

SYNOPSIS OF SEPTEMBER 2022 REGULAR MEETING

PRESENT: Moderator: Rev. Jeff Paschal Elders: Dianne Dalto, Peter Bonney, Curtis Moore, Tricia Bunn, Travis Meredith, Kathy Jones, Lisa Pianka and Kelly Hames. Executive Presbyter of Charlotte Presbytery, Jan Edmiston, was also present.

DEVOTION: Moderator Jeff Paschal shared a devotion based on Luke 4:14-21 and then opened the meeting with prayer.

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA: Motion that the agenda be adopted, with minimal changes, was made by Curtis Moore, seconded by Tricia Bunn; all approved.

GUEST SPEAKER: After welcoming Jan Edmiston to our Session meeting she asked the question, "What breaks God's heart in the MorningStar community/neighborhood?". This was the introduction to help get us thinking about what we as a church can offer to our surrounding community. We are grateful for her help with ideas and how to implement them knowing now that in her words, "Mission is more of an entry into a spiritual community than worship". This session will continue to try and figure out what we can do here at MSPC to make a difference.

Along that line, Peter Bonney will contact his son, a former policeman, to see what needs he saw when he was serving in this area. Peter, Lisa Pianka and Pastor Jeff may try to have an informal talk with a police rep from both Matthews and Mint Hill. A Habitat representative will be invited to attend our next session meeting to explore any needs they have that this church could help with.

REPORT OF THE PASTOR/ELDERS: Home Visit/Phone Calls: Lynn Cromer, Tom Clifford

REPORT OF THE CLERK:

Approval of minutes: August 8th (regular); Sept. 11th (congregation); **Minutes approved as written.**

Attendance: 8/7 – 19; 8/14 – 35 (4); 8/21 – 29 (4); 8/28 – 34 (4)

Correspondence: Picked up CROP WALK materials at St. John Baptist Church and gave them to Sharon Browning who will head this ministry once again.

TREASURY REPORT – (Mary Miller)

Mary Miller (Financial Assistant) supplied financial balances as of 9/9/22.

BB&T Checkbook balance	\$ 4,944	
BB&T Savings balance	41,574	General
10,450	A/C Reserve	
217	Sunday School Reserve	
\$ 52,241	TOTAL	

Mary is going to look into an on-line giving app that Jan Edmiston suggested, Givify.

REPORT FROM TECH TEAM - (Peter Bonney/Sharon Browning) (1) Completed instructions for turning on the audio system. A copy will always be available at the audio equipment. Trained Jeff for "Just in Case" situations. (2) Completed the documentation for checking voice mail. Checking is going smoothly, with only two messages in the past month. Peter checks the messages each night. Perhaps there should be a collection of similar instructions listing duties for Greeters, Communion set-up, etc.

MINISTRY GROUPS –

FELLOWSHIP (Nancy Hamilton via Kathy Jones) -Church cook-out after worship Sunday Sept. 18th.

EDUCATION (Kelly Hames CSE) - Children's SS starts new year Sept. 11th, adult Book Study resumes Wednesday Sept. 7th at 1:00 p.m.

WORSHIP (Kathy Jones) -(1) Next special worship service will be Oct. 2nd. This will be World Communion Sunday and we will be displaying flags from around the world. The Peace & Global Witness Offering will be received on this Sunday also. (2) Harvest Tree was decorated welcoming the Fall season. (3) Decoration closet has been cleaned out and will be reorganized when we are able to have access again after plumbing repairs. Youth room is next project to be refurbished. (4) Pastor Jeff talked about the possibility of a New Members Class. This will be revisited next meeting.

PW REPORT – Sharon Meredith: First meeting to kick off PW was held Aug. 16th at the home of Deb Smith with Kelly Hames leading the study. Twelve ladies attended. The next meeting on Sept. 19th will be a Kitchen Shower to refurbish & update our kitchen supplies. PW will support Piney Grove Elementary students again this year.

BUILDING & GROUNDS (Travis Meredith/Curtis Moore) – (1) Hot water heater replacement finished and operational.

(2) Outside water valve replaced. (3) Water back-flow tested and passed. (4) Cleaned out planting strip. (5) Sprayed weeds in parking lot. (6) Contacting Jan-Pro about additional toilet bowl cleaning and possible water treatment to prevent stain. (7) After much consideration, the committee has decided to postpone renting a lift and changing ceiling lights until after the first of the year. Bulbs have already been purchased but the cost of renting the lift was a lot more than anticipated.

MISSION & OUTREACH (Lisa Pianka) - (1) As stated previously, the police reps from both Matthews and Mint Hill will be contacted to have a short meeting to discuss any needs that MSPC could help with. (2) CROP WALK update: Former Session member Sharon Browning has been approached to head up MSPC involvement with this ministry. She has accepted this request. CROP Walk date is October 16th.

