

**First Methodist Church  
Morehead City, NC  
Church Council Minutes**

The Church Council met on Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at 7:00 pm. Members in attendance were Dykeman Baily, Loretta Baily, John Floyd, Jennifer Hill, Larry Hughes, Alan Leary, Kim McCoury, Sandra Norris, Fletcher Poulk, Matt Ritchie, Patrick Whaley, and Sarah Williams.

Fletcher opened the meeting with a prayer and a devotional. A motion was made to approve the March minutes. It was seconded and all agreed.

Finance: John Floyd  
John reviewed the March 2024 financial report.

Trustees: Dykeman Baily

- The third-floor shower repair is finally complete.
- The Sanctuary slate and grout repair is complete.
- Lawyers are still working to clear the title of the Mundine property in Havelock.
- Elevator upgrade will begin on Monday.
- Surveyor is working to combine the lots on Bridges St. which will allow for more parking.
- Received one quote for Columbarium lighting. Waiting on a second quote.
- Received tables for the Stanley Harrell classroom.
- Looking into lighting for the Arendell St. parking lot.
- The grill for Waylon has been ordered.
- The trustees received the quote for the Church's total insurance coverage. With the new appraisal the quote is \$80,000.
- Ordered replacement windows for the Fellowship Hall.

Staff Parish Relations: Matt Ritchie

Tom Deaver has been hired as the new Director of Operations. He has recently retired from the Army. He will start on Monday.

Missions: Jennifer Hill

- Jennifer has presented the missions of Ecklessia, Habitat for Humanity and Back Pack Blessing to the congregation on three Sundays.
- A mission fair will be held in the Loft this Sunday from 9:30 – 12:30.
- A Costa Rica Fun Run will be held on June 1. Hoping to raise \$7500.
- Per Sarah, 66 high schoolers have signed up to participate in Project MHC. They will work on 6 projects which are all downtown Morehead and Newport. This year the projects will be targeting poverty instead of hurricane repair. Adult volunteers are still needed.

Worship: Larry Hughes

- Service of One will be held on May 19 at 10:30 at West Carteret High School Auditorium with a boxed lunch following the service.
- Easter Sunday attendance was 1,300.
- Senior Sunday is May 5 at 9:45 Rise and 11:00 Traditional service.

Sarah Williams:

- VBS will be held June 24 - 28. 140 children have signed up so far. More adult volunteers are needed.
- Vespers by the Water will be held again this summer
- The Church will be hosting guest speakers on several Sundays this summer. Guests include David Banks, Caleb Starr, Bill Chalk and others.

Kim McCoury:

Continuing to work on the new sound system.

Patrick Whaley:

- Grace Madden went to Brookdale today.
- Hands at Home continues to grow.

Alan Leary:

Continue to see new faces every Sunday.

Loretta Baily:

Great Brunch attendance.

Sarah closed the meeting in prayer.

The next Council meeting will be Wednesday, May 22 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandra Norris