

The monthly meeting of MCEF was held at 7:00 p.m. at the One Stop Shop. There were 19 in attendance representing 17 churches/organizations. The meeting was called to order by the President, Pat Hubert. Mary Britton, Vice President, 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  
Episcopal Church of the Creator, Sandy Wainwright  
Fairfield Presbyterian, Nancy Gallihugh, **Client Services Coordinator**  
Fairmount Christian, Lisa Cecil  
Gethsemane, Mary Britton, **Vice President**  
Mechanicsville Baptist, Bill Blackburn  
Mechanicsville UMC, Marcy Jervey  
Messiah Lutheran, Pat Hubert, **President**  
New Song UMC, Alan Fearnow  
Northside Baptist, Trudy Carlton  
Restoration, Carol Lynne Dean  
Shalom Baptist, Linda Wade  
Truth Baptist, Wendy Pursel, **Secretary**  
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 March 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**

Nancy has delivered 4 bags of food since the end of March to the Dept. of Social Services location on Bell Creek Rd.. These bags are given to families facing a food emergency on Fridays, as there are no local food banks open on that day of the week. These bags will help provide food for them until Monday, when food banks are open. An MCEF flyer is included in each bag of food.

Nancy also attended the Hanover County Spirit of Volunteerism Awards ceremony in which a check was presented to Hanover County reflecting the dollar value of the total number of volunteer hours that have been recorded across the county this year. The check showed an amount of over \$10 million dollars! This highlights the important impact of volunteers in our county.

There are currently 4 phone representatives that are scheduled through July 4th, but more help would be welcomed! If you are interested in being involved in answering the MCEF phone, please contact Nancy Gallihugh at [innalli@comcast.net](mailto:innalli@comcast.net). Each phone representative has the phone for 2 week intervals. 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. Phone calls just need to be answered by the end of the day.

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITY**

During the month of March, there were 49 requests for financial assistance and 20 were helped, with 9 pending. 22 of the requests were not eligible based on financial assistance guidelines.

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**

March 2026 income/expense accounting:

Income- \$33,508.76

Expenses- \$16,538.08

MARCH Bank Statement Acct Balance - \$94,879.84

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

Karen reported that since we switched to PayPal for our e-giving platform, we have received \$381.04 from their “Giving Fund” in March. She expects that there will be income received from this fund each month.

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

**HANOVER SENIOR RIDES**

During the month of March 2026, MCEF gave 154 (one-way) rides in Mechanicsville and ACES provided 55 (one-way) rides in the Ashland, Elmont, and Hanover Courthouse areas. Overall, Hanover Senior Rides provided a total of 209 (one-way) rides for the month of March.

Approximately 24,000 rides have been given since the program began in 2013.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr.	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals
MCEF-	96	114	154										
ACES -	<u>23</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>55</u>										
Total -	119	164	209										

We currently have 124 riders (MCEF has 90 and ACES has 34 riders). We currently have 31 volunteer drivers (25 with MCEF and 6 with ACES). While we added one driver this year, we’ve lost two drivers this year due to health issues.

Our Operations Manager, Aimee West, and our 4 Ride Coordinators continue 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.

### **ONE STOP SHOP (OSS) ACTIVITY FOR March**

Total sign ins –163 (representing 503 persons in household)  
Total new clients – 13  
Total # bags of food given out – 231  
Total # bags for second helping –22  
Total # people receiving clothing – 71  
Total # people receiving linens –38  
Total # people receiving socks/underwear - 37

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

### **FOOD PANTRY/VOLUNTEER**

There was a significant increase in the number of clients visiting the One Stop Shop for the month of March. Donations from churches, organizations, businesses and individuals are important for keeping our shelves well stocked. In addition to incoming food donations, Mary Britton reported that an average of \$1200 a month is spent to fill in areas of need in the pantry.

#### **Current Needs For The Food Pantry**

Canned Fruit, Canned Meats  
Toothpaste, Deodorant

### **CLOTHES CLOSET (and linens)**

Although 51 bags of clothes were donated to the clothes closets in March, there were many bags that contained winter clothes that cannot be used due to limited storage space. Spring and summer clothes are being accepted at this time.

#### **Current Needs For the Clothes/Linens Closets**

Men's jeans - (Waist - 32, 34, 36 any length)  
Men's short sleeved shirts and t-shirts  
Women's tops and bottoms size XL and larger  
Sheets all sizes

### **BACKPACK MINISTRY**

Currently, New Song is providing 147 backpacks per week, and Grace To Go is sending approximately 70 backpacks. MCEF continues to provide support to these ministries.

### **FUND RAISING**

- NASCAR - Race dates for next year are August 14-15, 2026. Please see Karen Tucker if you are interested in volunteering.
- Kroger - Please connect your Kroger Plus Shopping card to MCEF #GD661 on your Kroger profile.
- The 9/11 Benefit Concert for 2026 will mark 25 yrs. For 9/11 and 50 yrs. for MCEF. The American Legion Post and the Hanover Strings Orchestra will perform for this event.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

The taxes have been completed and the Audit Committee will meet in April.

In order to complete taxes this year, it was necessary to switch from the short form 990EZ to the long form 990. As a result, Bylaws are in the process of being updated to reflect current practices.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS/EVENTS**

- April 18, 11-1:30, 50 Year Anniversary Celebration Luncheon, Fairmount Christian
- April 19, 12-2, Spring Festival, Restoration Church
- May 21-23, Yard Sale, Northside Baptist
- Restoration Church is currently collecting donations of shoes as a fundraiser for a Service Dog. If you have shoes to donate for this cause, you may bring them to the OSS during operating hours and Carol Dean will pick them up for the church.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

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

**Next Meeting - May 11, 2026 at the One Stop Shop – 7:00 p.m.**

Wendy Pursel, Secretary