



News From the Pews

The Conklin Presbyterian Church Newsletter

October 2026

Reformation Sunday is an important date in the Protestant Church. On October 31, 1517 Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to All Saints Church in Wittenberg, Germany. He was protesting practices of the Roman Catholic Church and was emphasizing salvation by faith alone. We celebrate the start of the Protestant Reformation and subsequent Protestant religion on the last Sunday in October.

- * In the 95 Theses Martin Luther wrote a list of complaints against the sale of indulgences by the Catholic Church.
- * The Core Beliefs the protest highlighted were:
 - Scripture Alone (Sola Scriptura)
 - Faith Alone (Sola Fide)
 - Grace Alone (Sola Gratia)
 - Christ Alone (Solus Christus)
 - Glory to God Alone (Soli Deo Gloria)

In Christianity, the Reformation (or Protestant Reformation) was a major 16th century religious movement. It started as an attempt to fix corruption in the Roman Catholic Church and resulted in the birth of Protestantism and the division of western theocracy. It was aided by the invention of the printing press, which helped spread these new ideas quickly.

As a celebration of Reformation Sunday on October 25th, we will have a Banner Sunday. Different members of the congregation will present and highlight our church confessional banners. These banners represent our Protestant historical confessions of faith. The 8 banners begin in the 4th century and progress throughout the centuries until the last one, which was created in 1967 in the United States. Please come join us for this special service on October 25th!

To Christ give the Glory,

Elder Carol Bell

- I. The Nicene Creed – 4th Century
- II. The Apostles Creed
- III. The Scots Confession – Scotland, 1560
- IV. The Heidelberg Catechism – Germany, 1563
- V. The Second Helvetic Confession – Switzerland, 1566
- VI. The Westminster Confession – England, 1646
- VII. The Theological Declaration of Barmen – Germany, 1934
- VIII. The Confession of 1967 – United States of America

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October Birthdays

October 4 Dot Brown
 October 5 Georgia Brundage
 October 8 Jackie Guillon
 October 13 Doris McWenle
 October 14 Nancy Rychlewski
 October 17 Robin Jackson
 October 19 Bob Weyant
 October 22 Barbara Carr
 Ellie May
 October 29 Carolyn Groupe
 David Parkhurst
 October 30 Jill Miclon

October Anniversaries

October 5 Lisa & Bob Weyant
 October 10 Carol & Bob Scherer
 October 13 Carol & Jack Bell
 October 14 Luann & David Parkhurst
 October 18 Victoria & Christopher Lewis
 October 19 Linda & Paul Schofield

Healing Prayer

Kathy Schuster

Anderson Family	Tom Layton
Betty & Bill Bado	Beth Lewis
Doug Beck	Family of Candi Lynch
John Colley	Jill Miclon
Rev. Charles Colton	Miriam
Reenie Dedrick	Sandy Mowry
Sara Whitney—Dorman	Pam Mumbulo
Jean Fairbairn	Patti Naman
Glenn Gould	Betty Nocciolino
Gregory & family	Pastor Nominating Committee
Mary Griswold	Deedee Paino
Mary Harris	Nancy Rychlewski
Bob Heinle	Kathy & George Schuster
Family of Tony Helmick	B Snopek
Magen Kaeckmeister & family	June & Mick Stasukevich
Nick Killmeier	Dan & Jan Sternquist

Donnelly Food Pantry

Glenda Rowse



October food donations for the Saber's Food Pantry are bread & cereal.



Prayer Shawl Knitting

Glenda Rowse

Our prayer shawl knitting, crocheting, etc. group will resume meeting on October 13th at 10 AM.



KNIT. CROCHET. PRAY.

Kathy Schuster may be contacted for prayer requests by:

Mobile: 607.624-4035

Email: kschuster50@yahoo.com

Shirley Summerville

Lee VanWinkle

Betty Webster

Jeff Weyant

Those that are impacted
by weather.

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

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

Homebound

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



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Christmas Poinsettias

Carol Fuller

Deacons are sponsoring the Christmas Poinsettias again this year. To order poinsettias this year, the cost will be **\$14.00** per plant and checks need to be made payable to **Conklin Kiwanis**. Please place order form and check in a sealed envelope and hand to Carol Fuller. The poinsettia orders need to be submitted no later than Sunday, November 29th and will be in the Sanctuary on December 6th.. The plants will be watered while in the Sanctuary. Please contact Carol Fuller (607.240-8222) or Karla Toman (607.775-0365) for more information.

