



A Special Edition SPARKS

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Presbytery Meeting in Elmodel*

PAVING THE WAY for a PRESBYTERY MEETING

A BIG thank you goes out to **Clark Simmons (far right)** and the **Board of Pensions (BOP)** who hosted a helpful seminar around clergy benefits and finance the day before our last presbytery meeting. **Mack Roane (far left)**, a volunteer for our presbytery and a member of Westminster (WR), is also available to answer questions. His contact info can be found on our website.



IT TAKES A VILLAGE to PREPARE for a MEETING!

Heart-felt thanks goes to the following (from left to right): **Marilyn Tucker-Marek**, our new presbytery moderator, **Abbie Ryon**, a student at Mercer who was a wonderful addition to our meeting in our play "Peanut Goes to Presbytery", **Katie Davis**, the youngest member of our Guatemala trip, **Jim Rodgers and Michelle and Glenn Cobb**, our remarkable set-up team, and **Ginny, Penny, and Kent Sanders of Elmodel**, who graciously hosted the team at their home for dinner before presbytery.

WARMTH AND WELCOME in the name of CHRIST!

Elmodel hosts and worship participants, **Kent Sanders** (Clerk of Session) and his daughter, **Elizabeth Cantrell**, who serves as the co-moderator of our presbytery's Education and Nurture Team.

On behalf of FRP, thank you so much Elmodel saints for your careful preparation, your good-natured flexibility, and your warm hospitality!

*Thank you Elmodel for being
such marvelous hosts!*



*Our new clerks focusing intently
during the meeting!*

Recording Clerk Deb Wilson (left) is a ruling elder at Covenant (Albany) and **Stated Clerk Becky Willis** is a commissioned ruling elder at our Cairo and Dawes congregations. In the background, to the right of the flag, is **Connie Happell**, a newer face to this presbytery, who helped lead us in remembering our baptisms. **Connie currently serves as the interim campus minister at the Abbey @ CSU.**



Outgoing moderator **Richard Shelton**, a ruling elder at First (Valdosta) smiles broadly as he passes the gavel to our new moderator **Marilyn Tucker-Marek**, a teaching elder at Forsyth and UKirk at Mercer University.

Thank you both for your marvelous commitment to our life together!



Eric Newman, temporary supply at Elmodel, greets the presbytery.

Eric is a dedicated member of our presbytery's Education and Nurture team and was so excited about the work accomplished therein, that he invited a member of the Elmodel congregation to join him in this work.

The member, **Elizabeth Cantrell** (*pictured earlier*), gladly accepted and thus, began a deepening partnership between congregation and presbytery, culminating in their loving offer to host presbytery!

Our invitations change lives!

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISMS



Insick Jang of Korean (Columbus) and his wife, **Young**, remember their baptism with quiet reverence. Insick opened our presbytery meeting with a beautiful rendition of "Amazing Grace" played on the harmonica.

AMAZING GRAZE -- an opportunity to connect!



Sommer Bower, teaching elder at First (Americus) and **Kelley Courtney**, ruling elder at First (Albany) smile as they serve!

Both women serve our presbytery in countless ways in the midst of being busy mothers!

Karl Kling, pastor at Bainbridge and a newer face in our presbytery, assisted in opening worship and then enjoyed the company of **Jim Rodgers**, CRE in Camilla.

The presbytery honored both Jim and his wife, Gale, for the countless ways in which they have supported our mission in the past years.

The Rodgers duo will move to Michigan in April -- we wish you every joy and blessing!



Our newly installed moderator **Marilyn Tucker-Marek**, pastor at Forsyth and campus minister at Macon UKirk, speaks with **Rosa Stewart**, elder at Carver Heights and our presbytery's moderator of PW.



Pam Moyer, staff associate for Mission and Evangelism, together with **Linda Gunn** of Beth Salem (Columbus), reflect with PW Moderator **Rosa Stewart** during Forum Time. During this time Rosa shared the many, many ways in which PW generously provides mission support throughout our presbytery and throughout the world!



Left: **Sandi Thompson-Royer**, our mission co-worker in Guatemala, shares about our presbytery's recent trip to support the work of PW in this country.



Above and to the right: **Donna Minich** of **First (Americus)** shares movingly about her recent experiences in Guatemala during our presbytery trip.

WORSHIP TIME

Brian Thompson-Royer, our mission co-worker in Guatemala, shared the Good News of our shared partnership, which is grounded in our love of Jesus Christ.



Katie Davis, a 16-year old from Warner Robins who providentially learned about this trip and decided to go, spoke of our work as "collateral repair" in the midst of "collateral damage".

These are some of the highlights of our meeting together. To learn more, ask your pastor or presbytery commissioner so we may stay prayerfully connected in our mission to support our congregations and campus ministries!

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