

Session Highlights

The Session met in person on
April 15, 2026.

- Removed the names of JoAnne (#491) & Jack (#492) Riddell from the roll at their request. Active roll = 165.
- Reviewed the treasurer's report that showed, March was \$67,283 (which includes \$4k annual rent from the Presbytery) and expenses were \$80,270 yielding a deficit of \$12,986.
- Heard & approved the Pastor's Report
- Approved the revised "Church Use Policy for Member Weddings".
- Appointed Terry Mundhenk as commissioner to the May Presbytery meeting.
- Continued the visioning exercise focusing on online engagement.

May 2026

**Generations Summer
Camp June 1 - 4
5:45-7:45 pm**



Scribe

Appreciate These Things

Based on *Appreciate These Things: Eight Ways of Cultivating Compassion* by Jill J. Duffield and Philippians 4:8 "Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things."

Children, youth, and adults are invited to join us for four days of food, fellowship, faith formation, and fun as we take time to appreciate what is true and honorable, what is just and pure, what is pleasing and commendable, and excellent and praiseworthy through the lens of scripture and in our own lives.

Sign-up on the blue sheets or email Erin.

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GRADUATE and RETIREE RECOGNITION

Plan to join us in worship on Sunday, May 17th as we celebrate those in our church family reaching meaningful milestones this year.

We will honor all graduates, retirees, and scholarship recipients during the service.

After worship, stay for refreshments as we continue the celebration together.



Happy Retirement



**Connecting in Christ's friendship
Growing in God's grace
Serving where the Spirit sends**

Birthdays & Anniversaries



Session

Class of 2026

Donna Courtney
Wallace Neikirk
Nora O'Toole
Vacant
Sue Weber

Class of 2027

Tom Milligan
Marge Morgan
Terry Mundhenk

Class of 2028

Betty Hughes
Alexis Patterson

Deacons

Sue Weber, Moderator
Dennis Bova
Steve Craig
Dave Hatfield
Lois Milligan
Vicki Penn
Irwin Roberts

Stephen Ministry

Irwin Roberts, Leader
Pam Schultz, Leader
Lois Milligan, Minister
Dennis Bova, Minister
Nancy Hoover, Minister

May Birthdays

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| Susanne Morgan | 05/05 |
| Owen Duiker | 05/06 |
| Dave Hatfield | 05/13 |
| Sherry Baker | 05/22 |
| Tim Myers | 05/27 |
| Amy Mundhenk | 05/27 |

June Birthdays

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| Tom Milligan | 06/01 |
| John O'Malley | 06/03 |
| Gwen Dickerson | 06/08 |
| Leah O'Malley | 06/10 |
| Brad Mattingly | 06/11 |
| Jackie Luther | 06/13 |
| Joan Miracle | 06/13 |
| Ginny Eissler | 06/16 |
| Jane Jolly | 06/18 |
| Jeanne Rhinehart | 06/18 |
| Denise Manley | 06/19 |
| Christopher Johns | 06/21 |
| Marlyn Ladd | 06/23 |
| Christopher Jolly | 06/24 |
| Nancy Hoover | 06/25 |
| Rob Schultz | 06/26 |
| Pat Rhinehart | 06/28 |
| Pamela Schultz | 06/28 |



May Anniversaries

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| Mike & Jeanne Rhinehart | 05/03/1975 |
| Mark & Sue Weber | 05/10/1980 |
| Dave & Karen Johns | 05/27/1995 |

June Anniversaries

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| Joe & Carolyn Reno | 06/05/2016 |
| Bob & Denise Manley | 06/07/1975 |
| John & Leah O'Malley | 06/07/1997 |
| Dan & Michelle Gouge | 06/23/1990 |

Church Office Hours

Monday—Thursday 8:30 am—4:30 pm

Kirkmont registration is in full swing!

Did you know Sugar Creek offers Camperships towards camp registration fees for children, youth, and adults? Campership packets are available outside of Erin's office. These requests can be submitted at any time, but if you would like the camper(s) to be included in the Scribe and monthly email for Camp Mail, please return the form by May 10.

