



# Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church Newsletter



January 2016

## Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church Greeneville, Tennessee Stated Session Meeting November 29, 2015

The monthly meeting of Session, at which a quorum was present, was held at the church on Sunday, November 29, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Moderator, Rev. Dr. Brian Wyatt, elders Charles Harmon, Lisa Balabas, Paul Burkey, Jimmy Lister, Charles Brumley, and Sandra Carter. Elders absent were Kimra Crocker, John Morrell and Janice Roberts.

The meeting was opened with prayer and devotion by Jimmy Lister.

Minutes from the September 29 Stated Session Meeting and the November 8 Congregational Meeting were approved as distributed.

Moderator Wyatt reported on his activities for October and November.

### Treasurer's Report:

	October	November	Year-to-date
Collected	\$6,864.84	\$8,209.00	\$82,576.84
Needed to meet budget	\$7,518.36	\$9,851.93	\$94,578.52
Difference	(\$653.52)	(\$1,642.93)	(\$12,001.68)

### Committee Reports:

**Building:** A new breaker box will be replaced at the manse. An estimated cost of that project is \$200. The organ will be tuned on December 2. A new visitors sign in book will be replaced in the narthex.

**MIS:** The remaining 2014 and 2015 portion of the Pentecost offering will go to aid the Child Advocacy Program.

**Nurture:** Advent decorating is December 2  
Christmas caroling December 9  
Christmas program and party December 16

**Worship:** The following 2016 church treasurer's were elected by common consent: Marilyn Brumley - Receiving Treasurer, Sandra Carter Dispersing Treasurer and Betty Bird - Assistant Treasurer.

### New Business:

1. Charles Brumley has volunteered to be commissioner to the Stated Presbytery Meeting on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at Piney Flats

Presbyterian Church.

2. Call Session meeting Sunday, December 6, 2015 at 10:30 to approve new membership:
  - a. **Eleanor Lowery** to active member roll by letter of transfer from Damascus United Methodist Church Kershaw, SC
  - b. **Barbara Jean Dearstone Smith** to active member roll be transfer of letter from First Presbyterian Church Santa Ana, CA 92701
  - c. **Miriam Manitus** to active member roll by reaffirmation of faith
  - d. **William Exum** to active member roll by reaffirmation of faith
  - e. **Schuyler Manitus** to be baptized member roll by transfer of letter from Saint James' Episcopal Church, Watkins Glen, New York
3. Christmas worship schedule:
  - a. Thursday, 24 December 2015 @ 7:00pm - Christmas Eve candlelight communion service
  - b. Friday, 25 December 2015 @ 10:30 am - Christmas morning communion service

Having no further business, Charlie made a motion seconded by Jimmy that the meeting be adjourned.

Moderator Wyatt closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Carter  
**Clerk**

Rev. Dr. Brian Wyatt  
**Moderator**

**Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church  
Greeneville, Tennessee  
Called Meeting of Session  
December 6, 2015**

A called meeting of Session, at which a quorum was present, was held at the church at 10:15 a.m., Sunday December 6, 2015 for the purpose of considering receiving new church members. Moderator Rev. Dr. Brian Wyatt called the meeting to order with prayer. Elders present making a quorum were Lisa Balabas, Charles Brumley, Jimmy Lister, John Morrell and Sandra Carter. Elders absent were Paul Burkey, Janice Roberts, Charlie Harmon and Kimra Crocker. Also present were Eleanor Lowery, Miriam Manitus, William and Schuyler Exum.

Transfer of membership letters were received for Eleanor Lowery and Barbara Jean Dearstone Smith and Schuyler Exum. Miriam Manitus and William Exum to active member roll by reaffirmation of faith. Jimmy motioned and Sandra seconded that we receive Eleanor, Barbara Jean, Miriam, William and Schuyler into our membership. Motion carried.

Olivia Marenco has applied to be a PCUSA young adult volunteer in mission. Charles motioned and Jimmy seconded that we indorse her into this program. Motion carried.

Having accomplished the purpose for which it was called, the meeting was adjourned with prayer by the Moderator.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Carter  
**Clerk**

Rev. Dr. Brian Wyatt  
**Moderator**

**Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church  
December 20, 2015**

A called meeting of Session was held at the church at 10:15 a.m., Sunday December 20, 2015 for the purpose of discussing the change of insurance coverage for the church. Moderator Rev. Dr. Brian Wyatt called the meeting to order with prayer. Elders present were Kimra Crocker, Jimmy Lister, Paul Burkey, Charles Brumley, John Morrell and Sandra Carter. Elders not present were Janice Roberts and Charlie Harmon. Also present were Doug Roberts 2016 Building Committee Chairperson.

