

FCC COUNCIL 2.25.2026

PRESENT (in person): Arlene Stauffer, Moderator; Pastor Stephen Johnson, Becky Davis, Marilyn Leming, Pat Gray, Joyce Ketcher, Bob Corbin, Dave Bryan, and Nancy Stevenson.
PRESENT (via ZOOM): Jan Scott and Ron Kreger.

Arlene Stauffer, Council Moderator, called the meeting to order and Becky Davis gave the opening prayer.

CONSENT AGENDA

- The Consent Agenda (including January 28, 2026, Council minutes, February 15, 2026, Special Congregational Meeting minutes, and committees, ministries, and staff) was reviewed and APPROVED.

OLD BUSINESS

- Due to frequent changes in leadership in NA, church door entry codes for this group were discussed. Becky Davis, 1st Vice Moderator, has assembled a rotation schedule of volunteers to come before 7 pm each night to meet the NA meeting leader who will then open and close the Chapel doors for meeting participants. Friendship Feast codes have also been changed.
- Regarding ongoing attic insulation project, Ron Kreger and Kim Stauffer are meeting with a contractor to inspect insulation needs. Other contractors may be contacted to provide insight.
- Pastor Stephen Johnson met with the Marshallese pastor and reviewed the pastor's credentials, their church affiliation (based in Honolulu), and their beliefs (Pentecostal). They are meeting in chapel from 11-1 on Sundays.
- Regarding SERVICE SCHEDULE—Arlene Stauffer, Council Moderator, presented four options: 1) move all activities earlier by 30 minutes; 2) shorten fellowship time by 15 minutes and move late service earlier 15 minutes; 3) no change to the current schedule; and 4) shorten the late service by deleting certain hymns and/or other segments of worship, singing fewer hymn verses, etc. Discussion ensued. The group was first asked to consider the benefits of each option and then the challenges of each. In general, most groups asked were willing to adapt as needed. Challenges discussed included the need for the choir to rehearse, robe, etc., the time constraints resulting from a shortened rehearsal time, the pros and cons of changing the “parts” of worship, and shortened Sunday School time. Pastor Stephen Johnson was asked by the Moderator to discuss changes to the 11:00 worship. He spoke about the value of the various parts of the service which combine to make a participatory rather than mechanical worship time for those attending the service.

After much discussion, it was decided that Arlene Stauffer, Council Moderator, will revisit the issue with those requesting change to see if the need still exists (assisted living lunch schedules) or can be modified. The group decided that unless there is additional information regarding the need for these changes, there would be no change to the service schedule. This item can be revisited in the future, if warranted. ONGOING.

NEW BUSINESS

- Procedure for Closing/Canceling Church Offices and Meetings. FCC does not have a written procedure for canceling events when needed. It has been the current procedure to close the FCC offices when PCPS closes schools due to weather etc. Office staff can work remotely and phones transfer calls to personal phones. A proposed written procedure was presented. The group felt that the procedure presented did not take into consideration that weather and road conditions could change during the day making it unnecessary to cancel events. There has been blowback from some groups using FCC facilities when the building is closed and events cancelled. Wee Care always follows the PCPS schedule. ONGOING.
- Regarding Parking Lot Striping. Tru-Line has been contracted to re-stripe the west parking lot, including handicap spaces, arrows and curbs for \$1330. Karen Adams, Financial Assistant and the SFRT will determine which funds to use for this project. Discussion followed on the layout of parking places (due to longer trucks and SUVs) and the zig zag edging on north side. ONGOING.
- Pastor Stephen Johnson discussed the need for an upgrade to the current phone system. In addition to technology updates, the upgrade would allow remote access to the church via phone from locations away from the facility. The initial cost for these upgrades is \$3,000 and an additional \$29/monthly. APPROVED with funding from Capital Projects.
- Pastor Stephen Johnson updated the group on our search for an Associate Pastor. He visited with the Brite Divinity School placement officer. Most graduates want FT senior pastor positions. However, there is a pool of current seminary students who might be interested in an Associate position while finishing his/her program. However, seminary students may not have a long tenure with us. Pastor Stephen Johnson suggested we might need to offer incentives (i.e. housing, etc.) as we recruit for this position. The group reviewed a new job description developed by Pastor Stephen Johnson. Consensus was to consider a seminary student for the Associate position, even if short term. ONGOING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Council members were asked to sign the thank you cards for the groups who helped with the February luncheon.
- The area near the Bike Cave will be repainted (part of last year's project).
- Regional Assembly will be March 6-7, 2026, in Edmond. Delegates are needed.
- March Council Meeting will be March 25, 2026, at 2 pm with Zoom availability.

Pastor Stephen Johnson closed with prayer.

Submitted by

Nancy Stevenson, Congregation Secretary