

Synopsis of Regular Session Meeting — June 2022

PRESENT: Moderator: Rev. Jeff Paschal Elders: Dianne Dalto, Peter Bonney, Curtis Moore, Tricia Bunn, Sharon Browning, Travis Meredith and Kelly Hames.
EXCUSED: Kathy Jones. **DEVOTION:** Elder Tricia Bunn shared a devotion regarding “prayer and the actions that need to follow.” She then opened the meeting with prayer.

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA: No changes. **Motion that agenda be adopted was made by Curtis Moore, seconded by Sharon Browning; all approved.**

REPORT OF THE PASTOR/ELDERS: Deaths/Funerals/Weddings: Funeral Service for Anne Hill.

REPORT OF THE CLERK:

Approval of minutes: May 9 (regular); **Minutes approved as written.**

Attendance: 5/1 — 26; 5/8 — 36(4); 5/15 — 32(4); 5/22 — 30(6); 5/29 — 32(3) (= online persons)

TREASURY REPORT – (Mary Miller) Mary Miller (Financial Assistant) supplied financial balances as of 6/13/22.

BB&T Checkbook balance	\$ 12,777
BB&T Savings balance	34,572 General
	10,450 A/C Reserve
	231 Sunday School Reserve
	\$ 45,253 TOTAL

REPORT FROM TECH TEAM - (Peter Bonney/Sharon Browning). (1) Sound cabinet has been moved next to the video table, enabling one person to run everything, if needed. The Tech Team gives a big “Thank You” to Jay Alexander, Curtis Moore and Randy Jones for moving the equipment. (2) The memorial service for Anne Hill was recorded, and DVDs were created for the family. (3) Sharon Browning is now fully trained in streaming services and will do so the next two weeks while Peter Bonney is on vacation. (4) Google Drive Class will be on July 16th at 10:00 a.m.

MINISTRY GROUPS –

FELLOWSHIP (Nancy Hamilton) —The potluck lunch on Pentecost Sunday was a huge success.

EDUCATION (Kelly Hames CSE) — (1) No Children’s Sunday School during July. It has been suggested that the girls stay in sanctuary through the children’s message. Sunday School teacher recognition will be during this hiatus. Exact date to be decided after speaking with parents. (2) During August the nursery workers will get a break. There will be nursery worker recognition during that hiatus. Date to be decided after speaking with parents. (3) Air fresheners are needed for the nursery/children’s area. Barbara will be asked to order them.

WORSHIP (Kathy Jones) — (1) Since both Pentecost and Trinity Sundays have passed, we discussed if any feedback had been heard and if any changes need/should be made. No specific concerns were made. (2) For safety purposes we are going to look at going back to locking the church doors approximately 5 to 10 minutes after worship begins.

BUILDING & GROUNDS (Travis Meredith/Curtis Moore) –(1) Refrigeration drain unclogged. (2) Cleaned behind right hand screen including 32 chairs. (3) Behind left hand screen to be cleaned, including 36 chairs. (4) Steel chair inventory: TOTAL 68 unused. Future use? (5) Acquired light bulbs, setting a date to rent lift. (6) Relocated audio panel and speaker wires. (6) Additional interior pest extermination to be scheduled; (7) Curtis cleaned all the stove burners with wire brushes; all burners now working. (8) No committee meeting in July.

MISSION & OUTREACH (Sharon Browning) - (1) Our community outreach blood drive with One Blood did not happen this past Saturday as they did not show, nor did they contact Pastor Jeff who had been in communication with them two days before. (2) The Blessing of the Animals went very well. We had 9 animals here and one visitor from the community.

ADMINISTRATIVE (Tricia Bunn/Peter Bonney) - So far, nine people have had background checks processed. Mary Miller is performing the checks. The process is documented and stored on the Tech Team Google Drive.