BEGINNER'S CAMP (completed grades K-3) **June 7-10**

\$430 total; you pay \$215; Sugar Creek pays \$215

PYC (completed grades 7-12) / **PYC JR. CAMP** (completed grades 3-6) **June 14-20**

\$665 total; you pay \$282.50; Presbytery discount \$50 (code **2026PRESBY**); Sugar Creek pays \$332.50

CAMP REJOICE (completed grades 3-12) **July 5-11**

\$665 total; you pay \$282.50; Presbytery discount \$50 (code **2026PRESBY**); Sugar Creek pays \$332.50

YOU & ME CAMP (ages 3-17 w/ adult) **July 11-12**

\$160 per adult & \$60 per child (\$220 total); you pay \$110; Sugar Creek pays \$110

QUILT CAMP (ages 18+) **July 12-17**

\$580 total; you pay \$240; Presbytery discount \$50 (code **2026PRESBY**); Sugar Creek pays \$290

ALUMNI CAMP (ages 18+) **August 28-30**

\$80 total; you pay \$40; Sugar Creek pays \$40



A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Church,

The Nominating Committee is beginning its work to identify the next class of officers—the ruling elders, deacons, and auditors who will lead us and shape our ministry as a congregation. To be frank, when I began to go through our membership list and identify those who are healthy and able to serve, actively participating in the life of the congregation, not married to an actively serving elder, and spiritually ready for this kind of service, the pool of eligible people seemed discouragingly small. The rest of the afternoon after our meeting, worries kept cropping up in my mind as I tended to other responsibilities.

I know many of you are tired. Some days, I'm tired, too. It often feels like we don't have enough hands to do the work of ministry. I also believe that our congregation is at a critical turning point. We need to make some changes for the future vitality of our ministry. That takes time, energy, and effort. I believe that, with God's help, we can do it together, but I also spend a lot of time thinking about what happens if we can't muster up that necessary energy and effort.

Early that Sunday evening after our Nominating Committee meeting, after I had been ruminating on who would say yes to their calls to service all afternoon, I knew I was headed for a sleepless night if I didn't do something. I headed for the notebook I keep on my nightstand. I flipped to the last page I had written on and wrote the sentence I've written in that notebook again and again: "Give it to God and go to bed." I wrote down "next class of officers" as well as several other things that I had been worrying over related to our church, my family, and the world. Keeping the page open, I sat on my bed and prayed. I recounted to God his promises to make all things new and to never leave us to our own paltry resources. I remembered God's faithfulness to me: "You have never once let me down." I told God I trusted him and asked God to revive us, renew us, and identify the right people to serve in this season. I ended my prayer and closed my notebook and put it back on my nightstand. I slept like a baby.

Ministry isn't easy. As the body of Christ, we're also not meant to do it alone. I do see some new folks stepping up, and that fills me with hope and encouragement. I know God is able to take the little we've got to offer, individually and collectively, and bring abundance from it. Join me and our Nominating Committee in praying for God to identify our next class of officers. Prayerfully consider how you are being called to support the work of ministry here at Sugar Creek. Take heart. God is ever faithful.

In Christ,
Pastor Amy



Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministers are members of Sugar Creek Church who have been through extensive training and provide confidential, one-to-one, Christian care to people who are experiencing a difficult time.

They will listen, care, encourage, pray with and for you, and provide weekly support for you as long as your need persists. If you are hurting, find out more about Stephen Ministry by talking with one of our Stephen Leaders: Irwin Roberts or Pam Schultz.

Our Stephen Ministers are ready to bring God's love and care into your life.



Presbyterian Women will not be holding a rummage sale this year, and they are grateful for the many ways our congregation continues to support their ministry. Even though the sale isn't happening, there are still several meaningful places where gently used items can make a real difference in the community.

Donations may be taken to St. Vincent de Paul, Goodwill and Planting Seeds. If you prefer a pickup option, Vietnam Veterans of America offers home collection and can be reached at 800-535-3834.

Thank you for considering these organizations as you pass along items that can bless others.

Save the Date!

Spring Cleanup Day at Sugar Creek Please come and join Us

Saturday, May 9th, is our spring workday, and we'd love to have you join us from 10:00 AM to noon. We'll have crews working both inside and outside the building. Building & Grounds will provide all the supplies needed for indoor projects, and if you prefer to work outdoors, feel free to bring along a rake, pruners, a tarp, a blower, or any other tools you find helpful. Be sure to wear old clothes. Just a couple of hours of shared effort makes a big difference in keeping our church building looking its best.

If you enjoy hands on projects or simply want to get more involved, consider joining the Buildings & Grounds (B&G) commission. They're hoping to welcome a few new members and are also looking for people willing to help with occasional projects throughout the year. If you're interested, please reach out to Tom Milligan or Terry Mundhenk—they'd be glad to connect with you.



Conquering Revelation

Congratulations to the almost 2 dozen adults (and our youth) who made it through a yearlong study of the book of Revelation (with breaks for our Advent and Lent studies)! Revelation is considered one of the most intimidating and most misinterpreted books in our bible. Students expressed how the study helped them view the challenges and concerns of our present day culture and politics, discerning what faithfulness asks of us in difficult times, and holding fast to the hope that no matter how dark it gets, we are assured that God wins. We're looking for a new book to study beginning in the fall. If you have a suggestion, talk to Pastor Amy.

