

SYNOPSIS OF REGULAR SESSION MEETING — FEBRUARY 11, 2024

PRESENT: Moderator: Rev. Jeff Paschal Elders: Tricia Bunn, Curtis Moore, Kathy Jones, Peter Bonney, Travis Meredith and Dianne Dalto, Clerk. Absent: Kelly Hames, Lisa Pianka and Mary Miller (Finance). Elder Travis Meredith gave a devotion on "Love" and opened the meeting with prayer.

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA: Needs to be noted as of January 2024 Pastor Jeff Paschal's continued salary under his Terms of Call is totally housing.

REPORT OF THE CLERK: Approval of minutes: January 7th (regular); January 21st (Annual Congregational Meeting) January 28th (called). **Minutes approved as written.**

Attendance: 1/7 — 33; 1/14 — 30 (3); 1/21 — 43(11); 1/28 — 33(5).

Correspondence: Statistical Report submitted 2/4/24. Next years' statistics should and will include the average number of watchers on our Sunday morning streaming.

TREASURY REPORT – (Mary Miller)

Mary Miller (Financial Assistant) supplied financial balances as of 2/5/24

Truist Checkbook balance \$	13,843	
Truist Savings balance	73,582	General
	10,450	A/C Reserve
\$	84,032	TOTAL

REPORT FROM TECH TEAM (Peter Bonney): Streaming is now using Firefox instead of Chrome, and we are now able to stream the entire service. Jay Alexander has documented the process to turn on all the sound equipment and run the sound on Sunday mornings. **FELLOWSHIP** (Brenda McIntosh via Kathy Jones) Reception for Pastor Jeff in appreciation of his time with us will be held after worship on February 25.

WORSHIP (Kathy Jones) -Ash Wednesday Service with imposition of ashes will be February 14th at 6 p.m. Palm Sunday Service will be celebrated on March 24th. Maundy Thursday Service will be March 28th. The church will be shrouded after the service and CW is having a concert on Saturday night. They need to be warned to be very careful as they move the furniture around prior to the concert and then put everything back as they found it afterwards. Good Friday Service will be observed on March 29th. Easter Service will be celebrated on March 31st. The Giving Tree will be decorated for Easter the first of March. Hydrangeas will be placed in the sanctuary for Easter-total of eight-and there will be an opportunity to purchase one in honor/memory of a loved one.

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be received Easter Sunday. We will be using a different company for our Easter Banner which will go up March 16th. The Adult Bible Study on Revelation will conclude on February 7th. Bible study will resume Feb. 21st titled "Walking the Way of the Cross with Paul". The fund drive for new chairs for fellowship area collected \$500 on January 21st. We will continue to collect donations every 3rd Sunday. Our goal is to purchase at least fifty chairs. We appreciate any amount toward this goal.

PW REPORT – Sharon Meredith: Next meeting will be at the home of Deb Smith on Monday, February 19. Bags for Lent are available at the back of the sanctuary. The bags should be filled with food for Matthews Help Center and returned to church on Palm Sunday, March 24.

BUILDING & GROUNDS (Travis Meredith/Curtis Moore) – Working on heating zone map to be placed near the thermostats so all will know which thermostat serves different areas of the building. Paper products have been restocked, thanks Curtis. (Travis will meet with Kelly and City Walls the next time they have a meeting to go over the usage of supplies). Planning a workday in the Spring with the focus on the exterior of the building and the playground. We hope to have CWC join in. Still trying to refine cleaning procedure with Jan -Pro representative and asking CWC to help when they have special events on Saturday. Travis will check with the Lutheran Church regarding the possibility of them paying for the use of our parking lot on a monthly basis. We welcome Ronnie Honeycutt to the Building & Grounds Committee.

REPORT FROM CITY WALLS (Kelly Hames): B&G suggested that CWC have a "Point Person" when using the facility. That person should be the last person out of the building and should have checked every room to make sure all lights are off, especially in the bathrooms, that both refrigerator doors are closed, the stove is off and anything else that is out of place.

PNC REPORT (Peter Bonney) — Committee on Ministry will be meeting with our candidate on 2/12, and this should result in their approval. After that, we will be able to call a congregational meeting.

FINAL THOUGHTS AND REFLECTIONS (PASTOR JEFF PASCHAL) Pastor Jeff spoke about the good things that have happened while he has been with MSPC and how the congregation is a warm, caring and welcoming group to newcomers and to each other. He spoke about how he hopes that MSPC will have growth in the future with examples of more follow-up with visitors, more local outreach with the Piney Grove community, reaching out to missing members, possibility of using the property in various ways and being open to new ideas from the new pastor. At his final worship service on Sunday February 25th, Pastor Jeff will have a "Dissolution of Pastoral Relationship" as he leaves the MSPC congregation. His final day in the office will be Thursday February 29th.

CALENDAR REVIEW –

Ash Wednesday Service: Wednesday February 22nd @ 6:00 p.m.

Ministry Groups: Monday February 26th @ 6:00 p.m. (Building & Grounds); 6:30 p.m. (Worship, PW & Tech)

Next Session Meeting: Monday March 10th @ 11:15 am

ADJOURNMENT/CLOSING PRAYER

W.A.R.B.I.

