King Moravian Church
2026 Annual Church Council

November 8, 2026





AGENDA
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Call to Order and Opening Prayer

Determination of Quorum

Appointment of Secretary for our Church Council

Reading of the 2025 Church Council Minutes

Report from Nominating Committee

Election of New Board Members

Board and Staff Reports
Elders Report
Trustees Report
Pastor's Report
Preschool Director's Report

Report on Picnic Shelter Status

Election Results

Remembrance of Saints (those who have passed away since our last Church Council) Anna Lou Anderson, Jay Donathan, Hillary Douglas, Sally Hartgrove, Silas Porter, Jim Wilson

Hymn "Jesus Makes My Heart Rejoice"

JESUS MAKES MY HEART REJOICE

Jesus makes my heart rejoice, I'm His sheep and know His voice; He's a Shepherd, kind and gracious, and His pastures are delicious; Constant love to me He shows, yea, my very name He knows.

Trusting His mild staff always, I go in and out in peace; He will feed me with the treasure of His grace in richest measure; When athirst to Him I cry, living water He'll supply.

Should not I for gladness leap, led by Jesus as His sheep? For when these blest days are over to the arms of my dear Savior I shall be conveyed to rest. Amen, yea, my lot is blest.

Adjournment

KING MORAVIAN CHURCH COUNCIL
November 9, 2025

1. Call to Order and Opening Prayer

November 9, 2025, the King Moravian Church Council for 2025 was called to order by Pastor Zach Dease, who led the participants in prayer.

Quorum: 60 needed, 75 participants, quorum met

Agenda: Pastor Dease asked participants to review the agenda, offer any additional topics, and then vote to set the official agenda. No one proffered additional agenda topics. Set the agenda as presented in the council packet: motion by Burge-Carter, C. Smith seconded, unanimous vote to accept the published agenda as the official agenda for the 11/9/2025 King Moravian Church Council.

Kimber S. Grabs was appointed secretary for the 11/9/2025 Church Council.

2. Review of 2024 King Moravian Church Council minutes: After providing participants time to read the minutes, motion by B. Pulliam to approve minutes, S. Sipes seconded, unanimous approval of 2024 minutes from the 11/10/2024 Church Council.

3. Report of Nominating Committee:
Committee of Joint Boards: Sevier, Sipes, Dearman, Lucas, & Gordon

Positions: Board of Trustees, Board of Elders, Youth Representatives, and Synod Delegates & Alternates

Call for nominations from the floor: no nominations

Slate of Nominees:
1.Board of Elders: Jim Hall, Renee Bowman, Homer Dearmin 2.Board of Trustees: Jennifer Burge-Carter, Lisa Ingram, Cynthia Sevier 3.Youth Representatives: Elizabeth Grabs, Piper Pulliam
4.Synod: Beth Donnelly, Cynthia Sevier, Cooper Smith
Alternate Synod Delegates: Myra Wright, Leslie Peters, Ben Schell

-S. Gentry motion to accept the slate of nominees by acclamation. -M. Johnson seconded, unanimous vote to accept slate by acclamation

4. Highlights of Board and Staff Reports (see written reports in council packet):

a. Elders Report by Leah Simpson: wide-ranging programming & activities included the following:

- Blessing Box, Holy Week Cross Walk, Easter breakfast, VBS, Scout troops (18 children), Brunswick Stew, Mission Blitz, new young adult group w/childcare, youth to Laurel Ridge, Candle

Tea, Time and Talent sheets, childcare workers (hired), new Sunday School curriculum, annual church picnic, search for Director of Christian Education, youth activities

-Programming, fellowship opportunities, and spiritual development and support throughout the year

b. Trustees Report by Cynthia Sevier:

-Trustees work with Finance Committee to maintain comprehensive information and status of church and preschool finances

-Church facility updates funded by Capital Campaign: HVAC system in old sanctuary, obsolete knob wiring & lighting replaced in old sanctuary, new electrical panel for older part of building

-Fellowship Hall buffed, preschool classroom floors stripped/waxed -Board oversight for pest management, mowing, landscaping, cleaning, & copier contracts.

-Use of parking lot approved for farmer's market in summer months -Update of facility use form, due to growing requests for use -New Building & Grounds Committee formed

-Oversight of 2025 budget & investments in MMFA, including meeting with president of MMFA for updates on KMC investments

STATUS OF 2025 BUDGET:

-Presently, behind with more expenses than revenue, due to unforeseen events: cost of electricity, pest issues, for example

-Behind approximately $11, 000; however, this quarter is the most robust for giving, historically

2026 BUDGET

-Approved by the Joint Boards: $485, 769.00

-Increase from 2024 of 7%

-2025 budget addresses an increase in staff insurance costs, elevation of across-the-board expenses like electricity, and an increase in KMC's provincial share

-Staff received a 3% cost-of-living salary increase

-Church has approximately 2 million in investments, trusts & funds, interest accessible and/or earmarked for specific use (like scholarships), invested in MMFA

c. Pastor's Report:

