

Synopsis of Session Actions - March 10, 2019

PRESENT: Moderator: Steve Mitchell Elders: Jerry Cole, Linda Horky, Nancy Hamilton, Curtis Moore, Tom Clifford, Kathy Jones and Dianne Dalto. **EXCUSED:** Clara Hoeffler and Sharon Browning

DEVOTION: Dianne Dalto shared a devotion and opened the meeting with prayer.

TREASURY REPORT – (Mary Miller)

Mary Miller (Financial Assistant) supplied hard copies of the financial balances as of 3/3/19.

BB&T Checkbook balance: \$ 6,237 (payroll & taxes to be deducted this week)

BB&T Savings balance: \$ 16,673 (designated funds included)

MINISTRY GROUPS –

UPWARD/INWARD – Written report (Sharon/Kathy/Nancy)

VBS was discussed and everyone was updated on progress made. Theme and program materials provided by Philadelphia Presbyterian. Lynn Clifford has volunteered to be a co-director. Soup & Scripture was discussed. Wednesday's during Lent @ 6 pm was decided to be the best time to meet instead of changing to a Sunday evening. Guthrie family lunch will be held the day of Dave's memorial service 3/23/19. Easter breakfast to be held between services.

FORWARD – No Written report (Jerry Cole/Tom Clifford/Curtis Moore)

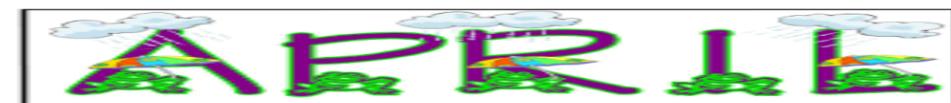
Interstate Sales has serviced the new mower and it is back and ready for use. Husqvarna mower may have some loose connections and need to be checked. Jay Alexander was able to get a speaker working for the choir area. The lights in the church narthex are going to be changed to LED lights. The men have been doing some home projects for several members with donations going to ASP. Curtis Moore plans to change out one of the child size toilets in the classroom to a regular adult size.

NEW BUSINESS –

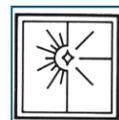
Next month a nominating committee needs to get put in place (2 elders, 3 at-large). Forward is to come back with a proposal as to where any extra monies (from home projects) will go after ASP gets funded. It was decided to keep Session meetings on the second Sunday after worship. However, because Palm Sunday is on that date in April, the meeting will be moved to Sunday April 7th after worship.

CALENDAR REVIEW –

Next Session Meeting: Sunday April 7th @ 11:15 a.m. (note date change).



The MorningStar



Lectionary Gospel Texts

April 7, 2019

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Communion Served

Isaiah 43:16-21

John 12:1-8

April 14, 2019

Palm Sunday

Psalm 118

Luke 19:28-40

April 18, 2019

Maundy Thursday Worship

Communion Served

April 21, 2019

Easter Sunday

Communion Served

Acts 10:34-43

Luke 24:1-12

Early Worship at 8:00 am

Breakfast at 8:45 am

Worship at 10 am

April 28, 2019

Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32

John 20:19-31



Sacrifice. There's a good Lenten word. And the first thoughts of the word "sacrifice" will probably go towards the sacrifice of the Hebrew rituals the Bible. That is, there were the sacrifices of grain offerings, all the way to the sacrifice on the altar of living things like lambs, and heaven forbid, in the pagan cultures...of people. There is plenty of history of that.

Or it may be that the thought of sacrifice drifts toward the this Lenten season's traditional idea of giving up something for Lent, such as sweets and other edible extras to the diets of a lot of us. This tends to be the season when we consider that which we can give up, at least temporarily, that which we don't need, and would be better off without such. In real terms, the giving up of something for Lent may not be all that stressful at all. But we still call it sacrifice.

But then we get to a bit more intentional style of sacrifice that lines up with the call of discipleship in Scripture. We begin to remember that the apostle calls us to present ourselves as "living sacrifices" in service to God in the lives of others. That kind of sacrifice is not, nor it should be, bound by the forty days of the season of Lent (from Ash Wednesday to Easter

Sunday). It is a lifestyle that thinks of the other first, and puts abilities, gifts and talents of the Christian in play for the true needs of the other, whether it be inside the community of saints, or in the invisible church around us. As "living sacrifices," we only mimic the kind of life that Jesus gave for the world in His life on the earth with His disciples. And it is rightly called sacrifice.

