

Covenant Presbyterian Church
Meeting of Session
Monday, June 8, 2026
7:00 P.M.
CONSENT AGENDA

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of May 11, 2026, Session Meeting Minutes (pp. 2-4). Philip James, Clerk of Session, moves that the minutes of this meeting be approved as written.
2. Approval of Called Session Meeting Minutes from May to receive new members (pp. 5-7). Philip James, Clerk of Session, moves that the minutes of this meeting be approved as written.
3. Approval of baptisms (p. 8)

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. May 2026 Treasurer's Report (pp. 9-10)
2. Congregational Care Ministry Report (p. 11)
3. Congregational Life Ministry Report (p. 12-13)
4. Mission and Outreach Ministry Report (p. 14)
5. Extended Communion Report (pp. 15-16)
6. Presbytery Highlights (pp. 17-20)
7. Clerk's Communications (p. 21)

FUTURE EVENTS

- No Session Agenda or Session Meeting in July
- July 5 One worship service 11:00 AM Sanctuary
-  Please sign up to serve Communion
- Aug 10 Session Meeting 7:00 PM Peek Music Room
- Aug 14 Presbytery Meeting 9:30 AM Myers Park PC
- Sept 14 Session Meeting 7:00 PM The Rise on Clanton
- Oct 12 Elder Dinner 6:00 PM Fellowship Hall
- Nov 9. Session Meeting 7:00 PM Peek Music Room
- Dec 14 Session Meeting 6:30 PM Peek Music Room

**COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SESSION ON
May 11, 2026**

Session Members in Attendance:

Class of 2026: B. Cathey, J. Delery, V. DiSandro, D. Frost, J. McAlister, L. Watson, S. Wilson

Class of 2027: A. Abrahm, A. Chinery, J. Emken, V. Hindman, P. James, A. Liu, J. Schriefer, K. Spivey

Class of 2028: T. Coley, L. Hall, E. Holloway, K. Moseley, A. Morrow, E. Schubert, D. Thomas, V. Bouknight, B. Brown

Installed Ministers: K. Kerr, G. Lindvall, S. Taylor

Other Staff: E. Bender, C. Shudak, M. K. Sykes, M. Keith, A. Wertz

Call to Order and Opening Prayer-Katherine Kerr, Moderator

The Moderator called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm in the Peek Music Room, welcomed members of the current Quest class and their mentors and then opened the meeting in prayer.

Determination of Quorum and Adoption of Agenda

The Moderator declared that a quorum was present and made a motion to adopt the meeting agenda and the Consent Agenda with one amendment: on page 7 to add Avery Watson and Sabrina Baldwin Frost to the list of individuals receiving baptism at the 9:30 service on May 17. The motion was approved on vote by the attendees.

Quest Examinations

The Moderator then talked through the process for the Quest examinations and broke the body into small groups and dismissed them with instructions to return in 45 minutes. In each small group elders, confirmands and mentors shared introductions and each confirmand shared their faith statements and were examined by Session members. The full group then returned to the Peek Music Room where small group leaders offered highlights from each confirmand's story. Each group leader concluded with the recommendation that the confirmands in their group be approved for membership pending their affirmations of faith on Confirmation Sunday. Philip James, Clerk of Session noted that additional confirmands, unable to attend the scheduled Session meeting, were examined by a group of elders the previous Sunday. James then shared words of appreciation to the confirmands and thanked Director of Middle School Youth Ministries, Andy Wertz, and Quest Mentors for their efforts. The Moderator then moved

that, upon affirmation of faith on Confirmation Sunday, each of the confirmands be approved for membership at Covenant Presbyterian Church. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously. Andy Wertz then concluded the Quest Examinations with prayer.

Administration: No Report

Personnel: No Report

Planning and Evaluation: No Report

Congregational Care: No Report

Congregational Life: No Report

Education: No Report

Mission and Outreach: Amanda Abrahm, Chair

Abrahm offered updates on several recent and upcoming efforts. First that Covenant participated in Teacher Appreciation Week at Highland Renaissance Academy via preparing and serving meals, filling snack carts, providing gift cards, etc. She reminded Session of the upcoming Wayfinders camp store and encouraged support for that. Finally, she reported that Crossnore Presbyterian Church has made the decision to entrust their Helene relief funds to Covenant's Avery County grants team.

Worship: Lou Watson, Chair

Watson reminded the group of Confirmation Sunday to take place at the 9:30 service on May 17. She noted the upcoming summer pause during which there will be just two services (9:30 and 11:00 sanctuary) on regular Sundays and one service on holiday Sundays. She concluded by reminding elders to sign up for communion service.

