

Synopsis of Regular Session Meeting — April 14, 2024

PRESENT: Moderator: Rev. Herbie Miller Elders: Kathy Jones, Peter Bonney, Kelly Hames, Lisa Pianka, Mary Miller (Finance) and Dianne Dalto (Clerk). Absent: Travis Meredith, Curtis Moore and Tricia Bunn

CALL TO ORDER: Moderator Miller called the meeting to order. A Quorum is present. DEVOTION: Elder Kelly Hames gave the devotion and opened the meeting with prayer.

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA: Motion to approve the agenda as is was approved.

REPORT OF THE PASTOR/ELDERS: Hospital/Home Visit/Phone Calls: Curtis & Mary Moore, Barbara Smith's daughter with cataract surgery and Rick & Lynn Rorie

PASTOR REPORT: Herbie has shared a Google spreadsheet with upcoming hymn selections for Alexandra and she is very appreciative for that heads up. Wednesday night Bible study is going very well. Herbie shared an update on his New York trip. The BOP is changing benefits around to be more favorable for smaller churches.

REPORT OF THE CLERK:

Approval of minutes: 3/10/24 (regular); Minutes approved as written.

Attendance: 3/3 – 43; 3/10 – 41; 3/17 – 40; 3/24 – 29; 3/31 – 46 (Easter)

TREASURY REPORT – Mary Miller — Mary Miller (Financial Assistant) supplied financial balances as of 4/8/2024

Trust Checkbook balance \$ 12,832

Trust Savings balance	73,583	General
	10,450	A/C Reserve
	\$ 84,033	TOTAL

Other items of note: Still working on finalizing Herbie's pension/benefits with the Board of Pensions, which is an ongoing struggle on their part; preparing for switch to QuickBooks on-line platform prior to July.

REPORT FROM TECH TEAM (Peter Bonney) We are purchasing some lav mics to replace the old mics previously used. This way, people will have a choice of the lav or over-the-ear style to use for the service.

MINISTRY GROUPS –

FELLOWSHIP (Brenda McIntosh via Kathy Jones) – Meet & Greet welcoming Pastor Herbie and his family was held on March 17th. Light refreshments were served and the reception was well-attended. Easter breakfast was a huge success with over 30 in attendance. Big thank you to the men who cooked, served and cleaned up, with Brenda organizing and supervising. The Love Offering collected was ~ \$90.

EDUCATION (Kelly Hames CSE) – For the past few years, we've given the Sunday School teachers the month of July off. I can't see any way that we can do that this year, but I'd still like to give the teachers a break or some other form of recognition...they work so hard. Any ideas from Session would be coveted. Similarly, we have given the Nursery volunteers the month of August off. Even though Nursery is a Worship function, we have accomplished this by asking the teachers to fill in. I don't think that's going to work this year. My three-year commitment to Session will end in August. Thought needs to be given to who will replace me in Children's Ministry with the most immediate need being whether we want to renew our subscription to Spark (it will expire in early August). After much discussion regarding Children's Ministry during July and August, with no specific solutions found, it was decided that Pastor Herbie will talk to the parents of the children involved and get their input. At the next May Session meeting we will continue to brainstorm about possible solutions. Kelly reminded everyone that we should all be keeping a tally of the monetary output each person/family is putting into all the different ministries that MSPC supports.

WORSHIP (Kathy Jones) The services for Holy Week...Palm Sunday March 24th, Maundy Thursday March 28th with Holy Communion celebrated, Good Friday March 29th at noon and Easter Sunday March 31st with Holy Communion celebrated were well attended. A little over \$600 was received for One Great Hour of Sharing offering. Hydrangeas were placed in front of sanctuary in honor of Easter service. Banner inviting community to Easter service was placed weekend of March 16th. Pastor Herbie will begin new Bible study April 10th – "Did Jesus Always Preach Nonviolence" using study materials from Thoughtful Christian. Next ministry group meeting will be Sunday April 28th following worship. Kathy met with a couple that was interested in renting the MSPC sanctuary for a wedding and reception. It was found on the required rental form that we were basically going to be charging only \$300 for renting our facility...\$300 Security Deposit (which would be given back upon leaving the church as they found it) and a \$300 Rental fee. If this couple does decide to rent the facility, this is the rate we will offer them. However, going forward it was decided that the Rental Fee will be \$900 with \$300 Security Deposit given back if nothing is amiss when they leave.

