

Synopsis of Regular Session Meeting — April 20212

PRESENT: Moderator: Rev. Jeff Paschal Elders: Dianne Dalto, Peter Bonney, Curtis Moore, Kathy Jones, Tricia Bunn, Travis Meredith and Kelly Hames. **EX-CUSED:** Sharon Browning. **DEVOTION:** Elder Kelly Hames shared a devotion regarding “Jesus Christ Superstar” and opened the meeting with prayer.

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

REPORT OF THE CLERK:

Approval of minutes: March 14th (regular); **Minutes approved as written.**
Attendance: 3/6 - 31(4); 3/13 – 32(1); 3/20 – 34(3); 3/27 – 34(2) () = online persons

TREASURY REPORT – (Mary Miller) Mary Miller (Financial Assistant) supplied financial balances as of 4/8/22 and supplied a YTD Budget.

BB&T Checkbook balance	\$ 11,343
BB&T Savings balance	34,571 General
	10,450 A/C Reserve
	231 Sunday School Reserve
	\$ 45,252 TOTAL

REPORT FROM TECH TEAM - (Peter Bonney/Sharon Browning). There will be no live streaming during Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services.

MINISTRY GROUPS –

FELLOWSHIP (Nancy Hamilton) – he annual Easter breakfast will be held at 8:30 a.m. 32 people have signed up.

EDUCATION (Kelly Hames CSE) - Children’s SS “Holy Road” is competed. Peter has put a Christian Education page on the church website. Kelly will try to keep that up-to-date. Kelly would like to give the SS teachers a break for one month during the summer. **Adult SS:** The study on racism has just finished up. Pastor Jeff is considering offering a study on *The Upswing* by Robert Putnam in the future. For now, The Thoughtful Christian will be continuing on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. starting on April 27th.

WORSHIP (Kathy Jones) -Palm Sunday, April 10th beginning first part of service outside and Palm Processional led by choir and congregation.

Maunday Thursday Service -April 14th -6:30 p.m. Holy Communion will be served. Church will be stripped and shrouded at the end of service.

Good Friday Service -April 15th. The 12 noon service will end outside with written confessions by the congregation burned in cleansing fire.

Easter Banner will be placed outside first weekend of April.

Easter Sunday -April 17th begins with Easter Breakfast cooked by the men of the church and served at 8:30 a.m.

Easter flowers will be placed in front of sanctuary in honor/or memory of loved ones by congregation. All flowers have been paid for.

The One Great Hour of Sharing will be received during the Easter Service with the children bringing their fish banks to be included in the offering.

Teach Speech – Waiting on signed contract for use of church facilities before presenting information about camp to congregation.

Alexandra was approached about being part of the Bluegrass Service at Matthews Presbyterian on Sunday May 1st @ 10:30 a.m. It was decided that if Alex would like to be a part of that she would have to find a replacement pianist for that Sunday here at MSPC but that the time away would not count toward any PTO time-off. **This matter was voted on by consensus.** Session members felt that more advance notice and coordination were needed for the Bluegrass event. Therefore, it was decided that we would not cancel worship at MSPC on May 1st in order to participate in the Bluegrass Sunday with Matthews Presbyterian and Good Shepherd Presbyterian.

BUILDING & GROUNDS (Travis Meredith/Curtis Moore) –

Grass to be cut prior to Easter Sunday. Parking lot to be sprayed to kill the grass ASAP. Planning to rent a lift to change ceiling bulbs. Looking into sneeze guard for kitchen window. Approved tree service coming across property to access neighbor’s tree this coming Wednesday morning. If raining, then project will need to wait until area is dry. Workday in May, to be announced. At that time, there will be only a couple of pieces of playground equipment that need to be removed. The Teach Speech contract to be finalized soon. When the lift is rented for ceiling bulbs, it may be useful to get the speaker wires moved at the same time within the drop ceiling, so that audio-video can be controlled by one person.

MISSION & OUTREACH (Sharon Browning) -

ADMINISTRATIVE (Tricia Bunn/Peter Bonney) - We are signing up with Protect My Ministry for background checks. The signup should be complete this week. The cost is \$39 set-up and \$10 per person. All nursery workers and children volunteers will need to be a part of the background check.