Clerk's Report: Philip James, Clerk

Philip opened by recognizing Janet Delery and Sarah Wilson, Chair and Vice-Chair of the Elder Nominating Committee and invited Delery to give a report. Delery shared that the committee is now fully formed and is following the timeline outlined in the Operations Manual. They will solicit nominations from May 13-June 14 and the Congregational Meeting to vote on the slate will take place on the third Sunday in September. ENC members include: Delery and Wilson, Bill Fryling, Betty Graybeal, Phil Koonce, Randy Ripple, Walker Robinson, Erin Weeks, and Bob Henderson as staff liaison.

James then asked Kim Spivey, Assistant Clerk to share an update from the recent Learning Collaborative. Spivey began with a reminder that The Learning Collaborative is a pastoral conference that has taken place 3 of the past 4 years thanks to a generous contribution from a church member who understands the importance of pastoral development and our role as a teaching church. Spivey shared that 11 ministers plus the co-hosts Bob Henderson and Clover Beal gathered for 2 days of rest, renewal, relational connection, leadership inspiration and community building.

Next James called on Kim Moseley to share highlights from the recent Covenant pilgrimage to Iona. Moseley shared that it was a rich time of rest, relationship, renewal, community and worship and made particular note of Iona's abundance of 'thin places.' She shared that the group read the book Sacred Earth, Sacred Soul and that discussions of that work enriched their time together.

James concluded the Clerk's report with a reminder of the next Presbytery meeting which will be held on May 16 at Bethpage Presbyterian in Kannapolis and noted that the new General Presbyter Steven Worth had been voted in at the April Presbytery meeting.

Old Business/New Business: None

Staff Announcements/Pastoral Concerns

The Moderator noted that recently Serenitye Taylor has preached at CN Jenkins and Memorial Presbyterian Churches as an example of our community building work across the city. She then reminded Session of her upcoming sabbatical (beginning May 17) and that during her time away Grace Lindvall will shepherd pastoral concerns and Serenitye Taylor will provide leadership for the Stephen Ministers.

Taylor shared that St Paul's will be celebrating their Homecoming on Sunday and Monday (May 17/18) and invited anyone interested to join members of staff in attending.

The Moderator and members of staff lifted up several prayer concerns.

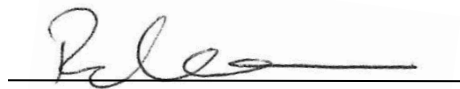
Closing Prayer

The moderator closed the meeting in prayer at 8:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Philip James, Clerk



Robert W. Henderson, Moderator

**Covenant Presbyterian Church
Called Session Meetings
Sundays, May 3, 17, 24, 31, 2026**

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

May 3, 2026

Beth Mask	Reaffirmation
Michael Warden	Reaffirmation
Lauren D'Ambrosio	Transfer Letter-St Stephens UMC, Charlotte, NC
John D'Ambrosio	Reaffirmation

May 17, 2026

Mia Anderson	Profession of Faith
William Askins	Profession of Faith
Sabrina Baldwin-Frost	Profession of Faith
Elias Belmadani	Profession of Faith
Sullivan Brown	Profession of Faith
Liana Deese	Profession of Faith
Campbell Harvey	Profession of Faith
Anna Haughton	Profession of Faith
Brantly Hicks	Profession of Faith
Elsie Huneycutt	Profession of Faith
Annabel Isaacs	Profession of Faith
Anna Jenkins	Profession of Faith
Ethan Jones	Profession of Faith
Nico Karagosian	Profession of Faith
Pate McIntyre	Profession of Faith
Will Mulcahy	Profession of Faith
Garrett Murchison	Profession of Faith
Suzanne Nesbitt	Profession of Faith
Lily Riley	Profession of Faith
Eleanor Sloan	Profession of Faith
Fiona Stewart	Profession of Faith
Robyn Walters	Profession of Faith
Avery Watson	Profession of Faith
Haines Williams	Profession of Faith
Nikolas Williams	Profession of Faith

May 24, 2026

Tommy Cirino	Reaffirmation
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May 31, 2026

Alexandra Butler

Reaffirmation

Active (confirmed) members as of 5/31/2026: 2930

2026 new members as of 5/31/2026: 53

2026 new affiliate members as of 5/31/2026: 0

2026 transfers as of 5/31/2026: 3

2026 deaths as of 5/31/2026: 8

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Philip James, Clerk

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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>
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None to report.

**COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SESSION INFORMATION ITEM
SUMMARY**

SUBJECT: Baptisms 2026

DATE: June 8, 2026

Report From: Baptism Committee

Background: Baptism must be approved by the Session.

Process to Date: Parents requested that their children be baptized at Covenant.

Budget Impact: None

Actions Taken or Recommendation: The Baptism Committee, with the support of the Ministry of Worship, recommends approval of the following baptisms at Covenant.

May 17, 2026, at the 9:30 a.m. service in the Covenant Sanctuary
Sabrina Lee Baldwin-Frost, Quest Confirmand
Avery Elizabeth Watson, Quest Confirmand

May 24, 2026, at the 11:00 a.m. service in the Covenant Sanctuary
Kooper Timothy Brown
Parents – Jennifer Morgan Cain-Brown and Kavanaugh Xavier Brown

June 14, 2026, at the 9:30 a.m. service in the Covenant Sanctuary
Elizabeth Maeve Comer
Parents – Megan Boyd Comer and Michael Dalton Comer

Motion: Motion to approve the baptism of Sabrina Lee Baldwin-Frost, Avery Elizabeth Watson, Kooper Timothy Brown, and Elizabeth Maeve Comer.

**COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SESSION INFORMATION ITEM
SUMMARY**

SUBJECT: Treasurer's Report

From: Vince DiSandro, Treasurer

**Covenant Presbyterian Church
Monthly Financial Comments
May 2026**

Income Statement Comments

The main impacts of the May Income Statement are outlined below.

Income: Pledge receipts were below budget by \$48K for the month and by \$82K on a year-to-date ("YTD") basis. Pledge receipts represent 46% of the annual pledge budget, which is above the prior year, and is one percentage point higher than the historical 3-year average for the first five months of the year. Total income was below budget by \$38K for the month and by \$78K YTD, primarily due to lower than planned pledge income, contributions without pledges, interest income, and timing of restricted fund transfers related to Avery country flood relief grants.

Expenses: Total expenses were above budget by \$29K for the month and below budget by \$111K YTD, primarily due to timing.

The Bottom Line: Net Loss for the month was \$149K, which was \$67K below the Net Loss budget of \$81K. Net income on a YTD basis was \$161K, which was \$33K above budget.

Balance Sheet Comments

Significant changes in the Balance Sheet, as compared to the prior month, were:

Line 25: Reflects the month's net cash income.

Lines 29 & 35: Reflects market value increases in the Endowment funds.

Line 36: Increase reflects receipt of member donations offset by ministry operations expenses.

Line 39: Reflects the month's Net Loss.

