FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SESSION MEETING  
May 27, 2009   6:30 P.M.

Vision Statement  
Provide a ministry which will lead people to strengthen their faith in Jesus Christ 
and reach out with God’s love

PRESENT: Phil Frantz, Sandy DeHoff, John Young, Bob Read, John Goodrich, Tom Young,  
Pam Rogers, and Eric Byrum. Serving as Elder and Treasurer: Sid Austin, and serving as Elder  
and Clerk of Session: Julia Schwomeyer, and Interim Rev. Wally Wilson. Donna Haggenjos and  
Eric Trinidad were absent. Fran Austin was present as the Deacons’ representative.

A quorum was declared.  
An Omnibus motion to include approval of the Consent Agenda and the minutes from the  
April 15, 2009 meeting was seconded and passed unanimously.

Report of the Clerk:  
Deaths – 0  
Baptisms – 0  
New Members – 0  
Active Membership – 155  
Communion: April 5 – 67; Maundy Thursday – 52; Easter – 119  
Average worship Attendance: March, 08 – 87; March 09 – 66

Rev. Wilson offered devotion from Joshua 1:6-7 and a time to remember those in need of prayer  
in our congregation and community.

The Pastor Nominating Committee presented the first draft of the Church Information Form for  
the Session members present at the meeting. The members were asked for comments and  
suggestions for consideration by the committee in forming the final draft that will be brought  
back to the June 10th Session meeting for approval.  
A motion was made to approve the request by the Jay County Retired Teachers Association for  
the possible use of the Fellowship Hall on June 8, 2009. It was seconded and passed  
unanimously.

A motion was made to approve the request by Michelle and Eric Trinidad to have their daughter,  
Carley Trinidad, baptized on Sunday, June 7, 2009. The motion was seconded and passed  
unanimously. Session members had been notified of the request for the Sacrament of Infant  
Baptism for Carley by email on May 11, 2009 and the response was a unanimous “yes”.  
Treasurer’s Report: The report was reviewed. A motion to receive the report was seconded  
and passed unanimously.

Ministry Reports:  
Interim Pastor’s Report:  
Rev. Wilson handed out the Mission Study, “Things to Do Now” list to be reviewed to see where  
progress is being made and areas that may need to be addressed.  
Deacons: The report was reviewed. Fran Austin was present as the representation from the  
Deacons. The two seniors graduating this year are Tristan Rodden and Lauren Haggenjos, and  
they will each receive $200.00.  
Worship & Music: Steve Arnold and Rev. Wilson talked to the committee about the
Acts 16:5 Initiative and what the team was working on. It is about revitalizing the church and spiritual growth. The group works on faith practices in order to Reach the people, Grow the people, and Send the people to continue this process in our church and the community.

**Christian Education & Youth:** The graduation breakfast will be held on Sunday, May 17, 2009 for our two graduating seniors and their families. The Christian Ed. Committee is in charge of the arrangements. Bob Read will get the flowers for Mother’s Day and Sarona Goodrich’s Sunday School class will decorate the pots. A meeting to organize the Vacation Bible School will be held on May 12th.

**Membership & Fellowship:** A letter was sent to a number of members on the Active and Inactive Church Rolls and as a result of the responses the following changes are requested for approval.

- Remove by request:
  - Magan Douglass, Robin Bisel, Kyle Bisel, Linda Rees, Brandon Solether, Dave Milligan and David Byrum.

- Remove due to lack of contact:
  - Diane Coleman, Aaron Gallagher, Phil and Rhonda Grubb, Megan Kinner Zambos, Matt Kinner, Ty Blankenbaker, Liz Houser, Paul Hunt, Tom Hunt, and Fred Shaneyfelt.

The motion from the committee to approve the changes was seconded and passed unanimously.

**Mission & Evangelism:** Plans are being made to have the ECE Picnic in the fall and the Rest Tent at the Tri State Antique Tractor and Engine Show in August. A motion was made to use the $150 from the Equity Funds and the $457.00 from the Neighborhood Gathering money. There will be a Minute for Mission to ask for the balance of $400.00 to cover the cost of the two events. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

**Stewardship & Administration:** The roof repair is done and the contractor will fix the damage done to the sidewalk. Phil Frantz brought it to our attention that John Young was awarded the Jack Cole “Volunteer of the Year”. Congratulations, John!

**Old Business:** A motion to accept the Full Financial Report prepared by Bob Read and Jim McCord was seconded and passed unanimously.

**New Business:** The website committee met with Craig Shaw from Presbytery and work is moving forward to get information on the church’s website. The Program chairs will be asked to make a short summary about their committee/organization to be included on the site. The next session meeting will be June 10, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Rev. Wilson.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia A. Schwomeyer, Clerk of Session