



# The Scroll

MallardCreek  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Dear Friends at MCPC,

While I spoke about spring and rebirth in the March Scroll, April is truly where the rubber meets the road. Seeds are planted, crops begin to grow, and as the saying goes, “April showers bring May flowers.” It is also the time when we typically celebrate Easter.

As we all know, the past few months have been challenging. We all needed time to process, to heal, and to come back together. I have been deeply encouraged by the way we have rallied as a community. Participation in events has increased, church attendance is rising, and we are seeing familiar faces returning after time away—coming together in the way Mallard Creek always has.

In addition, our Transitional Pastor Committee has begun its important work. They have received names from the Presbytery and have started conversations with potential candidates. Their hope is to finalize this process in the coming weeks, after which we will move into developing the final job description and contract. While nothing is set in stone, I am optimistic that we may be able to complete this process within the next couple of months.

Easter is a powerful symbol of rebirth. I believe we are well on our way toward renewal—reinvigorating and reimagining Mallard Creek for the community we serve today. We can continue to cherish the close-knit family we are while also transforming our ministry to meet the needs of our present reality.

With gratitude and hope,

*Tommy Mitchell*





Join Us For

EASTER  
AT  
MALLARD CREEK

Join our congregation in celebration of the  
resurrection - an uplifting week of prayer,  
music and blessings

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Maundy Thursday Communion Service

THURSDAY, APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup> 7:00 PM

Ty Wrage, Guest Pastor

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Easter Sunday Service

SUNDAY, APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup> 10:30 AM

Amanda Shanks, Guest Pastor



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All are welcome. Blessings to you & your family.

# Session Notes

## Items of note from March Session meeting, March 17<sup>th</sup> 2026

The meeting of Session was called to order at 6:00 PM by Pastor Joe B Martin  
 A quorum was declared present by the moderator.  
 Report of people needing prayer in the congregation. Provided by Keri Wass and others  
 Approved excused absences  
 Approved agenda.  
 Elder Bob Oehler provided devotion and opening prayer  
 Eric Johnson was recognized as the Deacon representative  
 Read and approved meetings minutes

### Old Business

- \* *Committee updates-Finance, Youth & Children, Education & Spiritual Nurture, Worship, Property, and Admin*
  - February Financial report:
  - February income **is less** than February expenses by \$ 8,569
  - YTD 2026 Income **is less** than YTD 2026 expenses by \$25,756
  - NOTE: Special income for Feb is \$5,928, YTD Special Income is \$11,855
  - Feb 2026 contributions are \$5,621 less than Feb 2025 contributions
  - YTD 2026 contributions are \$11,926 less than YTD 2025 contributions
  - Year 2025 contributions were \$52,408 **less** than Year 2024 contributions
  - Year 2024 contributions were \$54,765 **less** than Year 2023 contributions
  - Youth & Children:
  - Easter Egg Hunt, May 3<sup>rd</sup> Officer Safety training, May 17<sup>th</sup> Makeup, Montreat,
  - VBS – week of June 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - Education & Spiritual nurture
  - New curriculum for Teens
  - Property: Work day March 28<sup>th</sup>, Cleaning up storage areas – will inventory usable items and discuss with interested parties. Intention is to give away or throw away (junk), Wilson Family will be replacing benches outside of Education building and Sanctuary

### New Business

- \* *Transitional Pastor Committee* – Drew Dowling provided an update from the committee. They are actively talking to candidates.
- \* *Motion* to not serve communion at the Maundy Thursday service on 4/2/2026 if Pastor Roddey is not available on that date.  
 Details: Supply person preaching at that service is not ordained and will be unable to perform communion. COM Representative from Presbytery has confirmed this is acceptable with Session approval as Session determines when communion is served. – **Approved with adding the use of communion packets for this service.**
- \* *Motion* to move communion from the first Sunday in April (4/5) to the second Sunday (4/12).  
 Details: April 5 is Easter Sunday and that coincides with the regular communion service schedule. There are several concerns with this. First, the person preaching on 4/5 is not ordained. Second, Easter Sunday is already a busy service and there are generally a number of non-members in attendance, and while we may explain that all are welcome to partake of communion, it still may be something that non-members are uncomfortable with. By moving to the second Sunday in April, we will have ordained pastors leading the service and there will be less concerns around participating in communion. Again, COM Representative from Presbytery has confirmed this is acceptable with Session approval as Session determines when communion is served and there is precedence with this at other churches. – **Approved.**
- \* *Property presented several motions in the meeting.*
  1. To have the carpet and chairs cleaned in 1<sup>st</sup> floor classrooms of the Education building. Not to exceed \$1,500 and funds to come out of the building and maintenance fund. – **Approved.**
  2. Property and Connections have been getting quotes on signage to improve the campus. Session agreed that signage was an issue. Session would like Property and Connections to solidify expense and placement and report back to Session for funding breakdown and approval.