ADMINISTRATIVE (Tricia Bunn/Peter Bonney) - No report

NEW BUSINESS –

(1) The Abundant Life Church has once again put in an offer to purchase part of our MSPC property. A hard copy of Offer to Purchase and Letter of Reason as to why offer is being made was given to all Session members. After some discussion, it was felt that we are not ready to make a decision on this issue during this meeting. Pastor Jeff will contact Pastor Brent Watts and let him know that this decision will be made at a later date after prayer and further discussion. (2) Our Administrative Assistant, Barbara Smith, will be having knee replacement surgery during the first week of October. She could possibly be out the entire month. Prior to going out on medical leave, Pastor Jeff will be trying to get bulletins ready for the first three weeks in October prior to his vacation beginning after worship on Oct. 16th. The minister who will be filling in the last two Sunday's will be asked to get her bulletin material to Barbara during the month of September. **A motion was made that Barbara should be paid during the time she is away and recovering from her surgery.**

The motion was seconded by Travis Meredith and was unanimously approved. (3) Many church members will be out of town during the month of October for various reasons. As stated prior, Pastor Jeff will be on vacation after worship on Oct. 16th and be away for two weeks. He has already asked Rev. Fran Hayes to fill in for him. Our regular Elder-On-Call, Curtis Moore, could be out the entire month due to a medical procedure. Dianne Dalto will fill in for him. Peter Bonney will be on call to do any bulletin printing that may need to be done.

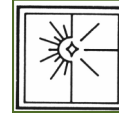
CALENDAR REVIEW –

- Church Cook-Out Sunday September 18th after worship
- Ministry Groups: Monday September 26th @ 6:00 p.m.
- Next Session Meeting: Monday October 10th @ 6:00 p.m.
- Crop Walk: Sunday October 16th
- Next Presbytery Meeting: Tuesday, October 25 @ 9:30 am—Rocky River PC

Motion to adjourn was made by Tricia Bunn, seconded by Curtis Moore and all approved. Prayer was led by Moderator Paschal and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.



OCTOBER 2022



Lectionary Texts

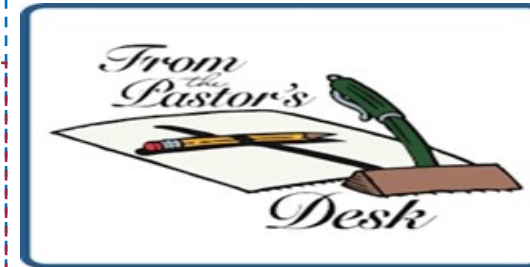
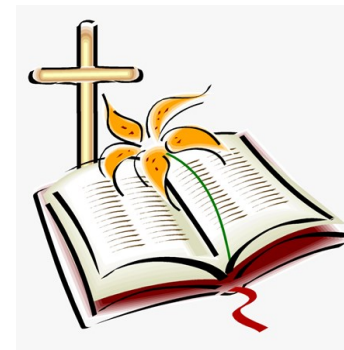
17th Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday
Lam. 1:1-6 and Lam. 3:19-26 or Ps.
137; Hab. 1:1-4; 2:1-4 and Ps. 37:1-
9; 2 Tim. 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

18th Sunday after Pentecost
Jer. 29:1, 4-7 and Ps. 66:1-12; 2 Kgs.
5:1-3, 7-15c and Ps. 111; 2 Tim. 2:8-
15; Luke 17:11-19

19th Sunday after Pentecost
Jer. 31:27-34 and Ps. 119:97-104;
Gen. 32:22-31 and Ps. 121; 2 Tim.
3:14—4:5; Luke 18:1-8

20th Sunday after Pentecost
Joel 2:23-32 and Ps. 65; Jer. 14:7-
10, 19-22 and Ps. 84:1-7; 2 Tim. 4:6-
8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

21 Sunday after Pentecost
Hab. 1:1-4; 2:1-4 and Ps. 119:137-
144; Isa. 1:10-18 and Ps. 32:1-7; 2
Thess. 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10



"I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?"
Isaiah 43:19

Dear MorningStar Presbyterian Church members,

The session had an inspiring and productive meeting with General Presbyter, the Rev. Dr. Jan Edmiston, on September 12. As our congregation looks to God's future for MSPC, Jan had us ask a few key questions.

1. What breaks God's heart in the MorningStar community/neighborhood?
2. How can we find out? Answer: Invite community leaders, e.g. the principal of the closest elementary school, middle school, and high school, the chief of police/sheriff, the local social worker/community health worker, a local pediatrician, etc. to visit our church or to be interviewed. Ask: What do you do in your job every day? What are the major social/justice issues you see? How can our church help you?

