

THALIA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

LEADERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

January 26, 2026

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

In attendance; Cameron Brown, Jerry Ditty, Barbara Jennings, John Martin, Mark McKinney, John Middleton, Christine Shultis and Pastor Megan Collins.

Devotion & Opening Prayer given by Barbara Jennings; a reading from John Wesley.

Minutes from previous meeting were approved.

Pastor's Report; Inclement weather notice will be on Facebook, in email and on WAVY and WTKR TV.

There will be special services on Maundy Thursday, April 2 and Good Friday, April 3. We will have two worship services on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday as usual.

Pastor talked to Cathy about having a drink truck for the Eggspllosion on March 28th. We will have a drink truck with drinks being different prices.

Members Report; Mark passed the Leadership Team Covenant for the new 2026 Team to sign. It will still need to be signed by Joe Mattox, and then will be posted in the hallway outside the Sanctuary.

Treasurer's Report; John said W2s and 1099s are complete for employees.

This month was tight because of only 3 services.

John put \$10,000 towards apportionments.

Mission co-chairs Bill Shewchuk and Tim Hundley submitted a letter to Mark requesting that the Leadership Committee create a line item in our "budget" for monthly financial resources to be used at the discretion of our Missions co-chairs with the approval of the Ministry

Council. Much discussion was had about the current finances, and the misperception that we now have an excess of money each month by no longer having to pay a mortgage. However, John pointed out that we now have a mandatory \$2500 per month bill from the Annual Conference as part of our Apportionments billing. We also only paid 44% of our 2025 apportionments. Mark discussed our need, and prior plans from previous years, to hire a part-time Office Administrator. There was consensus that such a monthly allotment for Missions is an admirable goal. It was unanimously voted that our current priorities would have to take precedent over a monthly allotment for Missions, and the request is denied at this time. Mark will send a response to Bill Shewchuk and Tim Hundley advising of our decision.

Trustee's Report; Jerry has one quote for milling and paving the entire property, from Excel Paving. That estimate is for between \$100,000 and \$110,000. Bob, our Church sexton, is getting another quote. Paving would be done at the end of March or beginning of April and is to be done in stages to accommodate church operations.

Virginia Chorale's 5 year contract has expired and rent will increase by \$25.00 per month.

Facility use requests for events should go through Jerry in consultation with those affected by potential use of whatever space is requested.

Christine asked about repair to kitchen floor. Mark stated the parking lot needed to be addressed first.

Jerry stated he would like to get volunteer help from congregation, to clean the sanctuary.

There are many ceiling tiles that need to be replaced.

Pastor gave closing prayer.

Next meeting will be February 23rd.