

Synopsis of Regular Session Meeting of MorningStar Presbyterian Church

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

DEVOTION: Kathy Jones shared a devotion on "We Are the Message" and opened the meeting with prayer.

Approval of minutes: December 16th (regular); December 23rd; approved as read.

The Annual Statistical Report has been completed and submitted on 1/11/19.

TREASURY REPORT – (Mary Miller)

Mary Miller (Financial Assistant) supplied hard copies of the financial balances as of 12/31/18; BB&T Checkbook balance: \$ 8,222 BB&T Savings balance: 16,673 (designated funds included)

MINISTRY GROUPS REPORTING:

UPWARD/INWARD – No Written report (Sharon/Kathy/Nancy): Committee is looking toward Lent. Upward will finalize the Lenten activity dates. Planning meeting for Inward this week for a February event.

FORWARD – Written report (Jerry Cole/Tom Clifford/Curtis Moore): Three igniters were out in the furnace and repair was approximately \$500. Two service people are coming to do a complete check up on all the furnaces this week. The tree that fell during the last storm near the shed has been taken care of thanks to some men of the church. The cleaning service contract needs to be reviewed as some tasks need to be added to their cleaning list. Jerry will contact Barbara the Administrative Assistant to help find the contract and go over assigned duties listed.

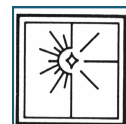
OLD BUSINESS - Salary Review Committee needs to meet prior to the Annual Congregation Meeting. This committee is comprised of Head of Forward (Jerry), Session Elder and one person of the Pastor's choosing. This committee needs to be formed and to have met with staff prior to the Annual Congregation Meeting.

BUDGET FINALIZATION - Mary Miller (Financial Assistant) has prepared a hard copy of the 2018 budget showing actual YTD figures while showing a proposed 2019 budget taking into account those actual figures of income/expenses. Of note within this proposed budget: For 2019 there are 30 giving units (down 1); 7 pledges increased, 2 decreased. The pledged amount for 2018 was \$113,934 and with additional non-pledge giving, raised it to \$135,000. For 2019, actual pledges came in at \$103,778 which is \$10,000 less than last year. It is felt that for the upcoming years budget there will be a line item Showing Pledges and Unpledged Income. **Motion from Tom Clifford that the proposed 2019 budget be approved with an amendment to include Unpledged Income in the amount of \$25,000 as a line item. Jerry Cole seconded the motion and all approved.**

NEW BUSINESS – Facility rental for non-members: MSPC has had a contract for non-members to sign regarding the use of the church facilities for many years. This contract has not been changed in over 10 years. After discussion, **motion was made by Jerry Cole and seconded by Curtis Moore that the rental fee for non-member usage of MSPC facilities will be \$350, with a separate \$100 refundable deposit. All approved.**

FEBRUARY

The MorningStar



Lectionary Gospel Texts

February 3, 2019

4th Sunday After Epiphany
Communion Celebrated
 Jeremiah 1:4-10; Luke 4:21-30
Souper Bowl of Caring Offering Received
 Super Bowl Party after service of Worship

February 10, 2019

5th Sunday After Epiphany
 Isaiah 6:1-8; Luke 5:1-11

February 17, 2019

6th Sunday after Epiphany
Communion Celebrated
 Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 6:17-26

February 24, 2019

7th Sunday After Epiphany
 Genesis 45:3-11, 15; Luke 6:27-38



Pastor's Corner

So February is the month that celebrate Presidents' Day (2/18). It used to be more than one U.S. President (ial) holiday in February. That is, a day for George Washington (2/22) and a day for Abraham Lincoln (2/12). But somewhere along the line, the calendar became more efficient, and we got rid of a holiday. Whatever the reason was, Presidents' Day is reserved for the fellows with their heads on the \$1 and \$5 bills, respectively. Just them. No other Presidents are revered on that day. The reason being, I guess, is that Washington got the nation off on the right foot, and Lincoln got the nation back on track. Other Presidents have had their faces grace our paper money such as Jackson (\$20) and Grant (\$50). But they didn't get their own holidays, even though they had their own way in building this diverse and growing nation. So we stick with Washington and Lincoln...and consider for a day, for good or ill the effort of other Presidents.

In the Christian pantheon of notables, there have been so many witnesses to the faith, and some have been canonized by the Roman Church. The original twelve disciples (minus Judas of course) headline the parade, but are soon followed by so many others: Jerome, Ignatius and the like. And a long time ago in the history of Christendom, it seemed that so many days had the celebration of one of the canonized saints to go along with it. It got a little crazy...one holiday after

another, one could argue. And so we came to All Saints' Day (Nov.1) which collected all those feast days, at least officially, into one day. Whew!