In Memory/Honor of:

(Circle One)

(Please write exactly what you want printed in the bulletin, i.e. Mr. & Mrs., Family, etc.)

Given by:

Plant may go to a shut-in:

I will take the plant:

I'm taking my plant to:

Paid by check:

Paid by cash:



Please write clearly, so that the spelling of your loved one is correct.

November Newsletter

Karla Toman

Your November Newsletter articles will be due on Sunday, October 18th and will be emailed/mailed on Wednesday, October 28th. Thank you for submitting your articles in a timely manner.



Miguel Angel Asturias Academy

Henry (Huck) Thurston-Griswold

I am writing to express my heartfelt gratitude for CPC's ongoing generous support of our Guatemalan partner school, the Asturias Academy.

If you'd like a copy of the Guatemala Delegation's Latest Update, just request a copy from Karla Toman, in your church office

Senior Choir Rehearsals

Senior Choir Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM. All are welcome.



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BRUNCH

GRAB YOUR FANCY HAT, A FRIEND, AND COME HAVE SOME FUN!

FUN, FOOD, AND FELLOWSHIP ALL IN ONE PLACE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17TH

10:00 A.M.

COST: \$8.00/PERSON

DON'T KNOW HOW TO PLAY? HELP IS AVAILABLE.



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Stewardship Committee

JP Tschang

2026 August Financial Synopsis

Offering giving for August 2026 was \$10.8k compared to budgeted of \$13.4k. Total income for August of \$11.6k with expenses of \$17.4k produced a net deficit of \$5.8k. YTD offering was \$117k compared to 2025's of \$126.5k, a drop of \$9.5k or 7%.

Total YTD deficit as at Aug 31, 2026 was \$18.2k compared to Aug 2025's of \$5.2k. However, in 2025 a transfer from Endowment to General Fund of \$52.4k had been made by August whereas 2026 has not used any of the budgeted \$45.5k transfer yet.

It's hard to believe that the autumn season is upon us and school has started up again. With the changing of the seasons it is time to look ahead to the next year. Pledge cards for offerings will be available soon for planning next year's budget and we ask that everyone prayerfully considers their commitment to the ongoing work of the Church.

Bank balance is comfortable at \$32.8k, covering about 1.5 months of expenses.

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

Endowments

	2024	2025	2026
LPL and NCF	\$497,400	\$508,200	\$545,500

Endowment balances are doing very well at \$545.5k, a marked increase from last year's August balance of \$508.2k! We are always thankful for the blessings of those who went before us and laid such a firm foundation for those to come.

Balance Sheet

	2024	2025	2026
Tioga Checking balance	\$37,600	\$34,300	\$32,800
Unrestricted Funds	(\$22,500)	(\$30,800)	(\$46,000)

The negative unrestricted funds represents the "borrowing" that General Fund is taking from the balance sheet's funds held for organizations, endowment funds and memorial funds. This negative balance will continue to grow if we have more monthly deficits in the coming months.

Revenue and Expenses	August			YTD			Budget	
	2024	2025	2026	2024	2025	2026	YTD	Annual
Revenue	\$13,700	\$13,100	\$11,600	\$275,300	\$191,600	\$136,300	\$141,500	\$232,781
Expense	\$25,000	\$20,800	\$17,400	\$295,900	\$199,600	\$154,500	\$146,800	\$232,781
Net	(\$11,300)	(\$7,700)	(\$5,800)	(\$20,600)	(\$8,000)	(\$18,200)	\$(5,300)	\$0

As mentioned before, 2025's results were assisted by a \$52.4k transfer from Endowment Funds. Without that transfer, the deficit in 2025 would have been \$60.4k. So a YTD deficit of \$18.2k for August 2026 is not too bad comparatively speaking.

Cathy has updated the Payment Card Industry standards (PCI Compliance) and we are certified for a year until August 2026, thereby avoiding a non-compliance fine of ~ \$20 per month.

E-giving for YTD Aug 2026 was \$3,243.81, 2025 was \$4,576.63; 2024 was \$8,268.20.

