

THALIA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

August 25, 2025

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

Call to order at 6:30 pm by Mark McKinney.

Barbara gave the opening prayer.

Barbara also gave a reading by Chris Ritter from John and Charles Wesley concerning the Holy Spirit.

Previous minutes were approved.

Pastors Report: Pastor Meg stated that she is here Monday through Thursday. She needs a list for visitations. We need to look at the nominations for people to go to the Charge Conference in October. Also, how many Christmas Eve services we need and what time? Mark mentioned 2 services, 1 earlier in the day and 1 later in the day. Pastor Meg is applying for Ordination to take place next year.

Cameron suggested expanding the nominating committee for the Charge Conference.

We have approval from the District for sale of parsonage. We will need a Charge Conference to be on Sept. 8 at 6:30 p.m.

Only members of Leadership committee will be allowed to vote at Charge Conference but all are invited.

A few maintenance items need to be completed before the sale. Some left over furniture in garage needs to go to the dump. Refrigerator goes to Food Pantry.

Bill requested the price we can get for parsonage. Mark answered approximately \$600,000.

Treasurers Report: John stated July and August were low months. \$5000 was moved from savings to checking. We received \$2000 for Food Pantry.

Trustees Report: Bill mentioned the Day School contract renews in October and rental goes up 3.5%. Other contract is with Bob Holdron, Sexton. His contract follows the calendar year. Oven and dishwasher not working. Bob will check. Jerry recommended reaching out to District to see if dishwasher elsewhere is available.

[PiN Ministry] Homeless Program: Pastor Meg stated we can help another Church with overnight housing by creating meals and delivering them to the Church sponsoring the overnight patrons.

Open Topics: Christine suggested we have a speaker from AARP come and address AI, email and text security. Jerry will present to Methodist Men at September meeting.

Closing prayer given by Pastor Meg at 7:25 pm

Next meeting will be on September 22, 2025 at 6:30 pm