OLD BUSINESS –

The Blood Drive is confirmed for June 11th inside the facility. Blessing of the Animals will be held outside in the morning hours. Other ideas are bouncing around to be held during this same time frame on the property....to be continued. Continued Goal Setting to foster spiritual, congregational and numerical growth.

NEW BUSINESS –

CALENDAR REVIEW –

Maundy Thursday Service: April 14th @ 6:30 p.m. (Curtis and Sharon Communion Servers)

Good Friday Service: April 15th @ 12 Noon.

Easter Breakfast: Sunday April 17th @ 8:30 a.m.

Ministry Group Monday April 25th @ 6:00 p.m. (Pastor out of town)

Women’s Beach Trip: April 30-May 7

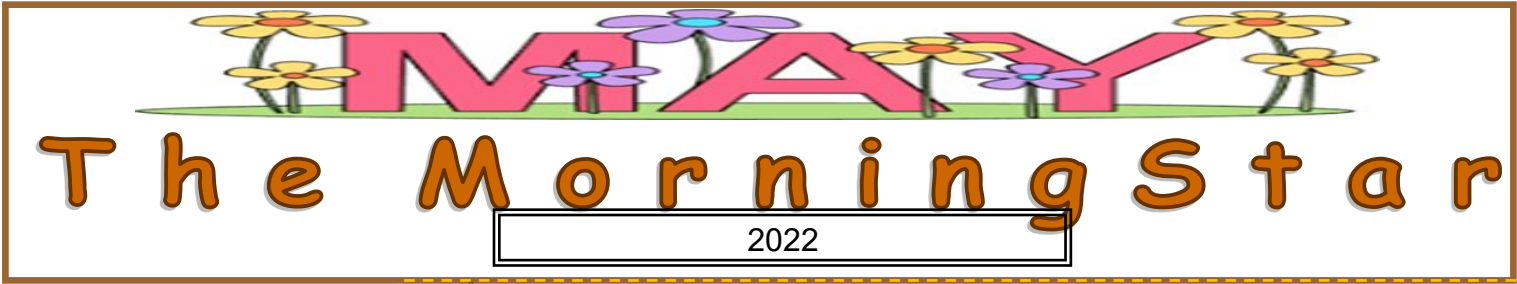
Next Session Meeting: Monday May 9th @ 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT/CLOSING PRAYER -

No further business. **Motion to adjourn was made by Curtis Moore, seconded by Travis Meredith and all approved.** Prayer was led by Moderator Paschal and the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Rev. Jeffrey Paschal, Moderator

Dianne Dalto, Clerk of Session



Lectionary Gospel Texts

3rd Sunday of Easter
Acts 9:1-6(7-20) *and* Ps. 30 *or*
Isa. 61:1-3 *and* Ps. 90:13-17;
Rev. 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

4th Sunday of Easter
Acts 9:36-43 *and* Ps. 23 *or*
Isa. 53:1-6 *and* Ps. 114; Rev.
7:9-17; John 10:22-30

5th Sunday of Easter
Acts 11:1-18 *and* Ps. 148 *or*
Lev. 19:9-18 *and* Ps. 24:1-6;
Rev. 21:1-6; John 13:31-35

6th Sunday of Easter
Acts 16:9-15 *and* Ps. 67 *or*
Deut. 34:1-12 *and* Ps. 109:21-
31; Rev. 21:10, 22-22:5; John
14:23-29 *or* John 5:1-9

7th Sunday of Easter
Acts 16:16-34 *and* Ps. 97 *or* 2
Kgs. 2:1-15; *and* Ps. 2; Rev.
22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John
17:20-26



“A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.” Proverbs 15:1

“But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ...” Ephesians 4:15

Dear MorningStar Presbyterian Church,

We live in contentious and perilous times, don’t we? Road rage. Gun violence killing adults and children. Accountability for the January 6th insurrection. Authoritarianism on the rise. The need for comprehensive immigration reform. Soaring income inequality. Human rights being taken away. Voting rights curtailed and threatened. And sometimes it’s very difficult, if not impossible to have a constructive dialogue. How can our country move forward in a positive way?

Recently during one of our Wednesday adult education classes we had a conversation, read an article, and watched a short video about how to have more respectful and effective dialogue with people who might disagree with us. A few takeaways. 1. Listen. Ask open-ended questions. Listen. Ask more open-ended questions based on what we just heard. Be as respectful as possible. 2. Try to place yourself in the other person’s worldview. What does he or she really value? Is there any overlap of that person’s values and our own?