OLD BUSINESS –We continue to look at goal setting that will foster spiritual, congregational and numerical growth. Ideas discussed were a “shredding event” and having MSPC brochures and magnets made to distribute when we do have special events or to be given to visitors. Sponsoring a “water table” during Mint Hill Madness was also mentioned as a possibility.

NEW BUSINESS – (1) It is that time of year when the congregation members may be approached to become new Session members starting in September. Please be prayerful and willing to commit if you are asked to serve. (2) A session retreat is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, September 10 from 9:00 am to 12 noon. (3) Had a quick discussion if any response is needed for MSPC regarding the uptick in COVID cases. It is felt that no new action is needed at this time.

CALENDAR REVIEW –No Ministry Group meetings for July unless called by Chairperson. Next Session meeting is Monday, August 8 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT/CLOSING PRAYER -

No further business. **Motion to adjourn was made by Tricia Bunn, seconded by Sharon Browning and all approved.** Prayer was led by Moderator Paschal and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.



Lectionary Gospel Texts

4th Sunday after Pentecost July 3

2 Kgs. 5:1-14 and Ps. 30; Isa. 66:10-14 and Ps. 66:1-9; Gal. 6:(1-6) 7-16; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

5th Sunday after Pentecost July 10

Amos 7:7-17 and Ps. 82; Deut. 30:9-14 and Ps. 25:1-10; Col. 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37

6th Sunday after Pentecost July 17

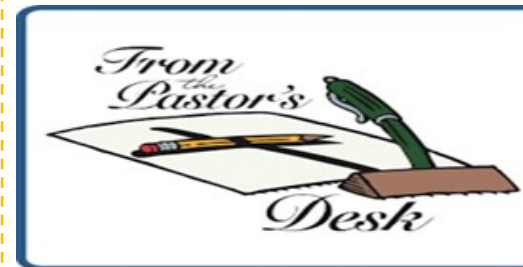
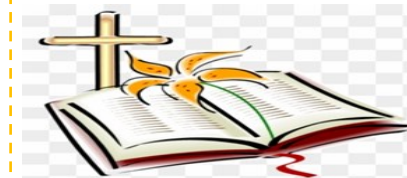
Amos 8:1-12 and Ps. 52; Gen. 18:1-10a and Ps. 15; Col. 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42

7th Sunday after Pentecost July 24

Hos. 1:2-10 and Ps. 85; Gen. 18:20-32 and Ps. 138; Col. 2:6-15 (16-19); Luke 11:1-13

8th Sunday after Pentecost July 31

Hos. 11:1-11 and Ps. 107:1-9, 43; Eccl. 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23 and Ps. 49:1-12; Col. 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21



“Of anything beyond these, my child, beware. Of making many books there is no end, and much study is a weariness of the flesh.” Ecclesiastes 12.12

Dear Members of MorningStar Presbyterian Church,

Despite the comments of “Gloomy Gus” Ecclesiastes, the making of books and the reading of them is a great gift. What are you reading these days?

Like some of you, I typically read several books at once. A new fiction book I’m reading is *Galloway of Burran* by E.M. Clifford. Clifford (Paula Skreslet) served as a Reference and Archives Librarian at Union Presbyterian Seminary and as an academic librarian at the Evangelical Seminary in Cairo. In her book set in the early 1900s, Presbyterian minister and missionary, the Rev. David Galloway attempts to establish a boys school in an area near what’s now Turkey and Syria. Galloway deals with violence, loneliness, cultural differences, failure, and triumph. The book is only 158 pages and it moves along.

As far as nonfiction, I’m tackling an older book that had been sitting on our bookshelf at home *The Book of Joy* written by the Dalai Lama, Desmond Tutu, and Douglas Carlton Abrams. Central question: How do we find joy in the midst of the great difficulties and deep suffering of life? The answers may surprise and encourage you.

We’ve had engaging and respectful dialogues on several different current events on occasional Wednesdays. Let’s keep being informed, keep praying, and keep applying our faith to the great questions of the day.

