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Officers of First Presbyterian Church

MODERATOR

Rev. John C. McKinnon

CLERK OF SESSION

Gayle Cox

ELDERS

Class of 2021

Beverly Brown
Madelaine Hawkins
Dan MacLemore
Roane Pittman
Greg Robertson
Mickie Smith

Class of 2022

Gary Bryant
David Ligon
Becky Osmond
Angie Sholar
Erica Taylor

Class of 2023

Rachel Boggess
Mary Ann Doolen
Larry Nichols
Jim Tack
Steve Whaylen

DEACONS

Class of 2021

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Lisa Lusby
Richard Riggs
Jamie Slade

Class of 2022

Suzanne Baxter
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Susan Perry-LeGrand
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Class of 2023

Lacey Howard
Travis Johnson
Scott Wilson
John Woodard

TRUSTEES

Class of 2021

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Tom Hays
Dean Sargent
Brian Upp

Class of 2022

John Benn
Kathy McCraw
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Class of 2023

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Brad Davenport
Eric Foster
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ENDOWMENT FUND TRUSTEES

Class of 2021

Ken Brown, President
Bud McLean

Class of 2022

Barbara Charlet
Fran Smith
Eric Turner

Class of 2023

Sam Dykeman
Janet Eselin

Greetings from the Pastor

I want to share with you the words of Henri Nouwen—a Dutch Catholic priest, professor, theologian and one of the great spiritual writers of modern time—that speak with such truth and are important to remember after a year such as 2020: “To be grateful for the good things that happen in our lives is easy, but to be grateful for all the things of our lives the good as well as the bad, the moments of joy as well as the moments of sorrow, the successes as well as the failures, the rewards as well as the rejections, that requires hard spiritual work. Still, we are only truly grateful people when we can say thank you to all that has brought us to the present moment. As long as we keep dividing our lives between events and people we would like to remember and those we would rather forget, we cannot claim the fullness of our beings as a gift of God to be grateful for.”

This year has been a year where many good things have occurred in my life. It has also been a challenging year of success and failure as we attempt to minister to our congregation and beyond in a pandemic world.

It has been a year of sorrows unlike any other for me with the death of my mother-in-law and brother just seven weeks apart. Yes indeed, it has been a year I might be tempted to want to forget. But God’s love has shown brightly in the darkness. Christ’s presence has remained constant through every day of 2020. One other thing that has been constant for me is the support of the staff and the love and support of the congregation through a most challenging year. Thank you very much.

2020 also brought joys, sorrows and unprecedented opportunities to our church. First and foremost, we will remember the year as a year of unexpected loss in the lives of some of our members and their families. This was a year of anxious hospital stays made difficult by forced separation from loved ones.

There were things in which to rejoice. We welcomed the return of the west window in the Sanctuary. We rejoice that we have had the ability to livestream services and that many members have faithfully joined us in worship in that way.

I am also very grateful to the Session, the Diaconate and the Covid-19 Taskforce for their diligence in seeking to keep the congregation safe while fulfilling the mission and ministry of the church.

I don’t know how you will remember 2020. I will treasure 2020 as a year that brought some of the greatest challenges and darkest days of my life because the words above ring so true and the events of 2020 have allowed me to claim the fullness of my being as God’s true gift. What a shame it would be if God set Christians apart for privilege. Instead, we are only promised purpose.

Rev. Pastor John C. McKinnon

Clerk of Session

During my seventeenth term as Clerk of Session and “year of Coronavirus:”

- Attended and recorded the Minutes of all Stated Meetings of Session in person or via Zoom;
- Attended and recorded the Minutes of all Special Meetings of Session in person or via Zoom;
- Attended and recorded the Minutes of all Meetings of the Congregation;
- Wrote, distributed and, following approval, provided Minutes of above meetings for the permanent record of the church;
- Compiled/filed by the deadline the Annual Report to Presbytery/General Assembly and the Clerk’s Annual Questionnaire;
- Provided permanent church files containing Minutes of Session and Congregational Meetings for 2019 for required review to Stated Clerk of Indian Nations Presbytery; received “no exceptions taken” letter;
- Handled correspondence, research, membership, Certificates of Transfer and Baptismal records, and Certificates of Ordination and Installation for Elders and Deacons;
- Maintained Church Register containing records of: births, deaths, marriages, membership and baptized rolls, service records of elders, deacons, and trustees, and recorded same on individual membership cards;
- Participated in officer ordination/installation services. There were no baptisms.
- Participated in officer training.

Gayle M. Cox

Clerk of Session/Secretary of Congregation

Director of Music and Arts

2020 has certainly been an unusual year for the Music and Arts Ministries at First Presbyterian Church, but even in this strangeness we have continued to give glory to God through our music!