With the upcoming Harvestfest, Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons, it is hoped that we count our blessings and continue to help bring God's message of hope and love to those around us.

In Christ's service,

Bev, Jack, JP, Magen and Suzie

October 2026 Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship Svc	28 Ofc Closed	29 9am Ofc Open 9am Exercise 6pm Scouts	30 9am Ofc Open 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	Oct 1 9am Ofc Open 10am Rummage Sale 10am Exercise 7pm Cmte Mtgs	2 Ofc Closed 10am Rummage Sale	3 10am Harvest Festival 10am Rummage Sale
4 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship Svc 1pm Rummage Bag Sale	5 Ofc Closed	6 9am Ofc Open 9am Exercise 6pm Scouts	7 9am Ofc Open 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	8 9am Ofc Open 10am Exercise	9 Ofc Closed	10
11 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship Svc	12 Ofc Closed	13 9am Ofc Open 9am Exercise 10am Prayer Shawl Group 6pm Scouts	14 9am Ofc Open 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	15 9am Ofc Open 10am Exercise 7pm Session	16 Ofc Closed	17 10am Ladies Lunch
18 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship Svc	19 Ofc Closed	20 9am Ofc Open 9am Exercise 6pm Scouts	21 9am Ofc Open 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	22 9am Ofc Open 10am Exercise	23 Ofc Closed	24
25 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship Svc	26 Ofc Closed	27 9am Ofc Open 9am Exercise 4pm Deacons' Mtg 6pm Scouts	28 9am Ofc Open 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	29 9am Ofc Open 10am Exercise	30 Ofc Closed	31



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Position/Committee	Name	Phone #
Pastor		
Church Treasurer	Magen Kaeckmeister	607-972-9876
Secretary	Karla Toman	607.775-0365
Music Director/Organist	Carol Andrews	607.765-3469
Memorial Fund Treasurer	Jackie Guillon	607.775-3368
Financial Secretary	Cathy Hutchings	607.775-4256
Financial Secretary, PresbyCare	Carol Fuller	607.240-8222
Clerk of Session	Carol Andrews	607.772-0480
Auditors 2026	Jack Bell	607.775-3727
	Cathy Hutchings	607.775-4256
PresbyCare Board	Carol Bell, Chair, Carol Fuller, Jackie Guillon, Nicole Kilmer, & Glenda Rowse	
Prayer Chain	Kathy Schuster	607 624-4035
Audio Technician	Michael Shonk	607-308-1795
Visual Technician	JP Tschang / Pam Van Vorce	607-773 4726 / 607-779-8256
Newsletter Coordinator	Carol Bell	607.775-3727
Sunday School Superintendent	Bill Miller	607.727---4081
Kids Club	Krissy Fiske	
Building & Grounds Committee Elders	Jack Bell, Chair	607.775-3727
	Bev Emmett	607.775-0169
	Bob Weyant	607.775-0219
Mission & Evangelism Elders	Bev Emmett	607.775-0169
	Glenda Rowse, Chair	607.760-3240
	JP Tschang	607.773-4726
Nominating Committee Elder	Jacky DeVoe, Chair	607.759-3355
Fellowship Committee Elders	Carol Bell	607.775-3727
	Jacky DeVoe, Chair	607.759-3355
Personnel Committee Elders	Carol Andrews, Chair	607.765-3469
	Sherry Brown	607.206-8710
	Jacky DeVoe	607.759-3355
Stewardship Committee Elders	Bev Emmett	607.775-0169
	JP Tschang, Chair	607.773-4726
Worship / Music / Nurture Committee Elders	Carol Bell, Chair	607.775-3727
	Sherry Brown	607.206-8710
Director, Preschool	Nicole Kilmer	
Deacons	Les Berry, Georgia Brundege, Cathy Hutchings, Dave Hutchings, Bruce DeVoe, Carol Fuller, Jackie Guillon, Sheila McDavit, Betty Nocciolino, Nancy Rychlewski, Karla Toman & Lisa Weyant	
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Harvest Festival
Rummage Sale
Oct. 1st, 2nd, & 3rd 10 AM-3 PM
Oct. 4th 1 PM-3 PM (Bag Sale)
Café, Bake Sale, & Basket Raffle
October 3rd 10 AM-3 PM
(Café serving lunch from 11 AM-2 PM)

