

Experience and Share Life in Christ

With the United Church of Canistota



ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE FOR 2025

January 25, 2026

ECCLESIASTICAL AND CORPORATION MEETING (Incorporating the former Charge Conference and Annual Congregational Meeting)

INTRODUCTION OF DENOMINATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES:

United Methodist District Superintendent, Rev. Brandon Vetter

AGENDA FOR THE MEETING: Cody Church, chairperson presiding.

MODERATOR: Rev. Jerry Bertelson

DEVOTIONS

APPROVAL OF THE CALL OF THE MEETING

ROLL

REPORTS: The attached pages give a full account of the work of each of the Council Committees and areas of concern and labor in our church. As we note each paper, opportunity for questions, comments and recommendations for action will be given. Motions will be needed to approve, accept, or amend the reports; action should be taken on any recommendation.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

PRESENTATIONS AND COMMENTS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT

CLOSING PRAYER

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Worship & Membership Annual Report for 2025

Delegate: Dick Dawson

Alternate: Nicole Perry

Members: Angie Scott, Wendy Kleinsasser, Steve Koehn and Beth Tappin

The Worship and Membership committee currently consists of Dick Dawson, Steve Koehn, Nicole Parry, Beth Tappin, Angie Scott and Wendy Kleinsasser. Steve and Dick are at the end of their terms so there will be two new members on the committee next year. I was thinking of the whole concept of the word service and how we are called to use our gifts to serve others. Service is more than an obligation, it's an act of love, a showing of faith and a use of gifts you have, maybe even gifts you didn't know you possessed! I encourage everyone to look inside yourselves and embrace your God given gifts to serve because you will not only help in perpetuating a strong church but will enrich yourselves in the process! True greatness is found in being a servant. As always, we ended the year with decorating for Christmas and as always, we thank Kathy Hofer for being the "foreman" of the whole thing! We had lots of help and thanks to everyone who chipped in. This year's confirmands were: Jailynn Mosley, Hailey McGregor, Alina Bertelson, Payson Acheson, Malachi Church, Jaxon Puetz, Clara Remacle, Tayden Kerrigan and Adrian DeHann as honorary member. We also had one new member join the church in 2025, Brooks Fuller. Among our services during the year were pot luck and kickoff Sunday Sept 7, Golden age Sunday, Sept 21 and annual meeting and, yep, pot luck Jan 26. We also want to thank those who gave of their gifts of special music, helping with cleaning the kitchen or other church areas and grounds. The list is endless and is greatly appreciated.

Submitted by Dick Dawson.

United Women's Society

Delegate to council: Carol Woltzen

Treasurer: Sarah Woltzen

Funeral committee: Karen Hofer and Lanette Koehn, Co-chairs; Dorene Richarz, Amy Tieszen, Denise Kurth, Carol Woltzen, Kathy Hofer

Card Ministry: Dorene Richarz

Backpack Ministry: Tami Remacle, Tess Olson, Sarah Woltzen, Katie Ortman, Carol Woltzen

So many people in the congregation support the projects and activities of the UWS. Thank you to everyone!!!

Activities and projects include:

- maintaining and purchasing equipment for the kitchen
- providing financial support for youth attending summer Bible camps
- providing bags of nutritious food each week during the school year to K-5th graders in the Canistota school
- supporting the United Methodist and Presbyterian women's mission projects at the national and global levels through our annual pledges
- honoring those in our congregation over the age of 80 on Golden Age Sunday in Sept.
- hosting the annual Turkey supper in Oct.
- held "spring ahead" and "fall back" fundraisers for the backpack program
- served lunch for 4 families following funerals for their loved ones

We also received a monetary donation from the Pipestone Hog Co. for the backpack program and a generous food donation for the backpack program from the Zion Lutheran church women.

Thank you to Karen Hofer and Lanette Koehn who co-chair the funeral committee, Tami Remacle for leading the backpack program, Sarah Woltzen for delivering the bags to the school each week, Dorene Richarz for sending cards, and Sarah Woltzen, Cody Church, Del Church and Mandy Keller for organizing the Turkey Supper. You are all awesome!!

Submitted by Carol Woltzen

MUSIC Starlyn Church, Director

Bell Choirs:

Beginning Bell Choir

A beginning bell choir was started this year with these new ringers: **Kennedy Bertelson, Whitley Fischer, Raelyn Hartung, Freyah Golder, Marti Olsen.** This new group is not

enough to ring bell music. One needs eight. I am so thankful for Jordy Latsha and Jillian and Katelyn Perry who have helped teach reading music and ringing bells to these young girls and filled in so we have enough to ring a piece. They performed for the first time in December having learned the art of ringing. So far, we have learned whole notes and half notes. We even performed on the road as we played at the nursing home. Thanks to Malachi Church for letting us accompany his trombone solo of "Joy to the World"!

