

The monthly meeting of MCEF was held at 7:00 p.m. at the One Stop Shop. There were 16 in attendance representing 13 churches/organizations. The meeting was called to order by the President, Pat Hubert. Nancy Gallihugh, Client Services Coordinator, opened with prayer. The agenda was adopted by general consent.

All Souls Episcopal, Rick Morrison
Broadus Baptist, Neil Turner
Church of the Redeemer, Ed Soniat
Cool Spring Baptist, Ann Kennedy
Fairfield Presbyterian, Nancy Gallihugh, **Client Services Coordinator**
Fairmount Christian, Lisa Cecil
LDS Chickahominy, Kimberly Moss
Mechanicsville UMC, Marcy Jervey
Messiah Lutheran, Gladys Hubert
Messiah Lutheran, Pat Hubert, **President**
Northside Baptist, Trudy Carlton
Shady Grove UMC, Doug Goodman
Shalom Baptist, Linda Wade
Walnut Grove Baptist, Charlie Rasnick, **Sr. Rides Coordinator**
Karen Tucker, **Treasurer**
Leigh Negvesky, **Clothing Coordinator**

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Minutes of the July meeting were approved as posted. Please check the website for the monthly minutes as they contain good information to report to your church. Be sure to give Wendy Pursel any updated contact information if changes occur.

CLIENT SERVICES REPORT/Phone Reps

We are continuing to support families who come to the Dept. of Social Services location on Bell Creek Rd. who are in need of a food source on Fridays, to carry them through the weekend until they can get to an open food bank. Nancy delivered 4 bags of groceries to them in July, and also provided an MCEF flyer in each of these bags with information about the One Stop Shop. Nancy and Wendy manned a table for MCEF at the Chickahominy Baptist Association Health Fair on August 1st from 9-2.

There are currently 4 phone representatives that are scheduled through the end of September, but more help would be welcomed! If you are interested in being involved in answering the MCEF phone, please contact Nancy at innngalli@comcast.net. The phone reps are currently experimenting with keeping the phone for 3 weeks at a time. The phone is no longer being used for financial assistance, but is used for basic information only. A notebook of information, training, an answering machine, and WiFi are provided along with the phone.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITY

During the month of July, there were 38 requests for financial assistance and 13 were helped. Karen shared information about a new law in VA that applies to our clients who are seeking financial assistance for rent. According to this new law, the rental agencies must now add 14 days to the date that the rent is due. Our clients won't get eviction or quit notices until the 21st of the month. They still need to pay down what they can and be in touch with their rental office for the proper notice before we provide assistance.

Information for requesting financial assistance may be found on the website, and those requesting assistance must send the information requested through email. Those requesting assistance must live in the 23111 or 23116 zip codes. Financial help of up to \$500 is given once every 2 years, if eligible.

TREASURER'S REPORT

July 2026 income/expense accounting:

Income- \$15,888.42

Expenses- \$15,270.54

JULY Bank Statement Acct Balance - \$89,050.89

Certificate of Deposit at Edward Jones - \$200,000.00

There was a motion to approve the treasurer's report subject to audit. The vote was favorable.

HANOVER SENIOR RIDES

During the month of July 2026, MCEF gave 114 (one-way) rides in Mechanicsville and ACES provided 14 (one-way) rides in the Ashland area. Overall, Hanover Senior Rides provided a total of 128 (one-way) rides for the month of July.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals
MCEF-	96	114	154	141	112	148	114						
ACES -	<u>23</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>14</u>						
Total -	119	164	209	179	143	170	128						

We currently have 106 riders (MCEF has 70 and ACES has 36 riders). We currently have 31 volunteer drivers (24 with MCEF and 7 with ACES).

We held a volunteer's meeting on July 14th to discuss operational issues and to thank our volunteers for their dedication to helping our senior and disabled riders.

Lori Kaeberle, our Operations Manager and our Ride Coordinators are doing a great job in managing the daily operation of the program by scheduling rides, providing information, and communicating with the riders and our volunteer drivers.

Please continue your prayers for Aimee West as she is in hospice care.

ONE STOP SHOP (OSS) ACTIVITY FOR JULY

Total sign ins –170 (representing 536 persons in household)

Total new clients –17

Total # bags of food given out – 233

Total # bags for second helping –25
Total # people receiving clothing – 78
Total # people receiving linens –26
Total # people receiving socks/underwear - 30

**DONATIONS OF FOOD AND CLOTHING ARE ACCEPTED
THE 1ST AND 3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH FROM 2-3:30.**

FOOD PANTRY/VOLUNTEER

Current Needs For The Food Pantry

All canned goods - vegetables, meats, and soups

CLOTHES CLOSET (and linens)

Leigh reported that fall and winter clothing will begin to be accepted on September 1st.

Current Needs For the Clothes/Linens Closets

Sheets - Queen and King sets
Towels in decent condition

BACKPACK MINISTRY

During the past school year, New Song provided approximately 147 backpacks per week, up to the last week of school. Grace To Go provided approximately 70 backpacks per week. Alan reported that he can continue to accept donations for the backpacks through the summer, as he does have storage.

FUND RAISING

- NASCAR - August 14-15, 2026. The money donated by the Raceway has already been received, and will be used for egg purchases.
- Kroger - Please connect your Kroger Plus Shopping card to MCEF #GD661 on your Kroger profile.
- The 9/11 Benefit Concert for 2026 - this will be MCEF's 10th year hosting the event and will mark 25 yrs. since 9/11 and the 50th anniversary for MCEF. Flyers have been made for this event. The American Legion Post and the Hanover Strings Orchestra will perform. Admission will be \$5 and a canned or boxed non perishable food item.

NEW BUSINESS

- 50 for 50 Fundraiser Campaign Flyers were handed out to church representatives to bring to their churches. This is a one time fundraiser celebrating MCEF's 50 years in the community. This flyer has been posted on our Facebook page. It will also be emailed to all supporting churches and posted on our website next week.

- The Nominating Committee was named: Leigh Negvesky and Neil Turner (Broadus Representative).

ANNOUNCEMENTS/EVENTS

- Aug. 22, 9-12, Deseret Day, LDS church at 8005 Atlee Rd.
- Aug. 29, 7:00, Wish You Were Here Variety Show to benefit Grace To Go hosted by Cool Spring Baptist, The Cultural Arts Center at Glen Allen. (Tickets \$13 online, \$15 at door).
- Sept. 1 - Oct. 20, 50 for 50 Fundraising Campaign
- Sept. 11, 7:00, 9/11 Benefit Concert with Hanover High School Orchestra, Walnut Grove Baptist, bring \$5 and a canned item.

The group shared any prayer concerns followed by the Lord's Prayer.
The meeting was adjourned.

Please remember that the MCEF meetings are the second Monday of the month , unless otherwise notified. (put it on your calendar)

Next Meeting - Sept. 14th, 2026 at the One Stop Shop – 7:00 p.m.

Wendy Pursel, Secretary