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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!!!!

2025 Officers and Committees

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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

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 &
Membership Clerk Sue Lael Katnic
Systems Administrator Karen Steward
Historian Steve Butner
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