Youth Bell Choir

All youth returned to ring in this bell choir! That's pretty exciting! They are: **Presley Small, Isaac Gerken, Jordy Latsha, Katelyn Perry, Mara Church, Trinity Small, Jillian Perry, Obadiah Church, Levi Perry, Hadleigh Small.** We are short one ringer so Nicole Perry fills in when needed. She also helps in some form with all the bell choirs so I appreciate her assistance! This group also performed at the nursing home. Our biggest challenge is all playing at the same speed! We can do it when we count aloud but that's not possible at a performance which makes for some exciting moments! This is a very motivated group so I'm hoping we ring together for years to come!

Bell Quartet

This group of four, **Obadiah and Mara Church and Jillian and Katelyn Perry,** like a challenge so they put in the extra time to ring many bells with only four people! Each rehearsal you can see improvement! It's challenging for the Director to find the right music for them!

Adult Bells

Ringers: Clara Bertelson, Chad Keller, Obadiah Church, Hadassah Church, Nicole Perry, Sarah Woltzen, Mara Church, Erin Church, Karen Hofer, Heath Perry, Michael White, Cody Church, Malachi Church.

I would guess this bell choir is one of the most intergenerational bell choirs in South Dakota. This fall we range in age from 11 to 76. Replacing someone in the adult bell choir is always a challenge. I put out a plea for adults but don't get much response. So, the next step is bringing up youth from the younger bell choir. So, Mara is ringing with us now. Due to a concussion, Malachi struggled ringing the high bells so we moved him to the new low bells. So, who will ring his former spot? Who else is still at church on a Wednesday night with nothing to do? Oh, it is Obadiah! The rest of his family is in bells so he can't go home to bed until bells is over anyway! (It doesn't pay to be my grandchild!). Considering that the music the adults ring is

beyond his level, he really has stepped it up to fill in the gap! Clara is ringing with the adults for the first time. She's at a great spot because she has learned to ring four-in-hand which is two bells in each hand. At first that is quite a challenge! We will lose Hadassah in the spring of 2026. Those will be big shoes to fill! She learned to ring a bell tree for Christmas. We haven't done that for years! We worked on several songs so we could put on a program for the residents at Good Sam. It went well and was enjoyed by all!

This spring we will get three more bass bells to finish out the fifth octave on the bottom. As we wait, I encourage any adult who has ever had an interest in ringing to talk to me!

Adult Choir

There is really nothing new to tell about this group of dedicated people who show up for rehearsal on a Sunday morning and sing year after year to enhance our worship services. To me, their faith in who God is, is reflected when they sing! Anyone in the congregation is welcome to sing with us. Please don't wait for a personal invitation! We again sang at the Veteran's Day program with the high school chorus.

Sopranos: Erin & Hadassah Church, Dianne Dawson, Dorene Richarz.

Altos: Carol Woltzen, Nicole Perry, Pam Jerman

Tenors: Cody & Malachi Church, Roger Ketcham, Chad Keller

Basses: Dick Dawson, Michael White, Larry Nebelsick, Del Church

World Outreach Committee

Chairperson: Bo DeKramer

Delegate: Bo DeKramer

Alternate: Lindsey Mehlbrech

Other members: Tami Remacle, Jenny Hutcheson, Mandy Keller, & Alexis Habetler

We are grateful for the generosity of the congregation and for the work we accomplished together. Thank you to all the members and non-members who gave generously this past year - not just financially but also with their time and talents. Together we are the hands and feet of Jesus, and we believe that as members of the body we are called to serve and support needs within our church and community. Thank you for helping us make that happen!

Our two largest areas of giving this year were for camperships and local missions. We gave approximately \$5,200 for camperships and \$6,100 for local missions. The committee continues to focus on ways we can give locally and support our youth in attending camps, as well as other opportunities that help not only the youth but others within our church and community to grow in their faith.

We want to acknowledge and thank Pastor Jerry for his generous, mission-focused heart and his willingness to bring ideas to the committee. His ideas and ability to discern needs within the church and community is a blessing to us all, and we appreciate the opportunity to partner with him to meet those needs.

Lastly, we want to thank the congregation for their generosity, support, and desire to both give and serve inside and outside of the walls of our church.

