

First Methodist Church  
Church Council Meeting  
April 26, 2023

The Church Council of the First Methodist Church met on Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at 7:00 pm. Members present were Dykeman Baily, Loretta Baily, Claudia Beamon, Mary Day, John Floyd, Larry Hughes, Joe Kirk, Alan Leary, Parker Morris, Sandra Norris, Pastor Powell, Dana Starling and Dan Wade.

Mary Day called the meeting to order and Dykeman Baily presented a devotional. A motion was made to approve the minutes of the March meeting. It was seconded and all agreed.

**Finance Committee: John Floyd**

- John Floyd reviewed the March 2023 financial report.
- The church as decided to hire Rogers & Company, CPAs to administer the church payroll and bookkeeping. The firm will also complete the church's 2022 audit.
- Food for the Hospice House lunch was not donated and \$2,000 was spent. A motion was made to make a missional contribution to pay this expense. It was seconded and all agreed.

**Trustees: Dykeman Baily**

- The awning for the Bridges St. entrance was installed.
- The fiber optic installation will be completed on Monday, May 1.
- The ELC water heater was replaced.

**Staff Parrish: Parker Morris**

- Parker Morris reported that he had a lunch meeting with Phil Routsong, the new music director.
- The new ELC director suddenly quit. An interim has been hired and interviews are being held to find a new director.
- Staff evaluations are being standardized for consistency.

**Missions: Pastor Powell**

- The new food truck made its debut at the fifth grade fair on April 25.

**Worship: Larry Hughes**

- May 7 is Senior Sunday.
- On May 21 there will be a traditional service brunch in the Loft.
- May 28 is Pentecost.
- September 10 is the Service of One at 10:30 am at West Carteret High School auditorium. Lunch will be served after the service.

**Lay Shepherding: Pastor Powell**

- Hands at Home is a new ministry designed to give relief to caregivers. Many have volunteered to help.

**Discipleship: Dana Starling**

- Many have volunteered to help with MHC June 11 - 15.
- The Young Life organization has asked for volunteers.

**Waverunners: Claudia Beamon**

- The Waverunners made an overnight trip to The Billy Graham Library in Charlotte on April 18-19.
- A sunset cruise on the Lady Swan is scheduled for May 31.

**Lay Leaders: Alan Leary**

- Our church keeps growing with new members joining each week.

Mary Day closed the meeting in prayer. The next meeting will be May 24.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandra Norris