

2025 Session

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Letter from the Pastor

Beloved Community,

In September, I had an opportunity to attend CREDO, an intensive learning camp; worship retreat experience for pastors. Thank you for the beautiful gift of time to grow!

The conference centered participants around the truth that growing in God's grace is a continual process. Throughout our whole lives, we have the opportunity to grow into the people that God has called us to be. And we can grow with intentionality, allowing God to change us through prayer by considering our own identity and practice. They encouraged us to ask four questions:

Who am I?

Who is God calling me to be?

How am I responding?

How am I changing?

How might you answer these questions as well?

In the spring, my prayerful hope is to encourage us as a church around these themes. May we all grow in God's grace together!

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Space to Pray at CREDO



Garden Summer



Debbie Sykora Building Dedication



Pastor KJ & CREDO fun



FPCD Firepit night

★ Intergenerational Committee ★

- This month, we continue Parents' Night Out with a Halloween theme; Wearing costumes and doing science experiments. Also, we will be making blankets for Project Linus on October 25th from 10 am to 2 pm. The effort will help local police and fire departments to give blankets to kids when needed. Please bring fleece, sewing scissors and a friend.
- Our annual Trunk or Treat will be on October 26th from 4 pm to 6 pm in the church parking lot. Please sign up to decorate a car or come and run a game or craft table. Feel free to bring a friend to decorate a car as well. Keep looking for new events coming soon.



◆ Deacons ◆

- This was a very sunny summer, and the Deacons made it even sunnier with all their good work. We had a Rock n Roll potluck in June and served breakfast to all the hard workers on Saturday morning, September 13. Two visits to our friend Janice Gaston were made.
- We put in some long hours helping out at the Garage Sale in June. Margo Stark kept the card ministry going.
- We are now making plans for our next potluck on October 19th. The theme of this luncheon is Team Pride.
- Many of us will soon be participating in Project Linus on October 25th.
- Lots of planning is now going into the day of the Presbyterian Conference on November 18th. We hope people will volunteer to help with the various jobs we will need to do to make this day successful.

● Worship Committee ●

- Thanks again to everyone for your generosity and support during the Capital Campaign for Hymnal and Worship Upgrades. We are now working with our new Music Director, Romellus Wilson to plan for the training of volunteers to run the new worship software.
- In addition, the Worship Committee sets the schedule for Worship Assistants each week, and we are always excited to welcome new readers to lead in worship. It is our desire to have the full congregation represented in our worship leadership, so please see Worship Chair Katrina McKenzie if you would like to get involved.



Human Trafficking Awareness Event



Estate Planning & Legacy Giving Workshop

* Stewardship Committee *

- The Stewardship Committee organized several events this past quarter, including the Citizens Against Abuse presentation on Human Trafficking and an Estate Planning & Legacy Giving Workshop. Additionally, we're excited to announce that we have secured the Swingset Big Band for a Christmas concert in December of this year along with the return of the WorldStrides Heritage Festival Choral Performances in April of 2026.
- We met with Bolingbrook Deputy Mayor Mike Lawler, and he provided recommendations on connecting with the greater Bolingbrook community and partnering with organizations that may need for space within FPCD for their operations or special events.
- We have gathered quotes to replace our church sign which is currently inoperable and will be presenting those to Session in the upcoming weeks.
- And finally, we want to thank all of you who have graciously pledged your time, talent and financial gifts to support the church in the upcoming year. And a special thank you goes out to those members who gave heartfelt testimonials during this year's stewardship campaign on what the FPCD family means to them.