The Morning Star

2024

LECTIONARY READINGS**March 3, 2024**

3rd Sunday in Lent
Ex. 20:1-17 and Ps. 19;
1 Cor. 1:18-25; John 2:13-22

March 10, 2024

4th Sunday in Lent
Num. 21:4-9 and Ps. 107:1-3,
17-22; 1 Eph. 2:1-10; John
3:14-21

March 17, 2024

5th Sunday in Lent
Jer. 31:31-34 and Ps. 51:1-12
or Ps. 119:9-16; Heb. 5:5-10;
John 12:20-33

March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday
Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:2-16
and Ps. 118:1-2, 19-29; Isa.
50:4-9a and Ps. 31:9-16; Phil.
2:5-11; Mark 14:1-15:47 or
Mark 15:1-39 (40-47)

March 31, 2024

Resurrection of the Lord/
Easter Day
Acts 10:34-43 or Isa. 25:6-9;
and Ps. 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Cor.
15:1-11 or Acts. 10:34-43;
John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8;
Isa. 25:6-9 and Ps. 114; 1
Cor. 5:6b-8; Luke 24:13-49



WELCOME

DR. HERBERT MILLER
MARCH 1, 2024

Herbie Miller is from Northeast Ohio and received his B.A. from Kentucky Christian University, M.Div. from Emmanuel Christian Seminary, and Ph.D. from the University of Dayton. He's served churches in Ohio, Kentucky, and North Carolina. In addition to his deep love for ministry, Herbie enjoys teaching and writing. He's taught for UD and ECS and is currently revising his Ph.D. dissertation for publication with Fortress Academic Press.

In ministry, Herbie loves preaching, leading Session, visiting parishioners, and finding creative ways to connect with the community. One of his core values is to cultivate the practice of deep listening in his life and in the communities he leads. Deep listening begins with paying attention to what God is saying through Scripture and the stirring of our souls; and it extends into our relationships with our family, friends, neighbors, strangers, and even our enemies. Through this deep listening, we are better able to see others as Jesus saw them and share God's transformative love with the world.

He and his wife, Aimee, have three school age daughters. As a family, they enjoy movie nights, going to each other's extracurricular activities, and taking vacations to warm places. Herbie is always game for a good cup of black coffee and a laid-back conversation about God, the meaning of life, or who your favorite character is on *The West Wing* or *Seinfeld*.

CALENDAR

- March 3 Service of Worship 10:00 am
Celebration of Holy Communion
Elementary Sunday School in worship
- March 6 Adult Bible Study 6:00—6:55 pm
Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm
- March 10 Service of Worship 10:00 am
Elementary Sunday School 10:00 am
Regular Session Meeting 11:00 am
- March 13 Adult Bible Study 6:00—6:55 pm
Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm
- March 17 Service of Worship 10:00 am
Celebration of Holy Communion
Elementary Sunday School 10:00 am
- March 18 PW Gathering 10:00 am
- March 20 Adult Bible Study 6:00—6:55 pm
Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm
- March 23 Clean-Up Work Day 8:00 am — 12:00
- March 24 Service of Worship 10:00 am
Procession with Palms
Elementary Sunday School 10:00 am
- March 25 Building & Grounds Committee 6:00 pm
Worship, PW & Tech 6:30 pm
- March 27 Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm—6:55 pm
Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm
- March 28 Maundy Thursday Service 6:00 pm
- March 29 Good Friday Service at Noon
- March 31 Easter Sunday
Service of Worship 10:00 am
Elementary Sunday School 10:00 am
One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

March 5 Tom Nestor
March 27 Tom Clifford



Volunteer Schedule

GREETERS

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

COUNTERS

- 3 Robert Hamilton & Sharon Browning
- 10 Lisa Pianka & Ronnie Honeycutt
- 17 Lynne Cole & Deb Smith
- 24 Robert Hamilton & Sharon Browning
- 31 Lisa Pianka & Ronnie Honeycutt

LITURGISTS

- 3 Kelly Hames
- 10 Dianne Dalto
- 17 Curtis Moore
- 24 Lisa Pianka
- 31 Dianne Dalto

ELEMENTARY SUNDAY SCHOOL

- 3 Worship Service
- 10 Sharon Browning
- 17 Kelly Hames
- 24 Sharon Meredith
- 31 Kelly Hames

NURSERY

- 3 Mary Miller & Tricia Bunn
- 10 Brock & Dalys Miller
- 17 Pieter & Liana Prinsloo
- 24 Brenda McIntosh & Roberta Kesler
- 31 Mary Miller & Tricia Bunn



SATURDAY, MARCH 23
8:00 AM—12:00



ELEMENTARY SUNDAY SCHOOL — During the month of March the children will be studying the story of Jesus feeding the 5000.

John 6:1-13



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN NEWS

PW MARCH GATHERING will be on Monday, March 18, at 10:00 am at the home of Sharon Meredith, with Kathy Jones and Brenda McIntosh as hostesses. All are invited for a time of Bible study, refreshments and fellowship. Bring a friend!

LENT CALENDAR

Be sure and pick up a brown paper bag from the table in the worship area. The Lent Calendar gives you an item each day during Lent to purchase and place in the bag. Return your bag on Palm Sunday. All food collected will be given to Matthews Help Center.

CHAIR DRIVE

WE DID IT!!! We went over our goal to replace 50 chairs. We would like to apply the extra \$\$\$ towards the purchase of a new oven. If you were a donor to the "chair fund" and have a concern, please see Mary Miller. A BIG thank you to everyone for your generosity!



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

We Are There! For 75 years, One Great Hour of Sharing has partnered with others to take action to share God's love — Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self-Development of People. This offering will be taken on Easter Sunday. Please give what you can. If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!



Don't Forget to Spring Forward
Sunday, March 10