-In the 10 months as our pastor, Zach Dease observes these qualities of our church which stand out to him:

**a focus on and commitment to community, numerous avenues to become involved in the church community, an appreciation for worship, an enjoyment in serving, and a commitment to the future of the church

-Areas which need facilitation: focus on what is already occurring at a high level, attention to tradition, but don't be bound by it (evolve if we are bound by something not working/resonating), & pay attention to personal energy (overload on members)

-Honoring congregational strengths, maintaining flexibility to evolve

d. Director of Christian Educator's Report:

-Search for new DEC: job description to PEC & ecumenical partners -Congregation volunteers filling gaps in interim, including Godly Play, I Wander as I Wonder, middle & senior youth, nursery, Sunday School Programming, Bible Time

e. Preschool Director's Report by Tina Pratt:

-29 children graduated May 2025

-5 full weeks of Summer Fun

-105 families enrolled this preschool year

-Fundraisers successful: Halloween carnival, Bingo, etc.

-No-cost music program through Moravian Music Foundation, yr 2 - Bible Story with Sue Genry, twice per month

-Letterland curriculum for 4's & 5's, adding components5. Picnic Shelter & announcement:

-Jennifer Dunn: shared trust established for church at the death of Mitzi Thomas

-Stated use of trust funds: support use for picnic shelter

REPORT ON PICNIC SHELTER

-Capital Campaign Committee visited 7 churches for ideas

-TJ Magaraci has prepared a rendering from ideas & board discussions -Moving forward willbe the church council's decision

-General description: 44 x 31 ft, kitchen, bathroom, flex space that can be divided into 2 classrooms, could be rented for events

-Location: discussion is grassy area beside parking lot, issues will be setback and railroad right-of-way

-Decision: what to do with current shelter

-Board of Trustees recommend the Church Council vote on moving forward with process to build new picnic shelter

-B. Pulliam: motion to authorize Trustees to take next steps to build new picnic shelter, C. Smith seconded. Unanimous vote, motion approved

6. Election Results: slate as presented, elected by acclamation

7. Remembrance of those who have passed away since 11/11/2024 Church Council: Anita Johnson, John Kincade, Kathy Powell, and Kathy O'Connell. -Church Council attendants sang, "Jesus Makes My Heart Rejoice."

8. Adjournment: motion by Pulliam, Smith seconded, unanimous approval

Respectfully Submitted,
Kimber S. Grabs

2026 King Moravian Board of Elders' Report for Church Council

Overview of 2026 in Review

As we close this 102nd year as a congregation, we have been blessed to see the ministries of King Moravian grow. This year in review has included a number of firsts, including our first full year of the Rev. Zach Dease as our Pastor, our first Candle Tea, an event we hope to make a yearly outreach for the community, and our youth taking a mission trip out of the country for the first time. We have been blessed to welcome nine new members to full communion membership here at King. We have been pleased with new styles of worship, including our "Mountain Music Sundays" led by Rev. Zach Dease, as well as the continuation of our beloved music program. We look forward to 2027 with hope for the future, believing in the continued work of the Savior in the life of our congregation.

Faith Formation and Christian Education

As we reflect on the ways that we have been able to engage with Faith Formation and Christian Education, the aforementioned youth trip to the Dominican Republic gave our youth the opportunity to engage with Christians of different backgrounds and traditions in a meaningful way that deepened their faith. We were pleased as a congregation to hear from our youth on their experiences, and the Boards are expressing eternal gratitude to all who donated to make this a reality for our youth.

We experienced a great joy in being able to connect our tradition of Vacation Bible School with Rural Hall Moravian Church, showing a deepening connection not only with our community of King, but with Moravians that neighbor us as well. We are excited for the future, when we will be able to host Vacation Bible School in collaboration with Rural Hall in 2027.

We began a new outreach to our preschool youth in the way of a preschool youth program, hoping that this new ministry will be able to bring families into our congregation in a way that is meaningful for the youngest members of our community.

We have been blessed to welcome the Rev. Rich Thierolf as our congregation's Pastoral Assistant, to help with the growing ministries and needs of King Moravian. It has been a blessing to welcome Rich into our pulpit, as well as to have him assist Rev. Zach Dease in the pastoral care needs of our congregation.

Growing within Our Community

Last November, we were able to have our first Candle Tea, and the Boards want to express gratitude to all who helped in making this event a success that we hope to keep for the long future. The tradition of the Candle Tea is a great opportunity for us to share more about our Moravian heritage with our broader community.

We had our first involvement in many years in the King Christmas Parade, and many thanks go to April and Chris Bullen for their work in helping create a beautiful representation of our Moravian Lovefeast Service in the form of a parade float. It was great having members, young and old, giving out candy to the community.

This October, we had our long-standing tradition of Mission Blitz, an outreach that has blessed generations in our congregation with the opportunity to serve those in Stokes County. Even though our projects may be smaller than they used to be, we remember that Jesus calls us all to service, no matter how small.

