

**Covenant Presbyterian Church
Meeting of Session
Monday, June 12, 2023
7:00 p.m.
CONSENT AGENDA**

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of May 8, 2023 Session Meeting Minutes (pp. 2-4). Mark Folk, Clerk of Session, moves that the minutes of this meeting be approved as written.
2. Approval of Called Session Meetings Minutes from May to receive new members (p. 5). Mark Folk, Clerk of Session, moves that the minutes of these meetings be approved as written.
3. Approval of request for changes to active roll (p. 6)
4. Approval of baptisms (p. 7)

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Clerk's Communications (p. 8)

FUTURE EVENTS

- June 19 Juneteenth Holiday, church offices closed
- July 2 One Worship Service, 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary
- July 4 Independence Day Holiday, church offices closed
- No July Session Meeting
- August 14 Session Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- August 19 Presbytery Meeting, Albemarle PC

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Minutes of The Session Meeting on
Monday, May 8, 2023

Call to Order and Opening Prayer

Moderator Bob Henderson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. The moderator opened with a reflection and prayer concluding with the Lord's Prayer.

Determination of Quorum and Adoption of Agenda

The moderator declared that a quorum was present. The agenda and consent agenda were adopted as written.

Administration – Liz Ward, Chair

Ward opened by reporting that the year is off to a good start. Revenues are at 43% of annual budget owing to strong gym, recreation wing, dinner and pledge receipts. Expenses are below budget at approximately 35%. Contacts will be made with committees at mid-year to determine whether any expense increases are anticipated. Administration is also analyzing the budgetary impact of inflation which may specifically impact the CDC and all food activities.

Personnel – Burnet Tucker, Chair

Tucker announced the hiring of Covenant's new business administrator, Scott Mollenkopf, who will begin work on June 1, 2023. Mollenkopf has human resources and financial expertise in both profit and not-for-profit organizations. Burnet thanked Drew Quartapella, the search committee chair, and other members of his committee for their efforts. The search committee for the middle school youth director has identified a strong candidate and a hiring is anticipated in the near future. The committee charged with recommending a new director of mission and outreach is at work. Finally, efforts are underway to secure a new accounting manager in the wake of Virginia Rumbley's retirement after nearly 27 years of service.

Planning and Evaluation – No Report

Ministry Reports:

Congregational Life - Katie Coley, Chair

Coley reported that seven new Stephen ministers will be commissioned on May 21, 2023. Three additional ministers are in training and are expected to be commissioned in the fall. Summer training opportunities for Stephen ministers are being opened for full congregation participation. The training will focus on body, mind and soul awareness. In June, Cheryl Hoover will address nutrition. Suzanne Henderson will discuss spirituality in July. Kevin Harper will present on movement and exercise in August. The new writer series is underway. Juliet Kuehnle presented on May 3. Shea Watts is set for May 17, and Patricia Joslin on June 7.

Education - Robin Goodson, Vice Chair

Goodson acknowledged the leadership of pastoral resident Mary Kate Sykes during the first part of the year and announced the return of Grace Lindvall, Covenant's associate minister for education. The ministry has identified two goals that will support its aim to create a program rich in education and fellowship for children of all ages. First, the ministry will cultivate opportunities for children and youth to develop meaningful relationships with at least five non-parent adults during their pre-K to high school years. The idea is that each student should ultimately be able to name five adults in the faith community they can trust enough to turn to in challenging times. The Quest-mentor program will serve as a model for identifying ways for adults and children and youth to share meaningful experiences and develop relationships. The second goal of the ministry is the development of a cohesive educational path from pre-K through high school with identification of appropriate milestones and guideposts for spiritual development. The path should ensure meaningful and age appropriate Christian formation,

Engagement – No report

Mission and Outreach – No report

Worship – No report

Clerk's Report- Mark Folk, Clerk

Folk welcomed Session back to the Peek Music Room after many meetings via Zoom or in the fellowship hall. He next directed attention to the summer and holiday worship schedule outlined on page 10 of the consent agenda. Folk announced that Tommy Lawson has agreed to serve as chair of this year's elder nominating committee and that Grace Williams has agreed to serve as co-chair. The leadership team will next solicit from ministry leaders names of non-Session members to serve on the ENC. Folk also encouraged all members of Session to begin considering new elder nominees.

