



The Scroll

Mallard Creek
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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July: Freedom, Faith, and Service

First, let me address the elephant in the room—I know many of you are looking for an update on the Transitional Pastor Committee. We are getting very close with a candidate, and I expect to have more information to share in the near future. The committee has worked diligently throughout this process, and I hope you will join me in thanking them once a Transitional Pastor is in place. We often want things to happen more quickly, but God always has a plan, even when we cannot yet see the full picture.

In many ways, I believe we have grown as a community of faith during this transitional season. Many of you have shared how much you have appreciated the variety and diversity of preaching we have experienced. While this may not have been the path we expected, it has reminded us that God's plans are often different from our own. True to the spirit of MCPC, we have "circled the wagons," supported one another, and continued moving forward together in faith.

As we celebrate Independence Day and the freedoms we enjoy as a nation, July offers an opportunity to reflect on a deeper freedom found in Christ. The Apostle Paul reminds us, "For freedom Christ has set us free" (Galatians 5:1). Christian freedom is not simply the ability to do as we please, but the gift of living faithfully in response to God's grace.



As summer schedules take us in many directions, may we remain rooted in worship, prayer, and fellowship, seeking ways to be Christ's hands and feet in our community. Join us this July as we celebrate God's faithfulness, give thanks for our many blessings, and recommit ourselves to sharing Christ's love with the world.

Grace and peace,

Tommy Mitchell

Session Notes

Sessional Agenda:

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Pastor Martin
2. A quorum was declared present by the moderator.
3. Report of people needing prayer in the congregation.
4. Approved agenda.
5. Elder Michel Lapolombella to provide a devotion and opening prayer.
6. Tracy Tucker was recognized as the Deacon representative.
7. Read and approve Session minutes – Session minutes from May 19th; Called Session minutes from June 14th
8. For your review: Admin minutes, Deacon minutes; Transitional Pastor Contract
9. Old Business:
 - ✦ Bylaw discussion- On Hold
 - ✦ Update on Youth and Family coordinator position – Carey Armistead redid the job postings for various channels and committee loves; Carey agreed to post it and be the POC.
 - ✦ Committee updates – Finance, Youth & Children, Education & Spiritual Nurture, Worship, Property and Admin

May Financial report:

- May 2026 income **was less** than May 2026 expenses by 13,989.
- Year 2026 income **was less** than Year 2026 expenses by \$26,623
- **NOTE:** Income includes \$29,638 in "special" income and \$40,490 in "one time".
- May 2026 contributions were \$4,745 **less** than May 2025 contributions.
- YTD 2026 contributions were \$18,4205 **less** than YTD 2025 contributions.

New Business:

- Transitional Pastor Committee update
- **Motion:** The Transitional Pastor Search Committee, with the support of the Finance committee moves that we approve the contract as supplied to call the candidate (RL) as soon as they are available as our Transitional Pastor with at +/- \$10,000K negotiation buffer. – **Approved unanimously.**
- Property would like discussion on items that will become motions in August meeting
- Review sign presentation and provide feedback to Alan by end of June
- Review Facility Use Guidelines for updates and email Alan by end of July
- Motion from Property with help from Connections to proceed negotiating with QC Signs for MCPC sign project and have final quote for approval at August Session meeting. – **Approved unanimously**

11. Report from Clerk

- No meeting in July unless we need called meeting
- Elders on duty in July – Michel Lapolombella, Kristy Maddux and Bob Oehler
- Elder for Deacon's meeting – No meeting in July
- VBS – June 20-25th
- Read nice text from Hunter to the Session
- Updated Session on phone spoofing issues

12. Report from Moderator

13. Closed in prayer by Pastor Martin

June Financial Report

June 15, 2026

Financial Position

Year To Date Income

SUNDAY SCHOOL	\$901.75
WORSHIP OFFERING	\$107,221.27
ONLINE GIVING	\$58,710.15
CELL TOWER INCOME	\$17,137.65
ONCE A YEAR CONTRIB	\$50,489.60
TOTAL	<u>\$234,460.42</u>

YTD INCOME	\$234,460.42
YTD EXPENSES	<u>\$274,251.70</u>
Reserves Spent	<u>(\$39,791.28)</u>

Contributions

January	\$24,905.00
February	\$27,119.02
March	\$61,216.92
April	\$49,346.68
May	\$22,065.65
June (1/2 a month)	<u>\$32,669.50</u>
Total Contributions	<u>\$217,322.77</u>

Summer At Mallard Creek

Summer Preschool Hours

8:30-12:30, Tuesday through Thursday
June 22nd through August.

