



Providence Post

JULY/AUGUST 2026



Session Highlights

Barb Hazlett

(Note: The following highlights are taken from the minutes of the Monday, June 15, 2026, regular Session meeting.)

Clerk's Report: Jeannine Fagley passed away on Monday, June 15, 2026.

Fifty communicants were served communion on Sunday, June 7.

The Huntingdon Presbytery's clerk minutes review will be held at Providence Church this year on Tuesday, October 6, 2026.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was distributed and discussed.

Huntingdon Presbytery Report: The next regular meeting of Huntingdon Presbytery will be on Tuesday, July 14, at 6:00 pm, and will be an online only meeting. The PCUSA General Assembly will meet this year from Monday, June 22, through Friday, July 2.

Moderator's Report: Pastor Hilary listed all her activities for May 2026. Because she will be officiating two funerals this week, she will take her vacation on Sunday, June 28, in place of Friday, June 19. Carol Wyerman has agreed to fill the pulpit on June 28.

On Sunday, October 4, we will celebrate Pastor Hilary's "Silver Ordiversary." This event will recognize the 25th anniversary of her ordination.

Our pastor will use four days of her study leave to attend the "Wee Kirk" Small Church conference in Laurelvile, Pennsylvania, from Monday, October 12, through Thursday, October 15, 2026.

Session Team Reports (Chair)

Finance & Stewardship (Sue Whitsel): The 2026 vs. 2025 Monthly Financial Summary is summarized below:

	Through 05/30/26	Through 05/30/25
Congregational Giving	\$ 77,696	\$ 73,862
Building Rental Income	105	1,012
Special Offerings	4,556	4,963
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Total Income	\$ 82,357	\$ 79,837
Total Expenses	\$121,145	\$123,688
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Surplus (Shortfall)	\$ 38,788	\$ 43,851

Stewardship materials should arrive in August from K LW Enterprises in Illinois. This year's theme is "Empowered by God—Responding to Grace." Our stewardship budget will cover the \$175 cost for the program.

The Finance team and our office administrator continue to deal with issues created by the Reliance Bank software update pertaining to our checking account. Reliance still has not resolved the problems related to the approval process of payroll and checks by Barry and Sue.

Congregational Care (Amanda Yeager): Our church picnic is scheduled for Sunday, July 26, and tickets are currently being sold.

Mission (Judy Hartzell): We received mail from the Gloria Gates Foundation, Blair Senior Services (Meals on Wheels), Agarwal Teen Services and the Altoona Food Bank.

Thanks to Betsy Gallace for inserting a Soup on Saturday reminder in the Food Bank boxes. At our May 16, SOS event, 40 guests were served a meal of hot dogs, choice of soups, bananas, choice of beverages and desserts. We had eight helpers and were able to offer seconds at 12:30 pm. Thanks to all the cooks, bakers and servers for your help!

At our June 20, Soup on Saturday we plan to serve meatball sandwiches, a choice of soups, fruit, desserts and beverages. If available, seconds will be served at 12:30 pm.

At our July 18, Soup on Saturday we plan to serve summer sandwiches, a choice of soups, fruit, desserts and beverages.

As part of our mission support for the month of June, we gave to the following: Krislund Camp donation, Pak 5 Nan Partnership Projects and Pak 5 Nan Special Projects.

For the Altoona Food Bank in June, we are asking for donations of peanut butter and jelly. The Providence Food Pantry is asking for donations of any nonperishable food items and personal care items such as soaps, deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes, soaps, lotions, socks, mittens, etc.

Outreach (Jane Yerty): There is one camper who will be attending Krislund next week.

Property (Bruce Hazlett): Both antennae were replaced on our outdoor display sign and it is now working again.

Patterson Construction started work today on the 24th Street side outdoor steps.

Link Computer informed us that some of the parts they ordered will be shipping soon and that by the end of August, everything should be here so that they can start work on our computer network. Pastor Hilary applied for a grant for IT funding from the Presbyterian Foundation. Funding could be up to \$5,000, and it will be announced on August 17.

The Synod of the Trinity recommended Brotherhood Insurance Company, which insures churches. We gave them a copy of the coverage we now have for a quote. Our current carrier is Guide One with a \$9,666 premium. Brotherhood offered similar coverage for \$8,684, and for an additional \$300, they could offer us a \$1,000,000

umbrella policy. We will be changing carriers to Brotherhood with the additional umbrella policy.

The large door for the wall between the sanctuary and Fellowship Hall has been ordered and installation will commence upon its arrival.

