

The monthly meeting of MCEF was held at 7:00 p.m. at the One Stop Shop. There were 17 in attendance representing 13 churches/organizations. The meeting was called to order by the President, Pat Hubert. Karen Tucker, Treasurer, opened with prayer. The agenda was adopted by general consent.

All Souls Episcopal, Rick Morrison
Black Creek Baptist, Debbie Ward
Church of the Redeemer, Ed Soniat
Cool Spring Baptist, Ann Kennedy
Fairfield Presbyterian, Nancy Gallihugh, **Client Services Coordinator**
Fairmount Christian, Lisa Cecil
Fairmount Christian, Wendy Pursel, **Secretary**
Gethsemane, Mary Britton, **Vice President**
Mechanicsville UMC, Mary Jervey
Messiah Lutheran, Gladys Hubert
Messiah Lutheran, Pat Hubert, **President**
New Song UMC, Alan Fearnow
Northside Baptist, Trudy Carlton
Restoration, Carol Lynne Dean
Restoration, Karen Tucker, **Treasurer**
Shalom Baptist, Linda Wade
Leigh Negvesky, **Clothing Coordinator**

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Minutes of the September 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

On Friday, October 9th, Nancy was able to deliver 2 bags of food with MCEF flyers to the Dept. of Social Services on Bell Creek Rd. MCEF has been providing bags of food and informational flyers to this location for families 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. She also represented MCEF at the Emmanuel Episcopal Community Day on Sept. 19th.

There are currently 4 phone representatives that are rotating on a 3 week schedule, but more help would be welcomed! If you are interested in being involved in answering the MCEF phone, please contact Nancy at inngalli@comcast.net. A notebook of information, training, an answering machine, and WiFi are provided along with the phone.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITY

During the month of September, there were 30 requests for financial assistance and 13 were helped, with 4 pending. There were 34 thank you notes/tax receipts that were sent out for the quarter. Karen also reported that there has recently been some turnover in the management at

The Pines apartments, so she has visited and informed the new managers of the help that MCEF provides to many of their renters.

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

September 2026 income/expense accounting:

Income- \$26,413.89

Expenses- \$13,859.97

JULY Bank Statement Acct Balance - \$102,346.01

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

Karen reported that there was an increase in donations this month that was most likely due to the \$50 for 50 Years fundraising campaign, with approximately \$10,000 of the donations specifically designated for this campaign. Thank you to all who have so generously given!

Karen also reported that she has created a QR code for the MCEF website that will be posted on flyers, posters, and at fundraising events in the future. This will make it easier to access the website for anyone wishing to make an online donation.

There was a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report subject to audit. The vote was favorable.

HANOVER SENIOR RIDES

During the month of September 2026, MCEF gave 136 (one-way) rides in Mechanicsville and ACES provided 19 (one-way) rides in the Ashland area. Overall, Hanover Senior Rides provided a total of 155 (one-way) rides for the month of September.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals
MCEF-	96	114	154	141	112	148	114	138	136				
ACES -	<u>23</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>19</u>				
Total -	119	164	209	179	143	170	128	158	155				

We currently have 102 riders (MCEF has 74 and ACES has 28 riders). We currently have 31 volunteer drivers (24 with MCEF and 7 with ACES).

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 continues in hospice care.

ONE STOP SHOP (OSS) ACTIVITY FOR SEPTEMBER

Total sign ins –157 (representing 454 persons in household)

Total new clients – 6

Total # bags of food given out – 218

Total # bags for second helping –19

Total # people receiving clothing – 60

Total # people receiving linens –24

Total # people receiving socks/underwear - 21

**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

Canned Meats, Canned Pasta

We are currently collecting these items for our Thanksgiving Bags:

Green Beans, Collard Greens/Mixed Greens, Carrots, Boxed Mashed Potatoes, Stuffing, Gravy, Pumpkin, Cranberry Sauce, Brownie Mix, Shampoo, Body Wash, Hand Soap, Toothpaste

Mary reported that in August, approx. \$2,700 was spent on stocking the food pantry shelves, and in September she spent \$2,000.

CLOTHES CLOSET (and linens)

Leigh reported that we are currently giving clients linens, socks, and underwear 2X per year. She is considering changing this to once a year, in order to ensure there is enough for those who have emergency needs throughout the year.

Leigh also reminded the church representatives to be sure that all donations are being delivered during the 1st and 3rd Sundays, from 2-3:30. There is a whole team of volunteers available during these designated drop off times to help unload, and this will help reduce congestion and allow us to focus on our clients during our normal hours of operation. If you are unable to drop off during these times, please contact Pat or a supervisor, and we will be happy to arrange a better time that works for you!

Current Needs For the Clothes/Linens Closets

All Sheets - especially King

Men's Small and Medium underwear

Men's t-shirts, short and long sleeves, rounded collars, all sizes

Girl's socks

BACKPACK MINISTRY

Alan Fearnow reported that the Backpack Ministries in both locations are off to a great start! New Song is filling approximately 120 backpacks per week for 6 schools, and Grace to Go (Cool Spring Baptist) is filling about 66 backpacks for 7 schools.

Alan expressed appreciation for all the support that is coming in! MCEF donates about 100 lbs of food per month along with financial assistance when needed, the Hanover Employees Association donated 500 lbs of food in July/August, and New Song also recently donated 500 lbs of food.

FUND RAISING

- Kroger - Please connect your Kroger Plus Shopping card to MCEF #GD661 on your Kroger profile.
- NASCAR - The race was held August 14-15, 2026. The money donated by the Raceway has been received, and will be used for egg purchases. Karen has sent an email requesting double the fundraising amount for next year to compensate for the increased hours and responsibilities of our volunteers. No response has been received.
- The 9/11 Benefit Concert for 2026 generated 225 lbs of food and \$1,174. The money was split with the Hanover orchestra, with \$587.50 going to MCEF.
- The \$50 for 50 Years fundraising campaign is underway. Many donations have been received, but not all donations are specifically designated for this campaign, making it difficult to report an exact amount. Karen reported that approximately \$10,000 was specifically designated towards 50 for 50 donation at this point.

NEW BUSINESS

The 2027 Proposed Budget was presented and reviewed. A motion was made and seconded to approve the proposed budget, and it was accepted by general consent.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/EVENTS

- Sept. 1 - Oct. 20, 50 for 50 Fundraising Campaign
- Oct. 17, 11-3, Fall Festival, Northside Baptist, Brunswick Stew, inflatables, candy, music, crafts, cake walk
- Oct. 17, 3-5, Fall Festival, Black Creek Baptist, Brunswick Stew, hayrides, trunk or treat, inflatables
- Oct. 17, 4-6, Fall Festival, Fairmount Christian, Chili cookoff, hayrides, trunk or treat, petting zoo
- Oct. 24, 4-6, Fall Festival, Broadus Church, Petting zoo, music, food, Bungee Run
- Oct. 24, 5:00, Trunk or Treat, Shalom Baptist Church
- Oct. 31, 5-7, Trunk or Treat, Northside Baptist
- Nov. 7, Fall Festival, Gethsemane Church of Christ
- Nov. 7, 8:30-12:30, Healthlink Patient Appreciation Day, giving new patient exams for \$25 to benefit MCEF or Lucky Paws
- April 2027 - Black Creek will be celebrating 250 yr. Anniversary, Save the Dates coming soon.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41.

Please remember that the MCEF meetings are the second Monday of the month , unless otherwise notified. (put it on your calendar) Next Meeting - November 9, 2026 at the One Stop Shop – 7:00 p.m.

Wendy Pursel, Secretary