Worship Enrichment and Growth

Worship continues to be a highlight of life here at King Moravian. We have long been blessed with a wonderful music program that has only benefited from the talents of our Pastor, Rev. Zach Dease. Having our Brothers and Sisters Sunday for the choir gave members who had never sung before the opportunity to express this gift that God has given them.

Our Lessons and Carols services continue to be well-attended events, as do our many lovefeasts over the year as a whole. We have been blessed to see members taking on new roles in worship, and we encourage all of our members to reflect on how God may be calling you to a new way of experiencing the Spirit in worship.

Living into Our 2026 Watchword

Our watchword for 2026 came from the Gospel of John, "Jesus said, 'Abide in my love.'" Our focus as the Joint Boards was to live into this watchword meaningfully, and to see how we can continue to abide in the love of the Savior Jesus. As with all congregations, we have experienced growth and loss, joys and sorrows. But our hope remains that we continue to abide in the love of Christ, whether this comes in the form of new ministries, the continuation of ones that have been beloved by our congregation for generations, or the simplicity that comes with a weekly worship service. We are blessed to have been able to live into this watchword for 2027, and hope that this report reflects our congregation's goal of abiding in the love of Christ.

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Jesus said "Abide in my love."

Trustees Report Church Council 2026

Trustees: Chris Bullin (Chair), Desty McEwan (Vice Chair), Cynthia Sevier, Michell Newsome, Dwayne Pratt, Kim Grabs, Lisa Ingram, Jennifer Burge-Carter Bob Sullivan, Elizabeth Grabs (Youth Representative)

Going off the Board at the end of year: Chris Bullin and Bob Sullivan

The Trustees met each month to review the Church Financials and any issues relating to the Building and Grounds of the Church property. We also met monthly with the Elders to discuss various topics concerning the welfare of King Moravian Church. The Trustees attended the Joint Board Retreat at the first of year to set goals and prepare for the coming year.

The following represents some of the work of the Board of Trustees during 2026.

Building and Grounds:

- Updated Prayer Garden rules and regulations
- Approved the renewal of the prayer garden
- Reseeding of the front lawn
- Approved KMC Kids corner in the narthex - Paula Jennings
- Supported the Stokes County Arts Council Concert on the Church Lawn
- Picnic shelter facility follow-up, proposal to the PEC's Financial office
- Scout troop support
- Approved various activities for usage request for the fellowship hall
- Approved installation of blinds on the third floor to reduce HVAC cost
- Second floor bathrooms to be remodel, ADA compliant – approved, scheduled for the first of the year
- Approved Various Preschool repairs
- Dumpster lock bars have been installed on the church dumpster
- Facility usage agreement contracts updated
- New Lavalier purchased for audio system
- Acknowledged donation of new dishwasher for fellowship hall

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Financial:

- Freddie and Gail Stone Johnson Scholarship fund established
- Hired two new treasurers, one for the Preschool and one for the Church
- Purchased new computer for Church Treasurer
- Renewed Versa contract (phone equipment)
- Reviewed monthly Financials and recommendations from the Finance committee
- Approved various Fund Raisers
- Representatives from the Trustees met with Chris Spaugh, MMFA to review KMC investment accounts, and reported back.
- Reviewed Church audit for 2025
- Provincial Share paid to date

Repairs:

- Refurbished Church Marque
- Two repairs on the water line in the fellowship hall. Eventually will need to be replaced.
- Prayer garden renewal

Outstanding repairs and considerations

- Sanctuary windows and Church seal trim is deteriorating
- Sanctuary needs to be painted
- Fellowship hall flooring replacement
- Preschool floor replacement
- Consideration of Church elevator

Submitted by Chris Bullin, Trustees Chair
November 2026

Pastor's Report for 2026 Church Council

Last year I described my first months here as jumping into a whirlwind. A year later, that whirlwind has begun to settle into a rhythm. I have learned a great deal about this congregation, its people, its stories, and the traditions that shape it, and there is still more to learn. When the church board selected "Jesus said, abide in my love" as our watchword at our 2026 board retreat, we hoped it would be something we could live into as a congregation, inviting each other and our community to feel the love of Christ through our interactions with one another. To abide is to stay connected, to remain rooted, and to let that connection bear fruit. That has been our focus this year, and as I look back, I see signs of that fruit throughout the life of the church. Here are some of them.

- A deeper commitment to mission.
    - Our backpack summer feeding program at Poplar Springs Elementary grew this year into a grant that funded the entire program for the summer.