Spiritual Enhancement (Heather Wisor): The team met on Monday, June 8, to review policies. Changes will be made and they will submit those revisions at another meeting.

Vacation Bible School is scheduled to start on Sunday, June 28, 2026.

Worship (Rick Herbster): Kudos to all for an inspiring Youth Sunday service!

Acolytes and ushers are in place for June. We are still hunting for "friends and family" groups to be liturgists on each Sunday of the summer.

Link Computer is still waiting for parts to start the updates of our IT system. We applied for a grant from the Presbyterian Foundation to help us pay for this, but we won't know if we are approved for a couple of months. Doug Stephens will be installing a microphone for the choir.

Summer and fall schedule:

- June 7 - Worship moves to 9:30 am;
Communion; No Sunday school
- June 21 - Father's Day; Carol Wyerman in the pulpit (Pastor Hilary is away on June 21 and June 28)
- June 28 - Carol Wyerman in the pulpit;
Vacation Bible School begins,
Theme: "Snow Mountain Challenge"
- July 5 - "Café Church" and Communion
- July 26 - "Casual Dress" for church, Church Picnic at DelGrosso's Park
- August 2 - "Café Church" and Communion;
Pastor Hilary will be answering questions from the congregation about the book of Genesis
- September 6 - Worship returns to 10:15 am; "Rally Day" & "Minute for Rally Day" during the worship service
- September 13 - Sunday school resumes at 9:00 am
- October 4 - World Communion Sunday;
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Possible date for us to celebrate
Pastor Hilary's 25th anniversary of
being ordained

October 25 - Reformation Sunday
November 1 - All Saints' Day; Communion
November 22 - Christ the King Sunday
November 28 (Saturday) - "Dress the
church" for the Advent season
November 29 - 1st Sunday of Advent

Calendar Review:

- Louise Albright funeral, June 17, at 12:30 pm
- Jeannine Fagley funeral, June 19, at 4:30 pm
- Soup on Saturday, June 20
- Carol Wyerman will preach on June 21 & June 28
- Vacation Bible School, June 28 through July 2
- Café Church, July 5 & August 2
- Church Picnic, July 26

Giving and Serving Opportunities: This list will be on an insert in the July 5 worship bulletin.

New Business: As per a request from Huntingdon Presbytery, we are reviewing our rolls. We went over the list of members we haven't seen for a long while and Session members each took several of the names to contact.

Peggy Horner proposed that we set up a team to clean out some of the rooms in the basement. Session discussed how to handle it. A suggestion was made that after Vacation Bible School we will work on one room at a time. This could be done on a Sunday after church and we will see who wants to stay and help. We'll start with the two Sundays in the middle of July: July 12 and July 19.

The July Session meeting was cancelled; we'll meet again on Monday, August 17, 2026.



Just a reminder that the Per Capita amount for 2026 is \$41.00 *per member*. Please try to meet your per capita obligation this year by using the special [blue envelope](#) in your box of offering envelopes. Thank you!

JULY Birthdays & Anniversaries

Nancy Woomer	3
Brian Rutter	6
Annie Stanek	7
Becca Gallace	9
Peggy Horner	13
Betty Miller	15
Jen Braun	16
Wendy Manfred	16
Ellie Herbster	19
Jemmings Lantz	25
Carol Wyerman	25
Steve Parsons	28
Cookie Hall	30
Heather Wisor	30

Dave & Marcia Dravis	3
Tom & Linda McKee	15
Al & Rita Holtzing	23



Our annual Church Family Picnic will be held on Sunday, July 26, at DelGrosso's Park, beginning at 1:00 pm. Dinner will be served at 5:00 pm. The meal will cost \$10. Bottles of water and snack bags will be available at our pavilion. All-day ride tickets, including the water park, will be available at a reduced rate of \$15 per person. Bingo will be available to play at our pavilion during the afternoon, with prizes given to the lucky winners.

Sign-up sheets are posted in Fellowship Hall. DelGrosso's will need a firm count by Sunday, July 12, so please, check your calendars and make your reservation and payment by that date. Hope to see you there!

Special Music - Anyone interested in providing special music for our summer services should contact a member of the Worship team.

Odds & Ends (Continued):

Casual Dress Sunday will be observed on Sunday, July 26. Since this is our Church Family Picnic day, the Worship team encourages our congregation to participate in a "Casual Dress Sunday." Break out those Bermuda shorts, clam-diggers, pedal pushers and Providence T-shirts!

