

THALIA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

LEADERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

October 27, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Leadership Chairman, Mark McKinney.

In attendance: Cameron Brown, Autaya Chaplin, Jerry Ditty, John Martin, Mark McKinney, Bill Shewchuk (on Zoom), Christine Shultis and Pastor Megan Collins.

Mark gave the opening prayer at 6:30 pm.

Pastor's report:

We had a successful truck or treat, and a Blessing of the Animals. Officer Shoenbach, of the Virginia Police Department, took Jerry and the Pastor through the building and grounds to do a safety and security check. He highlighted trimming of tree and bushes, and many other suggestions to enhance security.

A Home school parent donated a basketball hoop that is located in the parking lot. It was suggested to use a cable to secure it.

Having pet food added to the food pantry and available during Thursdays breakfast for clients with pets was discussed. Need to secure in plastic bins when in storage, and make clear food is only for pets.

Question was if we have an inclement weather policy? Decision to close/cancel any activity in the Church is up to the Pastor. Information can be put on Facebook and in e-mail.

Members Report:

Mark stated that the Parsonage has been listed. Many views on Zillow, but no offers yet.

John stated that September was not a good month. We had a negative \$8000.00 that month.

We will need a nominating committee for 2026.

John and Barbara will be reappointed, Autaya will not be on the Leadership Committee.

Question was asked if we need a separate Finance Chair and Treasurer? Pastor will check the Book of Discipline and with the District Office.

Mark asked what is it we can do to make Thalia better? A survey of congregant's talents/gifts would help.

Bill asked about a stewardship campaign. Mark said we will be doing that next year.

A slide show of different opportunities in the Church was suggested.

Jerry mentioned persons can be ready for a testimony.

In 2026, the Men's group is planning on having classes for the community.

Meeting was closed for SPPRC.

Meeting for SPPRC:

Pastor stated that a young lady goes into the nursery, during day school. Child protection policy states that she should not be there during that time, even though her mother is a teacher there.

Cameron suggested her working in the nursery during Sunday services.

Mark will talk to the young lady and her mother.

Pastor gave closing prayer at 7:30 pm.