

ECW MINUTES SEPTEMBER 2025

1. Present: 26 with Special Guests from North Wilkes Presbyterian Church, who represent one of the 40 Presbyterian churches in North Carolina named as an Earth Care Congregation
2. Treasurer's Report: \$2037.83
3. Cards need to be sent: Names given to Tana Meyers.
4. Discussions
 - December Christmas meeting - we're asking everyone to bring their favorite Christmas treat (sweet or savory) and we will discuss doing a gift exchange or take donations for door prizes.
 - Voted to have a donation drive for Easter Baskets for the elderly - Carol Canter will take them to nursing homes.
 - Watch for news from Ruth Harris about donations to pack goody bags for children at Christmas.
 - Change meeting date in November (it's too close to the ending of the Bazaar); it will be the 3rd Monday in November - the 17th - for bazaar debriefing and a program.
5. Motions
 - Donate \$500 each to Crisis and Step Ahead (total of \$1000) motion by Laurie Love and Gwen Temple second it.
 - Donation \$100 to the Little Pantry motion by Laurie Love and Cindy Smith second it. Diane Peabody will buy the groceries.
6. Today's Program
 - Recycling with General Manager Mike Taylor from GFL (Green for Life which is the 4th largest waste and recycling company in the US): An optical sorter monitors a conveyor belt and various machinery sends specific items to a different area depending on what it is. They recycle aluminum, steel, 3 kinds of plastic, cardboard, and paper.
 - Questions
 - Where to dispose of old paint and varnish - any landfill but it has to be dry so put kitty litter in it and leave the lids off until the litter is absorbed..
 - Why some plastics and not others -Only numbers 1 & 2 or anything over 8
 - Recycled items need to be clean
 - Can you recycle lids - on plastic yes and metal lids from glass jars and bottles
 - Can't recycle: plastic grocery bags, styrofoam, batteries, heavy metal, glass, and heavy plastics (like tv frames). Glass needs to be recycled in the southern part of the state so the problem is

trucking it there which is sometimes not economical - but they will crush it and send it to the landfill.

Next Meeting: Nancy Scroggs will have a guest physical therapist who will talk about female health. Linda Schneider will take care of lunch.