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SESSION

The Session meets on the second Thursday of the month. Session meetings are open (voice may be granted by action of the Session). There may be rare occasions when the discussion is of a confidential nature and that portion of the meeting must be closed. The following actions were taken at the most recent meeting of Session on October 11:

- Appointed Yancy Bolden, our Delegate to Quad City Interfaith.
- Accepted bids and authorized repairs to the foundation and mortar on the north portion of the church building.
- Authorized withdrawal of \$30,000 from the New Covenant Funds of the Presbyterian Foundation for anticipated expenses in excess of receipts for the remainder of the year, including the above repairs (the first and, we all hope, only such withdrawal for 2012).
- Established Pastoral Care Assistants to be part of a minister team together with the Pastor and Coordinator of Health Care Ministry to call on shut-ins, assist with home communion and make hospital visits. Training will be provided by Rev. Cunningham.
- Affirmed and maintained the current schedule of Worship: 9:30, 10:45, and 1:00.
- Established a schedule for blended Worship Services at 10:45 am for the next twelve months. The schedule is:
 - First Sunday in Advent, • Easter, • Pentecost Sunday,
 - Ordination / Installation Sunday (in July), and • World Wide Communion Sunday.

Please mark your calendars, watch the newsletter and bulletins, and listen for announcements in Worship as reminders of approaching blended services.

Session reviewed the worship attendance for September, noting that attendance in Worship was higher this September than in either 2011 or 2010. Although the average monthly attendance has fluctuated, it has been higher (except in April and July) this year than in 2011. The number of visitors has remained relatively constant.

Session discussed changing the installation date of officers (implementation will require extending current terms six months). The term for subsequent Elders would remain the same (3 years). Moving the calling process away from the busy holiday months would facilitate the process and also scheduling training for those officers. The necessary extension of current terms would be beneficial to our Pastor and the strengthening of ministry, providing a longer time with the same Session (currently there would be only three months experience before a change in officers). Moving installation to July would be more conducive to a transition for Elders, before the fall and typical start of a program year. This change would extend the terms of all current Elders to June 30 (*Elders present were willing*).

NOTE: Session voted to recommend to the congregation a change to the By-Laws reflecting that officers will be elected in May (instead of November) of each year with ordination / installation in July (instead of January). A congregational meeting to consider the proposal was held at 10:30am on October 28 (between Worship Services). The proposal was voted on and approved.

- Brian McMaster,
Clerk of Session

