



*CALLED TO WORSHIP, EMPOWERED TO SERVE*  
**MINUTES OF THE STATED SESSION MEETING**  
April 28, 2019 at 6:00PM – Room 319

**1. Declared Quorum** **Barb Newbauer, Clerk of Session**

**2. Call to Order** **Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee**

**3. Opening Devotion and Prayer** **Cathy Ingram**  
Cathy reflected on Thomas’ “doubting” label. Discussion: Do we see doubt as the opposite of faith? Is church where we can safely “show our scars?”

**4. Clerks Report/Consent Agenda** **Barb Newbauer, Clerk of Session**

Noted:

- Correspondence from Salem Presbytery regarding Dream Team; see [http://www.salempresbytery.org/uploads/1/6/6/9/16698848/dream\\_team\\_report-2018.pdf](http://www.salempresbytery.org/uploads/1/6/6/9/16698848/dream_team_report-2018.pdf)
- Correspondence from UKirk Greensboro regarding funding; Pastor Kathryn gave an update; how congregations can help UKirk
- Preferred date and time for stated Session meetings; continue at 6:00 PM, at least through June
- Elder photos (Kevin Shoffner, photographer)

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

- The minutes of the stated Session meeting of March 17, 2019.
- From the Finance Committee to approve the continued use of funds from the Lillian Steele Ministry Grant to provide the salary of Laura Roberson (until now a UKirk Resident) in her new, permanent position at Starmount.

**5. Moderator’s Report** **Charlie Lee**

Charlie thanked all who energized our Holy Week events this year.  
Charlie referenced the links and material he emailed to Session on April 26, 2019:  
<https://religionnews.com/2019/03/21/nones-now-as-big-as-evangelicals-catholics-in-the-us/>  
<https://pres-outlook.org/2019/04/pcusa-releases-2018-statistical-report/>  
<https://news.gallup.com/poll/248837/church-membership-down-sharply-past-two-decades.aspx>

**6. Discernment** **Charlie Lee**

Charlie presented a brief video (see <https://vimeo.com/1460479780>) introducing Tod Bolsinger’s *Canoeing the Mountains: Christian Leadership in Uncharted Territory*. Per Charlie, “We as leaders in the church are all learning how to be faithful to our mission and God’s calling in a radically different context than the one we once knew. The shifting nature of the world around us was only confirmed for me in the last few weeks by some new polling data that was revealed showing that the religious landscape of the country is changing rapidly.”

Session agreed to read and discuss the book at upcoming Session meetings as follows:

- May - Chapters 1-3
- June - Chapters 4-6
- July - No stated Session meeting

- August - September - Chapters 7-11
- October - Chapters 12-13
- November - Chapters 14-15

Charlie has asked Ginger and Slade to sort the data that Session and the College of Elders has collected over the past year and to summarize it for next steps in discerning the future of the church.

## 7. Committee Highlights

- Ginger: (Faith Formation) “Journeys to the Cross” for Faith Formation curriculum
- Kathryn: (for Fellowship) Spring Festival served 108 children and families
- Cuyler: (Nominating Committee) Reminded us of the Congregational meeting set for May 12 to elect the 2019 Congregational Nominating Committee.
- May: (Caring) Sentimental Journey luncheon coming up on May 19.
- Elaine: (Evangelism and Membership) We will welcome three new members at 9:00 on May 12. Elaine moved that we call a Session meeting for that purpose. Barb, Elaine, Joy, and Donna volunteered to represent Session. **APPROVED.**
- Drake: (Buildings and Grounds) Contractor has agreed to replace entirely without cost the flooring of the renovated Fellowship Hall lobby.

## 8. Financial Report

**Libby Wilson**

Jack Barry presented the report in Libby’s absence. Status is positive.

## 8. Prayer Concerns

Connie Tate on the loss of her son; Susan Klaiber’s upcoming surgery following a car accident; Bob, Vera, and Ron McLendon; Joy’s mother, Mary (age 90); Matt’s mother and Matt’s caregiving sister; Ginger’s contact, Melissa, who took her own life on Easter, leaving her husband and five-year old disabled child; Slade’s contact, Todd Barker, stricken with cardiomyopathy at age 45 with three children; Kathryn for Lauren Shook, recently of Texas, who will return to Greensboro to celebrate her marriage to Karen Power; Donna’s sister Amy facing difficult choices; Drake’s oldest grandson who was accepted at seven of seven colleges and will attend UNC.

## 9. Closing Prayer

**Elaine Gustafson**

May Devotion – **May Williams**

May Closing Prayer – **Mary Overman**

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

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**Barb Newbauer**, Clerk of Session

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**STATISTICAL INFORMATION**

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

<u>Class of 2019</u>	<u>Class of 2020</u>	<u>Class of 2021</u>
<b>Drake Dowler</b>	<b>Jack Barry</b>	<b>Donna Bailey</b>
<b>Elaine Gustafson</b>	Martha Bursey	<b>Joy Kronenfeld</b>
<b>Barbara Newbauer</b>	<b>Cathy Ingram</b>	<b>Slade Lewis</b>
<b>Mary Overman</b>	<b>Cuyler McKnight</b>	<b>Kevin Shoffner</b>
Susan Porter	<b>Ginger Walton</b>	<b>May Williams</b>
<b>Matt Winters</b>		

**Staff** present: **Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee** (Head Pastor and Moderator), and **Rev. Dr. Kathryn Campbell** (Associate Pastor).

2. **Worship Attendance Report**

	2017	2018	<b>2019</b>		2017	2018	<b>2019</b>
Jan	163	165	<b>154</b>	July	158	150	
Feb	196	180	<b>170</b>	Aug	165	160	
Mar	186	174	<b>175</b>	Sept	177	160	
April	219	195		Oct	170	162	
May	168	162		Nov	172	170	
June	184	164		Dec	248	218	

**Average weekly attendance to date 2019: 166**

**Membership Report** - Total active members March 17, 2019: 395

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