But maybe there are other ways to live sacrificially that are less overt, and more humble...in keeping with the sense of this season of the church year: Lent. It was noted in last week's sermon of Thomas Jefferson's table manners, in that he sought people who sometimes did not like other, to dine and converse together at the same table in the President's House and exercise the "mutual sacrifice of opinion." They had to sacrifice their plots and assumptions for a little while in common decency.

And in a culture that increasingly seems to relish drawing lines in the sand, and generalizing those who disagree, as opposed to working for the founding fathers' desire "to ensure domestic tranquility," that kind sacrifice (of mutual opinion), may be something worth employing...in Lent and beyond...at the table or leaning on the fencepost.

Faithfully,
Steve Mitchell

Calendar Reminders

April 2	Girl Scouts	6:00 pm
April 3	Sandwich & Scripture Choir Rehearsal	6:15 pm 7:00 pm
April 7	Worship & Communion Session Meeting	10:00 am 11:15 am
April 9	PW Card Party	1:00 pm
April 11	Sandwich & Scripture	6:15 pm
April 14	Palm Sunday Worship	10:00 am
April 15	PW Gathering (Mary Moore)	6:00 pm
April 16	Girl Scouts	6:00 pm
April 17	Sandwich & Scripture Choir Rehearsal	6:15 pm 7:00 pm
April 18	Maundy Thursday Worship	7:00 pm
April 19	Good Friday	
April 21	Easter Worship & Communion One Great Hour Offering	10:00 am
April 23	Girl Scouts	6:00 pm
April 24	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
April 28	Worship	10:00 am
April 29	Ministry Group	7:00 pm



- 2 Fred Hoeffler
- 15 Jerry Cole
- 17 Charles Highsmith
- 19 John Besemer
- 24 Roberta Kesler

TWELVE MONTHS OF GIVING . . . During the month of April we will be collecting toilet paper, paper napkins and paper towels.



Volunteer Schedule

BEADLES/GREETERS

- April 7 Nancy Hamilton & Brenda McIntosh
- April 14 Randy & Kathy Jones
- April 21 Tom & Lynne Clifford
- April 28 Lisa Pianka/Clara Hoeffler

COUNTERS

- April 7 Lynne Cole/Sharon Browning
- April 14 Jerry Cole/Skip Smith
- April 21 Jan Davis/Linda Horky
- April 28 Tricia Bunn/Robert Hamilton

LAY LITURGIST

- April 7 Rhonda Harrington
- April 14 Sharon Browning
- April 21 Sharon Browning
- April 28 Dalys Miller

NURSERY

- April 7 Carmine Dalto/Mary Milleer
- April 14 Deb Smith/Alexis and Savannah
- April 21 Sharon & Travis Meredith
- April 28 Joe & Nancy Nestor

One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be taken on Easter Sunday, April 21. Your gift supports ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance, food for the hungry, and community development.

When God's people work together through One Great Hour of Sharing, the possibilities are endless.



Dear Morningstar Family: We sincerely appreciate the love and support we received during the last days and the Celebration of Life Service for Dave. It will be a blessing forever. *The Family of Dave Guthrie.*

Need a Little Home Improvement?

Let our ASP veterans help a bit. If you have some work to be done around the house and you need some physical expertise with a saw, a hammer or some painting...call on them, with Tom Clifford (704.654.5132) as the coordinator. We will do the work for free labor, just help with the materials and a nice donation to the ASP will help. We have some of those particular



A BIG THANK YOU TO THE GIRL SCOUTS AND BOY SCOUTS FOR THEIR WORK DAY AT MORNINGSTAR!



The PW met on March 18 at the church with Lynne Cole and Lynn Cromer serving as hostesses. There were 14 members in attendance. The "Least Coin" was collected. **Beach Trip is also scheduled for May 4-12. 13 women are attending. There is room for five more ladies.** Deposit is \$150 and should be given to Tricia Bunn. VBS "Hero Central" is being finalized. Anne Hill led the Bible Study on the Beatitudes. Next meeting is April 15 at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Mary Moore. Join us and bring a friend!