Old Business/New Business – None

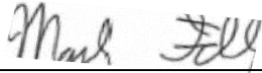
Staff Announcements/Pastoral Concerns

The moderator reported that the ordination service for Mary Kate Sykes went forward as scheduled and was well attended. Covenant's other pastoral resident, Serenity Taylor, will appear before Presbytery on May 16, 2023 to be questioned and approved for ordination. Session member-Carla Haughton, commented on the recent baptism of a young man she mentored and described the profound impact of his journey and baptism. The moderator urged members to offer expressions of gratitude to Virginia Rumbley for her years of service.

Closing Prayer

Katherine Kerr discussed a recent death and church health concerns before concluding the meeting in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mark Folk".

Mark Folk, Clerk

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert W. Henderson".

Robert W. Henderson, Moderator

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Called Session Meetings
May 7, 14, 21, 2023

Covenant held three Called Session Meetings for the purpose of receiving new members. Lora Borrelli introduced the following new members and information:

May 7, 2023

Amy Barry	Reaffirmation
Adam Hanks	Reaffirmation
Mac Bacon	Profession of Faith

May 14, 2023

Lucy Waldvogel	Reaffirmation
Bruce Waldvogel	Reaffirmation

May 21, 2023

Maggie Pollard	Reaffirmation
Joe Pollard	Reaffirmation

Active (confirmed) members as of 5/31/2023: 2623

2023 new members as of 5/31/2023: 76

2023 new affiliate members as of 5/31/2023 : 1

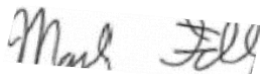
New members since last report: 7

2023 transfers as of 5/31/2023: 7

2023 deaths as of 5/31/2023: 3

Motions of acceptance were made, seconded and approved. Each meeting adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,



Mark Folk, Clerk



Robert W. Henderson, Moderator

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Session Meeting
Request for Changes in the Active Roll

Removed from Active Roll Per Request

<u>Name</u>	<u>Transferred to:</u>
David Balas	removed per request – joining another local church
Mignon Balas	removed per request – joining another local church

**COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SESSION ACTION ITEM**

Summary

SUBJECT: June, July, and August 2023 Baptisms

DATE: June 12, 2023

Report From: Baptism Committee

Background: Baptisms must be approved by the Session.

Process to Date: Parents request that their children be baptized in June, July, and August this year.

Budget Impact: None

Actions Taken or Recommendation: The Baptism Committee recommends approval of the following baptisms that will occur at Covenant in June, July, and August:

Sunday, June 25 at the 9:30 a.m. service in the Covenant sanctuary
Theodore Carl Wozniak II
Parents – Cristina and Drew Wozniak

Sunday, July 2 at the 11:00 a.m. service in the Covenant sanctuary
Bowman Scott Eastridge
Parents – Mary Beth and Tim Eastridge

Sunday, July 9 at the 11:00 a.m. service in the Covenant sanctuary
Charlotte Simmons Starr
Parents – Laura and Conor Starr

Sunday, August 13 at the 11:00 a.m. service in the Covenant sanctuary
Min Chris McComb and Jun Mark McComb
Parents – Dae-hye Yun and Thomas McComb

Motion: Motion to approve the baptisms of Theodore Carl Wozniak II, Bowman Scott Eastridge, Charlotte Simmons Starr, Min Chris McComb, and Jun Mark McComb.

**COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SESSION INFORMATION ITEM**

Summary

Subject: Clerk Communications

From: Mark Folk, Clerk

Communication has been received from the following organizations in acknowledgement of donations:

- Crisis Assistance Ministry