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- Recognized the Elders and Ministers in the presbytery that died in 2020.
- Received greetings from the Rev. Joyce Lieberman, Executive and Stated Clerk of the Synod of South Atlantic.
- Gathered for worship, with a sermon delivered by Rev. Jonathan Davis of Hermon Presbyterian, and celebrated the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.
- Celebrated the giving of our churches for 2020 and passed a 2021 budget of \$907,562.00.
- Voted to extend the contracts of Hoover and Olivia Haney, Transitional Co-General Presbyters/Stated Clerks to March 31, 2023.
- Voted to form a task force to research Bethelwoods moving to a non-profit status. This task force will report at the June presbytery meeting.
- Heard about the upcoming 2021 events at Bethelwoods.
- Heard a Dimes For Hunger report from Dave Keely.
- Heard a Living Waters for the World report from Dan Rogers
- Received the Rev. Steve Simon, Honorably Retired.
- Received and Commissioned Carrie Blanchard for a 3-year term as a Commissioned Ruling Elder (CRE) at Tirzah (Y).
- Examined and received the Rev. John Muse as pastor of the Clover Presbyterian Church.
- Approved various Committee on Ministry policies.
- Committee on Racial & Religious Reconciliation announced a presbytery event on April 25. The Anti-Racism Task Force asked for assistance in researching the history of the African American Churches in the presbytery, and Providence Presbytery will be working with Charlotte Presbytery to host the 2022 White Privilege Conference. More news to follow.
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