    - Our mission trip to the Dominican Republic sparked new interest across the congregation, and we are already looking forward to returning in the summer of 2027.
    - Mission Blitz had more participants and more mission opportunities than last year.
- Sharing our traditions with our neighbors.
    - Candle Tea, where we invite folks in to experience some of our most beloved traditions, went very well and has created even more energy for this year's Candle Tea.
- Deeper connections with the wider Moravian family.
    - We grew closer to other Moravian congregations, particularly Rural Hall Moravian, with whom we shared Vacation Bible School.
- An expanding ministry to children and youth.
    - We created a new group for children ages two through Pre K, which works in conjunction with our Junior Youth program for kindergarten through fifth grade.
    - Our Cub Pack has grown from approximately 12 scouts at the end of the last church calendar year to right around 30 at the end of this one.
    - Our Scout Troop has also grown in number, and because of our commitment to scouting for all kids, our troop is proud to have the first female Eagle Scout in Stokes County.

Our congregation has grown this year in number and in spirit, and that growth is a gift. With a year behind me, I can also name a few areas of challenge more clearly.

- Finding a permanent Director of Christian Education or Associate Pastor.
    - The DCE position has now been open for over a year. There has been some interest in both positions, but for different reasons the right fit has not yet been found. In the meantime, we have taken on a Pastoral Assistant, which has allowed me to shift some of my responsibilities and take on part of the DCE role myself, particularly in ministry with middle and senior high youth.
- Administrative procedures.
    - Over the past year, administrative gaps have been surfacing in unexpected ways. We are learning that procedures were never created to carry over from one group of staff to the next, so several tasks that should have set protocols and procedures do not have them.

Looking ahead to the coming year, these are the areas where I believe we should focus.

- For myself and the office staff, stronger administrative procedures.
    - Work on procedures that streamline how we receive and share information, particularly prayer requests, new member information, and event information.
- For the church, a continued focus on mission.
    - Keep building on this year's momentum, both here at home and abroad.
- Connection beyond Sunday morning.
    - We do Sunday worship very well, particularly through our music program. Almost all of the visitors who become members do so because of their appreciation of our music program and the warm welcome they feel from people on Sunday morning, so Sunday worship is vitally important. And yet Sunday morning cannot be all a church is. For the church to be everything it should be, and for it to be at its best, it must be thought of as more than Sunday morning. It is important for people to continue to connect with the life of the congregation outside of worship. Where there are ways to connect that are not yet part of the church's life, it is also important to help our boards create those places, giving folks more ways to connect to each other and, through each other, to the true spirit of Christ.

A year ago I thanked you for your patience as I found my footing. That patience has been deeply important and meaningful to me, and I ask that you continue to offer it as we continue on together. This year I also want to thank you for walking alongside me as we have grown together. The strengths I saw in my first months here have only deepened, and this year they have borne real fruit in mission, in our ministry to children and youth, and in the life of the congregation. Our watchword reminds us that all of this flows from abiding in Christ's love. My prayer is that we continue to stay rooted there, discerning together the path ahead. I am grateful to be your pastor, and I look forward to the year ahead with you.

Respectfully,

Rev. Zach Dease

KMP Preschool

2026 Director's Church Council Report

Respectfully Submitted by Tina Pratt, Director

Enrollment and School Updates

King Moravian Preschool celebrated **48 graduates in May** at the conclusion of the last school year. We also hosted two successful End-of-Year Programs in our Sanctuary, celebrating the children's accomplishments and growth throughout the year. It was estimated that over 350 people attended graduation in the evening, and 250 attended the EOY program each day at 11am.

During the summer, we offered five full weeks of Summer Fun sessions, providing children with continued opportunities for learning, enrichment, and fellowship.

We currently have **111 families enrolled for the 2026–2027 school year**. We are grateful for the continued trust and support of our preschool families and community.

Fundraising and Special Events

Fall Carnival
Our annual carnival was held on October 18 and was a success! We appreciate everyone who contributed their time, resources, and support to make this event possible.

Dewey's Fundraiser
Our Dewey's fundraiser is underway. KMP receives 50% of all sales, making this a wonderful fundraising opportunity while also providing delicious items that make great gifts.

- **Order Deadline:** November 30
- **Pickup Begins:** December 7 at KMP

We appreciate everyone who participates and helps support our preschool through this fundraiser.

Upcoming Bingo Fundraiser
Our next Bingo fundraiser is scheduled for **February 6 at First Christian Church**. We are especially grateful to First Christian Church for once again generously donating their space for this event. We look forward to another successful fundraiser and appreciate the continued support of our community.

Educational Enrichment and Faith-Based Programs

Moravian Music Foundation
Three years ago, KMP began a music enrichment program through the Moravian Music Foundation. This no-cost program continues to be a wonderful addition to our preschool. The children enjoy monthly visits from Mr. Chris and the opportunity to experience music as part of their learning.

Bible Story Time
We are blessed and thankful to have Ms. Sue returning this school year for Bible Story Time with our children. She visits twice a month, on Tuesday and Wednesday each visit. We appreciate her ministry to our preschool and the time she dedicates to sharing Bible stories with the children.

Chapel
Pastor Zach has also resumed Chapel with us this school year. He visits four times a month, on Monday and Thursday, to share a short lesson and song with the children. The children look forward to these special visits with Pastor Zach, Ms. Sue, and Mr. Chris. We are grateful for the meaningful relationships they have built with our students and for the positive impact these programs have on our preschool community.

