



## East Community Gathering Presbytery of Coastal Carolina



January 11, 2019

Dear Friends:

The East Community will gather as the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina on Saturday, **January 26, 2019 at Beulaville Presbyterian Church, 205 East Main Street, Beulaville, NC 28518**. Directions are included in this packet.

The East Steering Team has been working enthusiastically to plan for this East Gathering, and is particularly excited about hosting our new Presbytery General Presbyter/State Clerk, Jerrod Lowry as he comes to share some of his vision for our Presbytery. We will take care of some Presbytery business including the examination of a Candidate for Ministry being called to one of our East Community churches, as well as the election of Moderator, Vice-Moderator, and Clerk for our Gatherings in 2019. We also will have some brief reports from two key ministries we support, Community Counseling Center (formerly Presbyterian Counseling Center) and Camp Kirkwood.

We recognize Hurricane Florence has created great challenges for us, and yet, we continue to look forward to seek God's will for our ministry together. We are grateful to be "*In God's Hands*." The Steering Team has sought to assess the damage in our Community from Hurricane Florence and was able to respond with some small grants for East Community Churches seeking to do long term relief. The **offering** received during worship will benefit continued outreach related to Hurricane Relief. *All checks for the offering should be payable to Presbytery of Coastal Carolina.*

This **packet** includes the schedule, business meeting agenda, reports, and items of information. *Guidelines for a First Time Elder Commissioner* are on the Presbytery website: [www.presbycc.org](http://www.presbycc.org). **To be excused from the meeting send an email to [jankrause@presbycc.org](mailto:jankrause@presbycc.org) or call the Presbytery office at 910-862-8300.** Please read all the materials in this packet in advance.

Morning refreshments will be offered, and we plan to adjourn so you can get lunch on the way home. A list of local restaurants is provided in this packet.

### **Registration and Voting:**

Registration begins at 9:00am. At each registration table there will be notebooks for you to print your name. There will be 3 groups: **(1) Teaching Elders and CREs, (2) Ruling Elder commissioners who will register under their church name, and Committee Chairs, and (3) Visitors.** Everyone will receive the same stick-on name tag, however, *only duly elected Ruling Elder commissioners and Teaching Elder members of the East Community may vote during the business meeting.*

**Childcare** will be offered. To reserve space call Beulaville Presbyterian Church office (910) 298-3869 by January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please bring snacks for your child.

Our Gathering activities begin at 9:30am with our Business portion of the Gathering. It promises to be a great day! See you then!

Faithfully from the East Community Steering Team:

Wanda Marks, Jeanette McNeil, Rev. Marie Cone, Rev. Emile Harley, Rev. Hank Bellomy, Pat Davis, Rev. Robb Lapp, Matlynn Yeoman, Rev. Bill Young, Rev. Nancy Gladden (staff resource).

## Directions

205 East Main St.  
Beulaville, NC 28518  
910-298-3869 (church office)

### **From points west take I-40 east:**

Take exit 373 onto NC-903, NC-24 E toward Kenansville. Turn left onto S NC 903. Travel six miles and turn right at traffic light onto E NC 24 HWY. Travel 10 miles, the church is on the left, turn left onto N. Thomas St.

### **From points south take I-40 west:**

Take exit 385 toward Beulaville. Turn right onto S NC 41 HWY toward Beulaville for 17 miles. At traffic light in Beulaville make a right onto E. Main St (East NC-24). In 350 feet turn left onto N. Thomas St. Church is on the right.

### **From Carteret and Onslow Counties:**

Take W NC 24 HWY into Beulaville. HWY 24 becomes Main St. The church is on the right. Turn right onto N. Thomas St.



## Restaurants in Beulaville

### **Fast Food:**

IGA Deli  
614 W Main St.

Pizza Hut  
104 E Main St.

Subway  
105 E Park Dr.

Hardee's  
120 W Main St.

Bojangles  
426 N Jackson St.

McDonald's  
207 W Main St.

### **Casual Dining:**

Ann's Thai Kitchen  
169 NC-11 Hwy

Pizza Village  
81 W Main St.

Hwy 55  
604 W Main St.

\*\*Duff's Restaurant is closed on Saturdays.

# East Community Gathering Schedule

Presbytery of Coastal Carolina  
Saturday, January 26, 2019  
Beulaville Presbyterian Church  
Beulaville, NC



## *“In God’s Hands”*

9:00	<i>Welcome!</i> Registration and Refreshments	Sanctuary Breezeway
9:30	Presbytery Business Meeting	Sanctuary
10:30	Break with refreshments available	Fellowship Hall
10:45	Keynote The Rev. Jerrod Lowry General Presbyter/Stated Clerk	Sanctuary
11:30	Shared Mission Presentations Luke Dooley, Director, Camp Kirkwood Rev. Jonathan Kelley, Director, Community Counseling Center	Sanctuary
11:45	Break with refreshments available	Fellowship Hall
12:00	Worship Together	Sanctuary