All of our ensembles—the Sanctuary Singers, the Sanctuary Ringers, the Youth Chorale, and the Treble Choir led by Kelly Holst—were thriving in the early part of 2020, until the Covid-19 pandemic restricted our ability to gather in person in groups. But despite these limitations, John Edwards and I have worked to make music in worship as engaging and meaningful as possible.

As ever, John Edwards makes excellent music in worship on a weekly basis. His tireless efforts to select pieces appropriate for the scriptures and liturgy provide meaningful musical experiences for the congregation.

I am very grateful to the soloists who have continued to function as our “choir” since March. We have had a fluctuating roster of excellent musicians that has included: Cady Lewis, Jennifer Coffman, Stephanie Easley, Cora Winstead, Andrew Keeler, Noah Morgan and Mitchell Gage. Several members have played instruments in worship as well, including Linda Bosteels, Gary Bryant and Hart Greenwood.

The 2019-2020 season of the Kemp Concert Series was cut short due to the pandemic, and the series has gone on hiatus for the 2020-2021 season. But we look forward to returning to live, in-person concerts in the coming year once it is safe to do so.

It continues to be a delight to witness the joy that this congregation takes from music in praise of God, whether we are together in person or in spirit over the internet. I am blessed to work with such a skilled and dedicated team, leading amateur and professional musicians alongside a congregation that praises God with every breath and sound!

Warren Puffer Jones
Director of Music and Arts

Deacons

The Deacons are called to the care and nurture of the congregation. We have worked hard to uphold our responsibility in this unusual year of 2020.

We began the year by changing our structure. The board has fewer members than in the past, so it just made sense. Instead of dividing into two committees (Hospitality and Fellowship), we became a committee of the whole. We assign a “Deacon in Charge” for each major event and then everyone else is ready to help complete the task.

In February, we visited members in their homes for our triennial visits. This is a blessing for members who are not able to attend church and helps keep them connected to their church family. Each time we visit another Deacon receives a blessing too.

When the pandemic locked us down it slowed the Deacons but did not stop us. We came up with alternative ways to do our calling. Instead of visits, we relied on the U.S. mail and our telephone companies. We reached out to contact each member by a letter or a phone call. We felt it was so successful that we did it again in the fall. Hopefully in 2021 we can return to in-person visits again.

Our annual Back-to-School luncheon became a drive through event. Members drove through the parking lot and dropped off school supplies and picked up a box lunch. We had a great turn out! The Urban Mission was able to equip 150 students for school with our donations! Thank you!

In November, we held a parking lot pizza party. It coincided with the Halloween trick-or-treat drive-thru, which was a plus for both activities. After throwing candy to the youth, everyone made their way to the front parking lot to enjoy pizza!

Church luncheons, coffee and cookie time, Supper Shuffle and Out & Abouts—may they all return in the new year. We have missed being together!

Our prayer ministry consists of two groups: the prayer list and the prayer chain. The monthly prayer list shares the joys and concerns of church members. We also have our prayer chain that is sent out in emergency situations. Any church member may be a part of these important ministries. To join the prayer ministry or to share a concern, contact Jamie Slade or the church office.

The Deacons are solely funded by your donations. You have been so generous this year and we truly appreciate it. We are very careful in how we share your gifts. They enable us to support the Pine Pantry, recognize our graduating seniors and contribute to the pastor’s discretionary fund.

Jamie Slade
Moderator

Worship Committee

Even during the chaos and confusion that 2020 brought, this committee stayed true to the theology of our Presbyterian worship. While some of our decisions were admittedly not ideal, we were able to maintain the reverent, meaningful and engaging worship services to which we have all been accustomed.

Faced with unforeseen circumstances, Worship worked diligently to make certain our church services were sincere and moving; while many of us were apart in body, we were still able to be together in spirit and fellowship. Below are the listed members of the 2020 committee:

- Rev. John C. McKinnon (Pastor)
- Dr. Warren Puffer Jones (Director of Music)
- John L. Edwards (Organist)
- David Ligon, Becky Osmond, Erica Burden Taylor (Active Elders)
- Jean Nelson (Chancel and Candles)
- Mickie Smith, Sophia Smith, George Kamp (Sound and Livestream)
- Kova McLean (Flowers)

I have stated this previously, but this year has left me particularly proud of this small committee. All decisions were thoughtfully and prayerfully considered, maintaining the integrity of this congregation while also holding up their health and safety. The vast majority of praise goes to Mickie Smith, John McKinnon, Jack Lancaster, Matt Lancaster, Puffer Jones and John Edwards. Without these six individuals, the online streaming would not have been possible. So much time, effort, and energy have been selflessly given to allow for not only our weekly worship services, but also special services and funerals. I also give many thanks to David, Becky and Jean for their wise guidance, advice and eagerness to put in the physical work that is needed to continue one of our church's most prominent outreach ministries, and to Sophia and George, two young adults who are selflessly giving their talents to continue our services long into the future. There are no adequate words to describe my gratefulness.

As a united people, we look forward to the coming 2021 with humbled, hopeful hearts.