Letterland Curriculum
We incorporated Letterland into our Four's and Five's programs three years ago. This engaging curriculum introduces children to letters and their corresponding sounds, helping build a strong foundation for early literacy. We continue to expand the program by adding components as funding allows.

King Public Library Visits
Our Four's and Five's classes visit King Public Library twice a month. Parents drop their children off at the library, where teachers accompany the students on their walk back to KMP along the sidewalks.

During each visit, Miss Melody reads stories and sings songs with the children. The students also have the opportunity to select and check out books, encouraging an early love of reading and helping foster independence and a lifelong interest in literacy.

Volunteer Appreciation
A special thank-you to Don and Desty for once again serving as library helpers. Our

staff and children greatly appreciate your time, dedication, and continued support of this program.

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

Preschool Christmas Programs and Lovefeasts — December 17 & 18

Our Preschool Christmas Programs and Lovefeasts remain a cherished tradition for our preschool families and community. As KMP has grown over the years, these celebrations have grown as well. We traditionally serve approximately **500 people over the two days**.

With this growth comes an increased need for volunteers to serve as *Dieners* during the Lovefeasts. The services begin at **11:00 a.m. each day**, and we welcome volunteers who are available to help on one or both days.

These celebrations are a meaningful way to share our faith, serve our families, and reach out to the broader community. If you are available and interested in volunteering, please contact me.

Bingo Fundraiser — February 6

We are currently seeking prize donations for our upcoming Bingo fundraiser at First Christian Church. Donations of all sizes are welcome, and every contribution helps make this event a success. We appreciate the generosity of our church members, families, and community partners as we prepare for this event.

Closing Remarks

KMP Preschool continues to be blessed by the dedication of our staff, the involvement of our families, and the generosity of our volunteers.

We are thankful for the opportunities we have to provide quality early childhood education while nurturing the children's spiritual, social, and academic growth. We look forward to the remainder of the school year and the many opportunities ahead to serve our children and families.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Pratt
Director, KMP Preschool

King Moravian Narrative Budget for 2027

A description of the ministry and outreach of King Moravian Church for the year 2027 and our proposed expenditures:

A. **Worship**-the heart of our church experience. Much of that is regular Sunday worship but also includes special seasonal services including Christmas, Lent, Holy Week, Easter and other special services. We propose to spend **$183,634**

B. **Pastoral Care and Care of Individuals**-the personal care that we receive through our church family especially during times of sickness, crisis, bereavement, troubled relationships, aging, and loneliness. We plan to spend **$56,237**.

C. **Christian Education and Nurturing of People in their Faith**-Nurturing people in their faith helps develop a trusting relationship with God. Our church utilizes the skills of our staff to plan and facilitate a Christian Education/Nurture Program. We plan to spend for personnel, resources, and facilities in the ministry **$98,577**

D. **Benevolent Giving and Outreach Ministry**-Our church's outreach can be divided into five categories:

- Foreign and homeland missions, crisis ministry, education, etc. that we do together with other Moravian churches
- Local benevolences
- Outreach to volunteer services
- Our Preschool
- Reaching out to bring people to our community of faith. A significant portion of staff time and use of facilities are to realize this ministry.

Propose to spend for benevolent giving and outreach ministry **$124,895**

E. **Fellowship**-Christian fellowship is eating, working, working for others, praying, worshiping, studying, laughing and sharing our lives with each other. In so doing, we share love, support, faith, hope and become a vital witnessing community. This will be **$44,550** of our budget.

Total proposed budget: **$507,893**

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KING MORAVIAN CHURCH			
2027 BUDGET ALLOCATION			
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	2027	2026	AMT	PERCENT
PASTORIAL BENEFITS	97977	96273	1704.00	0.02
DCE BENEFITS	50294	64081	-13787.00	-0.22
STAFF SALARIES	48692	50136	-1444.00	-0.03
PAYROLL TAXES	6857	7914	-1057.00	-0.13
CHURCH & OFFICE EXPENSE	25653	13254	12399.00	0.94
CHURCH FACILITIES	62508	59758	2750.00	0.05
INSURANCE	13459	14121	-662.00	-0.05
MAINTAINANCE	30348	25595	4753.00	0.19
MINISTRY & WORSHIP	9601	10025	-424.00	-0.04
MUSIC	82433	69752	12681.00	0.18
CHRISTIAN ED & YOUTH	11016	14508	-3492.00	-0.24
MISCELLANEOUS	0	504	-504.00	-1.00
PROVINCIAL SHARE	69055	58885	10170.00	0.17
Total	507,893	484,806	23087.00	0.05

*Church & Office Expenses includes Temporary Part-time Pastoral Care Position for 2027 which was offset by deducting from DCE benefits until position is filled.

Picnic Shelter and Youth House, Background and Options for Church Council

Purpose of this report

This report gathers what has happened with the picnic shelter and youth house since the November 2025 Church Council, so that council members can make a decision with the full picture in front of them. It does not make a recommendation. It tells the story of how the project began, why it changed direction, what the congregation has said, and then lays out the options currently before us.

