

ST. JUDE'S MCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
June 8, 2026

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

Absent: None

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:

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Pastor Paula from the Spiritual Soul Center gave a presentation outlining the 9 year relationship between the Center and St.Jude's. She also requested that the Center sell copies of its cookbook at a St. Jude's service 6/28. Tim C. made a motion to approve the request and Rick C. seconded with the motion to approve being passed unanimously.

AGENDA:

The agenda was reviewed. Tim C. made a motion to approve the agenda and Sandy M. 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:

"I have nothing to report." says Pastor. "Happy to entertain questions."

FINANCE REPORT:

May tithes were excellent. The new building becomes fully funded/paid for in June. At that time the remaining money will be divided among current operating accounts. Jerry M. made a motion to approve the proposal and Tim C. seconded with the motion to approve being passed unanimously.

Rick also brought up a new project: a cement drive and wheelchair ramps for the Pantry building. A discussion followed led by Rick C. and Judy H as to the mechanics of the project. Rick C. made a motion to approve immediate funding and Drew C. seconded with the motion to approve being passed unanimously. (See details under "New Business" below.)

BUILDING REPORT:

Judy H. reported that work on the new concrete patio extension is complete. Work on ceiling tiles next on the list.

GROUNDWORK REPORT:

Jerry M. presented the 2026 Cape Fear Garden Club grant proposal to the Board. The proposed work would create a “new” bed on the long side of the church/parking lot that visually ties all flower beds together.

ONGOING BUSINESS:

Feeding Ministries:

Food Pantry - Continues to serve 70+ families. Operation is smooth with special acknowledgement of Pama and the stable set of volunteers.

Bagged Lunch Program – 150 – 175 bags prepared each Wednesday and Saturday. Tim C. reports a need for Saturday volunteer drivers. This will be added to the “Announcements” segment of the service.

Breakfast and Showers – Warmer weather is attracting a larger number of people to breakfast and showers.

Congregational Support Ministry Update:

- The Ministry will be meeting on Tues 6/9 and will welcome new members Gudron and Karen. Topics include the development of a meditation service.

Security Team:

- Rick reported that he is still following up on the rear door(s) project.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A discussion of a possible driveway between the parking lot and Pantry garage door, plus cement wheelchair ramps at both doors. (See details under “Finance Report” above.)

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: July 13, 2026 @ 5:00 p.m.