Erica Burden Taylor
Chairperson

Nurture Committee

As with many of the program areas of the church, 2020 can be divided into three phases:

Phase One – Pre-Pandemic

The programs overseen by the Nurture Committee were rocking along as usual, including mid-term planning for events like the Easter Egg Hunt, youth mission trips and Vacation Bible School. KirkNight programming included discussions of the current lectionary readings, and the Youth and Children were led by Leigh Miller and Sean Smith. Adult Sunday Schools continued to function more-or-less autonomously with support from Leigh Miller, our Director of Christian Education. Children's and Youth Sunday School continued with the wonderful support of teachers who love and care for them.

Phase Two – Chaos

As the chaos of the Pandemic set in, virtually all Nurture-related activities, except Sunday School, were cancelled or put on hold, rescheduled, put on hold again and rescheduled or cancelled. The Easter Egg Hunt was held, highly modified with social distancing, and all Sunday School classes went to a virtual format using Zoom. The children and youth Sunday Schools via Zoom did not last long, as families were either burned out on virtual experiences or the format just did not seem to be attention-grabbing. All of the youth mission trips and retreats were cancelled until August when we went to Beavers Bend State Park for an end-of-the-summer fun trip.

Phase Three – The New Normal

Early in the fall, it became more obvious that longer-term modifications to Nurture programs were appropriate. The Personnel Committee determined that the position of Director of Christian Education was not the best way to serve the church, and the position, along with Leigh Miller, was terminated. Cyndi Stumpf was hired into the position of Children's Ministry Assistant to the Pastor. Part of the rationale for this decision was that there are very few youth in the church and many children 12 and under. Ms. Stumpf has stepped in, restructured or revitalized the children's programs, and the number of kids in the under-12 age group is growing. The new or revitalized children's programs include: Sunday School To-go bags sent out monthly with age-appropriate Bibles, stories, and activities for each Sunday; Pen Pal Program of intergenerational pen pals; drive-by Halloween; individual worship bags for children in worship; Operation: Chores for Cans, a program for kids to do chores at home and generate credits toward contributions to Cornell Gallagher's pantry; and Halloween Bingo via Zoom.

Whether it is the new normal or post-pandemic normal, Nurture is looking forward to 2021!

Dan MacLemore
Moderator

Youth Ministry

Sometime in October, I was hired to help Pastor John with the Youth ministry for children 10 and under. Pastor John had spoken to the parents of children previously active in youth ministry at First Presbyterian and heard similar needs from most of the parents. They wanted Bible lessons with hands-on, follow-up activities for their children. This motivated me to initiate Sunday School To-Go bags filled with everything needed to complete the follow-up activities based on stories from “The Jesus Storybook Bible.” Most of the activities were geared for children five and over. This was missing a growing group of children in our church that are two to four years old, so bags specific to this age group were created based on stories from “The Beginners Bible.” These bags are delivered to the families monthly. Pastor John and I currently deliver 20 bags to 31 children, 10 that are under five years old.

Beyond the Sunday School To-Go bags, the Children’s Ministry has enjoyed some fellowship activities. With the help of Brooke Kivett, Halloween Boo Bags were delivered to every child at First Presbyterian, including college kids.

Children helped package sugar cookie mixes as a Christmas surprise for the congregation. This established the Care Crew. Young children who care for themselves, each other, the congregation and the community. The Care Crew has been doing chores at home to earn cans to help out Cornell’s Little Pantry ministry. A highly successful Halloween parade occurred where congregation members threw candy to our Youth as they drove by, seeing their creative costumes. Halloween Bingo was also enjoyed by many on Zoom.

In November, families enjoyed the movie “The Star” at Tinseltown movie theater, reserved for First Presbyterian families only. In December, cupcakes were delivered to each family for a Baby Jesus Zoom birthday party.

Youth ministry in a pandemic, like everything else, is not easy but necessary and important and will continue into 2021.

Cyndi Stumpf
Children’s Ministry Assistant to the Pastor

SPARK - Support Program of Art and Reading for Kids!

2020 has been a rather interesting year for the SPARK Program. Although the year has turned out nothing like we originally expected it to, our board, staff and SPARK families are grateful and thankful for the church's faith in us to provide quality and safe childcare for all of our children. Our 2020 budget has been anything but spectacular. We will be closing the year with a rather large budget overrun due to our need to shut down for a number of months and limiting the number of children we could serve when we were able to return. Being overbudget was not a part of our plan, so we would like to thank FPC for supporting us and helping keep us afloat this year.



Rather than continuing to talk about the disappointments of 2020, I would like to share our positives. Our year started off with 43 creative and energetic children, ranging in grade from PK-7th. We provided our children with a variety of activities like art projects, hands-on science experiences, homework help, language and literacy activities and even voice lessons.

