardship committee, the Finance Chair, on behalf of the Session, will prepare and then present the budget to the membership at the Annual Congregational meeting in December.

In the last week of October, members (and friends) will receive a letter and pledge card in the mail. Prayerfully consider your tithe, fill out the card and return your pledge card, as soon as you can, in the provided envelope to the church office, in the offering plate, or by phone, email or in person to either of the Stewardship Chairs, Roberta Dinsmore or Wick Divelbiss.

Ultimately, the Stewardship Committee is hopeful that 100% participation in the pledge process can be achieved no matter what dollar amount is tithed. All gifts, no matter what amount, are a blessing!

No matter what you can afford to give, no matter whether we have an installed minister in the pulpit, as a church family let us be able to say in 2026 that the Presbyterian Church of Punxsutawney is **ALIVE AND WELL**.

Roberta M. Dinsmore
Stewardship

October 2025

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2ND

11:30am Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5TH

9:45am Adult Sunday School

11:00am Worship w/Pastor Jerry Young

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6TH

10:00am-12:00pm Mahjong Mondays

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7TH

10:00am Tuesdays @ 10

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9TH

11:30am Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12TH

9:45am Adult Sunday School

11:00am Worship w/Rev. Lisa Lyon

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13TH

10:00am - 12:00pm Mahjong Mondays

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14TH

10:00am Tuesdays @ 10

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16TH

11:30am Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19TH

No Adult Sunday School

11:00am Worship w/Donna Anderson

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20TH

10:00am - 12:00pm Mahjong Mondays

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21ST

10:00am Tuesdays @ 10

2:00pm Community Meal Prep

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22ND

4:00pm Community Meal

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23RD

11:30pm Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26TH

9:45am Adult Sunday School

11:00am Worship w/Gary Lyon

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27TH

10:00am-12:00pm Mahjong Mondays

6:00pm Session Meeting

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28TH

10:00am Tuesdays @ 10

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30TH

11:30am Choir Rehearsal

PCOP Updates

Financial Update & Attendance - September 2025

	Offering	Attendance
September 7th	\$ 5,246.33	47 (0 online)
September 14th	\$ 1,835.00	50 (0 online)
September 21st	\$ 1,633.00	50 (0 online)
September 28th	\$ 315.00	43 (0 online)

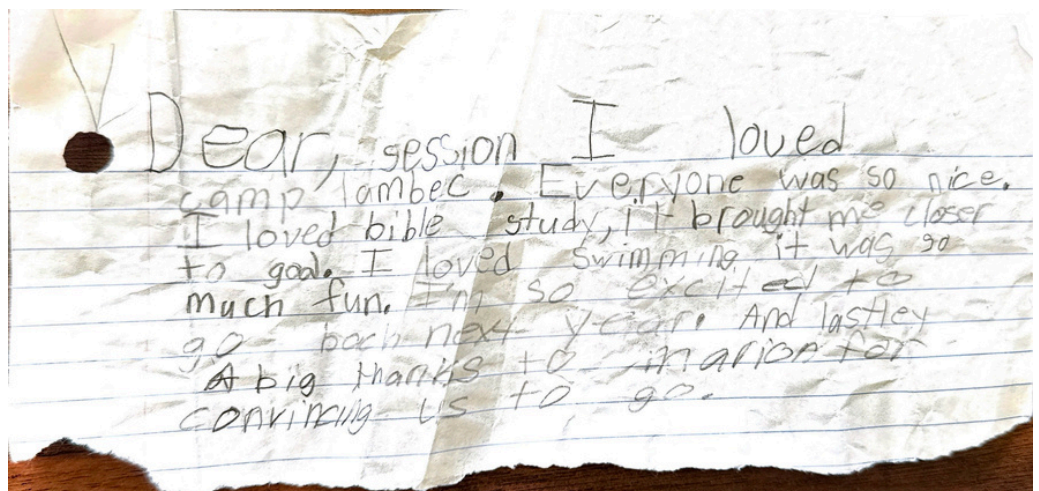
August 2025 Financial Statement

	Current	Year to Date	Budget
Receipts	\$ 6,651.29	\$ 81,547.16	
Disbursements	\$ 6,916.51	\$ 72,459.78	\$207,512.00
Total	\$ (265.22)	\$ 9,087.38	

*** (The above figures are subject to change and audit) ***



Session found this sweet anonymous note from one of our children in the church!



Prayer List

The Barrett Family
 The Burkett Family
 Duane & Pam Carr
 The Cessna Family
 The Deeley Family
 The Haire Family
 Barb Hanley
 Kathy Kopp
 Melissa Fedigan

Please contact the church office to add a name to the newsletter & bulletin prayer lists.

Liturgist Schedule

October 5: Bev Divelbiss
 October 12: Barb Endress
 October 19: Dana Hartman
 October 26: Pam Hogan

Communion Servers

October 5: Doug Chambers,
 Wick Divelbiss, Debra
 Dinsmore, Keith or Butch

Birthdays

October 1: Alyssa Stewart
 October 9 :Pam Hogan
 October 15: Marion Asel
 October 17: Patty Young
 October 22: Muriel Grube

Mahjong Mondays

Mahjong Mondays will continue to meet every Monday in October from 10am-12pm in the Seminar Room.

