

Highlights of the 190th Stated Meeting of the Shenandoah Presbytery

Once again, we met by Zoom and we had between 97 and 104 depending on when we checked the time! Thank you to all who attended to keep the presbytery running.

We had the privilege of welcoming The Rev. Stephen Scott to our meeting. Steve is the retired EP of Salem presbytery and is currently the vice-moderator of our Synod and is stepping in while our Synod EP and Stated Clerk Warren Lesane is on medical leave. He brought greetings and thanked us for our involvement with the Synod.

We thank the Reverend Carolyn Winfrey Gillette for participating in our worship, not only as our preacher but as the hymnwriter of the hymns used in the service. Carolyn is currently serving in Susquehanna Valley Presbytery along with her husband Bruce, who is also a presbyterian minister. You can check out more of her hymns or those we sang at www.carolynshymns.com

Information about being a General Assembly commissioner was included in the packet – please contact the Stated Clerk with questions.

Remember the Big Event is happening September 18 from 8:30 -3:30 “When did We See You?” The Keynote speaker is the Rev. Jimmie Hawkins, director of the PC(USA) Office of Public Witness and Public Policy in Washington, D.C. Our preacher of the day is the Ret. Rear Admiral Rev. Dr Margaret Grun Kibben, Chaplain to the US House of Representatives. See you there!

SPYCE – Shenandoah Presbytery Youth Council Extraordinaire – is looking for volunteers as we vision what’s next for presbytery wide youth ministry.

Committee on Presbytery Administration included an update on what is happening with the office building which is included in the packet.

We approved the retirements of the Rev. Nancy Smith and the Rev. Wray Sherman.

We welcomed the Rev. Ron Gilmore as the new pastor at Woodstock and the Rev. Keith Phillips as new co-pastor for Massanutten.

Donna Lanaghan, Communications Administrator for the presbytery, introduced our new directory. Watch for an email inviting you to join!

CCVT ‘s church highlights for this meeting came from Warrenton. Pastor Jim Lunde shared the vision of “Windows Open to the Street” telling us of the mission and witness to and with the community through a power point presentation.

The chair of New Church Development, T.E. Karen Greenawalt prayed for us to be open to the possibilities around us of new worshipping communities.

In the moderator’s closing prayer, we remembered Michael Weller, former mission worker to Ethiopia, as he is undergoing treatment for a brain tumor. And we remembered Homer Phifer, recovering from a fall and covid -19.

Respectfully Submitted,

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