Speaking of our staff, many of our teachers took advantage of the opportunity to further their education and career in the childcare field. Five of our teachers earned the Oklahoma School-Age Certificate of Achievement. This certificate is offered through OU's College of Continuing Education and the Center for Early Childhood Professional Development (CECPD). It recognizes and rewards teachers who complete 30 hours of specific, specialized professional development and serves as a symbol of their professional accomplishments. Additionally, three of our teachers were awarded scholarships to OCCC from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education to earn an associate degree in Child Development!

As SPARK Director, I was accepted to and completed CECPD's Leadership Academy. The Leadership Academy, a 6-month program, is designed for Oklahoma childcare directors. It provides leadership skills training and focuses on ways to become a more effective leader to meet the needs of staff and children. I also earned a Certificate of Mastery in Child Development, renewed my Silver Director's Credential and celebrated my 10-year anniversary with SPARK! It has been a busy year for our staff, and we are so proud of their hard work and dedication to the children of Oklahoma and to this program.

Although we had to shut our doors in March for an extended period of time, we were able to revamp the program to be more effective at keeping our children and staff safe once we were able to reopen. We welcomed children back for summer break in June with a reduced capacity. We implemented many Covid-19 safety protocols, such as limiting contact among groups, wearing masks, taking temps and adding extra cleanings to our schedule.

With the start of virtual school in August, we revamped our program once again and were able to offer an all-day care/a blended learning experience for our children. We have been able to help many children during the fall semester and will be ending the year with an enrollment of 24 children in PK-7th from 12 different schools across the OKC metro. Of those 24 children, a little over half are receiving childcare assistance through DHS to attend SPARK, and all of our families are beyond grateful for the services we've been able to offer thus far.

We would like to thank everyone who gave to the SPARK program in 2020. Whether it was crafts supplies, toys, monetary donations or your time, your generosity means so much to all of us. We wouldn't be able to do what we do without you.

We would also like to show our gratitude to Elizabeth Hatcher and our amazing group of volunteer tutors who make a difference in the lives of our children every week. Thank you to PW for your continued support, the Personnel Committee for taking care of our staff and FPC for allowing us to spread out upstairs. We would also like to thank the Department of Human Services for awarding our program a technology grant to ensure that all of our students have access to the tools needed to succeed at virtual school.

We are so excited to say goodbye to 2020 and hello to 2021. Our goals for the new year include doing our best to stay on budget, increasing enrollment, investing in our staff and loving every single child who walks through our doors.

Tish Harrison
SPARK Director

Boy Scouts

2020 started out on a high note as Troop 15 was named Troop of the Year for 2019 for the Last Frontier Council and then became a challenging year for Scouting due to Covid-19. The Troop has 34 Scouts and 10 adult leaders. The Troop held a Court of Honor in January where every Scout earned advancements, merit badges and awards. The Troop also honored our two most recent 2019 Eagle Scouts at the Court of Honor. Spencer Matheny, who led Troop 15 as Scoutmaster for 12 years, stepped down after an outstanding term. Bill Hensley became the new Scoutmaster after eight years as an Assistant Scoutmaster. Lance Leffel retired after several great years as committee chair, and Stephen Harris, Troop 15 Eagle Scout, was named to follow him.

The Troop's outdoors program was severely impacted by Covid-19. We camped at John Nichols Scout Ranch in January, followed by Scouts earning Rifle Shooting and Shotgun Shooting Merit Badges while camping at the Oklahoma City Gun Club in February. The camping program was suspended from March to August, including our planned summer camp in New Mexico. We resumed camping in September by attending the Webelos Woods camp weekend, followed up with camps at Prague Lake in October. Our November camp was our annual Thanksgiving family outing at Camp Sylvia Stapley near Stillwater. Our fall camps were very different from our usual camps, using single-Scout tenting, masks and modified food serving to minimize the Covid-19 risk.

The Troop hosted FPC for our yearly Scout Sunday pancake breakfast in February. We also had a fall outing to Oklahoma City Riversports and held four Hiking Merit Badge hikes (four 10-mile hikes and one 15-mile hike). The Troop was an early leader in implementing Zoom meetings in place of in-person meetings. We transitioned to combined in-person and Zoom meetings in July at an outdoor location so Scouts could spread out and maintain distance.

Troop 15 had two additional Scouts earn the Eagle Scout rank in 2020, bringing our total to 165 Eagle Scouts since 1917. Two other Scouts are scheduled for Eagle Scout Boards of Review in the first two months of 2021. The Troop grew by six Scouts, with five new Scouts transferring from Cub Scouting and one Scout transferring from another Troop.

We have had challenges in 2020 due to Covid-19, but we have a great plan to continue Scouting in 2021. None of this would be possible without the unwavering support of First Presbyterian Church, for which we are deeply appreciative.

Bill Hensley
Scoutmaster, Troop 15

First Presbyterian School

First Presbyterian School started 2020 with ambitious goals and record-setting attendance and enrollment. Little did we know we would be facing one of the most challenging years in our operating history.