How the project began

The project started as two separate line items in our Capital Campaign. $60,000 was set aside for the existing picnic shelter and $40,000 was set aside for the youth house.

The starting point was information Dane Heath shared about the Capital Campaign. The campaign had collected $507,971, with about $10,000 in pledges not yet collected. About $255,000 had been spent on HVAC repair, against a budget of $275,000. $60,000 was set aside for future roof repairs, and the picnic shelter was being reviewed for upgrade possibilities. The campaign committee was also considering changing its focus to long range planning after December 31, 2024.

The $60,000 roof reserve has not been touched. The roof was later judged not to need repair or replacement at this time, so that money remains in an interest bearing account until it is needed.

The Capital Campaign committee met its goal and raised the funds to renovate the existing shelter. Toward the end of the Capital Campaign, the Thomas estate opened the possibility of doing more than a renovation. The committee photographed similar shelters elsewhere and asked T.J. Magarci to prepare a rendering. The Joint Boards reviewed the rendering and approved gathering preliminary pricing, and several contractors were asked for early bids, which were submitted to the boards. With that submission, the committee's assigned work was complete. The committee proposed continuing as an implementation committee, but a Strategic Planning Committee was formed to carry the project forward, and the Capital Campaign committee was not part of the later decision to relocate the facility. At the November 2025 Church Council, council approved completing the drawings for a new facility, paid from Capital Campaign funds. At that time the projected cost of a new facility was between $325,000 and $432,000. Jennifer Dunn, executor of the Thomas estate, shared with the Church Council that portions of the Thomas Fund could be used for the picnic shelter.

Since November 2025 the following work has been completed.

- T.J. Magarci completed and delivered a stamped set of floor plans, paid $6,000 from the Capital Campaign picnic shelter fund.
- The architectural engineer signed off on and stamped the floor plans and was paid $1,246 from the Capital Campaign picnic shelter fund.
- The floor plans were sent for electrical, plumbing, and HVAC drawings, estimated at $6,000$4,000 electrical and plumbing, $2,000 HVAC.
- The plans were submitted to the Finance Advisory and Support Committee (FASC) of the Southern Province and approved. FASC asked that the budget and financing be presented in more detail before the plans go to the Provincial Support Services Board (PSSB) and then to the Provincial Elders Conference (PEC) for final approval.

Why the proposal for picnic shelter moved to the youth house site

As the plans developed, the picnic shelter committee and Joint Board looked at where a new facility could go. The main limit on the current site is the railroad right of way.

When we spoke with the City of King, they said they would only allow a storage unit of 300 to 400 square feet within 10 feet of the railroad ditch. The railroad right of way can run 100 to 200 feet from the ditch. For King Moravian, it reaches all the way to the sidewalk at the back door of the fellowship hall, and the church itself sits just off the right of way. The City has since reported that we could rebuild the same sized shelter in the same spot.

The picnic shelter committee gave these reasons for moving the new facility to the youth house site.

- There is little room to expand on the current site because of the railroad easement.
- The youth house site is more secluded and shaded, and it sits along the property line rather than in the middle of the property.
- It leaves the open grassy area free for future expansion, events, or overflow parking.
- City water and sewer are closer to the street there, and existing hookups might be reused.
- A new street entrance could be created to ease preschool drop off.
- The cost of renovating the youth house was expected to exceed what was budgeted, and removing it would open the space for the new facility.
- The move would cost 13 to 22 parking spaces on the youth house side. Future parking could be added in the grassy lot or between the railroad and the paved passage at the back of the lot.

The picnic shelter committee also walked the parking lot before presenting options and discussed the preschool traffic pattern, including a drive behind the facility or a separate entrance and exit. One member serves on both the preschool committee and the picnic facility committee.

The July 12, 2026 Special Church Council

A Special Church Council was called on July 12, 2026, with a quorum present. Its stated purpose was to vote on three items related to moving the approved picnic shelter from the east side grass lot to the youth house area on the west side.

1. Approve demolition of the existing youth house.
2. Change the location of the picnic shelter.
3. Reallocate the funds set aside to improve the youth house to building the picnic shelter on the youth house site.

The materials prepared for the meeting estimated about $15,000 to demolish the youth house, fill, and pack the site, leaving about $25,000 of the $40,000 youth house money to move to the new facility. (The $15,000 was an estimate added later for demolition, not a separate fund). They also suggested a property survey, at about $1,500, if no earlier survey was available.

The meeting opened with a review of the November 2025 Church Council notes on the shelter's approval and placement, followed by a presentation of the proposed change in location and its effects on the property, parking, and finances.

Discussion raised several concerns.

- The cost of demolishing the youth house.
- How close the new structure would sit to a neighboring family's property line, and whether that family would accept it.
- Parking, traffic flow, and the effect on preschool operations.
- The budget implications of the change.

