



*CALLED TO WORSHIP, EMPOWERED TO SERVE*  
**MINUTES OF THE STATED SESSION MEETING**  
December 16, 2018 at 4:00PM – Room 319

1. **Declared Quorum** **Barb Newbauer, Clerk of Session**
2. **Call to Order** **Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee**
3. **Opening Devotion and Prayer** **Drake Dowler**
4. **Clerks Report/Consent Agenda** **Barb Newbauer, Clerk of Session**  
Distributed 2019 Devotion and Prayer Session Schedule.  
**REMINDER:** Committee annual reports are due to Brenda by 12/31/2018.

**MOTION** to approve items listed on the Consent Agenda as follows: **APPROVED**

- a. The minutes of the stated Session meeting of November 18, 2018.
- b. A motion to call a Session meeting on December 23, 2018 for the purpose of receiving new members.
- c. A motion to call a congregational meeting immediately following worship on February 3, 2019, for the purpose of conducting Starmount's Annual Corporate and Ecclesiastical Meetings.
- d. A motion from the Worship and Music Committee that communion be served from February 2019 through January 2020 as follows:
  - February 3
  - March 3
  - April 7
  - April 18 (Maundy Thursday) (Intinction by loaf)
  - April 21 (Easter Sunday)
  - May 5
  - June 2 (Confirmation Sunday) (Intinction pre-cut bread)
  - July 7
  - August 4
  - September 1
  - October (World Communion Sunday) (Intinction pre-cut bread)
  - November 3December 1
  - December 24 (Christmas Eve) (Intinction by loaf)
  - January 5, 2020Unless otherwise indicated, communion will be served "seated" for the above dates.  
Special Services: All-Church Family Retreat, February Retreat for the Women of the Church (Feb. 22-24), May Men's Golf event. The Caring Committee will offer communion to sick, homebound, and facility residents. Each of these observances will have a worship service where Scripture is read, the proclamation is made, prayer is offered, and two elders will be present.
- e. A motion to approve Kathryn Campbell's housing allowance of \$32,500 for 2019 (no change from current figure).
- f. A motion to approve Charlie Lee's housing allowance of \$36,000 for 2019 (no change from current figure).

**5. Moderator’s Report**

**Charlie Lee**

Thank you to all involved with the morning’s Christmas Cantata.  
Met with representatives of the Greensboro Alliance Church, which holds its services in Starmount’s chapel. They have donated \$5,000 to Starmount. Barb will send a thank you letter from Starmount to Alliance. Consider adding chapel signage to recognize the Alliance Church.

**6. Action Item(s)**

Building and Grounds (B&G) chairman, Gary Anderson, explained the progress to date on the Fellowship Lobby renovations and accounted for a net shortfall of \$7,170. Fire inspection pends. \$1,500 has been set aside for incidentals as determined by the B&G decorating team (blinds, furnishings), the Evangelism and Membership Committee (literature display), and the Preschool. Acknowledged “sweat equity” contributions by members.

**MOTION** to accept the \$5,000 gift from the Greensboro Alliance Church and to dedicate it toward the shortfall for the Fellowship Lobby renovations. **APPROVED**

**MOTION** from the B&G Committee to cover the remaining \$2,170 shortfall for the Fellowship Lobby renovations from the Capital Fund Endowment Receipts, to the extent available (\$980), and remaining balance from General Fund Endowment Receipts. **APPROVED**

**7. Committee Reports** (2018 progress, participation data, and a “Starmount Story of Impact”) Committee chairs or their proxies reported on how God is at work in our activities. Charlie will highlight some of the participation data and stories of personal impact for the Annual Congregational Meeting. A few EXAMPLES: The success of Y’mem’s grandson in preschool; the numbers served by the Caring Committee; the part Worship and Music plays in Starmount’s identity; the increase in Christian Ed, S.P.Y., and Youth participation; seven new church members anticipated in 2019, plus up to nine confirmands; fellowship opportunities offered in 32 of 52 weeks.

**8. Treasurer’s Report**

**Libby Wilson**

Starmount is in a favorable status relative to November 30, 2018 revenues and expenses. Stewardship campaign is on track.

**9. Prayer Concerns**

Libby’s neighbor, Mike, with prostate cancer; Kathryn’s upcoming surgery on the “other [left] knee”; Ginger’s mother-in-law Beverly Cox recently widowed.

**10. Closing Prayer**

**Steve Blackwood**

**NEXT MEETINGS:**

- Installation/Ordination of new elders January 6, 2019
- Officer Retreat at River Landing January 19, 2019
- Next Stated Session Meeting January 20, 2019
- Annual Congregational Meeting February 3, 2019

January Devotion – **Rev. Dr. Kathryn Campbell**<sup>1</sup>

January Closing Prayer – **Jack Barry**

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**Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee**, Moderator

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**Barb Newbauer**, Clerk of Session

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<sup>1</sup> Revised from published prayer schedule

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**STATISTICAL INFORMATION**

1. **Roll:** The elders shown in **BOLD** were present.

<u>Class of 2018</u>	<u>Class of 2019</u>	<u>Class of 2020</u>
<b>David Buchanan</b>	<b>Drake Dowler</b>	Jack Barry
<b>Kim Dawson</b>	Elaine Gustafson	<b>Martha Bursey</b>
April Hamilton	<b>Barbara Newbauer</b>	<b>Cathy Ingram</b>
Anna Lewis	Mary Overman	Cuylar McKnight
<b>Steve Blackwood</b>	<b>Susan Porter</b>	<b>Ginger Walton</b>
	Matt Winters	

**Staff** present: **Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee** (Head Pastor and Moderator), **Rev. Dr. Kathryn Campbell** (Associate Pastor), and **Libby Wilson** (Director of Finance/Administration).

**Guests** present: **Donna Bailey, Joy Kronenfeld, Kevin Shoffner, May Williams, Gary Anderson, and Jennifer Dowler**

2. **Worship Attendance Report**

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>		<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Jan	166	163	<b>165</b>	July	156	158	<b>150</b>
Feb	183	196	<b>180</b>	Aug	179	165	<b>160</b>
Mar	231	186	<b>174</b>	Sept	174	177	<b>160</b>
April	188	219	<b>195</b>	Oct	175	170	<b>162</b>
May	175	168	<b>162</b>	Nov	186	172	<b>170</b>
June	180	184	<b>164</b>	Dec	199	248	

**Average weekly attendance to date 2018: 167**

3. **Membership Report**

**Total active** members November 18, 2018: 389

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