Submitted by: Bo DeKramer

Pastor's Annual Report 2025

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

1 Thessalonians 5:16–18

This past year has been one of continued discernment, ministry to our community, and prayerful visioning about where God is leading us next. In many ways, 2025 was a year of tending relationships, nurturing faith, and listening for the Spirit's movement among us. There is much to celebrate and much for which to give thanks.

Among the year's highlights was the youth pizza fundraiser in February, which supported both youth mission trips and the youth fund. In June, our youth traveled to LaGrange, Georgia, for a mission trip that proved to be a meaningful and formative experience. We were warmly welcomed by First United Methodist Church of LaGrange and experienced generous hospitality and genuine partnership. Strong bonds were formed between our youth groups, and we are excited to welcome their youth group to Canistota in May 2026 for a week of service projects and shared learning about life and ministry in South Dakota.

Our music and children's ministries also brought joy and life to the congregation and community. The bell choir offered a wonderful program during worship in December and shared their gifts at the Good Samaritan nursing home. The choir continued to share special music weekly. Our children presented a Christmas program that was a delight and a powerful reminder of the story we pass on from generation to generation. Christian education continued through SHINE, youth groups, and the newly formed young adult small group, which continues to meet to share life, faith, and conversation together.

This year also marked an important season of discernment for our facilities. The building project shifted gears as the Church Council prayerfully discerned a new direction, which the congregation overwhelmingly affirmed with a positive vote in September. I am grateful for the thoughtful and open conversations that shaped this process, and I look forward to seeing how this project unfolds in the coming year. I give thanks for the wonderful Gala that was held in April to raise funds toward this project.

Additionally, we give thanks for the remarkable ministry of the quilting group, which, after more than 20 years of weekly meetings, transitioned to quilting at home. The impact of this ministry and the countless lives it has touched will continue to be part of our church's story.

There is truly much to give thanks for in 2025. As we look ahead to 2026, may we recommit ourselves to the importance of the local church in God's mission in the world and to living a life of mission right here in Canistota, where God has planted us. With joy, gratitude, and hope, we move forward together.

Serving Christ with you,
Rev. Jerry Bertelson

Christian Education Annual Report 2025

Fall Kick-off for Christian Ed was on September 7th. We had a pot-luck, yard games, face-painting and Emma and Tayden Kerrigan had their ice cream truck, The Cone Zone, open for business. Christian Ed provided a free ice cream treat to those enjoying the activities. **Trunk-or-Treat** was held in the church parking lot on Halloween. 7-10 Trunks were set up with over 200 kids visiting. **SHINE** Last Spring we had 52 children Prek-5th grade registered for SHINE. We began each night with a meal feeding SHINE kids, any families that wanted to attend, and both youth groups. We met as a large group in the sanctuary for announcements and singing, and then broke off into age groups. We rejoined in the large group for a closing and then dismissed kids when their parents arrived. Last spring we studied the book of Revelation. This year we have 65 children registered. We are continuing on with the meal and same SHINE format. This year we are studying the Exile and Return - the books of Ezekiel, Daniel, Ezra, Esther, Haggai, Zechariah, Nehemiah, and Malachi. We have 9 adults and several youth helpers leading and helping SHINE groups with about 6-10 adults/youth each week helping prepare, serve and clean up the meal. **Youth group** has had 40 high schoolers and 35 middle schoolers. There are 5 adult volunteer leaders. Last year they did a Lenten study and then concluded with lessons about Jesus. This year they are studying Philipians. **Sunday School** Elementary has had an increase in attendance. There have been 6-10 students attending regularly. Last spring and this fall we did lessons from the All Together Sunday School by Group. Sunday School became a time to practice for the **Christmas program** starting in November with the performance taking place during our worship service on December 14th. 19 preK/ elementary students and 2 middle school students were a part of the Christmas play written by Tami Bertelson. Middle School- 3-5 kids last spring, studied Daniel. This fall there has been 4-8 students and are studying Ruth. High School - Spring - 7 students, studied Nehemiah; Fall - 4 students, studying Ezra & Esther.
Submitted by Susie Schroeder

Trustees

Chairperson: Josh Popkes Sr.

Council Delegate: Matt Anderson

Alternate Delegate:

Other Committee Members: Jim Olsen, Luke Hutcheson, Roger Ketchum and Steve Richarz

Trustees Report for the year 2025

“All hard work brings a profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty”

Proverbs 14:23

As the Chairperson of the Trustees of United Canistota Church for the year 2025 I respectfully submit this report to the church council and congregation.