- Whether further discussion was needed if the shelter stayed in its originally approved location.
- The lack of timely information about the reasons for demolishing the youth house and relocating the shelter. Members asked that the congregation receive more information and have an opportunity for discussion.

A motion was made to speak with the neighboring family before any further action. It was amended to include an evaluation of the emotional, spiritual, and financial impact of the change of location, with its pros and cons. As restated and passed, the motion tabled the relocation of the picnic shelter until there could be further discussion with the neighboring family, and until the impact on church finances, on spiritual and emotional enrichment, and on preschool operations and traffic flow could be discussed further with the congregation. The motion was seconded and passed by a majority of those present, so none of the three items were voted on.

What the congregation raised in a town hall meeting

On July 23, 2026, following the July 12 motion to discuss the relocation further with the congregation, about 30 people gathered for a town hall. It was not a council meeting and no votes were taken. We opened in prayer, read the minutes of the November 2025 and July 12, 2026 councils, and opened the floor for questions. What we heard fell into a few areas.

Location. Why move the shelter at all, and how exactly does the railroad right of way limit what we can do?

Cost. What is the projected cost, and why spend that much when renovating our existing buildings would cost less? Several asked for additional quotes to renovate both the youth house and the current shelter.

Design and neighbors. Some felt the proposed facility was not architecturally appealing and did not complement the church building or the neighborhood. Neighbors did not like the idea of an unappealing building near them.

Other uses for the youth house. Could the youth house be renovated, perhaps to become the church office again, with the current office becoming youth and Sunday School space?

Purpose and vision. Why are we building this, where is God in it, and how will we use it spiritually? Some asked for a committee to describe a long range vision for the church before moving forward. Others asked us to move ahead with renovating the existing shelter.

In later conversations, neighbors of the church shared their views. One neighbor said they would prefer the existing shelter be renovated, but that if we build a new facility we may build wherever we choose. Another neighbor does not like the current design and feels it would stand out among the older homes nearby, especially next to the original sanctuary.

In conversations after July 12, some also raised the view that, with the space the church already has available, building a new facility would take on a financial liability that current need does not justify and that the current youth house can be remodeled.

The Elders on moving the shelter and demolishing the youth house

Following the July 12, 2026 Special Church Council, the Joint Board asked the Board of Elders to consider one part of the decision, the spiritual and emotional impact of moving the picnic shelter and demolishing the youth house.

On that one question, the Elders found that moving the shelter and demolishing the youth house would have a negative emotional and spiritual impact. They reached that view in light of the possible issues with neighbors, the question of how much space the church actually needs, and the amount of money that would go into the project, even though the money is there, along with the questions raised at the town hall.

New information gathered since the summer

In response to the town hall, we sought quotes to rebuild the existing shelter in place and to repair or remove the youth house.

Rebuilding the existing shelter in place

Calloway Concrete Construction quoted $127,000 to tear down and rebuild the shelter at the same size (26 by 50 feet) on its current site. The City of King has given tentative approval to rebuild on the existing site, pending approval of the final construction plan.

Work	Cost
Demolition permit, demolish and haul the entire shelter	$4,000
Remove the concrete floor, haul, and pour a new floor with footings	$19,000
Permits and construction of a new 26 by 50 foot shelter	$104,000
Total	$127,000

Repairing the youth house

Earlier repair estimates for the youth house total $47,025, not including updated bathrooms. A new estimate is coming that covers this work and more, so $47,025 should be read as the minimum cost.

Repair	Contractor	Cost
Heating and air installation	Stanley HVAC	$13,995
Waterproofing, two sump pumps and vapor barrier	Affordable Waterproofing	$10,730
Replacement windows	Mathis	$8,600
New roof	Mathis	$5,950
New siding, soffits, and fascia (repair and trim coil)	Mathis	$3,900
Remove and replace crawl space insulation	Mathis and Garcia	$2,000
New seamless gutters	Mathis	$1,050

Two GFCI outlets for the sump pumps	Affordable Waterproofing	$800
Update bathrooms	Not yet quoted	
Total so far		$47,025

Removing the youth house

Neal Grading quoted $12,000 to tear down and haul off the house and fill the basement with dirt. This is lower than the $15,000 estimate given at the July 12 council.

How the church building is used today

To help answer whether the congregation needs more space, we reviewed the weekly schedule of all 13 groups registered to use the building as of February 2026. The review counted regular weekly bookings between 7 in the morning and 9 at night, which gives each room 98 hours a week.

Room	Hours booked each week	Hours open each week	Share of time open
Fellowship Hall	20.5	77.5	79%
Choir Room	17.2	80.8	82%
Classrooms	17.1	80.9	83%
Sanctuary	1.2	96.8	99%
Church Office	0	98.0	100%
Parlor	1.0	97.0	99%
All rooms	57.0	531.0	90%

Taken together, our rooms sit open about 90 percent of their available hours. The busiest times are Sunday morning, when Sunday School fills the Parlor, Choir Room, Fellowship Hall, and upstairs classrooms, and weekday mornings, when the preschool uses the classrooms, Choir Room, and Fellowship Hall. Outside those windows the Fellowship Hall is open every weekday afternoon, and the entire building is open on Saturdays. Every group that meets with us today fits in the building we already have, with room left for new groups and new times.