### Report from Clerk

### Report from Moderator

Closed in prayer by Pastor Martin

# March Financial Report

March 15, 2026

## Financial Position

### Year To Date Income

SUNDAY SCHOOL	\$391.00
WORSHIP OFFERING	\$46,530.02
ONLINE GIVING	\$22,130.00
CELL TOWER INCOME	\$6,855.06
ONCE A YEAR CONTRIB	\$7,298.92
TOTAL	<u>\$83,205.00</u>

YTD INCOME	\$83,205.00
YTD EXPENSES	\$119,304.99
<b>Reserves Spent</b>	<u><b>(\$36,099.99)</b></u>

### Contributions

January	\$24,905.00
February	\$27,119.02
March (1/2 a month)	\$24,325.92
Total Contributions	<u>\$76,349.94</u>



### **Enrollment for our June 2026 Summer Camps is OPEN!**

If you have a 3 to 7-year-old, we would LOVE to have them join us for our theme-based camps for some outdoor and water fun, art, crafts, Bible stories, music, and movement, and much more. Call 704-549-9741 or email [paiget@mallardcreekchurch.org](mailto:paiget@mallardcreekchurch.org) for more information.

### **If you love children and have spare time, WE NEED YOU!**

Our Pre-K classes are having their annual Carnival on Thursday, May 14th, and we need volunteers to help from 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. so the teachers can enjoy the games and have fun with their students. If you would like to help us out that day, please email [kristym@mallardcreekchurch.org](mailto:kristym@mallardcreekchurch.org) or call 704-549-9741.

Our March Reading Program was a tremendous success! The children enjoyed having guest readers and hearing new stories daily. THANK YOU to everyone who came and read to our children! Each student received a reading certificate and a gift card for a free treat from the Chick-fil-A at University Place, who also provided breakfast for our staff to help us kick off our March Reading Program.

THANK YOU to everyone who shopped our on-line Scholastic Book Fair and helped our preschool earn Scholastic dollars for our preschool. We sold just over \$2000 in books and merchandise. Thank you for your support!

The month of March ended up being super busy. The students enjoyed visits from dental hygienists from Charlotte Pediatric Dentistry who talked with them about taking good care of their teeth. A few members of the Lake Norman Lion's Club performed free eye screenings on some of our students. The students also enjoyed visits from the Chick-fil-A Baby Cow and the Easter Bunny. (THANK YOU, Mr. Easter Bunny, for being so willing to spend time with our kiddos!)

**Our Chick-fil-A Spirit Night was a tremendous success, and we appreciate everyone who supported this great fundraiser for our preschool! It was a great time of fellowship for all!**

**A huge THANK YOU to Mr. Phil Ashley for making balloon animals for our students at our Chick-fil-A Spirit Night and at the church's Easter Egg Hunt! The kids LOVED the balloons!**

THANK YOU to our church family for providing such an amazing Easter Egg Hunt event! It was a lot of fun for everyone and provided a wonderful opportunity for fellowship for our preschool families, staff, and church members!

April is a busy month for us! The children will learn about: Spring, Traveling with Their Family, Going Many Places, Taking Care of Their World, Thanking God for Plants, Zoo Animals, and Wild Animals. This month's special events include:

- \* Easter Egg Hunts and Parent Appreciation events for each age group starting March 31st through April 2nd.
- \* Spring Break will start on April 3rd and run through April 12th.
- \* Monday, April 13th, will be our first day back from Spring Break and we will celebrate our 100th Day of Preschool that day, too!
- \* We will have Spring pictures for all students and Graduation pictures for our Pre-K Students, April 14th through 16th.
- \* Our classes will celebrate Earth Day on April 22nd by having outdoor picnics, nature walks, scavenger hunts, and more.
- \* Bring your lawn chair and join us for our annual Spring Fling on Thursday, April 23rd, at 11:30 a.m. in the open field (the rain date will be April 30th). We will have a fun parade of classes, fun events by each age group on the lawn, and ice cream for all at the end. It is always a fun day for everyone!
- \* Our classes will have their annual Animal Safari on Monday, April 27th, in the amphitheater. Look for pictures on Facebook/Instagram from this fun event.
- \* Two of our Pre-K classes will go to Discovery Place Kids in Huntersville for field trips on April 28th and 29th.

The Bible Stories that the children will learn about this month in Children's Church are the Easter Story, Fishers of Men, The Tower of Babel, and Zacchaeus.