Covid-19 has changed the way childcare and preschool centers will prepare and operate for years to come, and FPS is blessed to have no reported virus transmission from within our program. Despite our current extended closure, which began on November 19, 2020, FPS was able to operate for ten successful weeks during our fall program. During this semester, we were able to procure funds from several programs, including the Cares Act. This money has helped us recuperate our losses from earlier in the year and helped us to continue to make our payroll obligations during our closures.



First Presbyterian School worked with the Always Greener Turf Company over the summer to resurface our north playground with money that we had fundraised in 2019. The students and faculty have enjoyed the beautiful fall weather on our new lawn.

The FPS Board made the difficult decision to close after the Thanksgiving holiday and not return until after the new year with the utmost precaution for our young students and their families in mind.

We hope that as a business we can help slow the spread of Covid-19 and return to school safely in 2021.

We are grateful for the continued support of our First Presbyterian Church family.

Lanie Denner
FPS Director

Mission Council

Mission

What a year 2020 has been. Fortunately, First Presbyterian Church of Oklahoma City has continued to be active in giving to the community. Half of our budget went to Indian Nations Presbytery along with portions of our special offerings. We continue to give to Infant Crisis Center, Goodland Academy and our own Cornell Gallagher's Little Pantry. Urban Mission receives our monthly purple bag donations of food (1,213 pounds for eight months), monies during the summer months and our Christmas donation, which involved donating hygiene bags for 370 families this year. The balance of the budget will also be relegated to the Mission.

FPCOKC participates in all four annual PCUSA Special Offerings (even though we had to double up on a few, due to Covid-19). Thank you for your help in getting these worthwhile causes funded:

- Joy Offering (2019) - \$757.00
- One Great Hour of Sharing - \$1321.20
- Pentecost Offering - \$560.50 (40% to SPARK)
- Peace Offering - \$1420.00 (25% to the Innocence Project)
- Christmas Joy Offering for 2020 will be reported in the 2021 budget year.

Mary Ann Doolen
Moderator

Communications Strategy Team

Communications strategy spent the beginning of the year creating a new brand identity for the church. This includes a new logo, color pallet and the design of the bulletin, banners, mugs, letterhead and an update to the website.

We spent the last part of the year assisting in the application for a grant to purchase a new camera, video switcher, connectivity equipment and worked with the Personnel Committee to hire part-time, hourly staff to assist with the execution of sound and video for worship.

These upgrades make modest improvements, which are important at a time when so many of our congregants worship with us online. It also reaches those in search of a church home, regardless of their location.

-Mickie Smith

Reserve the Third

Reserve the Third was interrupted by Covid-19 as none of the agencies we work with wanted volunteers from March forward. However, I contacted The Urban Mission in early September and we were able to resume our Saturday mission opportunities.

Overall, 11 to 29 volunteers were present each of the seven opportunities, with six being done at The Urban Mission and one at our own First Presbyterian Church Community Garden. Although we have volunteered at multiple other places in the past, they had enough volunteers on Saturdays prior to Covid-19 and did not need more help.

Our time at Urban Mission involved separating food donated to them or bought from the Oklahoma City Regional Food Bank and/or restocking the pantry. In December, instead of buying food for 100 family food boxes and filling them, we filled 370 hygiene bags for families. This event is always well attended and was so well organized again by Fran Smith that it took us only 35 minutes!

In February, we spread two truckloads of compost and rototilled it into the 20 raised garden beds and put down weed-preventing cloth and covered it with wood chips to make maintenance easier in the future. I tried to reach out to other Presbyterian Churches and got Santa Fe Presbyterian Church to join us in January. They were unfortunately not interested in doing mission work with us once Covid-19 hit. The Urban Mission continues to be the most needy and appreciative of the organizations, and I expect they will remain a big part of our work in the future.

-Roane Pittman

Creation Care

Our community garden was strong and healthy during 2020! Gardeners from within the congregation and the nearby community planted vegetables and wildflowers this year. Nearby Dove Academy tilled a plot of sunflowers. You may have noticed the milkweed and other monarch butterfly attractant species. They were carefully tended to by long-time gardener "Bird."

In early fall, the garden provided a safe outdoor gathering place for members of the Evergreen Class to enjoy KirkNight dinner. Some of those same class members cleaned up the tree and limb damage caused by the October ice storm.

Spring planting is just around the corner and new gardeners can sign up for a plot through the church office. The Garden provides a tranquil, safe spot to enjoy God's creation.

-Elizabeth Hatcher

Resource Council

The Resource Council is primarily responsible for developing the financial budget for the church. It has three committees that are closely integrated into the overall operation of the Council. Personnel Committee reviews the organization and operation of the staff of the church. The Stewardship Committee is charged with encouraging the members of the congregation to find appropriate ways in which they can contribute their time, talent and financial resources to the mission of the church. Because of the pandemic, communications by the Stewardship Committee with all members of the congregation were more difficult this year. The Nominating Committee annually recommends a slate of nominees of officers and trustees to the congregation for election.

