



Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church Newsletter



February 2016

MIS Committee
February 7, 2016

The Mission Interpretation and Stewardship (MIS) Committee met February 7th in the Sanctuary immediately following the morning Worship Service. Although this was a called meeting, it will serve as our bi-monthly Committee meeting since it addressed all the known business for January and February.

Attendance: Paul Burkey (Chair), Receiving Treasurer Marilyn Brumley, Disbursing Treasurer Sandra Carter, Doyle Edmondson, Joyce Whittenburg, and Doug Roberts. Brian Wyatt sat in as well.

The Committee addressed two urgent pieces of business:

- 1) Review and approve the Special Offering schedule for 2016. Paul proposed and the Committee agreed by consensus to the following:

Souper Bowl	7 February
One Great Hour of Sharing	20 March (Palm Sunday)
Cemetery	8 May (Mothers Day)
Pentecost	15 May (Pentecost Sunday)
Building Fund	14 August
Peace and Global Witness	2 October (World-wide Communion Sunday)
UNICEF	30 October
Coal Fund	4 December
Joy Fund	18 December

- 2) Make a recommendation to Session for augmenting the General Fund checking account whose balance had fallen to approximately \$4000 (We generally become concerned when that balance is below \$10,000).

There are two potential sources of cash to replenish the General Fund coffers: the sale of shares from the Church's New Covenant Balanced Funds that are associated with the Operating Fund and the Cemetery Fund checking account, which has a relatively healthy balance of \$22,893. We discussed the bad timing for selling Fund shares directly as the shares have lost 16 percent of their value in the last 14 months (5 percent of that loss was in the last 6 weeks). Paul proposed taking a \$9000 cash loan (roughly the net income/expense deficit for our General Fund in 2015) from the Cemetery Fund with intention to sell New Covenant shares to repay the loan when the price per share has recovered. The Committee discussed but chose not to recommend a specific repayment deadline.

After discussion concluded, Joyce moved and Doyle seconded the following motion:

The MIS Committee recommends that the Session approve a loan of \$9000 from the Cemetery Fund checking account to the General Fund Checking account. Also, the Committee requests Session approve the sale of New Covenant shares up to the value of the loan to repay the Cemetery Fund when the New Covenant Fund price per share recovers to \$100 per share.

The motion passed unanimously.

The Committee noted that if General Fund Offerings exceed what is necessary to cover our annual budget, the surplus could be used to offset the number of shares we have to sell to make the loan repayment.

The meeting was adjourned. The next MIS Committee meeting will be in April.

**Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church
Greeneville, Tennessee
Congregational Meeting
February 7, 2016**

A congregational meeting, duly called by the Session at which a quorum was present, was held Sunday, February 7, 2016 preceding the morning worship service. The meeting was opened with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. Dr. Brian Wyatt.

The purpose of the meeting was to elect three members to the Nominating Committee for 2016 to serve with Session members John Morrell and Sandra Carter. Also, the Annual Financial Report was presented by MIS chairman Paul Burkey.

Ruth Burkey, LeeAnne Shelton and Vicki Trentham were nominated to serve on the Nominating Committee. Marilyn Brumley motioned and Charles Harmon seconded that the nominations cease and these be elected by acclamation. Motion carried.

The 2015 Annual Financial Report was presented by Paul Burkey and is attached to these minutes.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned and followed by the worship service.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Carter
Clerk

Rev. Dr. Brian Wyatt
Moderator

**Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church
Greeneville, Tennessee
Stated Session Meeting
February 10, 2016**

The monthly meeting of Session, at which a quorum was present, was held at the church on Wednesday, February 10, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. Present were Moderator Rev. Dr. Brian Wyatt, elders Amy Cobble, Paul Burkey, Marilyn Brumley, Doug Roberts, Lisa Balabas, John Morrell and Sandra Carter. Charles Harmon was absent.

Devotion was led by Paul Burkey.

Moderator Wyatt opened the meeting with prayer.

Committee Reports:

Mission & Interpretation: The committee met to address two pieces of business.

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New Business: The Session reviewed and approved by common consent the following committee chairpersons and members.

