The monthly meeting of MCEF was held at 7:00 p.m. at the One Stop Shop. There were 18 in attendance representing 13 churches/organizations. The meeting was called to order by the President, Pat Hubert. Charlie Rasnick, Sr. Rides Coordinator, opened with prayer. The agenda was adopted by general consent.

All Souls Episcopal, Rick Morrison
Broadus Baptist, Bonnie Turner
Church of the Redeemer, Ed Soniat
Cool Spring Baptist, Ann Kennedy
Fairfield Presbyterian, Nancy Gallihugh, **Client Services Coordinator**
Fairmount Christian, Gail Ellis
Fairmount Christian, Lisa Cecil
Fairmount Christian, Wendy Pursel, **Secretary**
Gethsemene, Mary Britton, **Vice President**
Messiah Lutheran, Glady Hubert
Messiah Lutheran, Pat Hubert, **President**
New Song UMC, Alan Fearnow
Northside Baptist, Trudy Carlton
Restoration, Carol Lynne Dean
Restoration, Karen Tucker, **Treasurer**
Shalom Baptist, Linda Wade
Walnut Grove Baptist, Charlie Rasnick, **Sr. Rides Coordinator**
Leigh Negvesky, **Clothing Coordinator**

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Minutes of the October 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

On October 24th, Nancy represented MCEF at the Broadus Fall Festival. On October 28th, she delivered 2 bags of food with MCEF flyers to the Dept. of Social Services on Bell Creek Rd. MCEF has been providing bags of food and informational flyers to this location for families who are in need of a food source on Fridays, to carry them through the weekend until they can get to an open food bank.
There are currently 4 phone representatives that are rotating on a 3 week schedule. If anyone is interested in being involved as a phone rep, please reach out to Nancy at inngalli@comcast.net. This is a volunteer opportunity that can be done from home - a notebook of information, training, an answering machine, and WiFi are provided along with the phone.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITY

October was a busy month - there were 36 requests for financial assistance and 23 were helped, with 1 pending.

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

October 2026 income/expense accounting:
Income- $26,204.37
Expenses- $21,910.75
OCTOBER Bank Statement Acct Balance - $105,142.18
Certificate of Deposit at Edward Jones - $200,000.00

Karen reported that October's expenses were high due to Sr. Rides expense checks, increased financial assistance numbers, and lots of food expenses to fill the pantry shelves. She also reported an increase in income, most likely due to the "$50 for 50 Years" fundraising campaign. There were many individual donations that were received this month, along with an increase in church/organization 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 October 2026, MCEF gave 116 (one-way) rides in Mechanicsville and ACES provided 35 (one-way) rides in the Ashland area. Overall, Hanover Senior Rides provided a total of 151 (one-way) rides for the month of October.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals
MCEF-	96	114	154	141	112	148	114	138	136	116			
ACES -	23	50	55	38	31	22	14	20	19	35			
Total -	119	164	209	179	143	170	128	158	155	151			

We currently have 110 riders (MCEF has 78 and ACES has 32 riders). Two of our drivers resigned at the end of October, so we currently have 29 volunteer drivers (22 with MCEF and 7 with ACES). Lori Kaeberle, our Operations Manager and our Ride Coordinators are doing a great job in managing the daily operation of the ministry, scheduling rides, providing information, and communicating with the riders and our volunteer drivers.
Please continue your prayers for Aimee West as she continues in hospice care.

ONE STOP SHOP (OSS) ACTIVITY FOR OCTOBER

Total sign ins –190 (representing 555 persons in household)
Total new clients – 14
Total # bags of food given out – 269
Total # bags for second helping –23
Total # Thanksgiving bags of food - 29
Total # people receiving clothing – 87
Total # people receiving linens –21
Total # people receiving socks/underwear - 29

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

FOOD PANTRY/VOLUNTEER

Current Needs For The Food Pantry

Condiments, Boxed Meals (esp. Tuna Helper)

Mary reported that the Thanksgiving bags are going well, and we will continue with Holiday bags right after Thanksgiving.

CLOTHES CLOSET (and linens)

Leigh reported that she was contacted by a teacher from Richmond City Schools requesting help for a student in need, and Leigh is able to provide a Winter coat for this student.

Current Needs For the Clothes/Linens Closets

Full size sheets
Coats, all sizes
Men's t-shirts, short and long sleeves, rounded collars, all sizes

BACKPACK MINISTRY

Alan Fearnow reported that the Backpack Ministries in both locations are going well. New Song is filling approximately 112 backpacks per week for 6 schools, and Grace to Go (Cool Spring Baptist) is filling about 65 backpacks for 7 schools.
Alan expressed appreciation for all the support that is coming in! In addition to the 500 lbs. of food donated by both the Hanover Employees Association and New Song, it was reported that MCEF also donated approx. 500 lbs of food for the start of the year. MCEF will continue to support this ministry throughout the year both with food and monetary donations.

FUND RAISING

- Kroger - Please connect your Kroger Plus Shopping card to MCEF #GD661 on your Kroger profile.
- NASCAR - The race was held August 14-15, 2026. The money donated by the Raceway has been received, and will be used for egg purchases.
- The 9/11 Benefit Concert - The Hanover High Orchestra has agreed to a 2027 concert.
- The $50 for 50 Years fundraising campaign was successful! As of November 1st, $13, 422 in donations were coded specifically for the 50 for 50 campaign. However, when compared to last year's donation income for Sept./Oct., donation income for Sept./Oct. of this year increased approx. $22,000.

OLD BUSINESS

MCEF has received a donation of 4 cemetery plots at Signal Hill that we are offering to anyone who has a need. Please spread the word and contact Pat Hubert if there is anyone at your church/business who is interested.

NEW BUSINESS

- The 5th Annual Caregiver Expo will be held on Friday, November 13th, at the First Baptist Church of Ashland, 800 Thompson St., Ashland. This expo would benefit anyone providing care to older adults, with presentations of information related to adult care topics. Contact Hanover County Dept. of Community Resources at 804-365-4300 for information and registration.
- Circles Program in Ashland is a program designed to help people become financially stable, ending the cycle of poverty within the family. Families are matched with higher income volunteers who will mentor, coach, and train in the areas of personal finance, communication skills for getting a job, and healthy relationships. Contact www.circlesashland.org or 804-551-3298 if you are interested.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/EVENTS

- Nov. 13 - 7:00, Nov. 14 - 2:00, Nov. 15 - 2:00, Shadowlands Performance, Fairmount Christian
- Nov. 14, 9-3, Craft Bazaar, Redeemer, bring a canned food donation
- Nov. 25, 6:30, Thanksgiving Eve. service, Fairmount Christian, bring canned food donation
- Dec. 4, 7-10, No Room at the Inn Preview Gala, Redeemer, tickets available at church office or website to benefit MCEF, Moments of Hope, and a new home in Haiti. Additional exhibit and activity times are Dec. 5 from 10-8 and Dec. 6 from 9-1.
- Dec. 6, 12:00, Northside Baptist, 50 yr. Celebration Reception
- Cool Spring Baptist is partnering with school counselors to provide wishlist gifts/gift cards to 147 children for Christmas.
- April 2027 - Black Creek will be celebrating 250 yr. Anniversary, Save the Dates coming soon.

The group shared any prayer concerns followed by the Lord's Prayer.
The meeting was adjourned at 7:36.

Please remember that the MCEF meetings are the second Monday of the month , unless otherwise notified. (put it on your calendar) Next Meeting - December 14, 2026 at the One Stop Shop – 7:00 p.m.

Wendy Pursel, Secretary