While the year started off very much in line with the budget, the pandemic and resulting economic difficulties did have a negative impact on the financial condition of the church. On the positive side, contributions were only modestly below levels in previous years. On the negative side, the declining oil and gas prices reduced the church's revenue from its oil and gas properties. Our SPARK program also showed significant losses because of declining enrollment. For the past several years, the negative operating losses of the church have been covered by generous bequests the church received from the estates of several deceased members. In 2020, these bequests continued to provide the church with adequate funds to meet its needs.

As in most churches, the personnel expense represents approximately one-half of the total budget of the church. The Personnel Committee reviews the salaries and performance of all employees of the church.

The Resource Council welcomes 2020 as a year in which we will continue to transition to a balanced budget.

Larry Nichols
Chair

Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees is charged with overseeing the church property and facilities. Last year, 10 projects were initiated to enhance the use of our incredible facility. These projects were completed in 2020 for a cost of approximately \$300,000, which was under budget. The Trustees are most appreciative to Jack Lancaster for overseeing these projects as well as Jack and Matt Lancaster for their labor to install carpet in the recreation room, replace basement hallway flooring, install interior stairway treads and paint various office spaces.

As a result of COVID-19, use of and access to the church facilities were adjusted. The Session provided helpful guidelines so that programs such as SPARK, FPS and El Sistema could continue to use our facilities. These precautions have been effective in limiting the transmission of the virus. The Trustees will continue to look to guidance from the Session for proper use of the building as we move into 2021.

The Trustees continue to oversee the repair of the Sanctuary stained glass windows. The west window was completed in late 2020 and included the replacement of carpet in the Sanctuary. Willet Houser is currently fabricating the glass for the south window and installation is scheduled for summer 2021. The repairs for each window are projected to cost more than \$1 million and are covered by insurance. Our church is fortunate to have Wayne Osmond and Ron Grace serve as liaisons for this project and we are indebted to them for their service!

Additionally, to improve the acoustics during music performances, the music department recommended the installation of tile in front of the Sanctuary chancel steps instead of replacing the existing carpet. The Trustees approved their recommendation and funds were provided by the Endowment Fund and music department sources.

We are blessed to have such a sacred facility where we can worship God and provide spiritual, educational and fellowship opportunities for our church members and community.

Dean Sergent
Chair

Presbyterian Women

PW's theme for the year was Adventures in Prayer: Passport to Peace. A very appropriate motto for the times we are living through. The women of First Presbyterian Church remain strong in faith and purpose. The small group of Circles allows us to check on each other during this time of isolation. We are thankful for the support of our congregation in our fundraising efforts, which allow us to fulfill our mission of giving.

Presbyterian Women pray for the health and prosperity of our church family, our city, our country and the entire world. We are stronger because God blesses us daily. Through prayer we find peace. As a summary of this year, here are some of our activities:

- Supported local and international missions with donations of \$7,772.
- Ongoing support for Mobile Meals.
- Continued action on Bereavement Committee with additional volunteers to be trained.
- In February, PW assembled and delivered Valentine packages for a battered women's shelter.
- In March, as a hands-on mission project, PW organized a church-wide spring clean with volunteers of all ages. Circles also began meeting via video conference.
- September was PW month. The PW directory was handed out. The purpose of PW was highlighted from pulpit each Sunday. PW Woman of the Year was presented to Elizabeth Hatcher during worship.
- In continued support for FPS, PW bought flowers for students to take to grandparents.
- Along with youth, PW sent Halloween treats to our college students.
- In November, we had a fundraiser selling mugs with the new church logo.
- In December, we met with writer and artist Sharon Collins.

Ginnie Tack
Moderator

Mobile Meals

As of the end of the year, we have 28 recipients on our two routes and have served 3,283 meals in 2020.

“We will welcome them back when life issues resolve!” This statement was in last year’s report concerning our volunteers. We had no idea what 2020 had in store for us—all of us. With the pandemic, several more of our volunteers, mainly those with health conditions that would make continued group participation inadvisable, left quite a hole in our list of volunteers. But, as you might have guessed, several stepped up to the plate, making it possible for the continuation of this ministry. For several months, Erica Taylor furnished the entrée on Mondays, which was a wonderful addition.

The people who are currently participating in food preparation include: Rachel Boggess, Gayle Cox, Nita Cadenhead, Mary Ann Doolen, Linda Herider, Carren MacLemore, Nancy Myer, Diane Nola, David Poole.

Drivers/deliverers include: Rachel Boggess; Kay Brown; Betty Bruce and her assistant, Aurora; Linda and her son, James Robert Herider; Kari Maxwell and her dad, Roger Scott; Lolieta Miller; Blaine Moore and Ed Gates; Krista Myers; Wayne Osmond; Richard Riggs; and Brian Upp. “On-call” or substitute drivers include Barbara Charlet. Delivery of the meals is very important because these folks have actual contact with the recipients, making sure they are all right. This contact is equally important to the meal.

