

# Church Council Meeting- Minutes



16 November 2025 / NEUMC

## Attendees:

Weston Cheatham  
James Cook  
Stephen Crowell  
Jane DeCristofaro  
Antoinette Gaboton-Moss  
Larry Griner  
Charlie Henry

Herb Hilmer  
Mary Anne Lockard  
Michael Munn  
Jane Scott  
Jennifer Wargel

OTHERS:  
Tom DeCristofaro

## Agenda

Opening Prayer and/or Devotion	Jennifer Wargel
Review and Approve Minutes	Mary Anne Lockard
<b>Reports</b>	
Ministries	
Nurture Ministry	<p>Debbo Lackore</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No report</li> </ul>
Outreach and Witness Ministries	<p>Gaye Christmus, Jane DeCristofaro</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On Tuesday the committee will be putting together 45 meals in bags for the Blessing Box. These meal bags have been in great demand in the Blessing Box.</li> <li>The Angel Tree will be placed in the narthex before Thanksgiving.</li> <li>A new list of needs will be issued for the Blessing Box.</li> </ul>
Worship Team	<p>Stephen Crowell</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A group from our church will be singing at the Community Thanksgiving service at Adams Northeast AME Church on Monday, November 24</li> <li>Plans are being made for the Blue Christmas Service on December 18.</li> <li>Youth will provide the Christmas Eve service.</li> <li>Carols will be sung during the month of December.</li> <li>Music team is adding 2 new vocalists, a drummer, and a guitarist.</li> </ul>
Lay Leaders	<p>Larry Griner, Jane Scott, Sylvia Cousin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No report</li> </ul>
	<p>Weston Cheatham</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Pumpkin Patch take down is scheduled for November 22.</li> <li>Pumpkin Patch earnings: Total \$36,652.50</li> </ul>

Youth Group	<p>Profit \$14,661 Donations \$408.75</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Youth will go to Aldi tonight to shop for the Blessing Box</li> <li>• Pumpkin patch customers liked being able to donate to the Blessing Box by using the bar code provided.</li> <li>• Planning the Christmas Eve service</li> <li>• Planning for Revolution to be held the end of January</li> </ul>
United Methodist Men	<p>Herb Hilmer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Men have moved their meetings back to Schiano's.</li> </ul>
United Women in Faith	<p>Sylvia Cousin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 13 Ladies attended the Gala. Kyan Sturry was the youngest member attending.</li> </ul>
Administrative Committees	
Finance Committee	<p>James Cook</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A subcommittee met to discuss mortgage paydown, sending an email to the entire church explaining plans for this venture.</li> <li>• Youth will use part of their Pumpkin Patch proceeds to plan for Revolution and to shop at Aldi for the Blessing Box. A suggestion was made that the Youth might choose to donate to the mortgage paydown.</li> <li>• Mortgage balance is \$112,905.</li> <li>• Reverend Friday will be our guest speaker and join our congregation for the Mortgage presentation and Thanksgiving meal on November 23.</li> </ul>
SPRC	<p>Bob Shaffner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pastor evaluation is due this month.</li> <li>• Deadline for Pastor Antoinette requesting to remain at NEUMC is this month.</li> </ul>
Trustees	<p>Mike Munn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safety plan was adopted.</li> <li>• Committee will not meet in December.</li> </ul>

Report of the Pastor	<p>Pastor Antoinette Gaborton-Moss</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8 pastoral care needs</li> <li>• 10 Birthday cards sent</li> <li>• Please remember in prayer the families of Jimmy Wheeler, Kay Burgess, Cholly Morris, and the Cheatham family for the loss of their aunt, Violetta. If you feel anyone might need prayer and support, please be sure to notify the office.</li> <li>• On December 6, (10-12) the Sacred Rest study will meet at our church for their final meeting. Killingsworth residents and staff have been invited to attend. A \$150 donation was made for the use of our church for this event.</li> <li>• Next year's Bible verse is Proverbs 3:5-6. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him and he will make your paths straight."</li> <li>• Pastor Antoinette gave each council member a bookmark representing this scripture.</li> <li>• 6 men have volunteered to set up tables on Saturday, November 22, for the November 23rd activities.</li> </ul>
Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next meeting will be held on December 14.</li> </ul>
Closing Prayer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jennifer closed with a prayer.</li> </ul>

Submitted by:  
Mary Anne Lockard, Recording Secretary