PW REPORT – Sharon Meredith — PW decided to replace the chairs in the Bible study room because they are in such poor condition. Approximately 12 have been ordered and paid for. A total of 33 grocery bags for Lent were delivered to Matthews Help Center. PW, with the help of the congregation, provided 200 juice boxes and snack bags for Piney Grove's Family Game night. Piney Grove has asked for volunteers to be lunch buddies for students who need special attention. This would just be one day a week and doesn't have to be every week. They have emphasized the need for men especially to serve as role models. This will start the last week of April. It was suggested that Kathy do a Minute for Mission during this weeks worship service (4/21) to address the request and try to spark interest. Lisa Pianka volunteered to give the Minute for Mission.

BUILDING & GROUNDS (Travis Meredith/Curtis Moore) – Pye-Barker fire safety gave us a \$1285.00 estimate for stove range guard hydro test. We are exploring other options to reduce cost. Workday on March 23rd was postponed due to bad weather, new date to be determined. Old fellowship dinner chairs were donated to a Ukrainian church in Midland. Pastor Herbie has contacted a theater club about taking the risers. (Charlotte Academy took 3 of the risers.) Pastor will be checking with another theatre group to see if they have a need for the rest of the risers. We are looking for ways to improve the door closure on the refrigerator. Meck County has re-assessed the value of the church property at \$2,802,900. No action required. Kitchen sink drain leak fixed.

NEW BUSINESS – PSLF Employment Certification for Pastor Miller. This is a Public Service Loan Forgiveness program for those who have worked in public service or a non-profit organization for 10 or more years. There was much discussion about the program with Pastor explaining how the program works. Motion was made by Peter Bonney to approve Pastor Herbie Miller for 10 additional hours/week for study activities as required by the PSLF program. Motion was seconded by Lisa Pianka and all approved. Pastor Herbie would like to have a session retreat in the near future to be able to talk candidly about MSPC. It was decided there will be a combined Retreat/Short Session Meeting on Saturday May 18th. The retreat will begin at 9 a.m. and the short session meeting at 12 noon. Pastor Herbie would like to resume having Communion by Intinction. Motion was made by Kelly Hames that MSPC would resume Communion by Intinction; all approved. There was discussion about how we could have both Intinction and use the elements we are presently using for those who need to be gluten-free. There will be a third Elder standing with one tray holding both juice and wine element cups near the Baptismal font. This will go in effect Sunday April 21st. Pastor Herbie would like to resume Passing of the Peace. Motion was made by Peter Bonney, seconded by Lisa Pianka that Passing of the Peace will resume Sunday April 21st and will be placed in the Order of Worship after Glory Be To The Father; all approved. Pastor Herbie should be recognized at the next Presbytery meeting on Tuesday May 21st at Locust Presbyterian Church. He is already a member of the Charlotte Presbytery. There is some paperwork that needs to be done that Pastor Herbie will take care of after he speaks with Tamara at the Presbytery office. Clerk Dianne Dalto will be available to help Pastor if any needs arise.



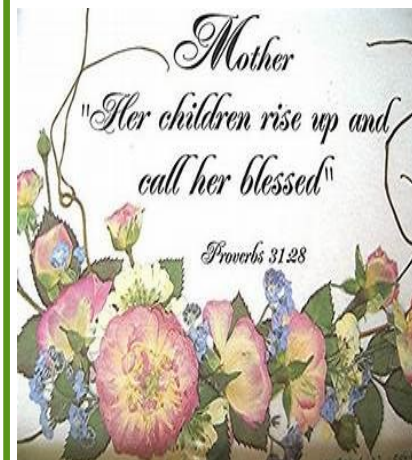
Lectionary Texts

6th Sunday of Easter
Acts 10:44-48 *and* Ps. 98 *or*
Gen. 35:9-15 *and* Ps. 101; 1
John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17

7th Sunday of Easter
Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 *and* Ps.
1 *or* Jeremiah 10:1-10a *and*
Ps. 108; 1 John 5:9-13;
John 17:6-19