Summer Office Hours

8:30-4:30, Monday through Thursday

Financial Manager Office Hours

9:30-11:30 am Mondays

July Officers

ELDERS

Michel Lapolombella, Kristy Maddux, Bob Oehler

DEACONS

Debra Johnson, Eric Johnson, Tom Baker

Office Phone Coverage Needed

8:30-12:30

July 20

July 21

August 3

August 4

August 5

August 6

If you're available to help,
please contact the church office.



This year's theme was "Rainforest Falls" and we reflected on the beauty, goodness, and character of God. You could see the vines of the rainforest sweeping overhead with monkeys and parrots dangling on their tendrils. We pray that those tendrils touched hearts, minds, and spirits this week as we gathered to see scripture come to life.

Many thanks to the faithful leadership, who know what it means to plant seeds and pray for faithful growth & response.

We extend gratitude to ALL of those who helped plan, serve, love and care for the youngsters in our faith community.





VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2026



Thank You

MALLARD CREEK

Mallard creek,
Thank you for recognizing
me and my accomplishments.
I will carry all of my
lessons learned in this
church with me for a long
time. Thank you!

- Lily



Thank you

LILY LARKIN



Thank You

for your thoughts and prayers following my recent cardiac event resulting in a concussion, and critical care transport to Duke where I received a pacemaker. I'm so grateful to be well on the road to healing and recovery.

Chemo begins again on July 1.

In Christ,

Bobbie Misenheimer



A note to say...

THANK
YOU



Thank You!

To Charlotte McConnell for leading VBS this year and to ALL of the volunteers who helped throughout the week. Volunteers are what makes VBS fun for the children and teaches them that God is our safe place, God is love and God is forever.

The Youth and Children Committee

WHO DONATED TO BACKPACK BLESSINGS THIS SCHOOL YEAR

**Your generosity enabled us to fill 178 bags
of food to school children every month!**

- We will NOT be collecting food in July and August
- We will begin food collections again in September.
- Monetary donations are ALWAYS welcomed - be sure to note in the memo line that it's for Backpack Blessings.



Thank you

Thank you

to all who participated in the blood
drive in person or in prayer. We
collected 11 units which saved as many
as 33 lives!

Mark your calendars now for our next
blood drive on October 4





SAVE THE DATE
Presbyterian Women's
Annual Kickoff Luncheon

AUGUST 16

11:30AM
Dining Hall

Mission Trip



On Sunday afternoon, May 17th, your mission team traveled to the Spruce Pine Baptist Mission camp for a week of work. The Camp provided sleeping facilities and meals for the team. During the week we were able to remove two old decks and replace them while also adding a handicamp ramp to one. It was a very rewarding trip helping ones who had experienced challenges during and after the hurricane.

The Baptist Mission Organization and Samaritan Purse both have camps in the North Carolina mountains and continue to help the mountain communities in the name of CHRIST. Thank you for your financial support that makes these mission trips possible.



JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

THE TOWERS QUARTET



Sunday, July 12, 2026

The Towers Quartet will sing five songs during our worship service

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Special Prayers

Kira Arellano
Alice Arrnette
 Bobby Brown
Donny Brown
 Christian Busch
 Alex Busch
Bill Cochran
Sheila DeArmon
 Dawn Drye
Mary Jean Dowling
Guy Eberhart
Rima Frika
 Robin Fuller

Alan Garrison
Ken Grimes
 Ben Hatton
 Jean Helms
Barry Hinson
Susie Householder
Daisy Huber
 Janet Hunter
 Shirley Hunter
 Phyllis Jones
 Betsy Killian
Merle King
Karen Kosmoski

Sheila Letica
 Katharine Lockhart
 Elaine Lord
 Bebe McGee
Bobbie Misenheimer
Brenda Oehler
 Donnie Oehler
 Tommy Oehler
Ginger Penninger
John Potts
Donna & Laney Seaford
Leslie Taylor
 Earl Thomas



AUGUST 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						Quinn Cooper Gary Rose 1
2	Carl Spradley Jr. 3	4	Trevor Barrett 5	Janet Hunter Jonathan Kiser Tracy Tucker 6	Sharon Kimrey 7	Mark Johnson Lois Treadway 8
Jean Thomas 9	Monie Alexander Clyde Benfield 10	Riley Ashley 11	Bobby Benton 12	Zoey Garrison Grey Hansen 13	Katelyn Kiser Stephen Lisi Jr Bob Oehler 14	Lynette Gullede 15
David Stephens 16	17	18	19	Kolton Kiser Camryn Powell 20	21	Cristina Moore Sylvia Snyder 22
Polly Walker 23	Joey Brown Tom Fuller Owen Stiffel 24	Beverly McLaughlin 25	Susie Oehler 26	Perry Deaton Joe Oehler 27	28	Joey Crapster Danielle Martin Barb Oehler Tommy Oehler 29
Haiden Gullede 30	James Crenshaw 31					