

ST. JUDE'S MCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
January 12, 2026

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

Absent: None

Members Attended: Ardith Taylor, Tom Janicki

OPENING PRAYER:

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

COMPLIMENTS AND CONCERNS FROM MEMBERS:

Ardith T. complimented Tim C. and the choir on their successful Christmas concert.

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:

December minutes were approved via email.

PASTOR'S REPORT BY REV. JOHN MCLAUGHLIN:

December was a wonderful month with the congregation and ministries engaged and energetic. The Christmas spirit was present in a joyous way.

FINANCE REPORT: Rick Cobb

Financials – December 2025

December was a good month for the church as tithes increased thanks to some key gifts of member and non members. As a result the church ended on a positive gain for the year of \$1530. The church saved \$3200 by eliminating the office manager position which helped fund the positive outcome.

Drew C. made a motion to approve the Finance Report and Jerry M. seconded with the motion being passed unanimously.

BUILDING & GROUNDS AND RISK MANAGEMENT REPORT: Judy Hill

Notes were taken regarding various lights at the church. Judy will follow up on missing lawn maintenance invoices from the vendor.

ONGOING BUSINESS:

Feeding Ministries: Rev. John

Food Pantry - Continues to serve 70+ families.

Bagged Lunch Program - Weekly delivery has been capped at 150 bags each Wednesday and Saturday (300 total).

Breakfast and Showers - Numbers continue to grow with 80-100 plates served during Friday breakfast. Continuing to offer alternative food choices other than bacon and eggs due to rising prices.

Pastor John recognized the service specifically of community, i.e. non members, volunteers.

Congregational Support Ministry Update: Drew C.

Results of the church survey (57 respondents) were announced and possible dates discussed for events and activities. The first event will be a Game Night on Friday 2/20 followed by Bingo on St. Patrick's Day 3/17 and a Spring Picnic 4/18.

Security Team: Rick C.

Jeff Gerhardt will work with our vendor to add an extra "access point" in the IT network in January. This will increase the efficiency of the security cameras system.

NEW BUSINESS:

Congregational Meeting 1/18

Members will sign in at the membership table and receive green cards allowing them to vote.

An agenda was set for the meeting:

- Introduction / Confirm quorum (20% of membership = 18 members)
- Rules of engagement
- Pastor's update
- Financial update from 2025
- Presentation of 2026 budget for ratification
- Formation of Board of Directors Nominating Committee (1 board member + 2 congregants)

- Buildings and Grounds update
- St. Jude's Wilmington Foundation update

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: February 9, 2025 @ 5:00 p.m.