

April 2023

Session had its regular meeting on April 25, 2023. Discussions continued using material from "Coming Alive in Christ"; this month's discussion was on "Baptism". From the PCUSA Book of Order, "Baptism is the visible sign of that call [God's] and claim on a human life and of entrance into the membership of the church. The baptism of children witnesses to the truth that God's love claims people before they are able to respond in faith. The baptism of those who enter the covenant of membership upon their own profession of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior witnesses to the truth that God's gift of grace calls forth a response of faithfulness." (G-1.0301)

Marta Morrison reported on the Hospitality webinar, offered by Holy Cow, in which she participated. "Feeling included" is what makes most people feel welcome. Session also discussed the April 21 University of Akron concert, and use of the More Light logo.

Preliminary unaudited data through March 31, 2023: actual revenues \$165,198; budgeted revenues \$144,194. Actual expenses \$121,976; budget \$151,564. Net is a surplus of \$43,222. Pledged contributions and interest income are above budget; Personnel pastoral expenses are below budget by approximately \$17,000.

Session approved having the exterior door locks rekeyed. Outreach presented motions related to upcoming Moments for Ministry and the May 7 Hunger Walk. Discipleship is planning a short survey to obtain input from adults in the congregation concerning educational and fellowship programming. A Jazz Vespers service is scheduled for May 21. A motion prevailed to not continue the 8:30 a.m. service this summer, due to low attendance last year.