The trustees this year have been busy with work around church and parsonage. First Jeff Scott left the trustees, and I was nominated to replace him, and was voted into the chairperson's seat at the annual meeting in January.

We started the year at the parsonage working on a water discharge issue and temporarily got it taken care of. We moved on to a leak issue in the fellowship hall, after visual inspection we found that it's only an issue when we have high winds from the west as well as a decent rainfall, our suggestion was to not mess with it. Instead, we just replaced the damaged ceiling tiles that we could remove in the fellowship hall.

We negotiated a service agreement with Sight and Sound to provide all A/V support services for the church on a one-year basis.

We went through the insurance policy and noted a couple of issues, we've tried resolving the issues but haven't been able to contact the insurance company. (Work to continue trying to resolve this issue.)

We took enough complaints about the front walk, bell tower, and front canopy to work on these. We are going to contract with Weber Concrete in spring to replace the front sidewalk and bell tower. We also are going to finish the canopy covering next weekend.

The front door and deck of the parsonage have issues we've authorized a new front storm door and jacking of the front deck when JOC has time available to install it and lift the deck.

We also replaced the furnace in the parsonage this year. The unit was 20+ years old and was starting to have issues.

We also replaced all the thermostats in the building with Wi-Fi enabled thermostats that are all the same model, and all work the same. Now all models should be easier for anyone to change and for myself and anyone else who wants the task to change from anywhere with an internet connection.

We look forward to 2026 and the work we can do for the church.

Yours in Christ,

Josh Popkes Sr.

Building Committee 2025

Josh Popkes Sr., Amy Tieszen, Joey Latsha, KC DeVos, Nicole Perry, and Jimmy Olsen

Building Committee Annual Report

“By wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established”

Proverbs 24:3

I submit the building committee’s annual report to the United Church Council and the Congregation at large.

The building committee was officially formed in October 2025 at the church council meeting and was tasked with finalizing the design, getting hard bids, bid tabulation and construction of the building we are at this time calling the “Shine Building”.

The idea of the new building came about back in April 2025, trying to use the funds the church already raised and finding a more economically viable alternative to the previously proposed building design.

We decided to basically start over, design a stand-alone building, revamp the Administration area of the church and move it down to the shine area, move music to administration and build a canopy for pick up and drop off.

Design was finalized after the second committee meeting in November, and the design and a spec sheet were sent out to potential sub-contractors. Joey Latsha will be general contracting the building as a service to the congregation.

As of the end of December we have about 70% of bids back and tabulated and the committee will meet again in early January to discuss the bids and try to determine what can be self-performed with sweat equity and what we need to redesign and rebid.

We appreciate the overwhelming support from the congregation and the community as a whole, while we try to improve the situation for our youth ministry.

Yours in Christ,

Josh Popkes Sr

PPR annual report

Chairperson: Carol Woltzen

Council delegate: Morgan Gerken

Alternate to council: Mark Jerman, Deb Kuhler

Committee members: Carol Woltzen, Mark Jerman, Morgan Gerken, Deb Kuhler, Katie Ortman, Chad Keller, Ex-officio member--Cody Church, Pastor Jerry Bertelson

PPR meetings held in 2025: Feb. 20, July 9, Oct. 20, Nov. 18

Jeremiah 3:15 is a powerful promise from God in the Old Testament, stating, "And I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge, and understanding" (ESV/NIV). This verse signifies God's commitment to providing faithful leaders who will guide His people with wisdom and true insight.

The PPR committee strives to listen to the needs of the congregation and support Pastor Jerry and Tami as they continue to guide and lead our congregation. The committee feels extremely blessed--first, for their faithful dedication to God and second for their service to our congregation and the community of Canistota. We are also thankful for Jerry's successful neck surgery this past year and pray for his continued good health.

Pastor Jerry's ministry reaches beyond Sunday mornings into the community. He serves on the city council, school board, Lions club, writes a column for the paper, leads the worship service during Sport Days, and participates in the Memorial Day program--just to name a few!!

We celebrated Pastor Appreciation month in October. In November staff evaluations were completed by the committee and Pastor Jerry. The committee appreciates his commitment to professional development and applying that knowledge to his sermons. His willingness to be open to change and making changes when warranted is another strength we observe. Ten sick days per year were added to his terms of call for 2026 and a recommendation for a salary increase was made to the finance committee.

In 2026 the committee will be reviewing the roles and responsibilities of the committee.

Carol Woltzen, PPR chairperson

Church Council Chairperson Report 2025

I am deeply grateful for Pastor Jerry, whose leadership and guidance bless our congregation. Thank you also to our dedicated church staff, who serve behind the scenes each day and keep ministry moving forward.

