



News From the Pews

The Conklin Presbyterian Church Newsletter

September 2026

The Dick's Sporting Goods Open is a Senior PGA Golf Tournament of the champions tour that is held here every year since 2007 to support local charities.

Many former golfers from the PGA Tour which included the BC Open, now return here to play on the champions Tour which includes the Dick's Sporting Goods Open.

This year I volunteered for the fifth time at the tournament. I attended a golf expo sponsored by UHS, which included an interview with my favorite golfer, Bernhard Langer. I was moved by some of his responses. Bernhard Langer is a successful PGS Tour Golfer who has attained victories in his career including the 2024 Dick's Sporting Goods Open.

He discussed his testimony of accepting Jesus Christ as his personal Savior. He also shared about someone that has invited him to attend a men's prayer group.

Bernhard said that he was raised as a Catholic, but accepted the invitation to attend anyway.

The rest they say is history as Bernhard accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior at that prayer group. Bernhard also included a Bible passage from Philippians 4:30: "I Can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

He also said that if you have Jesus Christ in your life, then you will be glorified with him always.

Bernhard said that just as we use a manual for instructions, the Bible is our instruction manual for life.

Yours in Christ,

Bob Weyant



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September Birthdays

September 13Carol Bell
Fred Epply
September 17 Kevin Brown
September 25 Kathy Karpiak

September Anniversaries

September 7 Betty & Jon Anderson

Donnelly Food Pantry

Glenda Rowse

September food donations for the
Saber's Food Pantry are bread
and cereal.



Senior Choir Rehearsals

Senior Choir Rehearsals resumed on
Wednesday, August 26th at 6:30 PM. All are
welcome.

Healing Prayer

Kathy Schuster

Anderson Family
Audra
Doug Beck
Brianna
Reenie Dedrick
Sara Whitney—Dorman
Bev Emmett
Krissy Fiske and family
Jean Fairbairn
Kara Gomez
Mary Griswold
Mary Harris
Bob Heinle

Robin & Ron Jackson
Evan James
Jones & LeStrange families
Nick Killmeier
Beth Lewis
Candi Lynch
Gary Marsh
Jill Miclon
Sandy Mowry
Pam Winseman Mumbulo
Patti Naman
Nancy
Betty Nocciolino

Family & friends of Ed Quigley
Nancy Rychlewski
Kathy & George Schuster
B Snopek
June & Mick Stasukevich
Dan Vergason
Bob Weyant
Jeff Weyant
Lynn Whitney

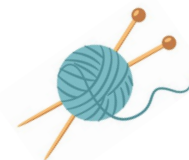
Prayer items are
listed for one
month unless an
extension is
requested.

Loved ones in Nursing Homes:
Carolyn Groupe Nancy Little
Doris McWenie

Mission Committee

Glenda Rowse

The Mission Committee thanks everyone who
contributed money for the baskets to give to the
soldiers being deployed and their families. We were
able to purchase items for 5 baskets. They were
delivered to the chair person of the event last
week. She was very pleased and greatly
appreciative of the generosity of our church for
contributing to this project. Thank
you all.



Prayer Shawl Knitting

Glenda Rowse

Our prayer shawl knitting group will resume
meeting in October. Stay tuned for more
information in the October Newsletter.

Dot Brown	Homebound Barbara Carr	Betty Decker
June Lewis	Marge Updyke	Mardelle Vest

Kathy Schuster may be contacted for prayer requests by:
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June Session Minutes

Carol Andrews

After determining we had a quorum of 1/3 (9 total members), the stated meeting of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Conklin was held on Thursday, June 18, 2026.

Clerk's Report:

A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the stated Session meeting minutes of May 21, 2026 with one correction.

Clerk's books were reviewed at Presbytery clerks meeting and were found to be in order with no exceptions.

Stewardship:

Motions: Motion to approve the April financial reports. Motion carried.

Worship/Music/Nurture

Motions: Motion to approve that for any funeral services held at CPC for member / non-member, CPC will not charge for any services provided by the church. This would include luncheon (if requested), or any services provided by minister and organist. Motion seconded and carried.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn at 8:00pm. Closing prayer by Rev Martin.

Carol Andrews, Clerk of Session

Worship Committee

Carol Bell

A reminder from the Worship Committee:

We will resume our 11:00 worship hours on Sunday, September 13th!

October Newsletter

Karla Toman

Your October Newsletter articles will be due on Sunday, September 20th and will be emailed/mailed on Wednesday, September 30th. Thank you for submitting your articles in a timely manner.



