

Church Council Meeting-Minutes

14 June 2026 / NEUMC



Attendees:

Gaye Christmus Stephen Crowell Jane DeCristofaro Antoinette Gaborton-Moss Larry Griner Charlie Henry	Mary Anne Lockard Michael Munn Kristen Miro Melissa Sansolo Jennifer Wargel	Others Mary Mason
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Agenda

Opening Prayer and/or Devotion	Jennifer Wargel
Review and Approve Minutes	Mary Anne Lockard Corrections: - An informational meeting for Emmaus will be held on June 26. Informational meeting will be at 6 PM, and the meal and gathering will be at 7PM. - The memorial service for Roger Bozeman will be held on Friday, June 19 at 2 PM.
Reports	
Ministries	
Nurture Ministry	Debbo Lackore No report
Outreach and Witness Ministries	Gaye Christmus, Jane DeCristofaro The second fresh food event was held June 13. The church was generous in donating fresh food. More people were served this month, and several of the recipients helped with setting up tables. Fresh food will be offered at 2 more events this summer. (July and August)
Worship Team	Stephen Crowell Music planning is going smoothly.
Lay Leaders	Larry Griner, Jane Scott, Stephen Crowell Working with the District in planning for the mortgage retirement celebration on July 12.
Youth Group	Weston Cheatham No Report

United Methodist Men	Herb Hilmer No report
United Women in Faith	Melissa Sansolo • 3 people attended the Miller's Bread Basket and Healing Springs in Blacksburg on Saturday. • The July meeting will visit the downtown library. • Looking for ways to increase meeting attendance. • District reports are due August 15.
Administrative Committees	
Finance Committee	James Cook • Apportionments have been paid and are up to date.
SPRC	Kristin Miro • In the process of reviewing the job descriptions. Will meet with staff and present job holders to up-date job descriptions. • Next meeting on August 9
Trustees	Mike Munn • The ac unit in the educational building has been repaired. • The water heater in the educational building is leaking. Mike will contact the company that replaced the kitchen water heater and have them come out for an estimate. • Budget has been completed • Sidewalk: The committee has decided to place a yellow warning strip on the cracked sidewalk near the office instead of repairing it. • Basement in the educational building needs to be cleaned and the insulation replaced. The committee will start taking estimates. There is money in the budget to cover this repair. • Dead tree limbs on the campus are a hazard. The landscaper will come out and check the trees and submit an estimate. • The sign in front of the church has been painted.
Report of the Pastor	Pastor Antoinette Gaborton • 5 pastoral needs, all follow up calls • Please continue to reach out when God puts someone on your heart. • Please keep Gil in your prayers. He is at the VA Hospital. • A memorial service for Roger Bozeman will be held on Friday at 2 o'clock. Ushers will be needed. Approximately 30 family members will be attending.

	• 13 birthday cards were sent • Pastor Antoinette has met with Robbie Miro 3 times. They are studying the gospel of Mark. • Service for the Dedication of a Church Building Free of Debt plans: 1. Reverend Friday – Prayer 2. Reverend Kathy Jameson- Old Testament reading 3. Reverend Robin Griffith - closing prayer 4. Reverend Phil Threlkel and Reverend David Day have sent their regrets. 5. Living Springs will be the guest choir and Rehoboth may join them 6. Food: Fred Cousins and Mary Mason: Fred will provide meats and vegetables and Mary will provide salads and desserts. Fred has asked for volunteers to come to his home to help load the food onto the trailer. • Change of Status meeting will be on June 18. • NEUMC will host a set up meeting for Columbia District on August 11. The District will provide the lunch. • August 18-20 Antoinette will attend the Orientation for Provisional Elders at Asbury Hills.
Other Business	Jennifer Wargel
Closing Prayer	Stephen Crowell

Submitted by: Mary Anne Lockard, Recording Secretary