There are other assignments in this mission as well, such as preparing boxes to be filled with the meals, buying food and supplies and keeping records (that’s my job right now); Mary Ann Doolen schedules cooks and drivers.

We are truly grateful for those who cook, drive/deliver and provide funds for the continuation of this important ministry.

Gayle Cox
Coordinator

RAT Pack

The Repair, Alteration and Transformation (RAT) Pack has completed its 24th year of volunteer service to the church. This group is sanctioned and approved by the Board of Trustees and endorsed by the Session. Clearly, illness and virus protocol has greatly impacted participation and activities. We started the year with four to six volunteers, but pretty much cancelled activities at years end.

Still, we have completed several projects this year:

- Removed wall hangings and furniture from Pastor's office for remodeling.
- Scraped grout and repaired windows in Pastor's office.
- Refinished Pastor's desk and some office chairs. Harold Myers built a custom computer stand in matching wood and finish for Pastor's office.
- Vacuumed Chapel pews and cushions.
- Repaired bench seats in east church entrance.
- Removed old and unused artificial flowers, vases and pots from storage rooms and provided to Goodwill Industries International.
- Adhered plastic baseboards to the walls near kitchen.
- Refinished 24 desk chairs from Evergreen Sunday School room.
- Stripped and repainted cabinet for outdoor food pantry near the church.

When the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) eases and restrictions are reduced, please consider joining us Monday mornings 8:30-10:30 a.m.

We always have coffee and donuts at 10:00 a.m.

-Janet Eselin, Harold Namminga and Steve Whaylen

Statement of Financial Position

As of: Dec 31st 2020 | Filtered by: Fund

Assets

Current Assets

Cash in Bank

102100 Operating Acct-NBC	157,630.92
102200 PDF-NBC	11,292.25
102300 Money Market-NBC	388,955.08
102400 CD-NBC	217,936.73

Total Cash in Bank	775,814.98
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Presbyterian Women

108000 Presbyterian Women	4,380.93
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Total Presbyterian Women	4,380.93
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Total Current Assets	780,195.91
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Current Receivables

Accounts Receivable

120080 Receivable-Endowment	47,940.00
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Total Accounts Receivable	47,940.00
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Total Current Receivables	47,940.00
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Prepaid Expenses

121000 Computers	14,600.00
121006 Insurance	3,098.01
121010 General	6,850.00

Total Prepaid Expenses	24,548.01
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Total Assets

\$ 852,683.92

Liabilities & Net Assets

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

201000 Pastor Discretionary Acct.	11,292.25
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Accounts Payable

200068 Payable-Scouts	2,255.13
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Total Accounts Payable	2,255.13
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Payroll Taxes Payable

202000 Payroll Taxes Payable	(2,459.96)
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Total Payroll Taxes Payable	(2,459.96)
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Due To/From Other Funds

122002 Due To Kemp Fund	17,665.14
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122085 Due To Preschool/MDO	46,616.96
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Total Due To/From Other Funds	64,282.10
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Total Current Liabilities	75,369.52
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Total Liabilities	75,369.52
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Net Assets

FUND PRINCIPAL

299901 Church General Fund	(692,904.84)
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Total FUND PRINCIPAL	(692,904.84)
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SPECIAL OFFERINGS

800020 Christmas Joy Offering	145.00
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Total SPECIAL OFFERINGS	145.00
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ACCOUNTS

800113 Souper Bowl	1,500.17
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Statement of Financial Position

Session-No Restrictions	
800101 Bequests	723,792.96
820000 Memorial Funds	37,281.13
840840 Shepherd Manor Sale	354,041.89
840841 Interest-Shepherd Manor Sale	57,420.13
Total Session-No Restrictions	1,172,536.11
Session-Restricted	
800106 Youth	3,830.00
800450 Community Garden	649.47
840020 Music Department	23,107.97
840100 Professional expenses-Pastor	9,806.97
840102 Medical Allowance-Pastor	1,592.17
Total Session-Restricted	38,986.58
SPARK	
820112 SPARK-Matt Trei memorials	449.97
840034 SPARK-School Supplies	113.12
Total SPARK	563.09
Donor Designated	
800999 Misc Designated Gifts	48,020.83
840000 Prepaid Pledges	65,169.85
840025 Flowers & Decorations	1,240.00
840028 Library	150.00
840041 Mobile Meals	100.00
840056 Evergreen Sunday Sch Clas	571.26
840062 Builder's Class	727.72
840080 Sanctuary Organ Fund	7,128.13
840084 Deacon donations	10,794.96
840088 Endowment-Special Celebrations Fund	1,500.00
840089 Endowment-Student Loan	3,855.32
840090 Monday AM Bible Study Grp	180.92
Trustee Control	
840075 Trustees-Special Projects	10,882.97
840077 Church Vehicles	18,568.46
840081 Bldg. repairs, renovations, etc.	83,216.94
Total Trustee Control	112,668.37
Total Donor Designated	252,107.36
Total ACCOUNTS	1,465,693.31
PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED	
850000 Presbyterian Women	4,380.93
Total PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED	4,380.93
Total Net Assets	777,314.40
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$ 852,683.92