Covenant Presbyterian Church					Period ending:	05/31/26				
INCOME STATEMENT			YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance	Annual Budget	Y-T-D	Actual	as % of	Annual
							2026	2025	2024	2023
Income:										
1	Pledge Receipts/ Anticipated Contributions	\$	1,770,057	\$ 1,687,955	\$ (82,102)	\$ 3,680,406	46%	41%	46%	49%
2	Miscellaneous Contributions		234,935	217,365	\$ (17,570)	399,500				
3	Investment/Interest Income		215,518	196,043	\$ (19,475)	420,000				
4	Transfer from Restricted Funds		52,000	16,160	\$ (35,840)	513,250				
5	Other Income		23,500	21,464	\$ (2,036)	56,000				
6	Total Schools		903,378	953,871	\$ 50,493	2,104,374				
7	Child Dev. Ctr. Income		670,775	701,455	\$ 30,680	1,645,905				
8	Preschool Income		232,603	252,416	\$ 19,813	458,469				
9	Food Service		84,950	89,147	\$ 4,197	198,000				
10	Recreation Wing Income		41,350	47,987	\$ 6,637	181,200				
11	Ministry Trip Income		157,427	172,788	\$ 15,361	207800				
12	Ministry Other Income	\$	34,638	\$ 36,779	\$ 2,142	\$ 43,500				
	Total Income	\$	3,517,752	\$ 3,439,558	\$ (78,194)	\$ 7,804,030	44%	45%	49%	47%
Expenses:										
13	Worship	\$	64,261	\$ 56,638	\$ (7,624)	\$ 144,600				
14	Congregational Care		10,325	\$ 9,079	\$ (1,245)	19,700				
15	Congregational Life		54,642	\$ 47,384	\$ (7,258)	82,000				
16	Mission & Outreach		368,684	\$ 351,458	\$ (17,226)	773,600				
17	Education		189,731	\$ 148,767	\$ (40,964)	328,375				
18	Total Schools		879,136	867,874	\$ (11,262)	2,078,707				
19	Child Dev. Ctr.		653,410	662,985	\$ 9,575	1,608,465				
20	Preschool		225,725	204,888	\$ (20,837)	470,242				
21	Food Service		42,757	49,149	\$ 6,392	109,500				
22	Recreation Ministries		37,845	27,112	\$ (10,733)	53,600				
23	Administration		324,424	341,454	\$ 17,030	806,658				
24	Personnel		1,417,381	1,379,556	\$ (37,826)	3,407,290				
	Total Expenses	\$	3,389,187	\$ 3,278,472	\$ (110,714)	\$ 7,804,030	42%	43%	45%	44%
Net Income			\$ 128,565	\$ 161,086	\$ 32,521	\$ -				
BALANCE SHEET				May 31, 2026	April 30, 2026	Change				
Assets:										
25	Truist (BB&T) Checking/Savings			\$ 1,736,745	\$ 2,099,461	\$ (362,716)				
26	Wells Fargo & Morgan Stanley Holding			3,659,335	\$ 3,648,432	10,903				
27	Petty Cash			350	\$ 350	-				
28	Accounts Receivable and Advances			62,239	\$ 56,440	5,799				
29	Endowment Fund Mkt Value			19,858,975	\$ 19,393,818	465,157				
30	Real Estate Funds			2,425,000	\$ 2,425,000	-				
	Total Assets			\$ 27,742,644	\$ 27,623,501	\$ 119,143				
Liabilities:										
31	Accounts Payable and Misc. Accruals			\$ (45,625)	(2,836)	(42,789)				
	Total Liabilities			\$ (45,625)	\$ (2,836)	\$ (42,789)				
Fund Balances:										
32	Donor Advised			291,474	\$ 296,474	\$ (5,000)				
33	Infrastructure Fund/Cornerstone Income			195,563	\$ 196,763	\$ (1,200)				
34	Payable to Endowment Corpus			2,840	\$ 1,475	\$ 1,365				
35	Restricted End/Cornerst & Real Estate			22,283,975	\$ 21,818,818	\$ 465,157				
36	Restricted Funds			3,998,617	\$ 4,145,231	\$ (146,614)				
37	Non-Budgeted Benevolences			22,855	\$ 22,855	\$ -				
38	Section 125 Plan			(2,021)	\$ (2,135)	\$ 115				
39	Genl Fund Balance			852,029	\$ 1,000,544	\$ (148,515)				
40	Columbarium			25,654	\$ 29,249	\$ (3,595)				
41	Reserve Fund Balances			\$ 117,282	\$ 117,063	\$ 219				
	Total Fund Balances			\$ 27,788,269	\$ 27,626,337	\$ 161,932				
	Total Liab. & Fund Balances			\$ 27,742,644	\$ 27,623,501	\$ 119,143				

**Covenant Presbyterian Church
Session Information Item
Summary**

Subject: Congregational Care Update to Session From: Anne Gildea, Chair

Sandwich Club: Care for Caregivers

Anyone who provides care to a loved one knows the feeling of being “sandwiched” – whether between generations or responsibilities, the pressure is real. Congregational Care will be sponsoring a second lunch gathering for caregivers on Sunday, August 16th at noon.

The first Sandwich Club event was well attended and provided time for caregivers to relax, enjoy good food, and fellowship as they connected with others in a supportive and welcoming space. The committee feels that consistency will help promote the ministry. As a giveaway to attendees, we will have soup, bread, and dessert from Soup Ministry available in coolers.

Covenant’s New Cookbook: Healthy Recipes with Food & Fellowship Stories

The Health and Wellness ministry had been working for many months to develop an exciting framework to make this church cookbook truly special and representative of our traditions, history, and fun facts. The committee is hoping for contributions that promote healthier lifestyles or easier ways to cook at home.

Please support this effort by submitting your special recipes and stories and encouraging others to do so. You can submit online or bring your submission to the Welcome Center reception desk.