**\* The preschool and preschool office will be CLOSED from April 3rd through 12th for Spring Break and will re-open at 8 a.m. on Monday, April 13th.**

Our Nursery Rhyme for April is: It's Raining, It's Pouring

Our Bible verse for April is:

“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son.” John 3:16





# Thank You

## FROM THE HATTON FAMILY

**"Thank you for all your love, prayers, cards, and meals during this difficult time. They brought so much comfort. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and kindness, it will always be appreciated and remembered."**

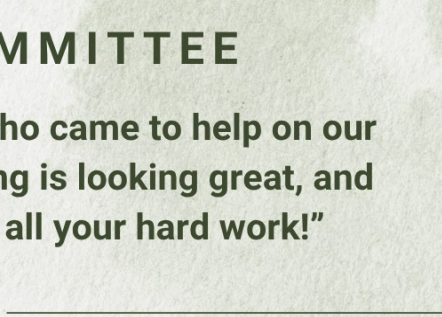


## FROM BONNIE HODGES

**"Thank You Mallard Creek Church"**  
**My Aunt Blanche is most appreciative of all your church prayers for the continuing healing of her back. She tells me she can feel the prayers all the way to Little Rock, Arkansas.**  
**Blessings, Bonnie Hodges**

## FROM THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE

**"Thank you to all the good folks who came to help on our Work Day last Saturday. Everything is looking great, and we appreciate your efforts and all your hard work!"**



# MISSION COMMITTEE



Bringing Hope to  
Homeless  
Single Mothers and  
Children

## Hurricane Helene Relief

The Mission Committee is hoping to assist with hurricane relief in the North Carolina Mountains. We are looking at a work trip, possibly the week of May 11 or May 18. We would probably work with Baptist on a Mission or maybe Samaritan Purse. Both organizations have relief camps in the mountains and would furnish lodging with bunk beds and meals for our workers. To confirm a date and space availability, we need to determine interest and the number of those people who would be available.

If you're interested, please respond to Mission committee member James Kilian ASAP at [jhkilliansr@yahoo.com](mailto:jhkilliansr@yahoo.com). Once interest is determined, James will contact the camp for availability and get to everyone with a commitment.

Thank you for helping those in need!

During the month of April, we will be collecting the following items for these two worthy agencies:

- Laundry Detergent Pods
- Dish Detergent
- Dishwasher Soap
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper
- Kitchen Trash Bags
- General Cleaning Supplies
  - > 409
  - > Lysol
  - > Windex
  - > Floor cleaners
  - > Swiffer
  - > Sponges

Items can be left in the Gathering Space, & you can contact Maria Menconi or Robin Fuller with questions.

*Thank you  
for helping these women and children  
get a fresh start!*





PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN

# Save the Date

## Annual PW Birthday Meeting

### Sunday, May 17 at 11:30



The Circle of Mary Anna enjoyed a fun afternoon recently, putting together 4 Fresh Start Kits for A Roof Above. The kits are given to formerly unhoused clients who are transitioning to new accommodations, and include items like house cleaning items, paper products and bath items, as they experience the opportunity to move their lives forward in a positive way.



ROOF ABOVE

## FRESH START KITS

Given to tenants without income to help supplement cleaning and toiletry items.



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WOMEN

*Coral is  
In a world where you  
can be anything, be kind.*

*Ashley*

*GOD IS LOVE*

*Good Things are  
Coming!!*

*Please  
Stay Blessed*

*But they who wait for the Lord  
Shall Renew their Strength  
THEY SHALL MOUNT UP WITH  
WINGS LIKE EAGLES*

ROOF ABOVE

ROOF ABOVE

# Leave Your Rock

An MCPC Teen Project

April 12

Stop by the Dining Hall before 12:30 to paint a rock that symbolizes your love and dedication to Mallard Creek during this time of transition.



## The Youth & Children Committee

has a busy Spring season ahead, with lots of activities (and deadlines)!

Join us for the last Bonappeteens of the school year, and paint a rock to support this very thoughtful and meaningful Project of the Teen Fellowship.

Neal Scholarship applications are available NOW in the church office, or by emailing Jamie Garrison.

Do you have a student who will be graduating from high school or college? We want to celebrate them on Graduation Sunday! Please email Nancy Busch or the church office, and let us know where they're graduating from, what their future plans are, and their parents and/or grandparents names by May 1.

## Neal Scholarship



Current High School Seniors can apply.

Due May 17th

Copies will be in the church office or email for electronic copy.