Day of Pentecost
Acts 2:1-21 *or* Ezek. 37:1-
14 *and* Ps. 104:24-34, 35b;
Rom. 8:22-27 *or* Acts. 1-21;
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Trinity Sunday
Isa. 6:1-8 *and* Ps. 29; Rom.
8:12-17; John 3:1-17



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Dear MorningStar Friends,

Since beginning at the church, I've thoroughly enjoyed our Wednesday night Bible studies. Several of us gather around a table with our Bibles, opinions, and eagerness to hear God's Word. We just wrapped up our 4-week series, "Did Jesus Always Preach Non-Violence?" Our next series will focus on the spiritual disciplines. Dovetailing with my sermon series "Equipped," this study will explore how different spiritual disciplines fit different personality types. Our first class will be Wednesday, May 15 at 6:00 pm (please note, we're not meeting Wednesday, May 8). I look forward to this interesting new study and hope you'll join us!

Blessings,

Pastor Miller



CALENDAR

- May 1 Adult Bible Study @ 6:00 pm
Choir Rehearsal @ 7:00 pm
- May 5 6th Sunday of Easter
Service of Worship @ 10:00 am
Celebration of Holy Communion
Elementary SS in Worship
- May 8 Choir Rehearsal @ 7:00 pm
- May 11 Church Workday 8:00 am-Noon
- May 12 7th Sunday of Easter
Service of Worship @ 10:00 am
Elementary SS @ 10:00 am
Mother's Day
- May 15 Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm—6:55 pm
Choir Rehearsal @ 7:00 pm
- May 19 Day of Pentecost
Service of Worship @ 10:00 am
Celebration of Holy Communion
Pentecost Offering
Elementary SS @ 10:00 am
Regular Session Mtg 11:00 am
- May 20 Presbyterian Women Gathering @
10:00 am at Church
- May 22 Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm—6:55 pm
- May 26 Trinity Sunday
Service of Worship @ 10:00 am
Elementary SS @ 10:00 am
Ministry Committee Mtgs 11:00 am

Volunteer Schedule

GREETERS

- 5 Travis & Sharon Meredith
- 12 Randy & Kathy Jones
- 19 Brenda McIntosh
- 26 Curtis & Mary Moore

COUNTERS

- 5 Robert Hamilton & Sharon Browning
- 12 Lisa Pianka & Ronnie Honeycutt
- 19 Lynne Cole & Deb Smith
- 26 Robert Hamilton & Sharon Browning

LITURGISTS

- 5 Kelly Hames
- 12 Curtis Moore
- 19 Lisa Pianka
- 26 Dianne Dalto

NURSERY

- 5 Brock & Dalys Miller
- 12 Brenda McIntosh & Roberta Kesler
- 19 Pieter & Liana Prinsloo
- 26 Mary Miller & Tricia Bunn

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

- 5 Worship Service
- 12 Sharon Browning
- 19 Kelly Hames
- 26 Sharon Meredith

Elders Serving Communion in May

- 5 Peter Bonney (#1)
- Kelly Hames (#2)
- 19 Curtis Moore (#1)
- Lisa Pianka (#2)

Happy May Birthdays!



- May 1 Wayne Harvell
- May 11 Robert Hamilton
- May 16 Brock Miller
- May 17 Alexandra Sims



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW Gathering will be held on Monday, May 20 at the church for a “Brunch Covered Dish” at 10:00 am. This will be our last gathering for the summer. Please make plans to join us for food, fellowship and Bible study. Bring a friend!



WE ARE THERE!

The Pentecost offering will be taken on Pentecost Sunday — May 19. Pentecost celebrates the renewal of the relationship between God and the community of faith. Through our gifts to the Pentecost Offering, we are there to help build a foundation of faith in our youth which will last a lifetime. *Won't you join us?* Please give generously . . . for if we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

JOIN US FOR OUR SPECIAL SERVICE ON PENTECOST SUNDAY

ELEMENTARY SUNDAY SCHOOL

During the month of May, the elementary Sunday School will be studying the story of the Woman at the Well. John 4:1-42.



TWELVE MONTHS OF GIVING

During the month of May we will be collecting boxed pasta for Matthews Help Center.