

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

- March 4 stated meeting: approved as printed
- March 15 special meeting: approved with corrections to the attendance record

REVIEW OF TREASURER’S REPORT: March 2009 (First Quarter 2009)

Item	March 2009	YTD 2009
Regular Giving	9,638.50	30,135.94
Total Income	10,943.34	32,923.24
Expenses	10,591.19	33,691.00
Income-Expenses	352.15	(767.76)

CLERK’S REPORT

1. **Membership actions** – none
2. **Average worship attendance**, March 2009: 76 April 2009: 82 (Maundy Thursday: 47; Good Friday: 55; Easter: 112)
3. **Annual Review of minutes.** The following exceptions were noted:
 - Minutes need to be signed by the clerk and moderator
 - Annual financial review not present?

NOTE: The first exception is due to our minutes not being in the permanent book. Our copier will not accept the new book’s pages, and the pages are too big for our computer printers. We haven’t figured out another way to get the minutes in there. The annual financial review is reflected in the Annual Meeting of the congregation, and the annual report booklet, which we always include with our minutes.

4. **Correspondence.**

PASTOR’S REPORT

1. **Reception of New Members.** Debby Camden and Brookie Fish were welcomed as active members on Sunday, March 15. The questions of reaffirmation of faith were all answered in the affirmative.
2. **Holy Week review.** The Session reviewed the Holy week schedule. Appreciation was noted for MOC and PW for coordinating the Palm Sunday luncheon. Appreciation was also noted for Pam Snyder and Allen Archer for their leadership in the music program, and for the Adult and JuBELLation Choirs for adding beauty and inspiration to our worship services.
3. **Parking issue.** Session approved a letter to the City of Staunton about the “No Parking except Sunday” sign on the utility pole by the corner of Lewis and Frederick Streets. The letter, which asks the city to remove this sign, may be seen on the bulletin board near the Church Office or online on the Session page of the church web site.
4. **Pentecost Communion – May 31.** The scheduled servers for the May 31 communion service on Pentecost Sunday were reminded of their service.
5. **Baja Mission Trip.** Dan Williams gave an update on the 2009 Baja Mission Trip, and how the issues of drug cartel violence and the swine flu are being addressed. The travel advisory for drug violence has been an issue for the previous three years of the trip, and no problems have ever been encountered by either our team or any other team escorted by that the group we work with. As for the swine flu, it is too early to see how that issue may impact the trip.
6. **Natural Gas usage.** As of the April bill, the church has a credit of \$315 on our natural gas account, so the monthly payment plan has been suspended until the beginning of the heating season in the fall. This is the earliest point in recent years that this has occurred.

STANDING COMMITTEES REPORTS

1. **Mission** — Next meeting: 5/27, 6:00 p.m.
Committee is making distributions of mission funds to local causes who have needs for support now, particularly Weekday Religious Education. Some of the payments to these causes have been reduced for budget savings. (Total support to be disbursed: \$6,040.00) ... SACRA and the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank will also receive their share of the Hunger Offerings, already received ... OGHs Offering was \$781.00; committee will recommend designation of the funds later ... The Pentecost Special Offering will be received on May 31; Minute for Mission will be given on May 24. ... Request from Baja Mission Team for \$500; Potato Bar fund raiser scheduled for Wednesday, June 3 (6:00p.m.) ... Disaster Plan update: will be using the pastor’s care list for members at risk during disasters or similar concerns.
2. **Property** — Next meeting: 5/27, 6:30 p.m.
3. **Stewardship and Finance**—Next meeting: no meeting prior to the next Session meeting.
Will make a withdrawal from the Contingency Account to cover the above mission support payouts ... Have allowed CDs invested with various banks to renew, but at lower interest rates (less than 2% APY).
4. **Worship and Music** — Next meeting: 5/27, 6:30 p.m.
Continue to have problems securing lay readers (mostly) and ushers (occasionally) ... Pentecost communion discussed, as well as plans for Mothers Day and Fathers Day.

5. Christian Education — Next meeting: 5/18, 6:30 p.m.

VBS: attempted to contact 4 other churches to do a joint program, but none were interested ... May 31: Graduate Recognition reception after worship ... August 15 Back to School Party at Vista Lane pool (tentative) ... \$300 to be disbursed for Jr. High Conference at Massanetta Springs, for Jaidon Snyder and Chandler Snyder; a male adult chaperone is needed to accompany them.

6. Membership and Outreach — Next meeting: 5/27, 6:30 p.m.

Committee is planning the first patio party for Sunday, June 14 ... Tentative date for Church Picnic is August 12, possibly at the American Legion on Cedar Green Road; still working on program ... Church promotional materials have been distributed at one area Bed and Breakfast; more to follow.

UNFINISHED (OLD) BUSINESS

1. **Shenandoah Presbytery meeting** – Commissioner to May 12 meeting: Eve Thomas
2. **Community Service Committee update** – no report

NEW BUSINESS

1. **New Business from Elders** (if any)
2. **Upcoming meetings:**
 - a. **Session:** May 27, 2009 – 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
 - b. **Shenandoah Presbytery:** Tuesday, May 12, 2009 – First Winchester (9:30 a.m.)
 - c. **Highland-Augusta Mission Community:** Thursday, April 30, 2009 at Hebron (6:30 p.m.)