

The monthly meeting of MCEF was held at 7:00 p.m. at the One Stop Shop. There were 18 in attendance representing 15 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, Karen Tucker, **Treasurer**
Broadus Baptist, Neil Turner
Church of the Redeemer, Ed Soniat
Cool Spring Baptist, Ann Kennedy
Fairfield Presbyterian, Nancy Gallihugh, **Client Services Coordinator**
Fairmount Christian, Marshall Johnson
LDS Chickahominy, Marge Friel
Mechanicsville UMC, Mary Jervey
Messiah Lutheran, Gladys Hubert
Messiah Lutheran, Pat Hubert, **President**
Northside Baptist, Trudy Carlton
Restoration Church, Carol Dean
Shady Grove UMC, Tina Tupper
Shalom Baptist, Linda Wade
Truth Baptist, Wendy Pursel, **Secretary**
Walnut Grove Baptist, Charlie Rasnick, **Senior Rides Coordinator**
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 Gallihugh attended 3 events in March, and made arrangements to meet with those who are interested in organizing food drives.

There are currently 4 phone representatives, and the schedule runs through June 21st.

If you are interested in being involved in answering the MCEF phone, please contact Nancy Gallihugh at inngalli@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 28 requests for financial assistance and 13 were helped with 5 pending. There have been 23 requests so far in the month of April.

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 2025 income/expense accounting:

Income- \$26,893.28

Expenses- \$13,771.41

Acct balance end of the month - \$78,666.92

Certificate of Deposit at Edward Jones - \$200,103.40

Karen Tucker reported that the income for March was approx. double the amount of our expenses due to the generous donations made by faithful churches and organizations. In expenses, the rent payment was for 2 months, and we are now set up for automatic monthly payments. Form 102 has been signed, which gives MCEF the right to solicit donations. 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 2025, MCEF gave 158 (one-way) rides in Mechanicsville and ACES provided 26 (one-way) rides in the Ashland, Elmont, and Hanover Courthouse areas. Overall, Hanover Senior Rides provided a total of 184 (one-way) rides for the month of March.

2025 monthly ride totals:

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr.	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
MCEF-	110	94	158									
ACES -	<u>28</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>26</u>									
Total -	138	118	184									

We currently have 132 riders (MCEF has 105 and ACES has 27 riders). Also, we currently have 31 volunteer drivers (25 with MCEF and 6 with ACES).

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 –155 (representing 478 persons in household)

Total new clients –10

Total # bags of food given out – 210

Total # bags for second helping –25

Total bags of clothing given out – 71

Total bags of linens given out – 4

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

****Please note that there will be NO DONATION SUNDAY on the 3rd Sunday in April - April 20th (Easter Sunday).**

FOOD PANTRY/VOLUNTEER

We are so thankful for the support of the Hannover County Sheriff's Dept.. They recently conducted a "Fill the Trunk" event, which provided MCEF with a pickup truck load of needed items such as paper towels, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc.

Current Needs For The Food Pantry

Personal Care Items - Shampoo, deodorant, bar soap
Condiments - Ketchup, Mayonnaise
Pasta sides

CLOTHES CLOSET (and linens)

Leigh Negvesky reported that the winter clothes have been removed from the closets, and spring and summer clothes are being provided. A good amount of donations have been coming in, and the clothing team has been meeting on Friday mornings to sort donations. Please be reminded that we do not accept clothing that is stained, dirty, torn, out of date, or with slogans/advertising.

Current Needs For the Clothes/Linens Closets

Socks - Girls and Women's
9 month boys and girls clothes

BACKPACK MINISTRY

During the 2024 school year, 3,914 backpacks were prepared and delivered, which equates to 23,484 meals, reaching an average of 115 kids each week during school. There are approximately 12 churches and community organizations that work together in this ministry, including MCEF.

Current Needs for Backpacks

Individual serving sizes with pop tops or easy lids, microwaveable:
(fruit cups, mac and cheese, canned pasta (such as Chef Boyardee).
small soup (chicken noodle or tomato), Ramen noodle cups, cereal bars,
cereal)

FUND RAISING

- NASCAR - next upcoming race - August 15-16. This will be the only race this year.
- Kroger - Please connect your Kroger Plus Shopping card to MCEF #GD661 on your Kroger profile. Kroger has recently donated a check of \$92.43 to MCEF from this fundraiser.

- The 9/11 Benefit Concert will be held again next year, with a commitment from the Hanover High string orchestra to perform at Walnut Grove Baptist Church.

OLD BUSINESS

- The audit committee met and completed the audit on March 21st. Alan Fearnow reported that everything was in order.

NEW BUSINESS

- Millie's Home - Nancy Gallihugh and Leigh Negvesky recently attended an informational meeting about Millie's Home. This is the first home of its kind in Hanover County, which will provide housing and support for up to 18 months for women with unplanned pregnancies. This home has been purchased by Life Church, and will also provide a Safe House for women who are victims of trafficking. There is an application process to qualify, and brochures are available. Their motto is Rescued, Redeemed, Resilient. Through this meeting, Nancy and Leigh were able to offer any support MCEF is able to provide through clothing/food if needed. For more information, please visit Millieshome.com

ANNOUNCES/EVENTS

From MCEF:

- Donna Combs, a faithful MCEF volunteer, committee leader, and board member was awarded the "Spirit of Dedication" award at the annual Hanover County Spirit of Volunteerism Awards night held on April 8th at Atlee High School. Congratulations to Donna - we thank you for your 48 years of dedication to MCEF!
- The 50th Anniversary planning committee will meet on Saturday, April 26, from 10:00-11:30 at the OSS.

From Churches/Organizations:

- April 20th, 6:30am, Easter Sunrise Service, Broadus
- Tuesdays, 9-5, Habitat for Humanity Restore, discount shopping
- May 2, 10-8, Hanover Mercantile Grand Opening, 8109 Judith Ln., Mechanicsville 23116. Selling all local, Va. made products.
- May 2-3, 7-12, Everything's A Dollar Yard Sale, St. Paul Lutheran
- May 8, 10-1, Hanover Centenarian Celebration, Covenant Woods (contact Debbie Preston at dapreston@hanovercounty.com)
- May 9, 1:00, Restoration Church Golf Tournament, Hunting Hawk - golfers and sponsors are still needed!
- May 15, 8:30-1, Finding Value In Your Prime event for seniors, Fairmount Church (go to Hanover Parks and Recreation website to register). Venders, breakfast, lunch.
- June 9-12, 9-12, VBS, Restoration Church

The group shared any prayer concerns followed by the Lord's Prayer.
The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 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 12, 2025 at the One Stop Shop – 7:00 p.m.

Wendy Pursel, Secretary