

Interior Life Minutes

February 3, 2026

Meeting Called to Order at 12:09 PM with a prayer by Tracy Garrison

Attending: Tracy Garrison, Dee Cook, Marilyn Rhoades, Noni Pope;

Excused: Mellita Goodman, Sheila Garfat

The Interior Life committee meeting opened and closed with prayer, confirmed attendance, and noted two excused absences. **Members reviewed there was no outstanding old business**, then focused on Holy Week planning, especially **Easter morning breakfast (menu, sourcing, volunteers, timing, RSVPs)**. **They discussed whether a Maundy Thursday meal or Ash Wednesday activity would occur, pending pastoral guidance**. The committee addressed decorations, supply inventory, and storage constraints favoring disposable decor. Detailed room reservations were set for Easter, the June Pancake Breakfast, and the December Cookie Walk, with specific times and setup windows. Officers and roles were assigned, communications tasks outlined, and action items captured. (action items /fellowship assignment) are in separate documents to conserve space.

Easter Breakfast

The group agreed on a continental-style breakfast with quiche as the main egg dish. Core items: quiche, pastries (muffins and Danish), mixed fruit cups, coffee, tea, juice, and milk. Variety of quiche flavors to cover preferences: sausage and cheese, cheese-only, and spinach. Keep the pastry assortment limited to avoid complexity while preserving choice.

Target serving window: 7:30–8:30 a.m. to finish before the 9:00 a.m. service. Prepare quiches Saturday at church; serve at room temperature. Use Saturday evening for baking and staging; cover and label items for Sunday. Build in time for partial cleanup pre-service to minimize post-service workload.

Use existing pastel-colored tablecloths (light blue, lavender, yellow, pink) where possible. Multiple colors across tables are acceptable and simplify matching limited quantities. Confirm what remains usable; discard wrinkled, damaged, or non-seasonal items. Dollar General often has seasonal tableware; buy early to avoid stockouts.

Maundy Thursday and Ash Wednesday planning

Determine whether there will be an Ash Wednesday service or Maundy Thursday meal. Tracy will check with Patsy (pulpit supply) and the discipleship committee for service plans. If no minister is available, the Maundy Thursday meal may be skipped. Ash Wednesday for 2026 is February 18; final plans remain pending.

Plates, napkins, cups, and inventory

Check church inventory for plates and cups; dessert plates exist but may be insufficient. If short, purchase multicolored plates/napkins or white church stock as backup. Consolidate and label all tablecloths, plates, and decor into clearly marked totes. Assign Dee to source plates and napkins; use Amazon or Oriental Trading if needed.

June Pancake Breakfast

Reserve Saturday, June 6, 9:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m., for setup and staging. Reserve Sunday morning, June 7, for the event; ensure butter is softened in advance. Andy tentatively planned to cook pancakes; confirm participation. Noni likely unavailable in June due to travel; plan coverage accordingly.

December Cookie Walk

Event date: Saturday, December 5; public hours 8:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Reserve Saturday 7:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. for setup, event, and rewrapping for Sunday. Reserve Friday 7:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m. for intake, plating, wrapping, and decorating. Label donors' trays and tins upon intake; painter's tape and markers on hand. Sunday follow-up after service is assumed.

Roles and officers confirmed

Tracy is chair; Dee will serve as co-chair/backup facilitator. Mellita will serve as secretary; Tracy can operate the recorder as backup when needed. Marylyn will continue "Sunshine" role to send cards for care, birthdays, and hospitalizations.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:24 PM with a prayer with the Lord's Prayer.