The following are highlights from the 11/09/2026, 5 PM Governing Board meeting:

- **Call to order – Jonathan**
- **Opening prayer – Michelle**

Members Attending:
Dave Allen, Paul Campbell, Jonathan Carroll-Nellenback (Acting Chair), Christy Lesher (Secretary), Tim Mahan, Peter Owh, Rev. Dr. Michelle Bogue-Trost (Sr. Minister), Deb Bullock-Smith (Church Administrator)

Absent:	**Guests:**
Dawn Riedy	None

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1. Received & Approved Consent Agenda

Approval of Governing Board Minutes of October 19, 2026
Receipt of Finance Committee Minutes of October 10, 2026
Receipt of Social Concerns Committee Minutes of October 19, 2026
Receipt of Senior Minister's Report of November 2026

2. Town Hall / Church Conference Planning – Pastor Michelle

The agenda will include an overview of pastoral compensation, election of trustees, an opportunity for questions on the preliminary budget, and a brief update from Pastor Michelle on developments within the UMC following the schism. The gathering will also emphasize a celebration of ministry, acknowledging the challenges of the past year while highlighting accomplishments such as a strong year for Dining in for Outreach fundraising and participation, as well as recognizing distinguished volunteers and staff anniversaries.

3. Three Big Questions: Third Century Church – Pastor Michelle

Pastor Michelle continued the Board's Third Century Church discussion, focused this month on leading through loss and resistance. Through the various reading synopsis, we covered how Heifetz directs attention to loss and the pacing of learning; Friedman to remaining connected under pressure; Bowen to the relationships that restore familiar patterns; Bolsinger to trust and learning in unfamiliar territory. Which concern about change might we understand differently? How do we discern the difference between resistance that needs to be acknowledged, and that contains information we need to hear?

4. New Business – All

- Celebrated Dave's birthday!
- Erica raised a concern about the COC building being completely dark at night, which she observed on an evening walk. The Board discussed whether motion-activated or continuous exterior lighting could help discourage returning overnight porch sleepers. Deb is looking into it and PSC will take it up if a change is needed, as motion-activated lights are in place.

- Pastor Michelle shared that planning for the Christmas season is underway, with schedules to come, and Christmas trees planned for our sanctuary and gathering spaces.
- Hanging of the Greens is planned for December 2, in conjunction with SPRC hosting the Community Dinner that evening, all are encouraged to join the meal and work.
- Pastor Michelle shared that Dawn (who is absent tonight) proposed that the Governing Board receive the budget on January 11, followed by a January 24, 2027 Church Conference for the congregational budget vote.

Adjourned at 6:08 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Christy Lesher

Next Town Hall (after 11 AM service, Sanctuary)	November 15, 2026
Next GB Meeting (5:00 PM, Red Room)	December 14, 2026