

2023 ANNUAL REPORTS

First Presbyterian Church

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, NEWTON

2023 Statistical Report

Membership as of December 31, 2022..... 107

Gains for 2023

Certificate #1541 Lori Staeffler, #1542 Bob Schott, #1543 Pat Schott, #1544 Katherine Grimsley,
 #1545 Tammy Geiger-Stephenson, #758 Doug Loyd, #759 Charlene Loyd, #1546 Jane Shirley,
 #1547 Jessa Robinson, #1548Deja Giles, #1549 Jonathan McGinnis 11
 Profession of Faith, Reaffirmation 0

Losses for 2023

Certificate #1199 Tricia Brothers (08/15/23), #1149 Donna Anderson (12/11/23) 2
 Deaths 1
 Finance Roll Adjustment 47*

Membership as of December 31, 2023 115

Children's Baptisms (age 17 and under)..... 3
 Adult Baptism 0

Age/Gender Distribution of Members

| | MALE | FEMALE | TOTAL |
|------------|------|--------|-------|
| 25 & under | 9 | 5 | 14 |
| 26-45 | 2 | 10 | 12 |
| 46-55 | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| 56-65 | 9 | 15 | 24 |
| Over 65 | 22 | 39 | 61 |

Male Members: 43
 Female Members: 72
 Average Attendance: 57

Member Deaths

Marilyn McGinnis #1530 (01/05/2023)

Sunday School and Adult Bible Class Attendance

Students approx. 12
 Teachers 4

* Finance Committee removed Inactive members in 2022. Membership list as of 12/31/2022 follows.