We extend sincere appreciation to our many volunteers—particularly those who pour into our youth. Our weekly youth ministries and Wednesday night meal program continue because of the countless hours you give to prepare lessons, serve meals, build relationships, and pray for our young people and their families. These ministries are shaping lives with God's Word and His love, and they thrive because so many in our congregation pray, serve, and support them.

Thank you as well to the Church Council and committees for your faithful service and attention to United Church's health and vitality. This past year, the council continued to prayerfully steward our Building to the Future project. Together as a congregation, we discerned God's leading to continue forward, with the hope of breaking ground in spring 2026. I invite you to keep praying for this project—seeking God's wisdom, provision, and direction as we move ahead in faith.

United Church continues to thrive because of God's faithfulness and because of you—His people. Ezra longed for the returning exiles to love God and live obediently within His covenant. Just as God remained faithful to Israel, He remains faithful to us today. May we reflect Ezra's heart: loving God deeply and making Him known.

Let us continue to **Experience and Share Life in Christ.**

Submitted by Cody Church

Elders Report for 2025

The Elder committee members are: **Cody Church, Amy Tieszen, Ivan Ortman, Brad Schroeder, Dorene Richarz, Bo DeKramer and Pastor Jerry**

The elder's committee has been working on how to support the church family young and old throughout the year. We have looked into how to support the youth and Christian education area and continue to review as a committee what that can look like into the future. We have been continuing to show our support with many in the congregation, from those who have been hurting from loss and those who are looking for support in other ways. We have supported and helped Pastor Jerry wherever he has asked for assistance. We as a committee are committed to be reachable for the congregation in all needs. We pray for the congregation to continue to reach out whenever they would like support from the church. We are looking forward to 2026 with our congregation being the focus.

Submitted by Amy Tieszen

Stewardship & Finance annual report

Chairman: Dianne Dawson

Council delegate: Eric Tieszen

Alternate: Brad Schroeder

Other members: Cathee Bruinsma, Phil Hofer, Cory Spicer

Financial secretary: Doreen Fry

Officers are all the same from last year. Our finance committee continues to focus on the challenges of changing cost of expenditures, especially our insurance coverage. Committee continues to review monthly and quarterly expenses and giving. The 2026 budget has been increased by over 12k with ins coverage, denominational support and salaries as major expenditures. 2026 budget includes a 3% salary increase to staff and Pastor Jerry. We appreciate Pastor Jerry on his continued dedication and leadership. Thank you, Jerry! Scholarships were given to Brady Scott, Bailey Spicer, Autumn Hutcheson and Nevaeh Montgomery.

Our committee would like to thank Doreen F for her continued dedication to the position of financial secretary. As we say good bye, we know she will always be available for continued questions, THANK YOU Doreen!! Jacey Richardson is learning our software and doing a great job, and will be taking over completely by February. Thank you, Jacey, for taking on this role! Our committee will see Cathee B and Dianne D leaving committee. We continue to be blessed! Our challenges for 2026 will be taking on some unknowns with the new building project. Expenses will increase so we will see how 2026 goes.

Our committee wants to thank the members and friends of United Church for their continued financial support. We strive to be financially stable and responsible! Your support allows us to

continue our mission of Experiencing and sharing Life in Christ to in our local and national community.

Submitted by Dianne Dawson

Youth Fund Financials
2025

Date	Deposits	Debit	Balance
1/1	Beginning of year balance		\$1,322.17
1/9	\$290.00		\$1,612.17
2/12	\$4325.00 (pizza fundraiser)		\$5,937.17
2/13		\$325.00 (prizes for fundraiser)	\$5,612.17
2/13		\$3763.71 (Total Stop – pizzas)	\$1,848.46
2/14	\$690.00 (pizza fundraiser)		\$2,538.46
4/22	\$375.00		\$2,913.46
5/19	\$200.00		\$3,113.46
5/29	\$266.00		\$3,379.46
5/30	\$300.00		\$3,679.46
6/16	\$730.00		\$4,409.46
6/17	\$32.15		\$4,441.61
6/30		\$162.50	\$4,279.11
7/14	\$115.00		\$4,394.11
8/22		\$4,213.02 (reimbursement for mission trip costs)	\$181.09
12/10		\$100 (speaker honorarium)	\$81.09
12/20	\$300 (donation)		\$381.09
12/31	End of year balance		\$381.09

