It was with great joy and thanksgiving that we gathered at Cook’s Memorial Presbyterian Church. Our 2019 Moderator, Elder Doris Boyd (C.N. Jenkins). Elder Boyd called the meeting to order and opened with prayer. Rev. Lynn Thompson Bryant, Rev. Matt Conner and Rev. Bob Breed brought greetings on behalf of the host churches.

The Presbytery entered into a time of worship with Rev. Katherine Kerr, Associate Pastor of First-Charlotte Church, delivering the sermon. Special music was provided by the choirs of Cook’s Memorial, Pleasant Grove and Newell Churches, under the direction of Rev. Charles Matthews, Cook’s Memorial’s Musical Director. The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper was led by Rev. Lynn Thompson Bryant (Cook’s Memorial) and Rev. Lorenzo Small (First United). Other worship participants included Megan Argabrite, (The Grove), Ardith Skidmore (Central Steele Creek) and Catherine Sloan (Philadelphia).
the Presbytery about MRC "Connectors", who are assigned to each church to offer support in mission and ministry in our communities. She also informed the Presbytery about the grants opportunities for churches that are provided by the MRC.

General Presbyter, Rev. Dr. Jan Edmiston gave an overview on how mission giving from churches is used to support the various ministries of the Presbytery. She also shared how per capita funds are used and the many ways each of the six agencies of the PC(USA) support our local churches and presbyteries.

The report of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM) was presented by Co-Moderators, Rev. Carol Hassell and Rev. Ron Nelson. Liz DeNittis Sharon and Allyson Anderson (Myers Park) were enrolled as inquirers in the preparation for ministry process. Megan Argabrite (The Grove) was examined and approved as a Candidate in the preparation for Ministry process. Ardith Skidmore (Central Steele Creek) was examined and approved to be ordained as a minister of word and sacrament. She will be serving as Temporary Pastor to Locust Church pending her ordination.

The Committee on Ministry (COM) granted honorable retirement to Rev. Dr. Larry Hill, who retired as pastor of Woodland Church last December. Rev. Edward Newberry paid tribute to Larry for his 44 plus years of ministry. COM Co-Moderator, The COM also granted honorable retirement to Rev. Gus Succop, retiring as Pastor to Quail Hollow Church, Rev. Annette Bedord, who and Rev. R. Palmer Trice. Rev. Dr. Millie Snyder presented certificates Rev. Hill, Rev. Succop and Rev. Bedford on behalf of the Presbytery. The body gave each of them a standing ovation in thanks for their service to the Presbytery.