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CHURCH LIFE

JANUARY 2026



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For many of us, the creches are put away, the trees are waiting to be recycled, and the music on the radio (does anyone still listen to radio?) is not about Christmas anymore. Will the moments of quiet waiting and joyful anticipation be forgotten? We move swiftly now toward a new year, especially here at church where a new way of being church is finally taking shape. I pray for all of us that we may see renewal, rebirth, and reawakening this year. Please come to any and all of the meetings we hold this January as we finalize our plans for walking this new path.

Here are some of the meeting dates I know right now:

- Jan. 18** Pre-Annual meeting and forum
- Jan. 21** WayCo dinner and dialogue with FCCSB welcoming WayCo members into joint membership

-Jan. 25 Annual Meeting of all members with votes on transition plans, officers, and a budget. Followed by a celebration!

This will be my last column of this nature, but I'm not going away! As always, if you have questions or concerns, you can contact me at mmpeyton@gmail.com or 805-729-1046.

I love you guys!



DECEMBER TRANSITION HOUSE

A BIG Thank you to Sharon Kayser for coordinating the December monthly meal on the 9th!!!!

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Jan 2	Robin Rickershauser
Jan 5	Sharon Kayser
Jan 8	Lynda Butner
Jan 12	Steve Butner
Jan 26	Dan LaPorte
Jan 30	Gail Gillie

2025 Officers and Committees

Church Officers

Moderator	Martha Peyton ^{MB}
Vice Moderator	Johanna Preiswerk ^{MB}
Recording Clerk	Peter Brown ^{MB}
Treasurer	Salome Crowley ^{MB}
Asst. Treasurer	Mary Howe-Grant
Financial Co-Secretaries	Lynn Stewart & Sue Lael Katnic
Membership Clerk	Karen Steward
Systems Administrator	Steve Butner
Historian	Karen Steward

At-Large Mission Board Members

Karen Steward ^{MB}	Gail Gillies ^{MB}
Sally Thacher ^{MB}	Sharon Kayser ^{MB}

Conference Delegates

Adult	Karen Steward
Adult	Martha Peyton

Standing Committees

Finance and Facilities

3-7 members

Lynn Stewart*
Peter Preiswerk
Salome Crowley*
Bud Kayser
Peter Ford

Pastoral Relations

3-7 members

Peter Brown
Nancy Chase
Kay Utterback

Personnel

3-7 members

Johanna Preiswerk*
Peter Ford

Nominating Committee

Myrna Tuttle	Robin Rickershauser
Sally Thacher	