

**ST. JUDE'S MCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
May 11, 2026**

Board Members Present: Tim Corbett, Reverend John McLaughlin, Judy Hill, Jerry Marshall, Drew Culwell, Rick Cobb,

Absent: None

Members Attended: Sam Gillispie

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 Rick C. seconded with the motion to approve the agenda being passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

May minutes were corrected and approved via email.

PASTOR'S REPORT BY REV. JOHN MCLAUGHLIN:

Things are going well with St. Jude's. The "Lunch with Pastor" initiative is off to a great start with lunches booked through June. Of special note are the seven new members we welcomed this past week.

FINANCE REPORT:

St. Jude's is tracking well on the 2026 budget. Utilities are higher due to the new building – to be expected. A more accurate budget entry will be made in January 2027 once a full year of invoices have happened.

Judy H. made a motion to approve the agenda and Tim C. seconded with the motion to approve the agenda being passed unanimously.

BUILDING REPORT:

Judy H. reported that work on the new concrete patio extension will begin Friday the 15th. Work of ceiling tiles and bathroom to follow. An electrician was called out to look at a flickering lights issue. The electrical panel was inspected as part of that and deemed satisfactory.

GROUNDS REPORT:

Jerry M. reported that the landscaping work funded by the Cape Fear Garden Club and an anonymous donor has been completed. Ronnie Ronzello and Jerry M. will continue work on the parking lot flower bed, matching it into the new Pantry beds.

ONGOING BUSINESS:

Feeding Ministries:

Food Pantry - Continues to serve 70+ families. The Pantry had received monies due from the government shutdown moment and was using them to supplement extra food inventory. Those monies are now spent and food purchase will shrink to reflect that.

Bagged Lunch Program - Weekly delivery of 300 bags (150 Wednesdays and 150 Saturdays). Mary Ellen Keough is supervising while Tim C. recovers.

Breakfast and Showers – Volunteer drivers for the shower trailer have been arranged.

Congregational Support Ministry Update:

- Ronnie R. and Nick N. created Mother's Day rose bouquets handed out at the Sunday service.
- Plans are in place for the Cook Out at Mary Ellen Keough and Kathy Grant's home in Leland on Saturday June 13th.
- The committee organized approx 15 church members to help Kate McKay move to an assisted living facility.
- The committee is seeking new members.

Security Team:

- Rick C. reported that the SimpliSafe system is functioning. Jeff G. has tested WiFi reception for 2 additional cameras to cover the paved parking lot. These will be added to the monitoring rotation. Tim C. made a motion to apportion \$400 from the security budget for these cameras. Drew C. seconded with the motion to approve being passed.
- A review of SimpliSafe procedure for unidentified "after hours" visitors was given.
- Dates were discussed for active shooter training in June or July. Deb Smith is coordinating with the Sheriff's Dept. in tailoring the training to St. Jude's specific context.
- Emergency medical training was proposed for Ushers & Service Security.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Possible dates for the next Congregational Mtg. were discussed. Rev. John requested a July date so that Jan-June financials could be complete and included. July 13th would be the earliest available.
- Issues with the rear door to the Fellowship Hall were discussed. Possible solutions have previously been estimated by Glass Pro. Rick C. will contact the vendor to update the estimate.

CLOSING PRAYER - Reverend John McLaughlin at 6:00pm.

The Board did not call for an Executive Session.

The next monthly Board meeting is scheduled for: June 8, 2026 @ 5:00 p.m.