Questions:

[jamie.garrison@cabarrus.k12.nc.us](mailto:jamie.garrison@cabarrus.k12.nc.us)

## Bonappeteens Sunday, April 12 @ 9am

Where: MCPC Dining Hall

Time: 9-9:30am

What: Teens are cooking breakfast

Why: Monthly fundraiser for Teen Fellowship - donations may be made with cash or check



SUPPORT OUR TEENS!

April 12

Bonappeteens  
&  
Teen Leave Your Rock Project

April 26

Confirmation Sunday

May 1

Deadline  
to  
submit information on Graduating Seniors

May 3

Child Safety Training

May 17

Deadline  
for  
Neal Scholarship Applications

June 21-25

Vacation Bible School

# YOUTH & CHILDREN COMMITTEE

# OLDER ADULTS MINISTRY



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OLDER ADULT MINISTRY  
**BONCLARKEN**  
**RETREAT**  
MAY 5-7

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Be sure to sign up for this year's Older Adult Ministry's retreat for uplifting fellowship and fun times!

We will start with a side trip by stopping at the Waldesian Trail of Faith in Valdese, followed by a special luncheon before arriving at Bonclarken.

This year's theme will combine the celebration of our American Semiquincentennial (250 years) & the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Route 66.

**Sign up before April 10!**

## LUNCH BUNCH

**April 21**  
**12:00**



Join us and enjoy the sweet sound of the Towers Quartet, who have been serving the Lord in gospel singing for over 50 years!  
Our menu will be ham, potato salad, green beans, rolls and a delicious dessert.

*Contact Margaret Hatton or Jimmy Walker with questions.*

# Upcoming Events

**APRIL**  
**6**  
6:00 PM  
**Circle of Rebekah Ruth**  
Gathering Space

**APRIL**  
**7**  
10:30 AM  
**Circle of Mary-Anna**  
Garrison-Martin Room

**APRIL**  
**12**  
**Bonappeteens**  
9 AM Dining Hall  
**Leave Your Rock**  
11:30 AM Dining Hall

**APRIL**  
**21**  
12:00 PM  
**Lunch Bunch**  
Dining Hall

**APRIL**  
**23**  
9:00 AM-1:00 PM  
**Preschool Spring Fling**  
Church Campus

**APRIL**  
**26**  
**Confirmation Sunday**  
10:30 AM  
**Homecoming**  
11:30 AM Dining Hall

**MAY**  
**3**  
11:30 AM  
**Child Safety Training**  
11:30 AM

**MAY**  
**5-7**  
**BonClarken Retreat**  
Older Adults Ministry

**MAY**  
**17**  
11:30 AM  
**PW Birthday Meeting**  
Dining Hall

# Special Prayers

April 2026

**The Brown Family**  
 Bobby Brown  
**Christian Busch**  
 Alex Busch  
**Jenny Cochran**  
**Lynn Davidson**  
**Sheila DeArmon**  
**Dawn Drye**  
 Guy Eberhart  
**Rima Frika**  
 Eliza Furr  
**The Hatton Family**

Jean Helms  
**Barry Hinson**  
**Blanche Hodges**  
**Susie Householder**  
**Daisy Huber**  
 Janet Hunter  
 Shirley Hunter  
 Phyllis Jones  
 Betsy Killian  
 Merle King  
**Sheila Letica**  
 Elaine Lord

**Bebe McGee**  
**Bobbie Misenheimer**  
 Donnie Oehler  
 Tommy Oehler  
**Eddy Pitsenbarger**  
 Donna Seaford  
**Logan Sigmon**  
**Leslie Taylor**  
**Pete Taylor**  
 Earl Thomas  
 Lois Treadway  
**Debbie Whitmire**

## April Officers

### Elders

Greg Armistead, Perry Deaton, Jamie Garrison

### Deacons

Lynn Davidson, Charlotte McConnell, Rima Frika, Lee McConnell

## MAY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					Elisa Hansen 1	Pastor Roddey 2
3	Lee McConnell Chesnee Sheehan Jonas Sheehan 4	Katie Moore 5	Amanda Booth Doris Dixon Savannah Dixon 6	Donny Brown Ryan Oehler Donna Stephens 7	Caitlin Holt 8	Judy Brown Calvin Caldwell Kelly Oehler Abby Tucker 9
10	11	James Harry Killian Jr Larry Oehler 12	13	Carey Armistead 14	Jordan Maddux 15	16
Bih Ndingwan 17	Wilson Wood 18	Waylon Gullede Robert Weinbach 19	20	Rose Oehler 21	22	Andy Spittle 23
Vivian Avant John Craver 24	Hope Moore Helena Moore 25	Sara Haynes 26	LeAnn Ashley 27	Donny Oehler 28	Ruby Wallace 29	Steve Misenheimer 30
Harvey Alexander Jane Marshall 31						