

Church Council Meeting-Minutes

24 May 2026 / NEUMC



Attendees:

Weston Cheatham Gaye Christmus James Cook Stephen Crowell Jane DeCristofaro Antoinette Gaborton-Moss Larry Griner	Charlie Henry Mary Anne Lockard Michael Munn Melissa Sansolo Nikki Shaffner Jennifer Wargel Christopher Wargel	Others Tom DeCristofaro Duane Scott
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Agenda

Opening Prayer and/or Devotion	Jennifer Wargel
Review and Approve Minutes	Mary Anne Lockard
Reports	
Ministries	
Nurture Ministry	Debbo Lackore No concern about budget
Outreach and Witness Ministries	Gaye Christmus, Jane DeCristofaro - Fresh food event was held on May 9. The committee will meet on Tuesday to discuss ways to better promote the June 13 Fresh food event, enabling us to reach more of those who are in need. One of the families served on May 9 attended church service on Sunday. - Our food supply for the Blessing Box is beginning to run low. Jane will align the needs with the Amazon Wish list. - Discussed ways to better coordinate congregational donations for fresh food outreach.
Worship Team	Nikki Shaffner Music budget remains the same.
Lay Leaders	Larry Griner, Jane Scott, Stephen Crowell - Church picnic was a huge success. Thanks to all who helped. - Planning a meeting on Thursday to begin planning the mortgage retirement celebration to be held on July 12 at 4 PM.

Youth Group	Weston Cheatham - Completed the school year. - Celebrated 8 graduates on Graduate Sunday in May. Special thanks to Cheryl for developing the slide show and to Heather for picking up the cake. - Our church youth will join other Salkehatchie groups since we have a scheduling problem with everyone's summer activities. - Planning summer activities.
United Methodist Men	Herb Hilmer No report
United Women in Faith	Melissa Sansolo - A check for \$50 was sent to Epworth - Next meeting will be a trip to Miller's Bread Basket and Healing Springs in Blacksburg on June 13. - A special invitation to join the group is issued to young ladies returning home for the summer. - July meeting will be a trip to the main downtown library to learn about the services and activities available.
Administrative Committees	
Finance Committee	James Cook - No meeting was held this month. - Charlie and Larry will meet on Tuesday to decide appointments to be paid. - A meeting will be held on June 14 in coordination with Pastor Antoinette's Vision 2030 to determine new budget plans. The goal is to align our new budget items with our church's mission," To know Jesus and to make Him known."
SPRC	Kristin Miro Next meeting will be held on May 31.
Trustees	Mike Munn - Work in the sanctuary has been completed. The electrical panel and all can lights were replaced. - Projects to be completed: - Concrete by the office to be repaired - Basement of the educational building cleaned out. Insulation needs to be replaced. We may need to add vents to prevent squirrels from entering.

	The next meeting will be used to plan the budget. Christopher Wargel has investigated adding RESTREAM to enhance streaming of our Sunday service. This item will be discussed during the budget planning.
Report of the Pastor	Pastor Antoinette Gaborton 7 pastoral needs-some were follow-up visits. - Roger Bozeman's memorial service will be held on June 12 at 2 PM. - Jane Scott's health is improving. Please keep her in your prayers. 20 birthday cards were sent. - Robbie Miro will begin meeting with Pastor Antoniette on Thursday morning. - On Thursday a meeting will be held to plan the Service for the Dedication of a Church Building Free of Debt. The service will be held on July 12. Living Springs, Rehoboth, and Adams AME have been invited, and their choirs have been asked to sing. - Vision 2030: Habakkuk 2:2 and Proverbs 29: 18. Now that our mortgage has been paid off, we must be diligent in using our finances to make our mission known. The Church Council will meet after church on June 14 to brainstorm and develop strategies. This initial planning meeting should last around 2 ½ hours with lunch being provided. Later these ideas will be presented to the congregation in a 90 minutes session. - NEUMC will host the Deacon or Elder Change of Status meeting on June 18. - June 2: The Master Gardner for the main library will visit our campus to discuss how to continue to serve the needs of our community in addition to the Blessing Box. - Annual Conference: June7-10 in Greenville, SC. Pastor Antoinette will assist in serving communion.
Other Business	Melissa: - Pastor Antoinette will serve as one of the Assistant Spiritual Directors at the Women's Walk to Emmaus in October. The Walk will have at least 20 Pilgrims. An information meeting will be held on June 26 at 7. Christopher: - We need to start the Service on time. Discussed ideas- play chimes, countdown numbers. It was decided Pastor Antoinette will give the call to worship, segwaying to the Lay Leader.
Closing Prayer	Melissa Sansolo

Submitted by: Mary Anne Lockard, Recording Secretary