

Synopsis of Session Actions at Regular Meeting on July 16, 2020

PRESENT: Moderator: Pastor Peter Kim Elders: Tom Clifford, Jerry Cole, Kathy Jones, Dianne Dalto, Tricia Bunn, Nancy Hamilton, Sharon Browning and Mary Miller (Financial Assistant)

DEVOTION: Kathy Jones shared a devotional "Be Still" and opened the meeting with prayer.

REPORT OF THE PASTOR: Pastor Kim has been contacting MSPC members through the directory. He has been able to introduce himself and is getting to know members audibly for now.

Hospital Calls:

Funerals/Deaths:

Home Visit: Pastor Peter Kim made follow-up calls to Curtis & Mary Moore and Don Kesler

Newcomers:

Prospective New Members:

Correspondence:

Notes:

REPORT OF THE CLERK:

Approval of minutes: June 7th (regular); June 23rd (called); approved as read.

Baptisms: An 11-year-old boy called the church and inquired about getting baptized. Pastor Peter Kim spoke with him and invited him and his family to come to church on July 26th.

TREASURY REPORT – (Mary Miller)

Mary Miller (Financial Assistant) supplied financial balances as of 7/16/20.

BB&T Checkbook balance: \$5,158.00; BB&T Savings Balance: \$7,564.00

Recent Monthly Giving to General Fund

April – \$11,332 May – \$8,800 June - \$8,255

MINISTRY GROUPS – New Names, Chairpersons & Duties

FELLOWSHIP (Nancy Hamilton): Church dinners, caregiving meals, PW

Church wide picnic Sept 13th @ Idlewild Park (Found out there is no vacancy for this date at the park. May have to reschedule the date or place.)

BUILDING & GROUNDS (Jerry Cole): Lawn care, equipment, maintenance, cleaning service

(1) Outdoor posts have been redone and are ready for signage; (2) florescent fixtures need to be replaced in various areas of church. Last year's price to replace all of them was \$3300. **Motion to approve monies for replacement but to be dispersed in increments was made by Tom Clifford, seconded by Tricia Bunn; all approved.** (3) The cleaning service will charge \$150 for disinfection. If there is a positive case of COVID-10 the cost is \$500. (4) Skip Smith is checking on the possibility of purchasing an air sprayer for disinfecting. (5) All mowers are in working order.

WORSHIP & EDUCATION (Kathy Jones): Nursery, Special Offerings, Sunday School, Liturgical supplies

(1) When worship service begins there will be 2 children. Both will be in the nursery. (2) On July 25 several volunteers will meet at the church to do a final disinfection prior to worship on the 26th. (3) After making phone calls, it is felt that around 20 members will be here for worship on the 26th. (4) PW will meet on Monday, Aug 24 for their first meeting of the new church year.

MISSION AND OUTREACH (Sharon Browning) : publicity and advertising, website, ASP, girl scouts

ADMINISTRATIVE (Tricia Bunn): Stewardship, personnel, volunteer scheduling

OLD BUSINESS: Nominating Committee Report: The two new members of the Class of 2023 will be Travis Meredith and Peter Bonney. Pastor Peter Kim will meet with them in the near future. These new officers will come on board Sunday, September 13.

NEW BUSINESS: (1) It is felt that the church needs to purchase a laptop and a Pandora premium account so that various music can be played during the worship services. Motion was made by Tom Clifford, seconded by Kathy Jones that MSPC submit an application to the Presbytery for a Pharr grant that would pay for the laptop, the Pandora account and any accessory items for the safety and security of the equipment; all approved. Tom will contact Peter Bonney regarding the type of laptop that will be needed. (2) The phone system for the church is very antiquated. Barbara Smith has gotten some figures from Windstream to upgrade the system. There will be a one-time fee of \$480 and the monthly bundled fee will be around \$230, which is presently \$195. Motion that MSPC have its phone equipment upgraded was made by Tom Clifford, seconded by Jerry Cole and all approved.

Request for Facility Usage: Lisa Jillani has requested to use the fellowship and kitchen area of MSPC for a day long meeting (8am-6pm) of the Foundation for Applied Conservative Leadership. She used our facility in June with no issues. **Motion than Lisa Jillani rent MSPC for \$350 on Saturday August 22nd was made by Sharon Browning, seconded by Tricia Bunn and all approved.**

AUGUST The MorningStar



WALKING

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Many of you know by now (reading from July's Newsletter) that I am an "exercise-holic." (I don't think it's even a word.) I *love* to exercise. I will choose to exercise over sleep. I will choose to exercise over food. You can ask my family, and they will tell you the same. So, when the gym closed due the Pandemic in March, I was reduced to walking every day. In the beginning (starting in March), walking 3.5 miles in the morning and 3.5 miles in the evening seemed easy. I did it effortlessly...really. This lasted approximately four months.

But recently (starting in July), my walking became tedious and laborious. And it dawned on me one day as I was *walking*, how difficult it was to faithfully *walk* every day. First, it was time consuming. Second, it was downright boring! And third, it was monotonous! I didn't want to do the "same ole, same ole" anymore!

The "same ole, same ole." This is how many of us might be feeling today during this Pandemic. How do I stay faithful? How do I faithfully walk with Jesus when everything seems monotonous and tedious? We've done the

same things over and over. We wake up. Eat breakfast. Stay home. Work (if we are still working.) Eat lunch. Do chores around the house. Eat dinner. Clean up. Wash up. Go to bed. And do it all over again.