3. How can we address the need in the name of Jesus Christ? Answer: Can we offer space on our campus? Can we partner with an organization to serve? Can we plan a fundraiser for/with you?

4. How can we pay for it? Answer: Presbytery grants, denominational grants, and the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program

Jan notes that these days "Mission is more of an entry into a spiritual community than worship."

Please continue to pray for MSPC, the church's leaders, and the Presbytery of Charlotte and its leaders. Pray for us to discern not merely our own will but God's will. And then pray for us to be bold and persistent in doing God's ministry.

Looking at Sundays in October.

October 2, World Communion Sunday, reception of the Peace & Global Witness offering, children making peace doves

October 9, reception of new members
October 16, CROP Walk
October 23, guest preacher, the Rev. Fran Hayes

October 30, guest preacher, the Rev. Fran Hayes
I will be away October 17-30, returning to work on October 31.
I continue to give thanks for you and your kindness and your commitment.
Blessings!

Peace,
Jeff

Calendar Reminders

- Oct 2 Service of Worship 10:00 am
World Communion Celebrated
Peace & Global Witness Offering
Children's Sunday School 10:00 am
- Oct 9 Special Session Meeting 9:45 am
Service of Worship 10:00 am
Children's Sunday School 10:00 am
- Oct 10 Regular Session Meeting 6:00 pm
- Oct 16 Service of Worship 10:00 am
Holy Communion Celebrated
Children's Sunday School 10:00 am
- Oct 17 PW Gathering 10:00 am at home of Dianne Dalto
6511 Gold Wagon Lane, Mint Hill
- Oct 23 Service of Worship 10:00 am
Guest Minister
Children's Sunday School 10:00 am
- Oct 24 Ministry Committees Meeting 6:00 pm
- Oct 30 Service of Worship 10:00 am
Guest Minister
Children's Sunday School 10:00 am
Ten Cents-A-Meal Offering received

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 10 Zachary David Miller
- 11 Grant Harvell
- 22 Paula Cromer
- 27 Bill Smith



The children will be studying the story of creation during the month of October.

On October 2 they will be making peace doves in recognition of World Communion Sunday and Peace & Global Witness Offering.

Volunteer Schedule

GREETERS

- 2 Travis & Sharon Meredith
- 9 Randy & Kathy Jones
- 16 Curtis & Mary Moore
- 23 Nancy Hamilton & Brenda McIntosh
- 30 Travis & Sharon Meredith

COUNTERS

- 2 Sharon Browning & Lisa Pianka
- 9 Robert Hamilton & Ronnie Honeycutt
- 16 Lynne Cole & Deb Smith
- 23 Jerry Cole & Lisa Pianka
- 30 Sharon Browning & Ronnie Honeycutt

LITURGISTS

- 2 Dianne Dalto
- 9 Curtis Moore
- 16 Lisa Pianka
- 23 Dianne Dalto
- 30 Curtis Moore

NURSERY

- 2 Brock & Dalys Miller
- 9 Nancy Hamilton & Brenda McIntosh
- 16 Mary Miller
- 23 Brock & Dalys Miller
- 30 Nancy Hamilton & Brenda McIntosh

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

- 2 Sharon Browning
- 9 Kelly Hames
- 16 Kathy Jones
- 23 Sharon Meredith
- 30 Kelly Hames

ELDERS SERVING COMMUNION

- October 2 Lisa Pianka(#1)
Dianne Dalto(#2)
- October 16 Curtis Moore (#1)
Kelly Hames (#2)



TWELVE MONTHS OF GIVING: During the month of October we are collecting non-perishable food items for Matthews Help Center.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY with communion will be observed on Sunday, November 7 during worship. We will honor the Saints of MorningStar that we have lost this past year and would also like to give our church family the opportunity to honor loved ones they may have lost during the year.

Please send names to the church office by October 24.



PINEY GROVE ELEMENTARY . . . \$5.00 gift cards are being collected to use as awards for "outstanding student" each quarter. Donations can be placed in the basket on the back table. For those who cannot shop, cash donations are accepted. Examples: Dollar Tree, 5 Below, Chick-fil-A, McDonald's, Wendy's, Dairy Queen, etc. **Deadline is October 24.**



The PW gathering will be held on Monday, October 17 at 10:00 am at the home of Dianne Dalto, 6511 Gold Wagon Lane, Mint Hill, ALL are welcome and please bring a friend!

STOCK THE KITCHEN: For anyone interested in helping with "Stock the Kitchen, there is a list on the back table of items the "kitchen crew" would still like to have . . . cash donations are also very helpful!