We’ll be recognizing our Sunday school teachers on July 24 during worship. We are grateful for the ministry they do.

Our worship attendance and our financial giving are still steady and strong. Thanks for continuing to be faithful during the summer months.

I’ll be away on vacation July 5-11. Please contact our elders if you have pastoral care needs.

Blessings and peace,
Jeff

Calendar Reminders

3 Service of Worship 10:00 am
Holy Communion celebrated

10 Service of Worship 10:00 am
Guest Minister: The Rev. Fran Hayes

11 **No Session Meeting**

17 Service of Worship 10:00 am
Holy Communion celebrated

18 **No PW Meeting**

24 Service of Worship 10:00 am
Recognition of Sunday School Teachers

25 **No Ministry Committees Meeting**

31 Service of Worship 10:00 am
Ten Cents A Meal Offering

JULY BIRTHDAYS



July 2 Lynne Clifford
July 3 Peter Bonney
July 8 Lisa Pianka
July 10 Skip Smith
July 22 Will Clifford
July 24 Susan Harvell



The Presbyterian Women will not meet in July. Our monthly meetings will resume in August.

Volunteer Schedule

GREETERS

July 3 Nancy Hamilton & Brenda McIntosh
July 10 Travis & Sharon Meredith
July 17 Kathy & Randy Jones
July 24 Curtis & Mary Moore
July 31 Nancy Hamilton & Brenda McIntosh

COUNTERS

July 3 Jerry Cole & Lisa Pianka
July 10 Sharon Browning & Dalys Miller
July 17 Robert Hamilton & Ronnie Honeycutt
July 24 Lynne Cole & Deb Smith
July 31 Jerry Cole & Lisa Pianka

LITURGISTS

July 3 Curtis Moore
July 10 Dianne Dalto
July 17 Curtis Moore
July 24 Dianne Dalto
July 31 Curtis Moore

NURSERY

July 3 Brock & Dalys Miller
July 10 Mary Miller & Kelly Hames
July 17 Nancy Hamilton & Brenda McIntosh
July 24 Brock & Dalys Miller
July 31 Mary Miller & Kelly Hames

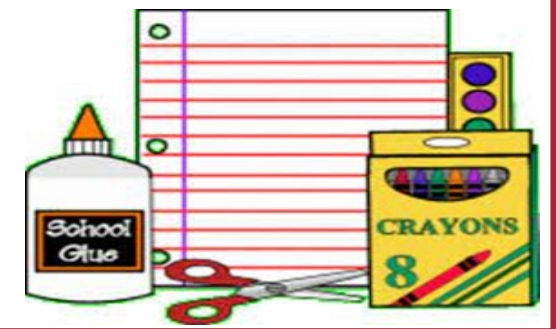
ELDERS SERVING COMMUNION

July 3 Sharon Browning (#1)
Curtis Moore (#2)

July 17 Kathy Jones (#1)
Peter Bonney (#2)



TWELVE MONTHS OF GIVING: During the month of July we will be collecting school supplies for Matthews Help Center.



A LITTLE HISTORY ON INDEPENDENCE DAY

1. The Declaration of Independence was not signed on July 4, 1776. That's actually the day it was formally adopted by the Continental Congress, but it wasn't signed by most signatories until August.
2. Three Presidents have died on July 4: Thomas Jefferson, John Adams and James Monroe. Calvin Coolidge was the only President born on July 4.
3. John Adams believed that American independence should be celebrated on July 2, as that's the actual day the Continental Congress voted for independence in 1776. Annoyed that Independence Day wasn't celebrated on July 2, Adams reportedly turned down invitations to July 4 celebrations throughout his life.
4. Massachusetts became the first state to make the 4th of July an official state holiday in 1781.
5. Independence Day became a federal holiday in 1870.
6. Americans typically eat 150 million hot dogs on Independence day, "enough to stretch from D.C. to L.A. more than five times," according to the National Hot Dog and Sausage Council.