**Covenant Presbyterian Church
Session Information Item
Summary**

Subject: Congregational Life Update to Session From: Judy Emken, Chair

1. Women's Dinner was a great success – held on May 7th with over 90 women participating. Included guests from St. Paul's as well as guests from Center for Community Transitions. Lora and Serenitye did a fabulous job with the theme, décor and very thoughtful and clever touches like a drink cart for the mocktails!
2. Women's Lunch gathering was held on April 26th after church at Capishe with roughly 35 Covenant ladies.
3. Approximately six Covenant members participated in the St. Paul's homecoming celebration on May 17th and they were warmly welcomed by the St. Paul's congregation who even took photos of them and posted it on their FACEBOOK page.
4. Also on May 17th, a 3rd Quarter gathering was held at Brawley's on their back patio. We had over 50 folks attend over the two-hour time frame and we were able to visit with new friends and old friends.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE!!

FALL KICKOFF AND BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS-

1. **August 23rd** we will enjoy the blessing of the backpacks in the sanctuary and enjoy a fried chicken lunch in the fellowship hall. Chef Johnny will serve fried chicken or baked chicken and mac'n cheese. rolls and green beans. Sign up genius will be used for members to bring sides/desserts/etc.
2. There will also be many activities for kids outside including Popcorn and ice cream stations, bouncy houses, etc.
3. **NEW POSSIBILITY** - Have elders from the ministries will staff a table to share info about their respective ministries. (Need to be sure ministry heads are good with this idea. Jordan Schriefer (Education Chair) made this suggestion and has some great ideas so that we can partner with other ministries. **MEET YOUR MINISTRIES!**

OTHER ACTIVITIES FROM THE ENGAGEMENT SIDE OF CONGREGATIONAL LIFE.

1. Summer dinners are back and Lora is asking folks to sign up if they want to “host” at a restaurant. Everyone pays for themselves and the host merely makes the reservation. Back by popular demand.
2. Lora is involved with revamping the “coffee” area in the Welcome Center to enhance the coffee experience and update the area with a backsplash. There will also be newspapers available from the NYTimes and others. The intent is for members to use the Welcome Center more often.
3. Mahjong lessons will also be offered after church to incorporate all levels of learning.

SAVE THE DATE

NEXT **3RD QUARTER** GATHERING WILL BE AT HUGH AND BARBARA LEWIS HOME ON **JULY 11TH** BY THE POOL.

HAMBURGERS/HOTDOGS WILL BE PROVIDED AND GUESTS WILL BE ASKED TO BRING A SIDE/DESSERT. BYOB.

**Covenant Presbyterian Church
Session Information Item
Summary**

Subject: Mission and Outreach Update to Session From: Amanda Abraham, Chair

Dates: June, July, August

Ongoing volunteer requests and Mission and Outreach Ministry activity:

- Vacation Bible School (August 3-7) has volunteer needs
- Summer intern program has volunteer needs
- SignUp Genius and details available in Windows and on website
- Avery county mission weeklong trip from July 28 to August 1 is full!!!

**Covenant Presbyterian Church
Session Information Item
Summary**

SUBJECT: Extended Communion Report**DATE: May 3, 2026**

Report From: Judy Grubbs and Mary Wood Stallings, Extended Communion Co-Chairs

Background: Extended Communion was served on Sunday, May 3, 2026.

Process to Date: Eleven teams, at least one of whom was an elder, served 29 recipients.

Budget Impact: None

Actions Taken:

Teams Serving:

1. Jane Taylor and Sadler Barnhardt
2. Katherine and Tommy Lawson
3. Stephanie Guffin and J. D. Dupuy
4. Lou and Jim Watson
5. Martie Griffin and Sherry Ward
6. Hank Stallings and Wade Cantrell
7. Sarah Crowder and Molli Bucher
8. Cathy and Tim Kendrick
9. Susan Ferone and Jim Dobbins
10. Loretta Brown and Mary Wood Stallings
11. Gwen and Bill Fox

Members and additional recipients:

In their homes:

Betty Moak
Beth and Gillie Spratt
Rhonda Williamson

The Cypress Retirement Community:

Clarie Barnhardt and companion, Annette
Pam and Tom Barnhardt

Brightmore of South Charlotte:

Nancy Mackey

The Barclay at SouthPark:

Emma Sylvester

The Pines, Davidson:

Ham Cooke

The Sharon at SouthPark:

Chapel:

Bob Majeski

Elaine Scoles

Brenda Woodward and companion

Joe Sutterlin

Gwen and Bill Fox

Assisted Living and Healthcare:

Molly Savage

Mary Ann Tilley

Linda Vernon and companion, Maria

Fredda Kimball

Ada Offerdahl

Marcia Morton

Helen Collins

Helen Cathey

Deloris Davis

Southminster, Embrace Care:

Beth Whitfield

Covenant Presbyterian Church Session Information Item Summary

Subject: Presbytery Meeting Highlights

Date: May 16, 2026

Highlights of the 170th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Charlotte Saturday, May 16, 2026 THEME: "TRANSITIONS!"