A few limits are worth keeping in mind. The schedule shows regular weekly bookings only, so funerals, receptions, dinners, and other one time events are not counted. It measures indoor rooms, while a picnic shelter serves outdoor gatherings the building cannot. And it describes how the building is used now, not what a future ministry plan might call for.

The options before council

Four paths have come out of the work and conversations so far. The Capital Campaign originally set aside $100,000 (60,000 for the picnic shelter and $40,000 for the youth house). The $7,246 already paid for plans came out of the picnic shelter fund, so $92,754 ($52,754 for the picnic shelter and $40,000 for the youth house) remains. The Capital Campaign's invested balance is currently $231,708.92. That balance holds the $60,000 roof reserve, the $92,754 remaining for these two buildings, and about $78,955 left over from Capital Campaign work already completed. The leftover money is not part of the funds set aside for the picnic shelter or youth house, and it is not counted in the figures below. Portions of the Thomas Fund may also be available for the picnic shelter, which would reduce the amounts still needed below.

Option	Estimated cost*	Compared with the $92,754 remaining*	Approvals and open questions
1. Build the new facility on the east side grass lot (November 2025 plan)	$325,000 to $432,000 (2025 estimate), plus about $6,000 to finish drawings	$238,246 to $345,246 more needed, before any youth house work	City approval for a new facility on the grass lot, FASC budget detail, PSSB, and PEC. No current construction bids. Youth house still to be decided
2. Build the new facility on the youth house site	$325,000 to $432,000 (2025 estimate), plus $12,000 demolition, about $1,500 survey, and about $6,000 to finish drawings	$251,746 to $358,746 more needed	City of King, FASC budget detail, PSSB, and PEC. No current construction bids. Loses 13 to 22 parking spaces
3. Rebuild the shelter in place and renovate the youth house	At least $174,025 (new youth house estimate coming)	At least $81,271 more needed	City has given tentative approval to rebuild, pending approval of the final construction plan
4. Repair the existing shelter and renovate the youth house	Youth house at least $47,025 (new estimate coming). Shelter repair not yet quoted	Depends on the shelter repair quote	Shelter repair final construction quotes needed

All figures in this report are estimates based on the quotes and information available as of October 2026. Costs may change over time, and quotes may need to be updated before any work begins.

Option 1. Build the new facility on the east side grass lot

This is the oldest proposal. At the November 2025 Church Council, council approved completing the drawings for a new picnic shelter facility, at a projected cost of $325,000 to $432,000. At that time the new facility was planned for the east side grass lot, and the youth house remained a separate Capital Campaign item. This path keeps the youth house lot as it is and avoids losing parking on the youth house side, though it would build on the open lawn. The City of King's tentative approval

so far covers only rebuilding the existing shelter at its current size and site, so a new facility on the grass lot would need its own approval. The cost figure dates from 2025 and has not been tested by current bids, and the youth house would still need its own decision.

Option 2. Build the new facility on the youth house site

This is the plan the Joint Board brought on July 12, which council tabled. It gives the church a larger, modern facility with room to grow, keeps the open lawn free, and could improve preschool traffic with a new entrance. It is the most expensive path, and the cost figure dates from 2025 and has not been tested by current bids. It also carries the design and neighbor concerns raised at the town hall.

Option 3. Rebuild the shelter in place and renovate the youth house

This keeps both buildings where they are, and the City has given tentative approval to rebuild the shelter on its current site. The cost is at least $174,025, which is $127,000 for the shelter and at least $47,025 for the youth house. The shelter would be replaced at its current size, and the youth house would receive a new roof, windows, HVAC, waterproofing, and exterior work. It answers the town hall requests to renovate both buildings, and the youth house could serve youth, Sunday School, or office needs.

Option 4. Repair the existing shelter and renovate the youth house

This is the most modest path and reflects the town hall request to renovate the existing shelter. The youth house work would cost at least $47,025, with a new estimate coming that covers this work and more. We do not yet have a quote for repairing, rather than rebuilding, the shelter, so the total cost of this path is not yet known.

KING MORAVIAN CHURCH
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Bowman, Sasha
Bowman, Linda
Bowman, Perry
Bowman, Renee
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Butts, Rachael
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Cape, Richard
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Cardwell, Mary
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Cardwell, Tracy
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Covington, Candice
Covington, Chris
Covington, Dave
Covington, Jacob
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Crouch, Kent
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Gentry, Hughes
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Goins, Darrell
Wright, Myra
Goins, Morgan †
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Grabs, Gordon
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Grabs, Lilly
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Grabs Sapp, Russell
Grabs, Shawne *
Grabs, Susie
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Hall, Jim
Hall, Jim II

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