Women's Society Checking Acct

Balance 1-1-25	\$20,594.95
Deposits	
Funerals/Memorials	\$400.00
Backpack Program/Food Giveaways	\$4,766.61
Use of Church	\$350.00
Turkey Supper	\$6,676.00
Total	\$12,192.61
Expenses	
Local missions/events	\$355.92
United Methodist Women	\$500.00
United Methodist Camps Donation	\$200.00
Presbyterian Women of SD	\$500.00
Presbyterian Camps Donation	\$200.00
Turkey Supper Supplies	\$2,084.40
United Church of Canistota (10% of Turkey Supper profit and reception fees)	\$495.00
Backpack Program/Food Giveaways	\$3,951.69
Camperships	\$522.50
Golden Age Sunday	\$109.33
Kitchen Supplies and Projects	\$74.33
Misc.	\$704.07
Total	\$9,697.24
Balance 12-31-25	\$23,090.32

Women's Society Savings Acct

Balance 1-1-25	\$1,334.93
Interest	\$9.42
Balance 12-31-25	\$1,344.35

Memorial Annual Info 12-31-25

Savings

Undesignated		9965.47	
	int	76.36	
	total		10,041.83

Library N/A	total		315.94
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TOTAL SAVINGS up to 12-31-2025			13,357.77
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Horse Camp			3,931.46
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Total Money up to 12-31-2025			14,289.23
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Riverside Cemetery upkeep acct.

		800.85	
	int	5.65	
	total		806.5

Budget 2026

01/16/2026

Income Categories

Number	Category	Annual Budget
	General Offerings	235000
	General Offerings:Farm Rent Income	23840
	General Offerings:MMIA Interest Income	75
	General Offerings:Use of Church/Misc Income	500
	Income Categories Total	259415

Expense Categories

Number	Category	Annual Budget
	Christian Education	9450
	Staff Salary	37587
	Pastor Salary & Benefits	161375
	Total Missions	20770
	Denominational Support	31300
	Office Expense	10000
	Building Expense	15850
	Repairs & Equipment	24850
	Grounds Expense	5000
	Worship & Membership	0
	Worship & Membership:Delegate Expense	1000
	Worship & Membership:Devotional Books & Literature	1500
	Worship & Membership:Gifts	1000
	Worship & Membership:Library	100
	Worship & Membership:Licensing	1000
	Worship & Membership:Music, Bells	1588

Number	Category	Annual Budget
	Worship & Membership:Organists, Pianists	2600
	Worship & Membership:Praise Band, Praise Leader	675
	Worship & Membership:Projection/Audio	1300
	Worship & Membership:Senior Quilts & Bibles	2140
	Worship & Membership:Worship & Membership 1	2950
	Trustees-Capital Expenditures	87573
	Expense Categories Total	419608

Balance Sheet

01/16/2026

For the period ending 12/31/2025

ASSETS	General Fund	Capital Improvement Fund	Special Offering Fund	Memorial Fund	Other Funds	TOTAL
Checking-Security State Bank	188,913.20	52,401.43	3,889.75	0.00	119,169.20	364,373.58
MMIA-Savings-Security State Bank	0.00	11,160.36			124.25	11,284.61
Sr High UYF						0.00
Riverside CD-7000325444					11,681.23	11,681.23
Scholarship Annuity					40,737.53	40,737.53
CD - New Building-7000328731					54,754.54	54,754.54
CD General 7000328732	0.00				42,124.92	42,124.92
CD General 7000331679	1,866.83				41,489.74	43,356.57
CD General 7000328737	0.00				43,803.63	43,803.63
CD - New Building-7000330016	0.00				53,580.37	53,580.37
CD - New Building -7000330017	0.00				52,244.03	52,244.03
CD - New Building-7000332171					51,296.16	51,296.16
TOTAL ASSETS	190,780.03	63,561.79	3,889.75	0.00	511,005.60	769,237.17
LIABILITIES						
TOTAL LIABILITIES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
NET ASSETS	190,780.03	63,561.79	3,889.75	0.00	511,005.60	769,237.17

Monthly Budget Analysis

01/16/2026

Budget 2025

Between 01/01/2025 and 12/31/2025

INCOME CATEGORIES

Category	Annual Budget	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
General Offerings	235000	13020.20	16909.27	19391.99	13619.41	16542.88	18252.29	13838.77	15655.29	11217.39	14302.71	32733.04	48666.55
Farm Rent Income	23840		11920.00							11920.00			
Loose Offering	500												
MMIA Interest Income	75	8.59	6.88	6.88	8.61	6.89	6.89	8.62	6.90	6.91	8.64	6.92	6.92
Use of Church/Misc Income	500											225.00	
Income Categories Total	259915	13028.79	28836.15	19398.87	13628.02	16549.77	18259.18	13847.39	15662.19	23144.3	14311.35	32964.96	48673.47

