

The Link

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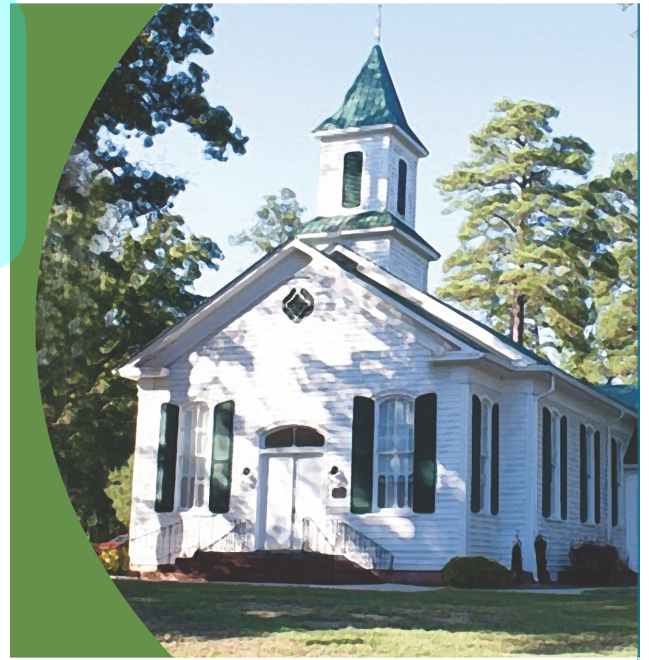
Pastor Nominating Committee Search Progresses

Terry Keith, the chair of the PNC, gave a report on the PNC's work at an April 30 Called Congregational Meeting immediately following worship. He reported that of 53 congregational surveys sent out, 37 were received back — a 69 percent return rate. The survey results: members' top three criteria for Style of Preaching are 1) Spiritually Moving; 2) Sets forth a clear faith position, and 3) Biblically based.

The responders' top criteria for Role of the Pastor were 1) Pastoral Care; 2)

Preaching, and 3) Spiritual Development of members.

These results, along with the Session's decision to search for both part time and full time applicants, became part of the Presbytery's online Ministry Information Form (MIF) that helps match potential candidates with the needs of our church. The PNC has already received and begun evaluating a number of applications.



New Horizons Band Makes a Joyful Noise



The CPC sanctuary resounded with Big Band favorites on April 23 as the New Horizons Band, followed by the Swing Band, entertained an appreciative audience as part of our Concert Series. More photos on page 3.

Session Notes

April 18, 2023

After the call to order by Clerk Cathy McRae, Moderator Bucky Holmes provided a meditation on Easter blessings and an opening prayer. Cathy declared a quorum was present and then introduced the need for revisions on the church's Manual of Operations. Gene Frazelle suggested that each elder take the section on their committee and review it for necessary changes. The changes will be reported to a committee composed of Cathy, Gene and Cheryl Bacon which will then make recommendations.

Under committee reports, speaking for Budget and Finance, Gene said that all the church's asset funds are now earning a good percentage of interest, more than 4 percent. Treasurer Kathy Oldham noted that collections are meeting the needs of the budget. It is possible, she said, that we could hire a full-time minister based on the earnings of investments and the rate of weekly collections, with a salary of approximately \$80,000.

Terry Keith reported for the Buildings and Grounds Committee that the interior painting project has been started. Sharon Shaw and her committee chose the colors. The sound system is still not working and the estimate received for the work was too high; Terry is searching out a lower bid.

The Fellowship Committee under Dawn Barber provided refreshments after the choir's cantata. Cheryl Bacon had nothing

new to report for the Member Care Committee. Karen Keith said the Mission and Outreach Committee would be meeting on April 24 and looking at global opportunities for giving. They also have the Antique Fair parking to organize. They will be looking at the timing of parking; people may not be needed as early to help as in the past. The town now charges \$50 for operating a parking lot during the fair.

Linda Seiberling reported for the Worship Committee that she is working to maintain consistency in the pulpit, with Edna Loftus, Kathryn and David Dudley, and Jim Bumgardener coming every month. The calendar is full through the end of September. Bucky advised that we consider Certified Ruling Elders as well as ordained ministers for pastor supply. He said that consistency in the pulpit is a real benefit; if a person is on the Presbytery list, they can preach twice a month. Linda also said that we have three new artificial flower arrangements from Eddy the florist, one of them donated by Rex and Dot McDonald.

Terry reported that the Pastor Nominating Committee has completed the survey process and the second revision on the Ministry Information Form is finished. There was no other business to discuss and with a prayer from Bucky, the Session dispersed for the evening.

—by Cheryl Bacon

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Summer Sundays will see many of our choir members and friends providing special music during worship services. Music offerings will include both traditional and contemporary selections.

Our concert series has concluded for the season and will resume in the fall of 2023.

Memorial Hand Chimes will rest their talents for the summer after playing a special prelude during worship on May 21.



An Update from Mission and Outreach

The Mission & Outreach Committee realized \$1,106 from parking cars during the Antiques Street Fair and an additional \$907.23 from free-will offerings at a bake sale table in the parking lot. The bake sale proceeds will support a mission trip to Logan, West Virginia. Participants on that trip will support local men's and women's

shelters by volunteering and providing hygiene items. They will also prepare and serve food for local communities.

The Mission and Outreach committee met in April to discuss local and global mission opportunities, including PCUSA offerings to support agricultural development and local organizations like Friend to Friend.