

During the joint Session/Diaconate meeting on October 23, 2023:

- Lisana Brown was accepted into membership, along with her 5 yr old daughter. Lisanna has transferred her membership from Hitchcock Presbyterian Church, Scarsdale, NY.
- Rev Allysen Schaaf led a follow-up discussion of the recent Officer Retreat.
- Carol Apel, chair of Administration Ministry, talked about the budgeting process for 2024.
- Chuck Bohlen, chair of Stewardship, talked about what is being planned for the 2024 Capital Campaign.
- The following fundraising events were approved.
 - Angel Tree in November-December
 - Reverse Advent Calendar Supply Collection for Salvation Army Women's Shelter in December
 - Alternative Gift Market in December (potential recipients include Bayonnais, Family Forward, Habitat of Matthews, Loaves and Fishers, Rama Backpacks, Mother Esther Rescue in Kenya, Presbyterian Church of East Africa and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance)
 - Christmas Joy Offering for PCUSA on December 17
 - Christmas Eve Offering for Room in the Inn
 - Souper Bowl of Caring on February 11, 2024
- Approved a disbursement of \$3,400 from the Gift Trust in support of the Mother Esther dormitory project, in Kenya.
- Approved the renewal of Sardis' \$200,000 bank line of credit.