The current policy is up for renewal at a cost of \$6886 from Church Mutual Insurance. Quotes have been received by Doug Roberts from the following insurance companies:

1. McInturff Milligan and Brooks - \$4806
2. Farm Bureau - \$3464
3. Brotherhood Mutual - \$5279

Each quote is the yearly premium with a deductible of \$1000 each. Each company has comparable coverage to our current policy with Church Mutual. In exception to Farm Bureau which does not carry any Misconduct coverage.

Paul motioned that we accept McInturff Milligan and Brooks with a deductible of \$2500 making our yearly premium around \$4600. Charles seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The Session empower that the Building Committee Chairpersons - Charles Brumley (2015) and Doug Roberts (2016) make that change in policies on behalf of the church to transact business regarding insurance for the church.

Having accomplished the purpose for which it was called, the meeting was adjourned with prayer by Moderator Wyatt.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandra Carter  
**Clerk**

Rev. Dr. Brian Wyatt  
**Moderator**

**Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church  
Greeneville, Tennessee  
Stated Session Meeting  
January 17, 2016**

The monthly meeting of Session, at which a quorum was present, was held at the home of the Rev. Dr. Brian and Sarah Wyatt on Sunday, January 17, 2016 at 5:30 P.M. Present were Moderator, Rev. Dr. Brian Wyatt, elders Doug Roberts, Charles Harmon, Paul Burkey, Marilyn Brumley, Amy Cobble, Kimra Crocker, Lisa Balabas and Sandra

Carter. Elders absent were John Morrell.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Moderator Wyatt.

Emily Morrell has recently applied to be a PCUSA young adult mission volunteer. Sandra motioned and Charlie seconded that the session endorse her in this program. Motion carried.

Minutes from the November 29 Stated meeting, December 6 and December 20 Called meetings were approved as distributed.

Moderator Wyatt and members of Session discussed the 2016 Planning Calendar of Events and are as follows:

**Stated Presbytery Meetings:** March 5 @ Covenant Presbyterian Church  
June 4 @ King University  
September 6 @ Holston Presbytery Camp  
December 6 @ Jonesborough Presbyterian Church

**Stated Session Meetings:** January 17 @ 5:30 pm  
February 10 @ 6:15 pm  
April 3 @ 7:00 pm  
May 29 @ 7:00 pm  
July 31 @ 7:00 pm  
September 25 @ 7:00 pm  
November 27 @ 7:00 pm

**Eucharist Schedule:** January 10 (Baptism of the Lord)  
February 7 (Transfiguration of the Lord)  
February 10 (Ash Wednesday)  
March 20 (Palm Sunday)  
March 24 (Maundy Thursday)  
March 26 (Great Vigil of Easter)  
March 27 (Resurrection of the Lord)  
April 17  
May 15 (Pentecost)  
May 22 (Holy Trinity)  
July 3  
August 7  
September 4  
October 2 (World Communion)  
November 6  
November 20 (Christ the King)  
December 4  
December 24 (Christmas Eve)  
December 25 (Nativity of Jesus Christ)

Committee Chairs were discussed and approved for the 2016 and are as follows:

Building - Doug Roberts  
Cemetery - John Morrell  
Christian Education - Marilyn Brumley

Evangelism - Lisa Balabas  
Mission Interpretation and Stewardship - Paul Burkey  
Nurture - Kimra Crocker  
Worship - Charles Harmon  
Youth Planning - Amy Cobble  
Clerk of Session - Sandra Carter

### **New Business:**

1. John Morrell Chairperson and Sandra Carter were elected to serve on the 2016 Nominating Committee.
2. A Called Congregational meeting to elect nominating committee members for 2016 and to receive the annual financial report for 2015 is scheduled **February 7, 2016**.
3. Session discussed and approved by common consent to amend the 2016 budget to reflect the actual insurance rates.

Paul Burkey has volunteered to serve as Elder Commissioner for the March 5 Presbytery meeting at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Johnson City.

