

**Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church  
Greeneville, Tennessee  
Stated Meeting of Session  
May 17, 2020**

The Session meeting, at which a quorum was present, was held at the pavilion on Sunday May 17, 2020 at 1:00 PM. Present were moderator, the Rev. Christine Bohn, elders Marilyn Brumley, John Morrell, Beth Morrell, Hannah Crocker and Charles Brumley.

Absent was April Marengo.

The Moderator opened the meeting with prayer and Hannah led the devotions.

Minutes of the January 19 stated Session Meeting, the February 16 called Session Meeting and the February 9 Congregational meeting were approved.

In-church gatherings were suspended on March 17 until further notice because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The COVID-19 has caused schools and many places of business to be closed temporarily. With many people unemployed, the Greeneville-Greene County Food Bank has had an increase in clients needing food and other services. As a result, Timber Ridge church increased our food donations, making a total 451 pounds given so far this year. Also, a monetary gift of \$1,300 (\$500 was from the Women's organization) was given to the Food Bank.

		<u>Year-to-date</u>
Treasurer's report -		
Collected in March	\$8,620.00	\$21,745.00
Needed to meet budget	8,601.60	22,364.16
Collected in April	\$13,360.00	\$35,105.00
Needed to meet budget	6,881.28	29,245.44

Donations to special offerings: Five Cents a Meal - \$201.46; Souper Bowl - \$210.00; Organ repair - \$150.00; One Great Hour of Sharing - \$915.00; Food Bank - \$300.00; Building - \$20.00; Memorial - \$120.00; Cemetery - \$3,200.00.

Audit report – Beth reported that the treasurers' books were audited and found to be in good order.

Beth gave a report of the March 7<sup>th</sup> Presbytery meeting.

Pastor's report – Chris provided Communion to the home-bound on March 17. The June and September Presbytery meetings have been replaced with only one meeting on August 4. Chris is communicating with the congregation remotely by phone, email, You Tube and USPS. Sermons are available each Sunday and Bible studies are available each weekday. On Easter Sunday the Cross was positioned outside for members of the congregation to decorate with flowers. Communion was celebrated remotely.

Chris reported that the Board of Pension will waiver BOP dues for three months for small churches if desired. A motion was made and approved to ask for a waiver. Chris will call BOP.

A motion was made and approved to pay organist Bennie King at the normal rate for each Sunday worship service that is missed because of COVID-19.

Building and Grounds – John reported a termite problem in the outside restrooms. He got estimates for treating the termites. He motioned that we get East Tennessee Pest Control to treat the restrooms and the entire church for \$2,000. The motion passed. The committee will determine if we need to purchase a renewal.

After discussion about when to start in-person church services again, it was decided to wait until our next Session meeting on July 19 to make that decision.

No further business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles D. Brumley  
Clerk

Christine Bohn  
Moderator