This sounds like our tradition in a nutshell...the work to get things simplified, so that we are not lost in all the various tangents. We like our government simple, to a point. We enjoy menus, (or at least I do), that don't go on page after page after page. And we like the Gospel to be a simple, undivided direction. Jesus helps here. For eventually there was the inquisitive scholar that came and asked Him to boil down all those laws in the Jewish tradition. He had a focused answer, (or rather two): *You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart soul and mind... and ...you shall love your neighbor as yourself.* Simple, huh? At least it should be...go and do likewise.

Faithfully,
 Steve Mitchell

SOUPER BOWL TAILGATE

Join your fellow football fans for a pre-Super Bowl get-together after worship on Sunday, February 5th at 11:15pm. Menu will be soup, crackers, salad and cornbread. A new tradition for MSPC...so join us to get the party started. Rams or Patriot regalia allowed...although the Christian liturgical color for the season (Ordinary time is green)

Calendar Reminders

4th Sunday after Epiphany

- Worship Service; Communion
- Souper Bowl Offering
- Super Bowl Tailgate following worship
- 5 Girl Scouts at 6:00 pm
- 6 Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 pm
- 10 5th Sunday after Epiphany
Worship Service
- 12 Girl Scouts at 6:00 pm
- 17 6th Sunday after Epiphany
Worship Service; Communion
- 18 Presbyterian Women at 6:00 pm
- 19 Scouts at 6:00 pm
- 20 Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 pm
- 24 7th Sunday after Epiphany
Worship Service
Least Coin Offering
- 25 Ministry Group at 7:00 pm



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| February 4 | Kathy Jones |
| February 5 | David Guthrie |
| February 5 | Melissa Mitchell |
| February 11 | Curtis Moore |
| February 23 | Hanna Berry |
| February 29 | Mary Moore |

SOUPER BOWL OFFERING

As has been the case for several years, MSPC will be receiving a collection for the national SOUPER BOWL appeal. Pots will be available in the rear of the sanctuary Sunday, February 3. Give generously which will help local food assistance ministries.

Volunteer Schedule BEADLES/ GREETERS

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

COUNTERS

- Feb 3 Tricia Bunn/Robert Hamilton
- Feb 10 Lynne Cole/Sharon Browning
- Feb 17 Jerry Cole/Skip Smith
- Feb 24 Jan Davis/Linda Horky

LAY LITURGIST

- Feb 3 Linda Horky
- Feb 10 Linda Horky
- Jan. 17 Deb Smith
- Jan. 24 Deb Smith

NURSERY

- Feb 3 Brenda McIntosh/Nancy Hamilton
- Feb 10 Skip & Gloria Smith
- Feb 17 Carmine Dalto/Mary Miller
- Feb 24 Clara Hoeffler/Beckie Boggs

TEN CENTS A MEAL OFFERING will be taken the last Sunday of each month. It will be taken on February 24. . . Serving the needs of God's children by feeding mind, body and soul.



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 sets of helping skills that you need.

ASP News for MSPC and Beyond

MorningStar Appalachia Service Project trip to Jonesville (Lee County, Virginia) the first weekend in May 2019. It will be involve travel on Thursday, May 2, to the center to be housed and fed during the work period, with work onsite Friday and Saturday, and returning to our home congregations Sunday morning the 5th. Work teams are composed of 5-6 adults per team. The cost is \$95 at registration time per team (before March 1), and \$130 per team member, with the balance of fees due to ASP by April 2. Questions? Call Steve Mitchell at 704.302.7383 or email at stvemspc@windstream.net. More information about ASP? Go to asphome.org . This is taxing work over two days, but a serious chance to make a difference in a family's life ... and in your life.



The PW met on January 21, 2019 at the home of Gloria Smith and enjoyed a salad supper. There were 10 members in attendance. The "Least Coin" was collected. The date of Tuesday, April 9 was set as the date for the CARD PARTY, 1:00 - 4:00 pm. Look for more details. Beach Trip is also scheduled for May 4-12. \$150 deposit is due to Tricia Bunn by **February 15**. The next meeting is February 18 at the home of Tricia Bunn. All are welcome!

TWELVE MONTHS OF GIVING . . . During the month of February we will be collecting bath soap, shampoo and conditioner for the Servants Hearts.