This is when we (you and I) need to heed God's Word from Genesis 17:1 and Isaiah 40:31!

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Despite our current circumstances and situations, we need to *walk faithfully* before our God AND *be blameless*. This is not easy. Trust me. It's not easy!

It's tempting to want to *soar on wings* like eagles. We all want to *fly*. Many of us would even rather *run* and "just get it over with" whatever we are doing. We want to see the end to all this "craziness." We want to quickly cross the finish line. But I wonder how many of us are willing to *walk* AND *not grow weary and not be faint!*

You see, *walking* is not for the faint-hearted. It takes stamina to walk daily. It takes commitment to walk daily. It takes faith to walk daily with God. Despite the uncertainties of life, there is one thing that is certain — and that is, our God is Holy, Sovereign, loving and merciful. And He calls us to *walk* with Him faithfully and blamelessly, and *not grow weary and not be faint*.

In His Firm Grip,

Peter



Calendar Reminders

- Aug 2 Service of Worship at 10:00 a.m.
- Aug 9 Service of Worship at 10:00 a.m.
Session Meeting at 11:15 a.m.
- Aug 16 Service of Worship at 10:00 a.m.
- Aug 23 Service of Worship at 10:00 a.m.
- Aug 24 PW meeting at 6:30 p.m. at
- Aug 30 Service of Worship at 10:00 a.m.
- Aug 31 Ministry Group Meetings at 6:00 p.m.



- Aug 1 Isabel Miller
- Aug 2 Mary Parker (Happy 90th Birthday)
- Aug 3 Beckie Boggs
- Aug 9 Steve Guthrie
- Aug 10 Randy Jones
- Aug 13 Mary Miller
- Aug 20 Dottie Jenkins
- Aug 27 Peter Kim

Volunteer Schedule

Counters:

- Aug 2 Jerry Cole & Skip Smith
- Aug 9 Jan Davis
- Aug 16 Tricia Bunn & Robert Hamilton
- Aug 23 Lynne Cole & Sharon Browning
- Aug 30 Jerry Cole & Skip Smith

Sunday School & Nursery:

- Aug 9 Roberta Keasler
- Aug 16 Nancy Hamilton & Brenda McIntosh
- Aug 23 Randy & Kathy Jones
- Aug 30 Mary Miller & Carmine Dalto

Greeters/Beadles:

- Aug 2 Randy & Kathy Jones
- Aug 9 Open
- Aug 16 Mary Miller
- Aug 23 Travis & Sharon Meredith
- Aug 30 Nancy Hamilton & Brenda McIntosh



Ten Cents a Meal offering is taken the last Sunday of each month at MorningStar.

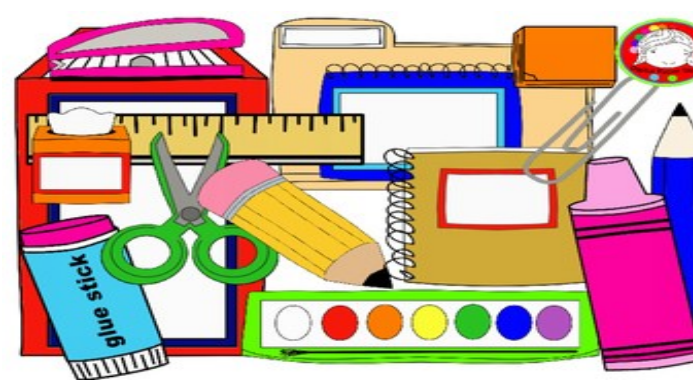
From Your *Your TCaM Team of the Charlotte Presbytery:*

The support of our Presbytery members and churches continues to grow over the years. You have gotten the word out to identify the need and you have brought the offerings in to address the needs in response to our Lord's directive, "Feed My Sheep".

It is our hope that the Ten Cents-a-Meal program will continue to bolster the food security programs throughout our many varied communities of Charlotte Presbytery. At the same time, Ten Cents-a-Meal is designed to empower the outreach ministries of your church into the community you serve, thus enhancing your witness of God's Love and Care for your neighbors in need.

Receive our thanks for your mutual support for Ten Cents-a-Meal. Rejoice with us that God continues to grow and bless the Ten Cents-a-Meal program as we feed all of God's children across fields of Charlotte Presbytery.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL & NURSERY WILL BE COMBINED BEGINNING AUGUST 9 AND WILL MOST LIKELY CONTINUE THIS WAY THROUGH THE END OF THE YEAR. IT WILL BE HELD IN THE NURSERY!



TWELVE MONTHS OF GIVING –
During the month of August we will be collecting supplies for Matthews Help Center and Servants Heart.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN will begin the 2020-2021 year on Monday, August 24 with a "salad supper" at 6:30 p.m. at the church. Please plan to attend and help make plans for the new season. **INVITE A FRIEND.**



HOLD THE DATE:
SEPTEMBER 13, 2020 — OUR ANNUAL PICNIC ON THE CHURCH LAWN UNDER TENTS! MORE DETAILS LATER!

Did you miss Peter's sermon this past Sunday? The sermons are now being recorded and shown on YouTube. So, if you miss a Sunday, or you are just staying home due to COVID concerns, you can check out Peter's sermon on YouTube. We will be adding new videos every week, so you can easily stay in touch. Just search for the channel name MorningStar Presbyterian. Once you find it, click on Subscribe to see more videos as they get added.