Ways to Worship at Sugar Creek

- **In person** - If you are local and healthy, this is the best way to worship with us! Our warm community is truly a non-downloadable experience.
- **On our website** – The current week’s streamed worship and bulletin are available at sugarcreekchurch.org/worship-services
- **On YouTube** – Our services are streamed live and archived at: youtube.com/@sugarcreekchurch/streams. Our archives are always available under the LIVE tab on our channel.
- **From our Sunday morning email** – If you subscribe to our email updates, for your convenience you’ll receive an email on Sunday morning with a link to that morning’s worship stream as well as a link to the bulletin that can be printed at home or viewed digitally. Simply click the links to worship with us and forward to anyone who might enjoy our worship. Can’t find the email? Check your junk folder and add us to your “safe senders list.”
- **On Facebook** – We also post a link to our livestream on Sunday mornings. Don’t forget to like and share! Find us at facebook.com/SugarCreekPres
- **My UCD App** - Open the app and click on the icon “Watch Services.”

NOTE: As with most livestream events, if you miss us live, then the worship will be unavailable online while the streamed video uploads to our archives on YouTube. This usually takes a few hours. Check back later in the day.



Have You Taken Control of Your Health Today?

We have great news! Sugar Creek Presbyterian Church will be hosting a Life Line Screening event on June 19, 2026. Life Line Screening is extending a discounted offer to all Sugar Creek Presbyterian Church members. Please call the telephone number below to schedule an appointment.

Special screening package for \$129 for our members includes:

- Carotid Artery Disease Screening
- Atrial Fibrillation Screening
- Peripheral Artery Disease Screening
- Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening

Call to schedule an appointment near you! **800-324-9458** and use code: **HABC001**

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The Power of Prevention



Financial Resources

Sugar Creek Church members have a special opportunity to invest through the Presbyterian Church Investment & Loan Program (PILP), which is currently offering a 30 month fixed rate of 3.00% APY. With a minimum investment of just \$100, this program makes it easy for individuals and families to participate, no matter the size of their portfolio. It’s a simple way to strengthen your own financial future while supporting the wider church.

Every dollar invested helps fuel the growth of mission and ministry across the PC (USA), allowing congregations and ministries to thrive. By choosing PILP, you’re not only earning interest—you’re also contributing to the work and witness of the church in communities near and far.

Presbyterian Women's Tea

All women of the church are warmly invited to a **special Women's Tea following worship on Sunday, May 31, 2026.** This will be a relaxed time to gather, get to know one another, ask questions, and begin listening together for how God may be calling Presbyterian Women at Sugar Creek to serve. Please come and bring a friend.



By Jane Jolly

"The Hill Church"

During the middle of Rev. Jackson B. McMichael's first pastorate with Sugar Creek (he served from 1862-1878 and 1897-1902) the congregation felt the need for a new building and a new site "closer to the preponderance of its members." Land was offered and accepted from Thomas L. Prugh and his wife, Catherine. This new location was surrounded for miles by agriculture dotted with farmhouses and barns on the pinnacle of the Wilmington-Dayton Road climb heading south from Dayton. It soon became referred to as "The Hill Church." After 67 years in Greene County, Sugar Creek officially entered the new church on our present site in 1871. This building would be destroyed by fire in 1911 and replaced by the current structure in 1913 which later was improved with 2 additions.

Nearly 100 years later, the farms had been replaced by housing developments and businesses with increased traffic, more lanes of motorists and a need to make the road's incline safer. The expansive front lawn that once held ice cream socials, Easter Sunrise services and receiving lines for weddings and other occasions made way for the necessary changes. Below is a glimpse of the construction of the 160 foot long retaining wall that took place in the Spring 1969.



Volunteer Opportunities at St. Vincent de Paul

You may know that our congregation serves dinner at the Women's and Family Shelter (120 W Apple St) on the first Tuesday and the fourth Sunday of each month. If you'd like to occasionally serve with the church, contact Mark Hughes to get information and next steps.

Did you know that St. Vincent's also has opportunities for individuals to volunteer to help with different needs? You can help at the front desk, launder linens and other laundry, help with lunch or dinner on your own (with other individual volunteers), sort or price in the thrift store and more. They have opportunities to work with children and participate in special events. If you have a couple extra hours occasionally or regularly, you can visit <https://stvincentdayton.org/volunteers/> and fill out the "Individual Volunteer Form" and someone will contact you about next steps. Then you can sign up to serve whenever it suits you! We are blessed to be a blessing to others.

History Commission

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