

**ST. JUDE'S MCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Minutes for April 13, 2026**

Board Members Present: Tim Corbett, Reverend John McLaughlin, Judy Hill, Jerry Marshall, Sandy Maddox, Drew Culwell, Rick Cobb,  
Absent: None (Jerry Marshall arriving late)  
Members Attended: Ardith Taylor

**OPENING PRAYER:**

Reverend John McLaughlin opened the public meeting with a prayer at 5:00pm.

**COMPLIMENTS AND CONCERNS FROM MEMBERS:**

No input from members.

**RESPONSIBILITIES AND ACTION ITEMS:**

**AGENDA:**

The agenda was reviewed. Tim C. made a motion to approve the agenda and Drew L. seconded with the motion to approve the agenda being passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

May minutes were approved via email.

**PASTOR'S REPORT BY REV. JOHN MCLAUGHLIN:**

Rev. John reports that the "Lunch with the Pastor" project is underway with lunches scheduled thru May 29<sup>th</sup>. A discussion regarding financial arrangements (who pays for the lunch) followed. The consensus was that the church should cover all costs. Rick C. motioned to use funds from the Ashler gift. Judy H. seconded with the motion to approve being passed unanimously.

**FINANCE REPORT:**

Rick C. gave an overview of the budget and accounts. Drew C. made a motion to approve the report and Judy H. seconded with the motion to approve being passed unanimously.

**BUILDING & GROUNDS AND RISK MANAGEMENT REPORT:**

Judy H. gave an update on the following items:

Heckert Gift for

Judy quoted \$4800 for fixing ceilings in building and creating a concrete pad to replace the wood deck & pavers alongside the building. Motion by Rick C. to approve. Drew C. seconded with the motion to approve being passed unanimously.

**GROUNDS REPORT:**

Sandy M. reported that the Pantry flower beds, funded by a grant from the Cape Fear Garden Club, are now complete. The landscaper will complete the fence and necessary clean-up this week.

**ONGOING BUSINESS:**

*Feeding Ministries:*

Food Pantry - Continues to serve 70+ families.

Bagged Lunch Program - Weekly delivery has been capped at 150 bags, but the need continues to increase. The program is currently out of paper bags and using (donated) plastic bags in the interim.

Breakfast and Showers - Rev. John informed the board that he had a minor accident exiting the Hope Recovery parking lot and will not be driving the shower trailer in the future. An invoice for the trailer damage will be forthcoming. The need for volunteers to drive the shower trailer from Hope Recovery to St. Jude's was discussed. Jerry M. committed to driving 2 Fridays each month (in addition to doing the towels each week). Suggestions were fielded for other volunteer candidates with Rev. John following up.

*Congregational Support Ministry Update:*

Drew C. reported the St. Patrick's Day dinner a huge success with 35 members attending. The Ministry is still providing support for the ill and home bound.

*Security Team:*

Rick C. reported that all components of the SimpliSafe system are working at present. In addition, the church is now doing a monthly sign-up for police patrol. Rick C. will be stepping down from this position in June citing the need for a team leader who is located closer to the church.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

No new business.

**CLOSING PRAYER** - Reverend John McLaughlin at 6:15pm.

**The Board did not call for an Executive Session.  
The next monthly Board meeting is scheduled for: May 11, 2026 @ 5:00 p.m.**