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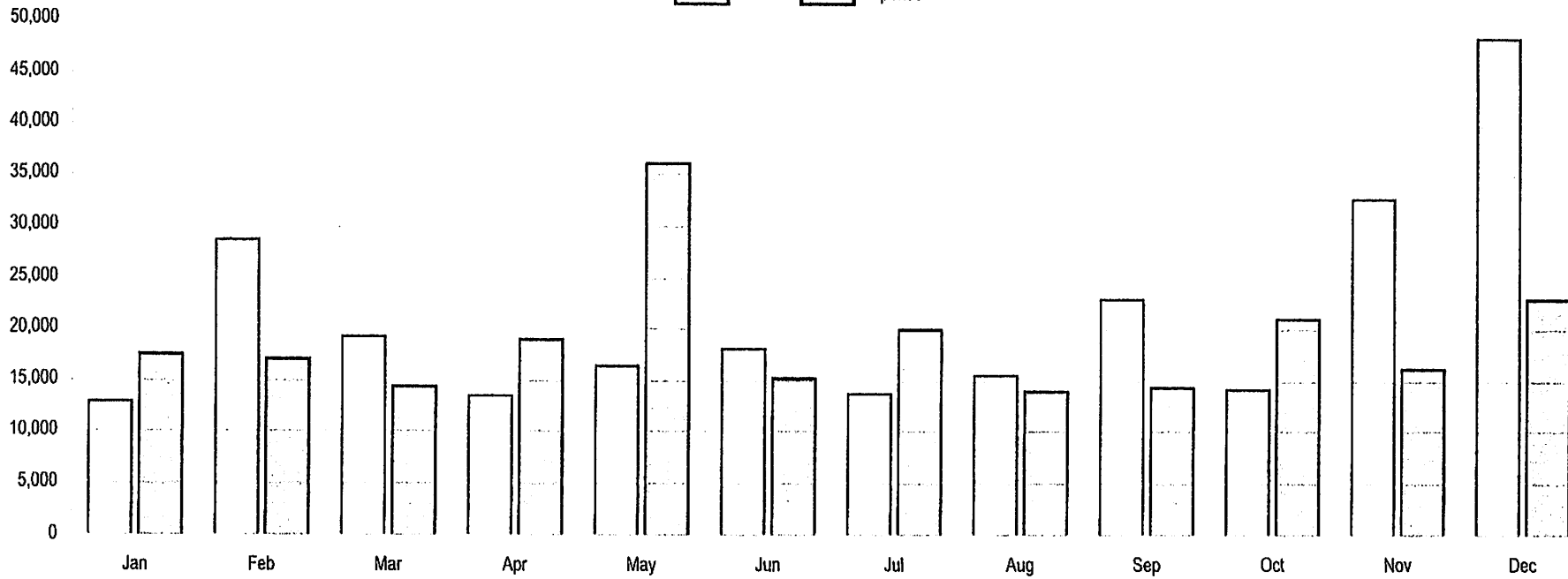
EXPENSE CATEGORIES

Category	Annual Budget	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Christian Education	0												
Adult Sunday School	500												
Shine	6500	430.06	849.22	479.24	233.25	693.33	269.44			664.12	975.86	562.18	1021.09
VBS	1750					1458.53							

Category	Annual Budget	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Youth Sunday School	700	115.76			47.70	43.86						10.41	
Staff Salary	38730	2200.64	2746.49	2314.28	2620.55	3815.44	3009.71	2402.26	2735.69	2329.14	3354.81	3026.08	2685.82
Pastor Salary & Benefits	100835	9700.77	7880.94	7714.95	8802.44	7890.92	7668.62	7799.19	7807.05	7747.2	7951.1	7475.13	8906.97
Total Missions	20770	954	50	877	2161.2	1232.3	1679	550	1556.2	167	1577.69	1619.56	419.6
Denominational Support	27300				4486.87			4688.26			4534.77		
Office Expense	9500	1599.34	372.16	711.52	422.59	597.19	977.37	1013.31	481.65	429.38	666.77	853.76	1650.13
Building Expense	15850	1411.99	1423.58	1658.97	1055.57	1143.49	482.93	698.54	411.71	671.02	296.29	542.65	1322.55
Repairs & Equipment	14050	202	202	630.52	1315.36	11345.65	215.02	824.81	495.95	297.55	297.55	327.37	1000
Grounds Expense	5000				3224.36		270	270	270	270	135		
Worship & Membership	13525	871.22	2593.6	168.4	-5364.24	7953.59	805	1321.96	390.54	1168.58	1461.89	609.42	47.15
Trustees-Capital Expenditures	0												
Church Repairs, Parking Lot	70977					100.00						1246.71	
Parsonage/Manse Repairs	2500	222.72	1122.31		126.00	78.72		600.37		780.56		90.27	6146.34
Expense Categories Total	328487	17708.5	17240.3	14554.88	19131.65	36353.02	15377.09	20168.7	14148.79	14524.55	21251.73	16363.54	23199.65

