

Session News

The session met in person for their regularly scheduled stated meeting on Tuesday, August 20 and took the following actions:

- Received as corrected the minutes from the March stated meeting of session.
- Wrote thank you notes to individuals who have taken on some important projects in the life of the congregation.
- Authorized the baptism of Bennet Daryl Beeson, infant son of Daniel and Janette Beeson, at a date to be determined.
- Heard verbal reports from the Discipleship and Family Ministry Committee and the Mission and Outreach Committee
- By majority vote, approved a request from Jefferson County Community Ministries to use our building as part of rotation of churches hosting the temporary cold weather shelter during the winter months. JCCM is in the midst of raising money for their new facilities, which will include a permanent shelter. This will be the last cold season local churches need to help with this ministry in this way. They will use the rooms near the Liberty Street exit.
- Approved extending the contract with ServiceMaster who takes care of cleaning, up to five visits per week. Currently, they come three times a week, an arrangement that began with the pandemic shutdown. With more activities in the building, we need to increase our cleaning.
- Approved the bid on replacing the flat roof over the McCurdy entrance. The work will be done by Loudon Valley Roofing at a cost of approximately \$18000, barring no unforeseen problems. The session is relieved that this will be the last roof work for a long while.
- Chose to wait on replacing the air conditioning unit in the church parlor in favor of assessing all the needs of the physical plant as there have been an unusual number of repairs over the past eight months.
- At the request of the congregational nominating committee, called a congregational meeting for Sunday, September 8 following worship. At that meeting, the CNC will place into nomination the following people:
 - Elder: Chris Clark (2025); Christian Pechuekonis', Kathy Shue, Roger Snook (2027)
 - Deacon: Matthew Henshaw, Anne Portrey (2026); Gary Scott, Ruth Scott, Tommy Morgan (2027)
 - Trustee: Marty Kable (2027)
 - CNC: Allen Peacher, Rebecca Karos, Hoyle Fulbright (2027)Nominations will be taken from floor per the *Book of Order*.
- Assigned elders for homebound communion for October and November.
- Discussed the need for the pastor to not visit people alone in their homes. When possible, the pastor will be accompanied by an elder, deacon, or any church member who feels called to this ministry. This issue was not raised in response to any concerns or issues; rather the session and pastor are seeking ways to be as transparent and safe as possible.
- Discussed some of the overtures approved by the General Assembly this summer and sent to the presbyteries for approval.
- Appointed Diane Mayhew elder commissioner for the September 14 meeting of Shenandoah Presbytery
- The meeting adjourned with prayer at approximately 9pm. For those keeping track, this was the longest session meeting since before the pandemic.