Mahjong Mondays are beginner-friendly, with all levels and Punxsutawney community members welcome. Don't know how to play Mahjong? We'll teach you!

Children's Sunday School

Our children will continue to meet on Sundays after the Children's Message. They will continue learning about the Narnia series "The Lion, The Witch, & The Wardrobe with Marion.

Adult Sunday School and Tuesdays @ Ten

Adult Sunday School will continue with the "Half Truths" series on Sunday, October 5th and finish up on Sunday, October 12th. There will be no class on Sunday, October 19th. They will be discussing the next series that will be starting on Sunday, October 26th, stay tuned for more information.

Tuesdays @ 10 will continue through October with the "Half Truths" series.

Community Meal Musings

The September 17 community meal ushered in fall a few days early. Maybe that gives an explanation to the anxiousness of those waiting on the time for the meal distribution as they flocked to the parking lot. I must say that it was a bit overwhelming to handle the large number of "walk-ups" while accommodating those who follow the drive through rules. None- the-less, we did take care of everyone in due time as I reminded the walk-ups with cars to come earlier and get in line like everyone else.

I must say that this situation pushed me to question our method of distributing our meals. Maybe if our cooks didn't do such a good job, we wouldn't have this issue. I did my best to maintain an upbeat attitude of cheerfully greeting our guests and thanking them for coming.

The team has made suggestions to help this dilemma and we have decided that only 3 families per car will be accommodated and only one single meal per adult will be given.....not a double. In addition, children under ten will share a single meal with a sibling. They are welcome to enter the line again to see if there are extra meals left at the end. We have been running out before the last car in line comes through . So.....let's see how October 22 goes for our "drive through" free community meal.

We can say that our local mission has created a good problem to solve.

Donna Anderson

October Community Meal

This month's community meal will be held Wednesday, October 22nd at 4:00pm. The meal is Pierogis w/Kielbasa and Slaw and Pumpkin Pie Cake.

Meal prep will be Tuesday, October 21st at 2:00pm. Anyone wishing to help out, please contact Donna Anderson.





BIG THANK YOU'S

We want to send out a big thank you to Arlene Shields and Dana Hartman for providing and taking care of the beautiful flowers all summer long that are displayed on the outside of the church.

We also want to acknowledge that John Goss donated the mulch we have around the church and Joel Anderson spread it out!



Weekly Announcements

Please let Kayla in the office know if there are any announcements that you think we need to mention at the pulpit on Sunday mornings or in *This Week @ PCOP*.



Parking on Sunday Mornings

We have a number of folks who have mobility issues & only 2 designated handicap parking spots. The Session is asking that those who are able to, please park on the street or in other parking areas, so that folks with mobility issues have an easier time getting to the building. Thank you!

Open Dates for Worship Flower Dedications are Available!

All Sundays in October are available for reserving the flowers that are traditionally displayed during Sunday worship on the Communion Table and Urns. The format for reserving dates, announcement wording and payment remains the same. The congregation is asked to contact Deacon Richard Cessna to request their flower date. Through Kayla in the church office, members are asked to share the wording of their dedication for publication in the bulletin or/newsletter. Traditionally, flowers are dedicated in honor or in memory of a loved one. The giver's name is also included.

The Board of Deacons will place the flower order with the florist and make payment to the florist on the member's behalf. The Deacons kindly request that members who reserve flowers reimburse the Deacon treasury in turn. Payments (and donations) can be made directly to the church office or in the offering plate. Please mark your check or offering envelope to clearly indicate that your monetary gift is for flower payment (or a donation) to the Board of Deacons. Communion table flowers are \$25.00 and likewise the flowers displayed in the two urns are \$25.00 collectively. With help from an assigned Deacon, buyers are encouraged to take their dedicated flowers immediately following worship. If you choose not to take your flowers, Deacons will share your floral gift with a shut-in member or nursing home.

Contact Richard Cessna to reserve your flower date or any Deacon for more information. Contact Kayla in the church office for wording submission and reimbursement payment. Thank you for beautifying our worship space with your flower dedication and for your support of the work of the Board of Deacons.

OCTOBER FLOWERS

OCTOBER 5TH

Communion Table:
Urns:

OCTOBER 12TH

Communion Table:
Urns:

OCTOBER 19TH

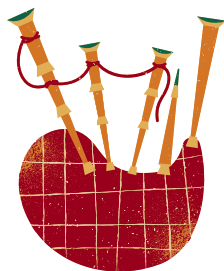
Communion Table:
Urns:

OCTOBER 26TH

Communion Table:
Urns:



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Reformation Sunday

Please join us on Sunday, October 26th for Reformation Sunday and enjoy music with our guest bagpiper, Bryan Wilkins, who will be providing a beautiful addition to worship.