

**Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church
Greeneville, Tennessee
Stated Meeting of Session
May 31, 2017**

The monthly Session meeting, at which a quorum was present, was held on May 31, 2017 at 6:30 pm at the church. Present were Moderator Rev. Dr. Christine Bohn, elders Lisa Balabas, Doug Roberts, Kimra Crocker, Amy Cobble, Marilyn Brumley, Will Exum and Sandra Carter. Elders not present were Paul Burkey and Charles Harmon.

Moderator Bohn opened the meeting with prayer and read Psalm 84 as our devotion.

Minutes from the Stated March 26 meeting and the Called May 14 meeting were distributed. Amy made a motion seconded by Kimra that the minutes be approved. Motion carried.

Clerk's Report:

Sandra reported to session members about the death and funeral of Timber Ridge member Francis Brumley. She passed away March 24, 2017. Her funeral was conducted at Timber Ridge Church on Tuesday March 28. The Rev. Dr. Brian Wyatt officiated.

Treasurer's Report:

General fund receiving year to date \$37,051.29. We are currently +\$8,395.41 for the year. Compared to 2016 we are

Committee Reports:

Building: Glenwood Elementary School borrowed from and returned chairs to the fellowship hall to use at their eighth grade graduation. Doug reports to session members the family of Will and Mimi Exum will be staying at the manse on June 10. The family will be at Timber Ridge to attend the baptism of Eleanor Louise Exum.

Cemetery: Tombstones for Mr. Hugh Rader and Frances Brumley have been inscribed. Justin Fincher mowed the cemetery on May 19, 26. He gave a quote of \$250 per session. Session members discussed paying him \$300 per session. Will made a motion seconded by Amy to pay him the discussed amount. Motion carried. He will mow the throughout the spring-fall seasons.

Christian Education: The committee met and finalized the plans for VBS. It is slated to take place on Saturday, June 24 beginning at 9:30 am. A family picnic will conclude the bible school activities at 12:30 pm. Announcements will be printed in the church bulletins until June 24.

Concerns about the safety of the merry-go-round was discussed by session members. Marilyn made a motion for the merry-go-round to be removed or made inoperable before bible school begins. Kimra seconded the motion. All were in favor. Doug and Will volunteered to oversee the project.

MIS: The committee met on May 21, 2017 in the Choir Room for its bi-monthly meeting. Marilyn provided an income assessment. Year-to-date general fund giving through May 21 is \$35,361.29. That is approximately on pace with our annual giving from previous years. Sandra reported the General Fund current balance is \$32,805.00

Since our last meeting, we set up the Board of Pensions, Medical and SECA process for Rev. Dr. Chris Bohn. Sandra has not seen an electronic draft on the bank statements for those items and is going to check with BOP and Chris to see if that is working.

Since our last meeting, Sandra paid the Holston Presbytery Camp, Sunset Gap and Tusculum College benevolence line items in full and the General Mission Line item in monthly installments. General Mission giving to date is \$500. We have also received \$300.85 so far this year for 5 Cents a Meal, \$175.40 for the Food Bank, and \$1,109.50 for One Great Hour of Sharing.

The Emergency Fund for 2017 has \$500 that has not been used yet.

Given the current healthy General Fund balance, the Committee discussed and approved repaying the \$9000 loan in 2016 from the Cemetery Fund to the General Fund by direct transfer, rather than by selling New Covenant Fund shares. Sandra will make the transfer and complete the re-payment note.

Upcoming Special Offerings include the Annual Cemetery Campaign in May and the Pentecost Offering for June 4. Will Exum and John Morrell are in the process of sending out the annual requests to potential donors. Paul will promote the Pentecost Offering.

Worship: The Sacrament of Baptism for Eleanor Louise Exum will take place on June 11 during the morning worship service. Eleanor is the daughter of Will and Mimi Exum. Eleanor's sponsors will be Mollie and Henry Hall and Charles and Marilyn Brumley. The Session representative will be Lisa Balabas.

Youth: Amy reports the churchyard sale is still in the works. If you have anything to donate please Contact her. More details will be made known later.

Pastor's Report: Rev. Dr. Bohn reported on her activities for April. She also reported that Holy Communion was celebrated on April 2 and May 7. Chris visited Willie Brumley and Mary Roberts on April 19. She presented the elements of Communion to these ladies during their visit with the assistance of Charles and Marilyn Brumley. Chris also visited Pauline Hayes on April 28. She presented the elements of Communion to her during their visit with the assistance of April Marengo.

Chris continues to meet with members of TRPC for pastoral care and Counseling.

A member of TRPC congregation has made a request to install a phone at the manse. Will made a motion to session members that a free phone and service can be setup through a Google account. Kimra seconded the motion. All were in favor. Will has volunteered to set up the account.

Sermons are being posted on the TRPC website. Laura Paulson, webmaster, invites committee chairmen to let her know if they have anything they want to post.

Chris met with Evangelism, Nurture and Youth Committees.

Betty Bird has volunteered to work with Rev. Bohn to complete the 2017 Church Directory.

An Intercessory Prayer Group meets in the fellowship hall on Thursday afternoons at 1:30 pm. An Intercessory Prayer list will be added to the church bulletin.

New Business: The Stated Holston Presbytery Meeting is scheduled for June 3 at Strawberry Plains Presbyterian Church. Will Exum volunteered to attend the meeting. Kimra motioned seconded by Marilyn to accept Will as our TRPC representative. Motion carried.

The next Stated Session meeting will be Wednesday, July 26 at 6:30 pm.

Having no further business, the Moderator closed with prayer.

Amy motioned the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Carter

Clerk

Rev. Dr. Chris Bohn

Moderator