Special Session Minutes

Carol Andrews

After determining we had a quorum of 1/3 (9 total members), the special meeting of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Conklin was held on Sunday, August 2, 2026.

This special session meeting was to review and approve the Ministry Discernment Profile {MDP} prepared by the Pastor Nomination Committee {PNC}.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the MDP with a suggested change made for community type. The motion was carried.

Carol Andrews, Clerk of Session

August Session Minutes

Carol Andrews

After determining we had a quorum of 1/3 (9 total members), the stated meeting of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Conklin was held on Thursday, August 20, 2026.

CLERK'S REPORT:

A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the stated Session meeting minutes of June 18, 2026, and the special session meeting approving the MDP.

A motion was made to approve the recommissioning of Sherry Brown and new commissioning of Jean Fairbairn. Motion was carried.

STEWARDSHIP:

Motions: Motion to approve the April financial reports. Motion carried.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

MOTIONS: Motion to have a congregational meeting on September 13, 2026, to get approval on BAN contract. Motion seconded and carried.

New business:-

Motion: Motion made to approve Preschool budget for 2026-2027. Motion seconded and carried.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn at 7:53pm. Closing prayer by Rev Martin.

Clerk of Session, Carol Andrews

Buildings & Grounds Committee

Jack Bell

For buildings and grounds, the tasks don't take a break in the summer. That's the way it should be. However, we look forward to serving our church and GOD! Tasks accomplished include but are not limited to:

White (circ 1970) tractor repaired expertly for < \$100 by our chief mechanic Tucker. Our insurance policy from Church Mutual scrutinized by Les and will be in place for the low, low price of about \$8,700 (only \$500 more than 2025-2026). Grass mowed about every other week at both our church as well as BAN properties. 15 smoke alarms and an open circuit and emergency lights serviced by Johnson Controls. Fire extinguisher as well as kitchen fire suppression serviced. Front sign electric and system to hold zoom meetings with potential candidates are works still in progress. Zoom meeting project has bounded to the front burner!

We continue “staging” product/donation for our upcoming Harvest event held the first week of October.

Manse and BAN sale activity remains constant. The kitchen area ceiling is falling and will be replaced soon—about 50 sq ft. Dehumidifier now plugged in and draining into the kitchen sink and the light in the boiler room needs “investigating”. The fuse in small panel in boiler room may be bad.

We recently rejected an offer for the BAN church of \$200,000, which migrated to \$235,000, but the BAN sales team, at this point, rejected it and feel strongly that the January 2026 appraisal of \$270,000 is what we need and stand firm on that number. The property has only been on the market for about two months. We will keep you informed of any significant changes. Our 7 person committee is comprised of Jack Bell, Jim Martin, Beth Lewis, Bev Emmett, JP Tschang, Les Berry, and Bob Weyant.

In Christ's Service,

Your Building and Grounds Team

Harvest Festival Theme Basket Raffle

Nancy Justesen

The Harvest Festival is coming up very fast and is about a month away. Are you willing to create a gift basket to be raffled off? We would love your efforts!

If you have nice baskets that can be used, please see Nancy Justesen.

Last day to submit a gift basket for the Harvest Festival is Sunday, September 27th after our 11 AM worship service.

Harvest Fest starts on Thursday, October 1st—Sunday, October 4th. The basket drawing is on Saturday, October 3rd around 4 PM.

Thank you for your help!

Nancy Justesen

Church Office

Karla Toman will be out of the office from Thursday, August 27th—Thursday, September 3rd. I will be back in the office on Tuesday, September 8th.

Church Picnic

Church picnic will be on Sunday, August 30th right after the 10 AM worship service.



Stewardship Committee

JP Tschang

2026 July Financial Synopsis

July YTD Offerings recorded \$106.3k compared with 2025's of \$94k - praise God for faithful and generous givers! Envelopes giving for July was \$14.5k, over the budgeted amount of \$13.3k by \$1.2k.

We have yet to draw upon our approved transfer of \$45.5k from Endowments to supplement the General Fund, which ran a deficit of \$12.7k so far this year.

Balance sheet now has a "Mortgage Principal repayment account", which stood at \$3,800 collected at end of July. We are trying to collect \$10,000 before repaying the bank to significantly reduce monthly repayments.

Bank balance was \$40.1k, representing 2 months' expenditure.