First Presbyterian Church, Newton - Church Membership Roll

December 31, 2023

| <u>Date</u> | <u>#</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>#</u> | <u>Name</u> |
|-------------|----------|--------------------|-------------|----------|-------------------------|
| 04-12-35 | 0108 | Nye, Kathy | 08-12-01 | 1397 | Glann, Brent |
| 10-31-37 | 0121 | Griswold, Dale | 08-12-01 | 1398 | Glann, Kelli |
| 04-05-42 | 0148 | Perkins, Kay | 03-31-02 | 1402 | Laswell, Kelley |
| 04-12-53 | 0306 | Eberly, Helen | 03-31-02 | 1404 | Gallagher, Victoria |
| 04-02-53 | 0319 | DuBois, Paul | 04-20-03 | 1413 | Gihring, Travis |
| 04-15-54 | 0346 | Larson, Sandra | 09-14-03 | 1418 | Fey, Bonnie |
| 04-15-57 | 0380 | Hunter, Beverly | 11-02-03 | 1420 | Tillberg, Rhonda |
| 03-18-59 | 0412 | Rickard, Ethel | 10-10-04 | 1429 | Heinel, Carol |
| 04-07-60 | 0458 | Wilson, Karen | 03-27-05 | 1435 | Gihring, Katie |
| 04-07-60 | 0463 | Tangeman, Steve | 04-03-05 | 1436 | Altum, Angela |
| 05-08-60 | 0466 | Anderson, Phil | 04-03-05 | 1437 | Stretcher, John |
| 11-19-61 | 0501 | Ice, Sue | 04-03-05 | 1438 | Stretcher, Joan |
| 04-15-62 | 0508 | Chambers, Duane | 04-03-05 | 1440 | Wyman, Susan |
| 04-15-62 | 0509 | Chambers, Nila | 08-13-06 | 1446 | Adams, Carolyn |
| 04-19-62 | 0510 | Enz, Kay | 03-09-08 | 1460 | Knepper, Ken |
| 09-23-62 | 0521 | DuBois, Rojean | 03-09-08 | 1461 | Knepper, Lori |
| 07-11-65 | 0610 | Wickersham, Peg | 03-09-08 | 1462 | Pomeroy, Liz |
| 09-04-66 | 0654 | McAnulty, Mel | 04-12-09 | 1467 | Gihring, Jared |
| 12-03-67 | 0683 | Knudsen, Ivan | 04-12-09 | 1469 | Switzer, Jenny |
| 03-26-70 | 0779 | Trussell, Larry | 12-13-09 | 1474 | Hiebert, Deb |
| 04-08-71 | 0791 | Randall, Kathy | 12-13-09 | 1475 | Hiebert, Keven |
| 11-12-71 | 0850 | Sjogren, Marilyn | 04-04-10 | 1478 | Cooper, Hayley |
| 04-19-73 | 0874 | Cooper, Becky | 04-04-10 | 1479 | Glann, Alexandra |
| 04-07-77 | 0985 | Darrow, Roger | 04-04-10 | 1480 | Glann, Ashlyn |
| 04-10-77 | 0986 | Calbert, Judy | 07-17-11 | 1491 | Beach, Jacquelyn |
| 10-23-77 | 1025 | Roecker, Steve | 03-31-13 | 1501 | Griffin, Julie |
| 10-23-77 | 1026 | Roecker, Jan | 03-31-13 | 1502 | Griswold, Connie |
| 04-12-79 | 1067 | Jay Dinneen, Alisa | 03-31-13 | 1504 | Regier, Emily |
| 04-22-84 | 1154 | Trussell, Pam | 04-20-14 | 1506 | Glann, Casey |
| 09-23-84 | 1156 | Benninga, Linda | 04-20-14 | 1507 | Hiebert, Lauren |
| 09-23-84 | 1157 | Benninga, Maurice | 04-20-14 | 1508 | Knepper, Brent |
| 06-22-86 | 1181 | Higgs, Carol | 04-20-14 | 1509 | Potluri, Colin |
| 06-22-86 | 1182 | Higgs, John | 10-19-14 | 1513 | Humphrey, William |
| 06-50-88 | 1211 | Wild, Helen | 10-19-14 | 1516 | Tangeman, Susan |
| 06-05-88 | 1212 | Wild, Lenny | 05-15-16 | 1526 | Regier, Asha |
| 08-25-91 | 1266 | Smith, Jeraldine | 05-15-16 | 1527 | Dinneen, Evan |
| 08-25-91 | 1267 | Perkins, Scott | 07-31-16 | 1522 | Allmon, Calvin "Dean" |
| 10-11-91 | 1269 | Darrow, Beth | 07-31-16 | 1523 | Allmon, Rita |
| 03-08-92 | 1271 | Schmidt, Gregory | 10-16-18 | 1529 | McGinnis, Sonday |
| 03-08-92 | 1272 | Schmidt, LaDonna | 06-13-21 | 1531 | Allmon, Abby |
| 01-10-93 | 1287 | Gihring, Mark | 06-13-21 | 1532 | Watson, Kayden |
| 01-10-93 | 1288 | Gihring, Jenny | 06-13-21 | 1533 | Perkins, Cooper |
| 11-20-94 | 1308 | Cheyney, Ron | 06-13-21 | 1534 | Robinson, Julie |
| 11-20-94 | 1309 | Cheyney, Carol | 06-13-21 | 1535 | Robinson, Jenna |
| 04-16-95 | 1316 | McGehee, Greg | 06-13-21 | 1536 | Giles, Jacklyn |
| 04-16-95 | 1317 | McGehee, Mary | 06-13-21 | 1537 | Giles, Major |
| 12-08-96 | 1327 | Brack, Susan | 10-10-21 | 1540 | Wilson, William |
| 12-08-96 | 1331 | Eck, Mary | 11-12-23 | 1541 | Staeffler, Lori |
| 10-25-98 | 1353 | Regier, Nate | 11-12-23 | 1542 | Bob Schott |
| 10-23-98 | 1354 | Regier, Julie | 11-12-23 | 1543 | Pat Schott |
| 05-09-99 | 1361 | Swander, Bob | 11-12-23 | 1544 | Katherine Grimsley |
| 05-09-99 | 1362 | Swander, Marsha | 11-12-23 | 1545 | Tammy Geiger-Stephenson |
| 12-12-99 | 1365 | Larson, Ron | 11-12-23 | 758 | Doug Loyd |
| 05-20-01 | 1389 | Enz, Michael | 11-12-23 | 759 | Charlene Loyd |
| 05-20-01 | 1390 | Morton, John | 11-12-23 | 1546 | Jane Shirley |
| 05-20-01 | 1391 | Morton, Pat | 11-12-23 | 1547 | Jessa Robinson |
| 08-12-01 | 1396 | Ediger, Mary | 11-12-23 | 1548 | Deja Giles |
| | | | 11-12-23 | 1549 | Jonathan McGinnis |