*It was with great joy and thanksgiving that we gathered at **Bethpage Presbyterian Church!** The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by our **2026 Moderator, Rev. Deborah Conner** (Davidson College Church). **Rev. Valerie Hicks**, Pastor, welcomed the body on behalf of the officers and members of **Bethpage-Kannapolis** and co-hosts, **Gilwood and Bethpage United Churches**.*

*The Presbytery entered into a time of worship with **Rev. Toby Mueller** (Philadelphia) leading the call to worship. **Ryan Atkinson** (Davidson) led the prayer of confession and assurance of pardon. **Bethpage Church Choir** rendered a special musical selection. **Rev. Lucy Baum** (First-Charlotte) led the prayer of illumination and read the scripture Acts 1: 1-26.*



Bethpage Church Choir



Rev. Steven Werth, General Presbyter-Elect

***Rev. Steven Werth**, General Presbyter-Elect, preached a powerful sermon entitled, "Impatient Angels" and then led the Presbytery in the Affirmation of Faith. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was led by **Rev. Valerie Hicks** and **Rev. Tyler Williams** (Poplar Tent) with Elders from Bethpage United assisting in serving the people.*

**A big thank you to our hosts, Bethpage, Gilwood and
Bethpage United Presbyterian Churches!**



Rev. Valerie Hicks and Rev. Tyler Williams



Singing the closing hymn

Elder Gwen Vinson presented the Presbytery Council Report and led the Annual Meeting of the Presbytery of Charlotte, Incorporated.

Rev. Mary Henderson Bowman and Elder Gary Blackmon gave an update from the Anti-Racism Cohort which included approval of revisions to the Presbytery's Anti-Racism Policy.



Elder Gwen Vinson, Council Moderator



Rev. Mary Bowman and Elder Gary Blackmon

MRC Co-Moderator, **Rev. Gail Henderson-Belsito** introduced **Rev. Megan Argabrite**, Pastor of Amity Church. Rev. Argabrite shared great news about the recent celebration of graduates of Amity's ESL program. An MRC Transformation Grant provided the funding for the program. They encouraged other congregations to take advantage of the grants provided by the MRC.



Rev. Gail Henderson-Belsito



Rev. Megan Argabrite



Rev. Rodger Sellers had a very 'colorful' intro



"Lunch & Learn" with Rev. Dr. Andy Morgan

*Rev. Lia Benton presented the report of the Commission on Preparation for Ministry. **Ryan Atkinson** was approved to be ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament. Ryan will serve as Temporary Pastor to Davidson Church, pending his ordination.*



Rev. Lia Benton



Ryan Atkinson

*Rev. Millie Snyder presented the Commission on Ministry Report. Renda Brinson was invited forward to recognize **René Prager** for having completed all requirements to receive certification as a Christian Educator. Rev. Snyder presented her certificate of completion. René is serving as an Educator at First-Concord Presbyterian Church.*



Renda Brinson



René Prager

The Presbytery welcomed new members, **Rev. Toby Mueller** to serve as Transitional Pastor at Philadelphia Church, and **Rev. Lucy Baum** to serve as Associate Pastor at First-Charlotte Church.



Rev. Toby Mueller



Rev. Lucy Baum

Juanita Owensby spoke on behalf of the members of Marks Creek Church in honor of the retirement of their **Commissioned Pastor, Ken Goins**. Elder Goins thanked the Presbytery for their support of his ministry after serving for over 23 years. Rev. Snyder then led the body in a special prayer, with laying on of hands.



Juanita Owensby



Elder Ken Goins



Special prayer for Elder Ken Goins retirement



Commissioners to the 227th GA

Moderator Conner led a commissioning service for the Delegates and Commissioners to the 227th PC(USA) General Assembly: **Rev. Jordan Goodwin** **Rev. Anita Wright** **Rev. Meg Shaw Skidmore** **Rev. Luke Maybry**; **Renda Brinson**, **Trey Horack**, **Tommy Lawson**, **Vivie Miller** and **TSAD: R. Fay Palmer** (Union Presbyterian Seminary)

**Covenant Presbyterian Church
Session Information Item
Summary**

Subject: Clerk's Communications

From: Philip James, Clerk

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

None to report.