

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2020
REGULAR MEETING OF SESSION**

On Monday, October 19, 2020, the 622nd regular meeting of Session was held by Zoom video due to ongoing developments with the Corona virous pandemic. Dr. Lancaster opened the meeting with prayer at 7:02 p.m.

Session members attending were Dr. Lancaster, Rev. Rogers, and Elders Bacik, Burgess, Canose, Castelli, Conley, Davis, Dilly, Galbreath, Heilman, Jenkins, LeBeau, Lee, Myers, Null, O'Brien, Paul, Rex, Wagner, Walker, Weber, and Williams, constituting a quorum.

Also present: Elder Beth Ketterman

ORDER OF THE DAY

New Members – At the beginning of its regular meeting, Session met with members of the Inquirers' Class and, after examination, welcomed the following persons as new active members of Westminster Presbyterian Church:

Denise Letcher and Joe McDonough (children Luke and Grace)

Caroline and Sue Nixon

John and Erin Lugaila (children Mia and Taylor)

Kevin Krieger

Emily Hofmeister

Sara Locke

REPORT OF THE CLERK – Motion to approve the minutes from the 621st (September 21, 2020) regular meeting, and October 12, 2020 special meeting (as reviewed and corrected) and to take action with respect to the members set forth below were approved.

DEATHS

David J. Copeland, October 7

WEDDINGS

Deanna Carolyn Neiser & Dylan Michael Watson, October 10

DELETE BY REQUEST

Nancy Thomas

Attending church elsewhere

SERVICE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

On Sunday, October 4, 2020, the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered during worship services.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Appointment of WECEP Insurance Arbitration Committee. At its September 21, 2020 regular meeting, the attorney representing Westminster Church on its insurance claim filed on behalf of WECEP suggested that Session consider appointing a small group of individuals to work with him on matters relating to pursuit of a recovery under the WECEP claim. The Moderator appointed the following persons to serve on this work group: Elders David Heilman and Karen Williams, Rev. Louise Rogers and Clerk of Session Brian Peck, all of which agreed to serve.

COMMISSION & COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTIONS

Bridge Worship. Bridge worship services have moved back to the WROC.

Children's & Family Ministry. Children's & Family Ministry enjoyed an outdoor fall festival celebration at the Gilfillan farm yesterday.

Finance. Elder Lee reviewed a Finance Commission Report for the period ending September 2020 and a Summary Analysis of Revenues & Expenses, also for the period ending September 2020, copies of which had been circulated to Session members prior to the meeting. These reports were received without question or comment. The Committee will present its recommendations on outstanding church obligations and observations on the report of the Internal Audit Committee at Session's November regular meeting. Preparation is underway to initiate the 2020-2021 budget process.

Outreach. Elder Conley reported that the October 4, 2020 peace and justice faith witness initiative was a great success.

Stewardship. Elder Heilman noted that the new stewardship campaign is underway with events scheduled for October 4 and October 11. Commitment Sunday will be October 25.

PASTORS' REPORTS

Dr. Lancaster reviewed the agenda for the November 1, 2020 congregational meeting. Election of church officers will occur first, followed by the report of the Pastor Nominating Committee and vote on Westminster's next Senior Pastor/Head of Staff. Dr. Lancaster also noted that he and Reverend Rogers will continue to monitor the Covid-19 situation in Allegheny County in the days to come.

Reverend Rogers reported that the deacons continue to meet and re-imagine provision of care and outreach in these days of the pandemic. She noted that the traditional Thanksgiving eve service with Christ Methodist Church will not be held this year out of concerns of the pandemic. Planning is underway to create a video for the website celebrating our partnership with Christ Methodist Church. November 1, 2020 is All Saints Day, and during our worship services, we will recognize all those who have joined the church triumphant over the past year.

CONCERNS AND JOYS

Reverend Rogers noted that Bibles were handed out this past Sunday to the third-grade class of church school students. She also asked for prayers for the family of David Copeland, and for John Van Cleve and Ruth McMillan who have undergone recent surgery

ADJOURNMENT WITH PRAYER

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer at 7:44 p.m. The next regular meeting of Session will be held on November 16, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,



H. Brian Peck
Clerk of Session

Date approved: November 16, 2020