Vacation Bible School will be held at Providence Presbyterian Church from **Sunday, June 28, to Thursday, July 2.** Our theme will be "Snow Mountain Challenge." This year at VBS we will be offering dinner every evening. Monetary donations to help offset the cost of providing this meal for those in attendance would be greatly appreciated. VBS is open to all kids from age 3 to sixth grade. Please invite your family, friends and neighbors to join us for what will certainly be a great time for all!

Garden Water Tanks: There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall for volunteers to help with keeping the garden's water tanks filled. Thanks!

Thank You: Linda Hart and family extend their sincerest gratitude to the congregation for their caring thoughts, sympathy cards, and heartfelt prayers when Les died on May 18.

Family Services July & August Donation Needs

Providence Presbyterian Church is collecting the following items for Family Services on the second Sunday of the month. **July** items may be left on Sunday, July 12, and **August** items on Sunday, August 9. Please place items on the designated shelves located in the 24th Street hallway adjacent to the Fellowship Hall. Thanks!

July Category: Cleaning Products

All-purpose cleaners
Degreasers
Oven cleaner
Rubber gloves
Mr. Clean Magic Eraser®
Mops, brooms, dust pans
High efficiency laundry detergent
Fabric softener sheets

Garbage bags—all sizes
Ceramic stove top cleaner
Facial Tissues

August Category: School Supplies

Backpacks/lunch boxes
Composition notebooks
Books/folders
Glue sticks
Children's scissors
Crayons/markers
Pens/highlighters
Pencils/erasers
Pencil cases
Mechanical pencils/lead refills
Play dough
Facial Tissues



Jane Falco	2
Carol Young	3
Marsha Hansard	6
Vivian Markley	8
Michael Pizur	9
Rick Herbster	12
Donnie Gallace	13
Dave Dravis	15
Bev Moss-Oswalt	15
Holynn Treese	16
Paul M. Conway	17
Tom Costea	18
Bill Moore	20
Erika Pizur	21
Kai Thompson	21
Barry Gaut	22
Charlotte Hall	24
Kaylee Zeigler	24
Bobby Brooks	25
Amanda Yeager	25
Jimmy Gallace	26
Tony Gallace	26
Nancy Donlan	29
Sue Payne	29

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Rick & Ellie Herbster	1
Jason & Devyn Little	3
Mike & Gail Irwin	7
Bob & MaryAnne Hollingsworth	8
Dwayne & Jane Yerty	8
Jeff & Amanda Stanek	13
Dave & Carol Adams	14
Steve & Carole Parsons	14
Brad & Suzanne Slep	14
Richie & Sue Slep	24



Greetings from the Outreach Team

By Jane Yerty

Our annual clothing giveaway is coming up on Saturday, September 12. We would like to remind you to save gently used seasonal clothing for children, teens, women and men. Those attending last year were especially thankful for the winter coats and jackets that were donated. We are also looking for gently used shoes. This year we are asking you to sort and organize your donations if possible. We spend a lot of time identifying sizes and sorting according to groups. It would be most helpful if you could bag like items together. For instance, label a bag containing 'women's medium clothing' or 'toddler 2T clothing.' A suggestion was made to use paper grocery bags with handles for this purpose.

Please watch the worship bulletin for more information. We will start accepting donations in August. More to come on buying new shoes as well. Thank you in advance for your generous donations and assistance as we help our neighbors prepare for back-to-school and colder weather.

Note: The following letter was received by our church and is reprinted here in its entirety for your information and consideration.

Dear Pastor and Church Family of Providence Presbyterian Church,

My name is Amanda Stanek, and I'm a local home schooling mom. I'm reaching out with a simple prayer request as I prepare to tutor a Tuesday classical Christian home school class in Hollidaysburg this coming school year.

The class is for students 12 and older and will meet for a full day for 30 weeks at a local church. We'll be using Classical Conversations as our curriculum. My hope is to offer a steady, encouraging place for students to discuss ideas, give presentations, build accountability, and grow alongside other home school families.

I'm praying the Lord brings in just a few more students so the class has lively discussion and good participation. Space is limited on purpose so each student has time to speak, contribute, and be known. I also equip parents to keep teaching at home during the rest of the week.

I'm not asking for funding or sponsorship—just prayer, and perhaps a connection if a family comes to mind. If you know a home schooling family, or a family considering homeschooling, with a student 12 or older, I would be grateful if you would share my information with them.

*Families are welcome to call me at 563-212-1605. They can also visit **ClassicalConversations.com** for upcoming information meetings.*

Thank you for your prayers and for the way you serve families in our community.

Warmly in Christ,

*Amanda Stanek
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