Youth: Amy Cobble chairperson: Sandra Carter, Lisa Balabas, LeeAnne Shelton and John Morrell

Building: Doug Roberts chairperson; Charles Brumley, Charles Bowers, Will Exum and Kenny Cobble

Mission and Interpretation Stewardship: Paul Burkey chairman; Marilyn Brumley, Sandra Carter, Doyle Edmondson, Doug Roberts and Joyce Whittenburg

Cemetery: John Morrell chairperson; Olivia Marenco, Jimmy Lister and Beth Morrell

Nurture: Kimra Crocker chairperson; Zelma Edmondson, Sandra Carter, April Marenco, Marilyn Brumley and Lisa Balabas

Evangelism: Lisa Balabas chairperson; Marilyn Brumley, April Marenco, Olivia Marenco and Ruth Burkey

Christian Education: Marilyn Brumley chairperson; Betty Bird, Sandra Carter, Amy Cobble, Hannah Crocker, Mimi Mantius, Holly Goodrich, Judy Hinkle, Beth Morrell, LeeAnne Shelton, Vicki Trentham and Sarah Wyatt

Worship and Usher: Charles Harmon chairperson; Jimmy Lister, Charles Bowers, Marilyn Brumley and Beth Morrell

New Business:

The 2015 Statistical Report was presented by Clerk of Session Sandra Carter. Kimra Crocker motioned and Paul Burkey seconded the report be approved. Motion carried. The report is attached to these minutes.

Having no further business, Marilyn made a motion, seconded by Lisa that the meeting adjourn.

Moderator Wyatt closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Carter
Clerk

Rev. Dr. Brian Wyatt
Moderator

**Timber Ridge Presbyterian Women
March 7, 2016**

Our meeting was held at the home of our hostess, Vicki Trentham. There were 10 women in attendance. They were: Wanda Bowers, Edwina Catron, Lisa Balabas, Judy Hinkle, Marilyn Brumley, Lee Anne Shelton, Zelma Edmondson, Vicki Trentham, Beth Morrell, and Eleanor Lowery.

Lisa resided over the meeting and thanked Vicki for welcoming us into her home. She asked for prayer requests and led us in prayer. We read our purpose in unison. There was no Mission Interpretation.

Marilyn led our discussion on the third lesson of our Bible study, entitled *Absence of Water - Thirst and Longing*. We concluded with prayer and Vicki shared the Hymn As Deer Long for the Streams.

The minutes from the February meeting were approved as read. The treasurer reported a balance of \$ 623.89. Our regular offering and our Least Coin Offering were taken. Marilyn shared a note from Barbara Jean Smith, thanking us for our card and prayers. She also included a donation to the women's organization and to the church.

Business was discussed. Marilyn requested that we approve of her ordering a new checkbook, as we are about to exhaust our current supply, and that she change the name on the checks to Timber Ridge Presbyterian Women. Consent was granted. Lisa presented a request from the First Presbyterian Church of Greeneville asking us to provide breakfast for the Spring Gathering on April 16th which will be held at that church. After discussion it was decided that we would respectfully decline due to lack of women available on that date to set up and serve and due to the large quantity of food that was required. Our mission project for the month was the Hope Center. Lee Anne made the motion which was seconded by Lisa, that we contribute \$250. All were in favor.

Our meeting was closed by the Mizpah Benediction and we all enjoyed the refreshments that had been lovingly prepared by Vicki.

March communion duties are as follows: March 20 (Palm Sunday) Lee Anne
March 24 (Maundy Thursday) ?
March 26 (Easter Vigil) Sandra
March 27 (Easter) Marilyn

Next month's meeting will be April 4 at the church. Our hostess is Marilyn Brumley. Judy will have the Mission Interpretation and Ruth Burkey will be leading the 4th Lesson of our Bible Study.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Morrell, Secretary

Happy Birthday

Miriam Manitus	March 13
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
Willian Balabas	April 23
Pam Johnson	April 25
Willie Brumley	April 28
Susan Roberts	April 28

Tony Bird	May 06
Cody Kelly	May 08
Kenny Cobble	May 09
Richard Roberts	May 10
Joyce Whittenburg	May 16
Hunter Burkey	May 24
Scott Crocker	May 25
Thomas Carter	May29



He has Risen

Happy Easter