Having no further business, Paul motioned and Lisa seconded the meeting adjourn. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Carter  
**Clerk**

Rev. Dr. Brian Wyatt  
**Moderator**

### **Timber Ridge Presbyterian Women January 4, 2016**

We gathered at the home of our hostess, Lee Anne Shelton. There were 9 women in attendance: Eleanor Lowery, Lee Anne Shelton, Marilyn Brumley, Ruth Burkey, Zelma Edmondson, Beth Morrell, Vickie Trentham, Joyce Whittenburg, and Lisa Balabas.

Ruth thanked our hostess for welcoming us into her home and prayer requests and announcements were made. Ruth led us in prayer. There was no mission interpretation, but Marilyn announced that there is no longer a hard copy of the book being published, however it can be accessed on line on the PCUSA website.

Our purpose was read in unison.

The introduction and discussion of Lesson One of our new Bible study Coming to the Waters was led by Joyce. She concluded with prayer and a benediction.

The minutes from the November meeting were read by the secretary and the treasurer's report was given. Our organization donated \$200 to Safe Harbor Mission and also ten \$50 gift cards to needy families at Glenwood Elementary School during the month of December. We spent \$5,544.35 in 2015. The treasurer reported a new balance of \$418.83. There was no correspondence.

Pledges for the year and our offering were taken. We need someone to volunteer to lead the lesson in May. Our mission project for the month of January was the Community Ministries Food Bank. Vickie made the motion which was seconded by Joyce, that we give the same amount as last year, \$250. All were in favor.

Our meeting was closed with the Mizpah Benediction and we enjoyed the refreshments served by our hostess.

Our February meeting will be at the home of Zelma Edmondson on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Lee Anne will give the mission interpretation and Beth will be leading the second lesson of our Bible study.

Vickie will be serving communion on February 7<sup>th</sup>, and Lisa will be serving Ash Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Morrell, Secretary.

**Timber Ridge Presbyterian Women  
February 1, 2016**

We gathered at the home of our hostess, Zelma Edmondson. There were ten women in attendance. They were Ruth Burkey, Lee Anne Shelton, Beth Morrell, Marilyn Brumley, Eleanor Lowery, Zelma Edmondson, Vicki Trentham, Joyce Whittenburg, Lisa Balabas and Meme Mantius.

Ruth brought our meeting to order and thanked our hostess for welcoming us into her home. Announcements were made and prayer requests and concerns were shared. Ruth led us in prayer and our purpose was read in unison. Lee Anne shared readings from the Mission Yearbook, including information about the Souper Bowl of Caring and an interesting excerpt about a church in the Presbytery of the Cherokee in Georgia. She concluded with prayer.

The discussion of Lesson 2 of our Bible Study, *Life-Giving Waters-- Baptism*, was led by Beth. We concluded our study with a Renewal and Reaffirmation of Baptism.

Our business meeting began with the minutes from our January meeting. They were approved as read. The Treasurer reported a balance of \$878.83. Our offering was taken. We had two mission projects for the month: Opportunity House and Ethan Self.

Ruth made the motion which was seconded by Joyce that we give \$250 to Opportunity House. All were in favor. Joyce made the motion that we give \$150 to Ethan for his commissary fund. Lisa seconded the motion and all were in favor. There was no other business to discuss and the meeting was closed with the Mizpah Benediction.

Our next meeting will be at the home of Vicki Trentham on March 7<sup>th</sup>. Ruth will be giving the Mission Interpretation and Marilyn will be leading Lesson 3. We will also be collecting our offering for the Fellowship of the Least Coin. Vicki will be preparing communion for February 7<sup>th</sup> and Lisa for February 10<sup>th</sup>, which is Ash Wednesday.

Zelma treated us all to a plethora of tasty treats at the close of our meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Morrell, Secretary

**Happy Birthday**

Holly Goodrich	February 04
Mary Roberts	February 04
Judy Hinkle	February 06
John Morrell	February 07
Billy Goodrich	February 21
Roger Kelly	February 24

Anthony Carter	March 24
Lisa Balabas	March 24
Beth Morrell	March 29

Lewis Roberts	April 01
Ashton Trentham	April 05
Claire Duncan	April 06
Lindsey Duncan	April 07

Harriet Roberts	April 08
Joe Roberts	April 10
Todd Barkman	April 12
Scott Bird	April 13
Nancy Katherine Burkey	April 15
Brock Shelton	April 16
Christopher Trentham	April 16
Wallace Wyatt	April 18
John Ira Collins, III	April 18
Ruth Burkey	April 19
Tim Shelton	April 20
William Balabas	April 23
Pam Johnson	April 25
Willie Brumley	April 28
Susan Roberts	April 28