*“But I trust in you, O Lord; I say, “You are my God,” My times are in your hand.”*  
—Psalm 31:14-15



**East Community Gathering  
as the  
Presbytery of Coastal Carolina  
9:30am      January 26, 2019  
Beulaville Presbyterian Church**



***Business Agenda***

Call to Order and Opening Prayer	Rev. Emile Harley, Moderator
Declaration of Quorum	
Welcome from Host Pastor	Rev. Hank Bellomy
Introductions	Rev. Emile Harley
Call for New Business <i>(must be presented in writing to the clerk's table within 15 min. of call)</i>	
Adoption of the Agenda	Rev. Bill Young, Steering Team Chair
East Steering Team Report	Rev. Bill Young
Commission on Ministry Report	Rev. Ben Burrows, Moderator, East-COM
Presbytery Transformation Coaches' Report	The Rev. Drs. Beverly and George Thompson
Attendance Report	RE Matlynn Yeoman
Words of Thanks and Closing Prayer	Dr. Janie Canty-Mitchell, Vice-moderator

**Next Presbytery meetings:**

- **March 2, 2019      Laurinburg Presbyterian Church**
- **June 15, 2019      East Community Gathering, Southport Presbyterian Church**
- **October 12, 2019      First Presbyterian Church, Dunn**

**Presbytery of Coastal Carolina  
East Steering Team Report  
January 26, 2019**

The East Community Steering Team has met monthly since the June 2018 Gathering, and has worked faithfully to offer events for the East Community and to plan for East Gatherings.

The June “Walk the Talk” East Gathering was a wonderful experience of being in mission in the Wilmington area. There have been many requests to do this again, possibly in another area of the East Community. Approximately 80% of our churches have completed their sessional record review. We would love to make that 100%! Despite some complications due to Hurricane Florence, officer training was offered in the fall with good attendance. Shared mission funds were granted to Camp Kirkwood and to the Community Counseling Center to benefit these ministries. Scholarship monies were made available for youth to participate in Presbytery youth activities. Shared Mission funds were also directed to six churches across the East Community in areas which were hard hit by Hurricane Florence to be used for disaster relief.

**Action Item:** The East Community Nominating Committee requests approval of the following nominations for the positions indicated:

For 2019 East Gatherings:

Rev. Emile Harley (SE)	Moderator/Facilitator
Dr. Janie Canty-Mitchell (SE)	Vice-moderator
Rev. Marie Cone (SE)	Recording Clerk
Rev. Philip Gladden (NE)	Assistant Recording Clerk

East Community Steering Team

Class of 2020 (5)

Rev. Hank Bellomy (NE)  
Ms. Pat Davis (SE)  
Ms. Joyce Winkler (SE)  
Ms. Matlynn Yeoman (SE)  
Rev. Bill Young (NE)

East Community Mission Cabinet Representatives (3)

Rev. Hank Bellomy (NE)      Ms. Matlynn Yeoman (SE)      Rev. Bill Young (NE)

East Community Mission Cabinet Executive Committee (1)

Ms. Matlynn Yeoman (SE)

**Presbytery of Coastal Carolina**  
East Commission on Ministry  
Report to January Gathering

**Action Items:** Examination of Candidate for Ordination

1. That Candidate, T. Wes Moore, under the care of Middle Tennessee Presbytery, be admitted to the floor for examination for ordination and reception as a member of the Presbytery

(Faith and Bio Statements on following pages)

**New Minister Members:**

Rev. Bruce Berry from the New Hope Presbytery

**Additions to Supply List:**

- Lora Rissmiller, QRE, with sacramental privileges

**Relationships Approved:**

1. Rev. Martha Highsmith, Stated Supply, and McClure Memorial through December 2019
2. John Frye, CRE, and St. Andrews-Covenant through December 2019
3. Rev. Ruth Bayley, Temporary Supply, and Oak Grove through December 2019
4. Rev. Robert Bayley, Stated Supply, and Pike Rocky Point, through April 30, 2019
5. Rev. Philip Siebbeles, Temporary Supply, and Rockfish through December 2019
6. Mark Houston, CRE, and Hallsville through December 2021
7. Rev. Sean Palmer, Temporary Supply, and Chestnut Street through December 2019
8. Rev. Richard Aylor, Interim Associate for Christian Formation and Congregational Care, and First Wilmington, through October 5, 2019
9. Johnny Pickett, CRE, and Grove Kenansville
10. Rev. Richard Boyd, Stated Supply, and Croatan through December 2019
11. Rev. Claude Gamble, Stated Supply, and Woodburn through December 2019
12. Charles Smiley, Commissioned Ruling Elder, and Chinquapin through December 2019
13. Kenneth Yearick, Temporary Supply, and Grace through December 2019 with sacramental privileges
14. Rev Julie Gicker-Anderson, Stated Supply, and Trinity Havelock through December 2019
15. Rev. Jamie Thompson, Temporary Supply, and Pink Hill through December 2019
16. T. Wes Moore and Pollocksville PC, March 2019