Monthly Income and Expenses

Income Expense



Committee Members & Officers

Year 2026

The individuals listed in **bold**, along with the year in **bold** indicating their term (first or second), are being voted on at the 2026 Annual Meeting.

Officers

(one-year term / ends 2026)

Council Chairperson – Cody Church

Council vice-chairperson – Sarah Woltzen

Treasurer – Jacey Richardson

Secretary – Karyn Montgomery

Committee Membership

(Please note: each committee member is elected to a three-year term; however, they may continue service for a second term, if they opt to. Listed is the date when their first term and second term ends.)

		First Term Ends	Second Term Ends
Trustees	Luke Hutchenson	2024	2027
	Roger Ketchum	2024	2027
	Josh Popkes Sr.	2026	2029
	Jim Olsen	2027	2030
	Steve Richarz	2027	2030
	KC DeVos	2028	2031
Stewardship			

	Eric Tieszen	2023	2026
	Phil Hofer	2026	2029
	Brad Schroeder	2026	2029
	Cory Spicer	2026	2029
	Cathee Bruinsma	2028	2031
	George Kuhler	2028	2031
Christian Education			
	Tami Bertelson	2023	2026
	Renae Lindbloom	2026	2029
	Susie Schroeder	2026	2029
	Brittany Latsha	2026	2029
	Joey Latsha	2026	2029
	Jacey Richardson	2027	2030
Worship & Membership			
	Wendy Kleinsasser	2026	2029
	Beth Tappin	2026	2029
	Nicole Perry	2026	2029
	Angie Scott	2027	2030
	Tess Olsen	2028	2031
	Kathy Hofer	2028	2031
Pastor-Parish Relations			
	Carol Woltzen	2023	2026
	Deb Kuhler	2025	2028
	Mark Jerman	2026	2029
	Morgan Gerken	2026	2029
	Chad Keller	2027	2030
	Cody Church	Ex-officio	---
	Katie Ortman	Lay Rep. To UMC	---
	Carol Woltzen	Lay Rep. To PCUSA	---
World Outreach and Social Concerns			
	Bo DeKramer	2024	2027
	Tami Remacle	2026	2029
	Jenny Hutcheson	2026	2029
	Mandy Keller	2026	2029
	Cody Church	2028	2031
	Michael White	2028	2031

Elders Team

Brad Schroeder	2024	2027
Ivan Ortman	2024	2027
Bo DeKramer	2025	2028
Dorene Richarz	2025	2028
Cody Church	2026	2029
Amy Tieszen	2026	2029

Lay Leadership
Committee

Pam Jerman		2026
Al Scott		2027
Larry Nebelsick		2028

Audit Committee

<i>*Appointed by council for 2-year term.</i>		
Ann VanBeek		2025
George Kuhler		2026
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Nominated from the floor at the 2026 Annual Meeting:

Member-at-large Delegate to Council:

Member-at-large alternate:

United Women's Society Delegate to Council:

United Women's Society alternate:

Standing Committees & Members

Communion Steward: Renae Lindbloom

Memorial Committee: Pat Letcher, Karen Hofer

Library Committee: Erin Church, Susie Schroeder

Riverside Cemetery Committee: Lavelle DeKramer, Pat Letcher, Michael White

Funeral Committee (UWS):

Co-Chairpersons: Karen Hofer, Lanette Koehn

Members: Dorene Richarz, Amy Tieszen, Denise Kurth, Carol Woltzen, Kathy Hofer, Linda Plucker

Decorating Committee: Kathy Hofer

Health, Welfare, Hospitals, & Homes: World Outreach & Social Concerns Committee

Colleges: Stewardship & Finance Committee

Christian Vocations: Pastors, Sr. High Youth Director, & Advisors

Wills & Legacies: (open)

Religion & Race: World Outreach & Social Concerns Committee

Organization President: To be elected.