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2024 PROPOSED BUDGET – pg 1

| ACCOUNT TITLE | BUDGET 2023 | PROPOSED FOR 2024 | DIFFERENCE |
|--|---------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Pastor's Salary | 10,700 | 11,096 | 396 |
| Housing Allowance | 43,870 | 45,493 | 1,623 |
| Auto Allowance | 3,558 | 3,558 | |
| Continuing Ed (vouchered) | 2,000 | 1,500 | -500 |
| Pension | 25,075 | 26,329 | 1,254 |
| Prof. Exp., Presbytery, GA (vouchered) | 1,500 | 1,500 | |
| Phone/Computer Allowance | 2,050 | 2,050 | |
| Medical (vouchered) | 3,500 | 3,500 | |
| Pastor's Compensation | 92,253 | 95,026 | 2,773 |
| Pulpit Supply | 750 | 500 | -250 |
| Youth Director's Salary | 12,115 | 12,564 | 449 |
| Secretary's Salary | 33,385 | 21,840 | -11,545 |
| Custodian's Salary | 14,742 | 15,293 | 551 |
| Treasurer's Salary | 2,700 | 2,800 | 100 |
| Organists' Salary | 4,580 | 4,750 | 170 |
| Accompanists' Salary | 2,000 | 2,000 | |
| Music Director's Salary | 3,500 | 3,500 | |
| Adult Bell Director's Salary | 1,830 | 1,898 | 68 |
| Substitute's Salary | 500 | 0 | -500 |
| Livestream Tech Assistant's Salary | | 3,800 | 3,800 |
| Staff Salaries | 76,102 | 68,945 | -7,157 |

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2024 PROPOSED BUDGET – pg 2

| ACCOUNT TITLE | BUDGET 2023 | PROPOSED FOR 2024 | DIFFERENCE |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Cont. Ed for Staff | 500 | 500 | |
| Office Supplies & Other | 1,650 | 1,650 | |
| Office Equipment & Equip Maintenance | 3,200 | 3,200 | |
| Postage | 1,000 | 550 | -450 |
| FICA Payroll Taxes | 5,330 | 4,826 | -504 |
| Church Dinners | 500 | 500 | |
| Church Dues/Subscriptions/Licenses | 800 | 800 | |
| Website, Subscriptions, Licenses | 750 | 750 | |
| Common Ground Coffee & Supplies | 500 | 700 | 200 |
| Misc. | 750 | 750 | |
| Church Advertising | 500 | 500 | |
| Per capita (107 x \$41) | 6,400 | 4,387 | -2013 |
| Finance | 0 | 0 | |
| Staff Recognition | 450 | 450 | |
| Personnel Committee Incidentls | 0 | 0 | |
| Building Maintenance | 5,500 | 3,000 | 2,500 |
| Utilities | 20,000 | 25,000 | 5,000 |
| Insurance | 16,000 | 21,000 | 5,000 |
| Yard Maintenance | 4,800 | 1,000 | -3,800 |
| Nurture | 68,630 | 69,563 | 933 |
| Outreach | 1,200 | 900 | -300 |
| TOTALS | 243,085 | 238,494 | -4,491 |

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2024 PROPOSED BUDGET – pg 3

| ACCOUNT TITLE | BUDGET 2023 | PROPOSED FOR 2024 | DIFFERENCE |
|---------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Curriculum, Supplies, Resources | 950 | 800 | -150 |
| VBS (PEF) | 0 | 0 | |
| Bibles & Gifts | 0 | 0 | |
| Camperships (PEF) | 0 | 0 | |
| Confirmation/New Members | 300 | 300 | |
| Youth & Children Fellowship | 600 | 300 | -300 |
| Lil' Worshipp Warriors | 250 | 250 | |
| Nursery | 50 | 50 | |
| Poinsettias & Lilies | 0 | 0 | |
| Organists' Music Allowance | 75 | 75 | |
| Adult Choir Music & Supplies | 100 | 50 | |
| Bell Choir Supplies | 150 | 150 | |
| Children's Choir/Xmas Program | 75 | 75 | |
| Instrument Maintenance | 1,100 | 1,100 | |
| Worship Supplies | 1,000 | 700 | -300 |
| Special Music Fee | 250 | 250 | |
| Nurture | 4,900 | 4,100 | -800 |

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2023 Statement of Income and Expenses – pg 1