Our unrestricted funds continued to grow from negative \$23.2k last July to negative \$40.5k due to the \$12.7k deficit this year being added to end of last year's deficit of \$27.8k.

Comparison of prior years' results are as follows (dollars rounded to nearest \$100):

Endowments	2024	2025	2026
LPL and NCF	\$487,800	\$494,000	\$534,500

The Endowments are doing remarkably well and continue to increase in value. One reason for the increase from 2025 was the \$7k transfer into Hein/Muir/BAN Endowment Fund from the closing of the Women of the Church accounts at BAN since last July. Quarterly dividend reinvestments and positive market trends (19% increase since last July) contributed to the remainder of the increase in value.

Balance Sheet	2024	2025	2026
Tioga Checking balance	\$43,500	\$40,200	\$40,100
Unrestricted Funds	(\$13,400)	(\$23,200)	(\$40,500)

The bank balance will be sufficient to finance 2 month's operations. However, the negative unrestricted funds of \$40.5k means that total income is short by \$40.5k to finance total expenses. So although the bank balance is healthy, the operations needs \$40.5k to be self-sufficient. Thankfully, there is the option of withdrawing from the Endowments to help with the bank balance and operations if needed.

Revenue and Expenses	July			YTD			Budget	
	2024	2025	2026	2024	2025	2026	YTD	Annual
Revenue	\$10,100	\$16,200	\$16,500	\$259,300	\$178,400	\$124,700	\$127,200	\$232,781
Expense	\$21,800	\$25,600	\$18,100	\$270,800	\$178,800	\$137,400	\$126,000	\$232,781
Net	(\$11,700)	(\$9,400)	(\$1,600)	(\$11,500)	(\$400)	(\$12,700)	\$1,200	\$0

YTD Total offerings of \$106.3k was 13% more than the budgeted of \$94k. Total income was \$124.7k which was less than total expenses of \$137.4k resulting in the deficit of \$12.7k. Reasons for increase in expenses compared to budgeted of \$126k include \$1.5k being paid for payroll service processing, \$3k more being spent on snow removal due to timing of payments, necessary \$3k more being spent on guest preachers, \$3k being spent on copier repairs and service contract (this copier expense has been fully funded by a church member's donation).

YTD E-giving was \$2,467.11; 2025: \$3,627.56; 2024: \$6,934.60.

We look forward to this year's Harvestfest and Building Fundraising event on Oct 1-3, 2026. Please come and support the Church!

In Christ's service,

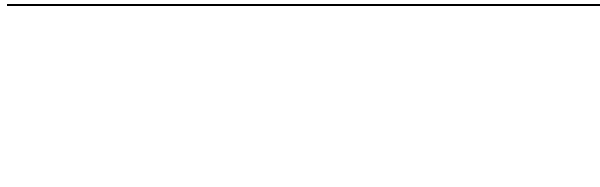
Bev, Jack, JP, Magen and Suzie

September 2026 Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30 ● 10am Worship Svc ● 11am Church Picnic	31 Ofc Closed	Sep 1 Ofc Closed ● 9am Exercise	2 Ofc Closed ● 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	3 Ofc Closed ● 10am Exercise ● 7pm Cmte Mtgs	4 Ofc Closed	5
6 ● 10am Worship Svc	7 Labor Day Ofc Closed	8 ● 9am Ofc Open ● 9am Exercise	9 ● 9am Ofc Open ● 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	10 ● 9am Ofc Open ● 10am Exercise	11 Ofc Closed	12
13 ● 11am Worship Svc	14 Ofc Closed	15 ● 9am Ofc Open ● 9am Exercise ● 6pm Scouts	16 ● 9am Ofc Open ● 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	17 ● 9am Ofc Open ● 10am Exercise ● 7pm Session	18 Ofc Closed	19
20 ● 11am Worship Svc	21 Ofc Closed	22 ● 9am Ofc Open ● 9am Exercise ● 6pm Scouts	23 ● 9am Ofc Open ● 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	24 ● 9am Ofc Open ● 10am Exercise	25 Ofc Closed	26
27 ● 11am Worship Svc	28 Ofc Closed	29 ● 9am Ofc Open ● 9am Exercise ● 4pm Deacons' Mtg ● 6pm Scouts	30 ● 9am Ofc Open ● 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	Oct 1 ● 9am Ofc Open ● 10am Exercise ● 7pm Cmte Mtgs	2 Ofc Closed	3

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**Worship Hours resume on
Sunday, September 13th at
11:00 AM.**