

Skipwith Pilot

From the Pastor ...

Skipwith Church family,

It is hard to believe that I have already been your pastor for two months! In these first weeks together, I have had the opportunity to worship with you and get to know many of you. I am grateful for the warm welcome you have given me and for the many ways you have made me feel at home.

One of the things that has impressed me most is the welcoming and loving spirit of this congregation. I have seen it in the way you greet one another, care for one another, serve our community, and give of your time and talents. There is a lot of good happening here!

But as we look toward the future, I believe it is important that we take some time to pause, listen, and dream together. Every healthy church needs to periodically ask some important questions:

What are we doing well?

What ministries are making a difference? What should we celebrate and continue to strengthen?

What needs some work?

Are there ministries that have potential but need new energy or a different approach? Where can we improve?

What needs to come to an end?

Sometimes faithfulness means recognizing that a ministry has completed its season. Ending something isn't necessarily failure—it may create room for something new that God is calling us to do.

And perhaps most importantly: **What is God calling us to do next?**

On Sunday, September 20, I invite you to join me for “Pizza with the Pastor”. This will be a time for fellowship, conversation, listening, and dreaming about the future of our church.

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Together, we will begin looking ahead to 2027 and talking about our ministry goals. I want to hear from you—not just about what you think the pastor should do, but about what we, as a congregation, believe God is calling us to do together.

This will also be an opportunity for me to learn more about each of our ministries: what you are passionate about, what challenges you are facing, and where you see opportunities for growth.

You don't need to have all the answers. You don't need to come with a five-year plan. Just come ready to share, listen, laugh, dream, and enjoy some pizza!

I believe God has something wonderful in store for us. The foundation is strong, the ministries are making a difference, and there is a tremendous spirit of love within this congregation. Now, let's prayerfully consider how we build upon that foundation and faithfully follow where God leads us next.

I look forward to sharing a slice of pizza—and a vision for the future—with you! As always, I am blessed to be your pastor!

Pastor Jason



United Women in Faith

The United Women in Faith will hold our first meeting of the year on Tuesday, September 8 at 10:00 am in the social hall. We will share a devotional, refreshments, revealing of 2025-26 prayer partners, a discussion of mission priorities for this year, and pledges. All women of the church are invited. We are requesting donations of

individual macaroni and cheese as we begin the Backpack Program for our neighbors at Skipwith Elementary School.

Finance Report

Reported figures as of July 31, 2026

Funds collected to date for FY 2026-2027: \$13,678

Funds expended to date for FY 2026-2027: \$10,786

Funds still required to meet current obligations:
\$(2,892)

September 2026

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

		1 9 AM SOS Breakfast	2	3 9 AM Lamb's Basket 10 AM Dance	4	5 10 AM OA
6 10 AM Sunday School 11 AM Worship 3:30 PM AA	7 	8 10 AM Betty Crane Circle 12 Noon AA 6 PM AA	9 10:30 Bible Study	10 10 AM Dance	11 12 Noon AA 6 PM NA	12
13 10 AM Sunday School 11 AM Worship 3:30 PM AA	14	15 12 Noon AA 6 PM AA	16 10:30 Bible Study Pilot Deadline	17 10 AM Dance	18 12 Noon AA 6 PM NA	19 10 AM OA
20 10 AM Sunday School 11 AM Worship 12:15 PM Pizza with the Pastor 3:30 PM AA	21	22 12 Noon AA 6 PM AA	23 10:30 Bible Study	24 10 AM Dance	25 12 Noon AA 6 PM NA	26 10 AM OA
27 10 AM Sunday School 11 AM Worship 12:15 PM Finance mtg 3:30 PM AA	28	29 12 Noon AA 6 PM AA	30 10:30 Bible Study			

September 6—Virginia McKinney

September 12—Neil Coverstone

September 12—Billy Simmons

September 20—Bev Myers

September 20—Paula Propst

September 24—Chris Lambert

September 26—Annamae Secrist



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