As difficult as it is, I don’t believe silence is a valid option for us as Christians when we see injustice and oppression. So we are called to pray, ask questions, listen, ask more questions, listen again, and then to speak the truth in love.

Imagine if our churches were full of people who were skilled and motivated to engage in respectful and constructive dialogue about the things that ail our country. It could be a powerful force for good. I believe MSPC could be one of the leaders in that effort.

On other topics. We had a wonderful Holy Week and Easter. Many thanks to Alex and the choir for their ministry with extra services. We express our gratitude to Nancy Hamilton and the men for a delicious Easter breakfast. And thank you to all of you for doing what it took to put the services together and for showing up! What a joy it is to be with you.

Upcoming dates:

May 14, 8:00 a.m. Church Workday

May 21, 10:00 a.m. Labyrinth walk

June 11, 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. OneBlood blood drive at MSPC. We will also have a Blessings of the Animals service outside that day (time to be decided).

Blessings and peace,
Jeff

Calendar Reminders

1	Service of Worship 10:00 a.m.
	Children's Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
	Holy Communion celebrated
4	Adult Study 1:00 p.m.—2: 00 p.m.
8	Service of Worship 10:00 a.m.
	Children's Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
	Mother's Day
9	Regular Session Meeting 6:00 p.m.
11	Adult Study 1:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m.
14	Church Workday 8:00 a.m.
15	Service of Worship 10:00 a.m.
	Children's Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
	Holy Communion Celebrated
17	Stated Presbytery Meeting 9:30 a.m. at South Mecklenburg Presbyterian Church
18	Adult Study 1:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m.
21	Labyrinth Walk 10:00 a.m.
22	Service of Worship 10:00 a.m.
	Children's Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
25	Adult Study 1:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m.
29	Service of Worship 10:00 a.m.
	Children's Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
	Ten Cents A Meal Offering
30	Ministry Committees Meeting at 6:00 p.m.



May 1	Wayne Harvell
May 11	Robert Hamilton
May 16	Brock Miller
May 17	Alexandra Sims
May 18	John Crane
	Marti Dushak



The Presbyterian Women will not meet in May, June and July. Our monthly meetings will resume in August.

Volunteer Schedule

GREETERS	
May 1	Curtis & Mary Moore
May 8	Nancy Hamilton & Brenda McIntosh
May 15	Travis & Sharon Meredith
May 22	Randy & Kathy Jones
May 29	Curtis & Mary Moore
COUNTERS	
May 1	Lynne Cole & Deb Smith
May 8	Jerry Cole & Lisa Pianka
May 15	Sharon Browning & Dalys Miller
May 22	Robert Hamilton & Ronnie Honeycutt
May 29	Lynne Cole & Deb Smith
LITURGISTS	
May 1	Curtis Moore
May 8	Dianne Dalto
May 15	Dianne Dalto
May 22	Curtis Moore
May 29	Dianne Dalto
NURSERY	
May 1	Brock & Dalys Miller
May 8	Mary Miller
May 15	Brenda McIntosh & Nancy Hamilton
May 22	Brock & Dalys Miller
May 29	Mary Miller
CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL	
May 1	Sharon Browning
May 8	Sharon Meredith
May 15	Kathy Jones
May 22	Kelly Hames
May 29	Kelly Hames



Elders Serving Communion in May

May 1	Peter Bonney (#1); Kelly Hames (#2)
May 15	Curtis Moore (#1); Sharon Browning (#2)



TWELVE MONTHS OF GIVING: During the month of May we will be collecting boxed pasta for Matthews Help Center!



HOLD THE DATE: MorningStar Presbyterian Church will host a OneBlood drive on Saturday, June 11, 2022 (time to be determined). Be on the look-out for more details.

On May 21 at 10:00 a.m. you are invited to meet at MorningStar Presbyterian Church to experience walking a labyrinth. A labyrinth is “prayer in motion.” It is an ancient Christian form of prayer and meditation. Come and join us!



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

HOLY WEEK ROAD FROM THE GATE TO THE TOMB.

THE CHILDREN AND TEACHERS CONSTRUCTED THE HOLY WEEK ROAD IN THEIR CLASSROOM BEFORE THEIR WEEKLY LESSON DURING APRIL.

During the first part of May the children will be studying the story of Doubting Thomas.

