

What's In Session?

June 2026

Rev. Harrington called the meeting to order and called on Jane Davis who offered a devotion and opened the meeting with prayer.

Ends Education: Elders regularly receive education about our “ends,” or guiding principles of our church, to ensure alignment with our long-term strategic plans. The guest speaker was Major Ken Morris, the Salvation Army's Corps Officer for the Cape Fear region, which serves a five-county area: New Hanover, Brunswick, Pender, Columbus and Bladen counties. Morris provided an update on the organization's new facility, Center of Hope, which offers 75 shelter beds serving men, women and children, including family suites. This replaces a smaller facility that was in operation for more than 30 years. The Salvation Army is also planning a new community center at the site, off Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway, to add space for services.

Worship task force: The Worship Task Force recommended an update for the upcoming program year running through May 2027 that SACPC continue to have two Sunday services as follows:

- A 9 a.m. worship service with a variety of music styles, including contemporary (but no organ), with the service ending by 9:50 a.m. to allow more time for Sunday School. This could include bands, piano, soloists and acoustic guitar.
- A 11 a.m. traditional worship service.

The Session voted to approve the plan. The task force will continue meeting to plan and evaluate the service.

Shower trailer: Go & Serve recommends that the Session approve hosting the Vigilant Hope shower trailer in the Brown Hall parking lot every other Thursday, 5-7 p.m. This would require about 6 volunteers per night. The Session approved the proposal with the plan to start in August.

Katie Harrington report: Rev. Harrington shared:

- **Camp Fusion:** The building is alive this week with more than 50 kids and volunteers with lots of joy and laughter.
- **T Worrell** was approved for ordination and installation at Woodburn Presbyterian Church in Leland.
- **Jen Phelps:** June 28 is Jen's last Sunday as youth director.
- **A search committee** has been formed to search for a full-time staff member focusing on children and youth. Co-chairs are Marjorie Lanier and Rita Pasquarillo. Members are Stephanie Gould, Eliza Johnson, Justin Lockamy, Emily Vassar and Randy Warner.
- **Capital campaign update:** SACPC has received \$1.7 million toward the capital campaign and 49 of 166 pledges have been fulfilled.

Rev. Lucas adjourned the meeting with prayer.