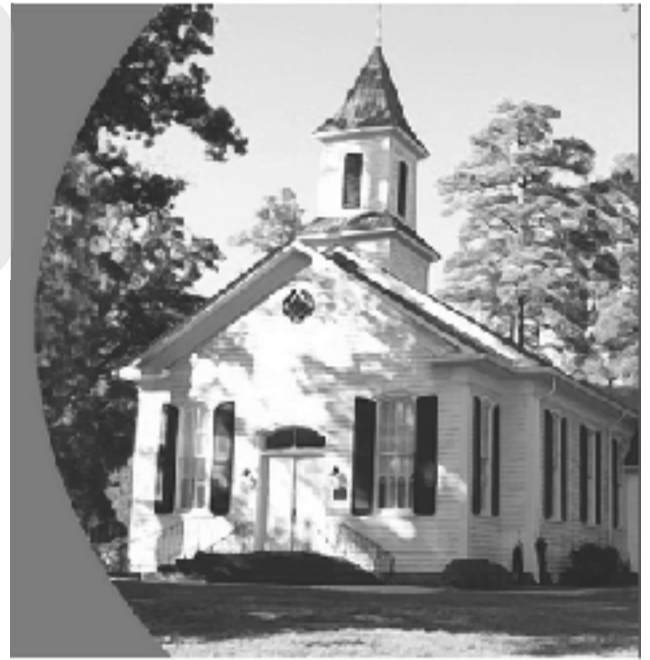


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September 2023

CPC Donates Needed School Supplies



Traci Via (left) delivered school supplies donated by our congregation to Cameron Elementary School in August to school bookkeeper Louise Hardy.

Musical Notes

Sanctuary Choir and Memorial Hand Chimes will kick off the fall rehearsal schedule Wednesday August 30 at 6:30 p.m., following their annual dinner gathering, this year at Beefeaters in Southern Pines, on August 23.

Chimes will begin rehearsing on Sunday morning, September 10. (Chimes meet at 9:30 a.m. in the bell room, Fellowship Hall.) There's always room for more singers and ringers!

On Saturday, October 21, our fall concert series will begin with **The Orange Markers** featuring Larry Allen, Emily Whittle, and Walt Lewallen. The concert begins at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary, preceded by a soup and sandwich dinner in Fellowship Hall at 5 p.m.

Our Christmas cantata presentation date is to be announced. The cantata is "O Holy Light," by Mary McDonald.

Session Notes

August 15, 2023—

The meeting was called to order by Moderator John Baker, who opened with verses from Proverbs 3:1-9. This passage includes the well-known admonishment “in all thy ways acknowledge him and he shall direct thy paths.”.

After prayer, Clerk Cathy MacRae announced there was a quorum for the meeting. The initial item of business was to establish a nominating committee for 2023. Cheryl Bacon volunteered to be the chair. (A nominating committee has since been approved by the congregation.) Two elder positions are up for replacement this year.

Committee reports: Gene Frazelle from Budget and Finance announced that the 2022 operating books had been audited and found to be in good order. The auditing committee included Gene, Linda Seiberling and Kathy Oldham. Kathy’s Treasurer’s report included January-July and the financial details of the mission trip to West Virginia. The donations for the trip exceeded expenses.

Kathy pointed out that Worship Committee expenses had exceeded income. After discussion about transferring funds from another account to cover the difference, Gene opined that overspending is not a problem as long as the overall budget is in good shape. We will be under budget for the year because of the pastor we are not paying. Kathy said she is reimbursing mileage for people who travel more than 100 miles round trip to preach us. We also may need a line item in the budget for the PNC.

Terry Keith was absent but sent an account of recent activity for Buildings and Grounds, which included completion of the

painting, the installation of a new bulletin board in the hallway and a new rack for cleaning supplies. A continuing issue with the sound system is being addressed.

Dawn Barber reported that the Fellowship Committee helped Mary Rush welcome the mission team. Fellowship will provide refreshments for a musical event Oct. 21. Cheryl Bacon said that the Member Care Committee will have a meeting in September; date TBA.

Karen Keith was absent but sent a report that the Mission and Outreach Committee will sponsor a spaghetti dinner September 9 at 5 p.m. Friend to Friend will send a speaker to discuss their programs in Moore County; other churches will be involved in this event.

Linda Seiberling was absent but sent a report that the roster of supply ministers is filled through the end of December. Reverend Jim Bumgardner will be our minister on Christmas Eve.

Terry’s report,ed that the Pastor Nominating Committee continues their work in searching for a new minister. The Presbytery computer program has changed and he has been working to update our information to meld with their system.

John Baker, in his Moderator’s Report, said there are 23 open jobs in the West Community of the Coastal Carolina Presbytery. There will be a meeting of the West Community September 23 from 9-12 at Community Presbyterian in Pinehurst. With no other business to discuss, John gave a closing prayer and the elders dispersed into the hot, humid summer night.

—By Cheryl Bacon



Mission: Possible!

A mission team from CPC, led by Music Director Mary Rush, traveled to the XXX Presbyterian church in Logan, West Virginia in July. During their three days in that hard-pressed community, they provided free lunches, household items and clothing, and Christian fellowship.

Photo above, top row from left—Karen Keith, Terry Keith, Martin Bacon, Cindy Sutton; bottom row—Karen Keith, Mary Borst, Tonya Keith, Cheryl Bacon, Shan Chase, Pauline Williams, behind her Mary Rush, Jane Ethridge, Mary Randan. At left, Mary Rush and Mary Randan with the sign advertising free lunches in the church parking lot.