**Moderators Approved:**

1. Rev. David Vanderbilt to moderate Bethel/Beulaville
2. Rev. Hank Bellomy to moderate Pleasant View

**Other Items:**

1. Approved Rev. Charles Elliott to labor outside the bounds in New Harmony Presbytery

## 2. Rev. Pat Fletcher was dismissed to Salem Presbytery

### Statement of Faith – T. Wes Moore

I believe that God creates every one of us in God's image and calls creation "very good." God is Sovereign over everything in the universe from the smallest atom to the largest whale and everything in between. We have been made to be stewards of the Earth and mindful of what God had made. However, humanity rebelled against God and, yet, God showed mercy to our first parents in the garden and gave them clothes to wear. Despite humanity's shortcomings, God called our forebears, Abraham and Sarah, and promised them a multitude of descendants. God sent the prophets to declare to the world that God desired to renew God's covenant with them. Even now, we continue to fall short by abusing the Earth's resources, harming each other, and acting as if we are truly sovereign.

Despite our arrogance, God sent us Jesus Christ, who was truly human and truly God to be an example for us and to bring us into a right relationship with God the Creator. Jesus ministered to the last and least, surrounded himself with people who were on the margins, taught us to love God, neighbor, and ourselves, and spoke truth to power. Ultimately, he was put to death, but was resurrected. Through his death and resurrection, he broke the power of sin and death and we await his coming again.

As Christ promised, the Holy Spirit has become our advocate and comforter who moves through us and in us and binds us. The Holy Spirit is the holy breath that God breathed on creation and peace that Jesus breathed on the frightened disciples in the upstairs room following his resurrection. It is the Spirit who guides us in our lives as we who are called to be the Church.

When we gather together as members of Christ's body around the font, table, or pulpit, we encounter God's grace as we are reminded and bear witness to God's marvelous and wonderful love that has no end. It is in the Word and Sacraments that direct our attention to this amazing love-past, present, and future-and we as believers, by the power of the Holy Spirit, are to make known that same radical love throughout all the world.

God is still active in creation today. While we do fall short continuously, we know that our Savior sympathizes with our weaknesses as he was tempted, too. While we may never live perfect lives, we as the Church have Christ as our example and we, through the power of the Holy Spirit, are to live as Christ taught us to live and bring a glimpse of God's reign on earth. We are called to be the hands and feet of Christ and love our neighbors, care for the marginalized, be faithful stewards of creation, and be the agents of love and grace the world desperately needs.

## T. Wes Moore Faith Journey

I am the youngest of five boys and was born to two loving parents: Tom Moore and the late Lanena Moore. My parents were and are people of a deep faith. My earliest memories are centered around going to church, praying before a meal, and singing together from the hymnal in the pew. My parents knew the Savior and they made sure I knew him, too. While I was raised a Southern Baptist in Tennessee, I discovered the Presbyterian Church (USA) in 2001 in our small town of Columbia, Tennessee. After several visits, I told my parents that once I turned 18, I would become a Presbyterian because I was drawn to the worship practices of the PCUSA and that women were also eligible to be in ordered ministry. So, in 2004, during my first semester at Tennessee Technological University in Cookeville, Tennessee, the Spirit led me to First Presbyterian in Cookeville, where I was an active member the five years I was in college. The church nurtured me as a young student who was becoming an adult. The congregation was there during the joyful moments of the numerous concerts and recitals I was involved in as a music major and also the sorrowful time of my mother's death.

It was in college that I saw the beauty of the Great Cloud of Witnesses when going through times of happiness and sadness. My home congregation continued to walk with me and showed me that in all circumstances, the Lord was and is right there beside me. This relationship with First Presbyterian Cookeville continued after I graduated from Tennessee Tech to my moving to Dallas, Texas to pursue a Master of Sacred Music at the Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University. It continued through my time as a Director of Music Ministries in Shreveport, Louisiana to my discerning of the Spirit's call to ordered ministry as a Minister of the Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA).

In 2015, after being approved by the Middle Tennessee Presbytery to become an Inquirer, I moved from Shreveport to Richmond, Virginia to continue the living out and exploring my call as a Minister of the Word and Sacrament. Shortly after starting at Union Presbyterian Seminary, I met the love of my life, the Rev. Lauren Voyles. We will be married on March 16, 2019.

During my time at Union in Richmond, I have been blessed with ministry opportunities, including my time in Clinical Pastoral Education in a hospital setting, a parish internship, and most recently, as a post-graduate intern where I provided pastoral care and preached on a weekly basis. The different aspects of ministry experiences throughout the three and a half years in Richmond have been challenging and meaningful.

Now, I am honored and humbled to have been led to Pollocksville Presbyterian Church. The call process has been a journey full of twists and turns for me as I am sure it has been for them. After much prayer and discernment, we believe God is bringing us together. For all the work that has been done, is being done, and will be done, it is not because of anything we have accomplished as individuals, a congregation, or as a presbytery, it is because of our Lord who is working in and through us.