Statement of Activities

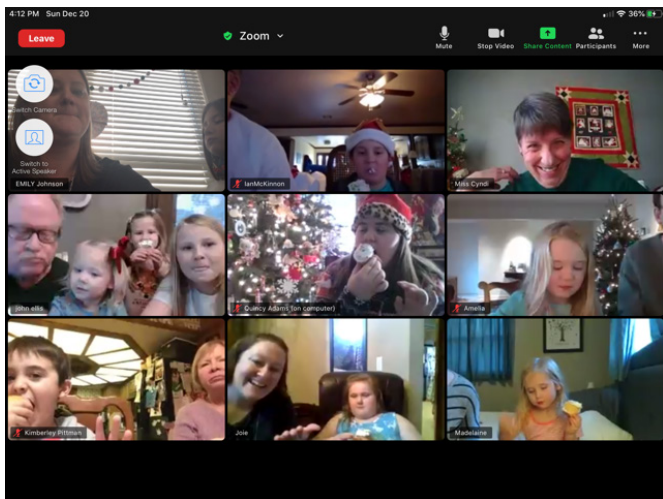
Date Range: Jan 1st 2020 - Dec 31st 2020 | Filtered by: Fund

Accounts	Actual (This Period)	Annual Budget (This Period)
Revenues		
TITHES & OFFERINGS	527,743.32	577,000.00
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	228,452.24	238,000.00
SPARK INCOME	109,992.26	150,000.00
ENDOWMENT INCOME	161,451.35	220,000.00
Total Revenues	\$ 1,027,639.17	\$ 1,185,000.00
Expenses		
MISSION COUNCIL		
MISSION COMMITTEE		
Local Mission	30,079.42	7.00
General Mission	30,000.00	59,992.00
Total MISSION COMMITTEE	60,079.42	59,999.00
Total MISSION COUNCIL	60,079.42	59,999.00
MINISTRY COUNCIL		
SPARK	178,282.22	150,000.00
NURTURE COMMITTEE		
General	4,466.62	16,750.00
Youth and Children		
Youth	15,851.76	20,250.00
Total Youth and Children	15,851.76	20,250.00
Total NURTURE COMMITTEE	20,318.38	37,000.00
WORSHIP COMMITTEE	26,613.46	23,000.00
Total MINISTRY COUNCIL	225,214.06	210,000.00
RESOURCE COUNCIL		
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE		
Pastor	154,356.86	154,477.00
Staff	429,718.72	441,631.00
GENERAL	17,023.68	13,893.00
Total PERSONNEL COMMITTEE	601,099.26	610,001.00
OPERATIONS	133,317.26	149,000.00
Total RESOURCE COUNCIL	734,416.52	759,001.00
TRUSTEES		
MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS	120,717.85	140,389.00
SUPPLIES	7,146.27	11,700.00
VEHICLES	4,865.18	8,226.00
OPERATIONS	128,143.83	117,185.00
KITCHEN	1,203.87	2,500.00
Total TRUSTEES	262,077.00	280,000.00
Total Expenses	\$ 1,281,787.00	\$ 1,309,000.00
Net Total	(\$ 254,147.83)	(\$ 124,000.00)

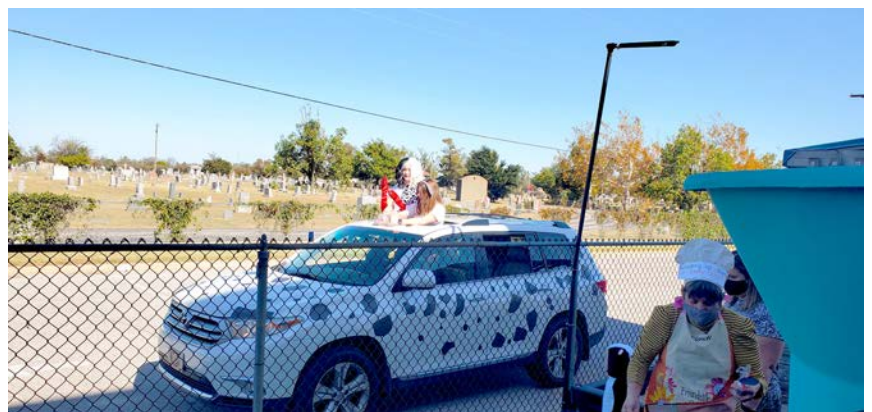
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