

Church Council Meeting-Minutes

15 March 2026 / NEUMC



Attendees:

Gaye Christmus Stephen Crowell Antoinette Gaborton-Moss Larry Griner Mary Anne Lockard	Michael Munn Kristen Miro Jane Scott Jennifer Wargel	Others Tom DeCristofaro
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Agenda

Opening Prayer and/or Devotion	Jennifer Wargel
Review and Approve Minutes	Mary Anne Lockard <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correction to February minutes • Money used to purchase microphones; \$300 in pocket money, \$2000 donation.
Reports	
Ministries	
Nurture Ministry	Debbo Lackore <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will meet with Pastor Antoinette this week.
Outreach and Witness Ministries	Gaye Christmus, Jane DeDristofaro <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Met this week • New doors for the Blessing Box were installed by Greg Haffner • Blessing Box has plenty of supplies remaining from Boy Scout donation • Committee addressed envelopes for the 9 Angel Tree families. Fliers for all Easter activities will be mailed to these families. • The committee packaged and organized 1000 diapers to be donated to Emma's Diaper Boutique Project. Sara Williamson demonstrated the proper packaging of these diapers. A thank you note and phone call were received in appreciation of this help. • Spaghetti Dinner: The committee is still researching the process of preparing food for this number of people. If it is deemed possible, the dinner will be held on April 17. The council and Girl Scout representative, Kristen volunteered to help.
Worship Team	Stephen Crowell <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning a schedule for communion music provided during Lent. • Music will be provided for Maundy Thursday • Walker will play for Sunrise Service

Lay Leaders	<p>Larry Griner, Jane Scott, Stephen Crowell</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plans are complete for the Easter season.
Youth Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weston Cheatham No report
United Methodist Men	<p>Herb Hilmer</p> <p>No report</p>
United Women in Faith	<p>Melissa Sansolo</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report
Administrative Committees	
Finance Committee	<p>James Cook (Given by Jennifer)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting this month Mortgage payoff may occur earlier than anticipated.
SPRC	<p>Kristen Miro</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Held first meeting Focus on goals <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Have greeters stationed in the narthex Greeters hand out welcome bags to visitors Writing job descriptions for office manager, part time youth director, and pianist.
Trustees	<p>Mike Munn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Estimate received for electrical work in the sanctuary was too expensive. Appointments are being arranged to receive estimates from other companies. A workday was held last Sunday. Several items on the list were completed. Termites; exterminator determined these were swarmer termites. No damage was done, but the window seals in the choir room are rotten. A carpenter will come next week and leave an estimate for repair. Dale has found a cheaper sanitation company for the church. The old cameras were sold for \$1200. The new cameras have been installed and can be manipulated. Christopher met with our IT Specialist to discuss problems with mainstreaming our service. It was suggested we change to Restream.
Report of the Pastor	<p>Pastor Antoinette Gaborton</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15 birthday cards sent We have 7 participants in the new members class. The first meeting was held today.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weston talked with the pastors of Adams, Living Springs, and Rehoboth. These churches are willing to partner with us on filling the Blessing Box. Kristen suggested we also contact Journey Church for help • Discussions for a community garden are continuing with Journey and Windsor. • Please keep eyes and ears open to all who may be called to the ministry. • Including new voices in sermons once a quarter: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Raul Cruz will preach Sunday after Easter 2. Diane Horn (certified Lay Speaker), Jennifer Wargel, and Weston Cheatham are other possible speakers. • Church picnic: After church on May 17, details to be discussed at the next meeting.
Other Business	Christopher: We need to start our service on time. Christopher will put a timer on the screen, ushers will close the doors, and worship team will begin with a scripture before the first hymn. Hanging microphones will be turned toward the sanctuary to enhance sound for streaming participants.
Closing Prayer	Stephen Crowell

Submitted by: Mary Anne Lockard, Recording Secretary