| Account Title | 2023 Actual | 2023 Budget | Difference |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| CASH INCOME | | | |
| Current Pledge Payments | \$180,959.80 | \$168,483.00 | \$12,476.80 |
| Plate Offering | \$43,963.37 | \$0.00 | \$43,963.37 |
| CASH INCOME | \$224,923.17 | \$168,483.00 | \$56,440.17 |
| Joy Offering - Receipts | \$55.00 | \$0.00 | \$55.00 |
| Joy Offering - Payments | -\$155.00 | \$0.00 | -\$155.00 |
| One Great Hour - Receipts | \$1,300.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,300.00 |
| One Great Hour - Payments | -\$1,200.00 | \$0.00 | -\$1,200.00 |
| Miscellaneous - Receipts | \$310.00 | \$0.00 | \$310.00 |
| Miscellaneous - Payments | -\$310.00 | \$0.00 | -\$310.00 |
| Interest Income | \$134.78 | \$0.00 | \$134.78 |
| Other Income | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| OFFERINGS & GIFTS | \$275.00 | \$0.00 | \$134.78 |
| TOTAL INCOME | \$225,198.17 | | |
| CASH EXPENSES | | | |
| Pastor's Salary | \$10,698.00 | \$10,700.00 | -\$2.00 |
| Housing Allowance | \$43,872.00 | \$43,870.00 | \$2.00 |
| Auto Allowance | \$3,558.00 | \$3,558.00 | \$0.00 |
| Continuing Education | \$919.75 | \$2,000.00 | -\$1,080.25 |
| Pension | \$25,074.96 | \$25,075.00 | -\$0.04 |
| Prof. Exp. (GA, Presby, Synod) | \$1,965.91 | \$1,500.00 | \$465.91 |
| Phone Allowance | \$1,878.25 | \$2,050.00 | -\$171.75 |
| Medical | \$3,579.52 | \$3,500.00 | \$79.52 |
| PASTOR'S COMPENSATION | \$91,546.39 | \$92,253.00 | -\$706.61 |

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2023 Statement of Income and Expenses – pg 2

| Account Title | 2023 Actual | 2023 Budget | Difference |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Pulpit Supply | \$750.00 | \$750.00 | \$0.00 |
| Youth Director's Salary | \$12,114.96 | \$12,115.00 | -\$0.04 |
| Office Manager's Salary | \$30,331.00 | \$33,385.00 | -\$3,054.00 |
| Custodians' Salary | \$14,742.00 | \$14,742.00 | \$0.00 |
| Treasurer's Salary | \$2,700.00 | \$2,700.00 | \$0.00 |
| Organists' Salary | \$4,579.85 | \$4,580.00 | -\$0.15 |
| Accompanists' Salary | \$625.00 | \$2,000.00 | -\$1,375.00 |
| Music Director's Salary | \$1,458.35 | \$3,500.00 | -\$2,041.65 |
| Adult Bell Choir Dir. Salary | \$1,941.55 | \$1,830.00 | \$111.55 |
| Substitute's Salary | \$0.00 | \$500.00 | -\$500.00 |
| Livestream Tech Assistant | \$90.00 | \$0.00 | \$90.00 |
| STAFF SALARIES | \$69,332.71 | \$76,102.00 | -\$6,769.29 |
| Office Supplies | \$1,723.43 | \$1,650.00 | \$73.43 |
| Office Equipment/Maintenance | \$2,741.95 | \$3,200.00 | -\$458.05 |
| Postage | \$330.00 | \$1,000.00 | -\$670.00 |
| Church Dinners | \$0.00 | \$500.00 | -\$500.00 |
| FICA Payroll Tax | \$5,382.50 | \$5,330.00 | \$52.50 |
| Common Ground Church | \$519.50 | \$500.00 | \$19.50 |
| Dues/Subscriptions/Licenses | \$1,021.65 | \$800.00 | \$221.65 |
| Website/Subscriptions/Licenses | \$730.56 | \$750.00 | -\$19.44 |
| Misc. | \$186.81 | \$750.00 | -\$563.19 |
| Cont. Education for Staff | \$0.00 | \$500.00 | -\$500.00 |
| Church Advertising | \$0.00 | \$500.00 | -\$500.00 |
| Per capita | \$6,400.00 | \$6,400.00 | \$0.00 |
| Finance | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Staff Recognition | \$97.86 | \$450.00 | -\$352.14 |
| Personnel Committee Incidentals | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Building Maintenance | \$3,176.54 | \$5,500.00 | -\$2,323.46 |
| Utilities | \$21,062.42 | \$20,000.00 | \$1,062.42 |
| Insurance | \$18,804.93 | \$16,000.00 | \$2,804.93 |
| Yard Maintenance | \$1,001.01 | \$4,800.00 | -\$3,798.99 |
| OPERATIONS | \$63,179.16 | \$68,630.00 | -\$5,450.84 |

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2023 Statement of Income and Expenses – pg 3

| Account Title | 2023 Actual | 2023 Budget | Difference |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Organist Music | \$0.00 | \$75.00 | -\$75.00 |
| Adult Choir Music | \$0.00 | \$100.00 | -\$100.00 |
| Bell Choir Supplies & Music | \$0.00 | \$150.00 | -\$150.00 |
| Children Choir Supplies | \$0.00 | \$75.00 | -\$75.00 |
| Instrument Maintenance | \$1,140.00 | \$1,100.00 | \$40.00 |
| Worship Supplies | \$179.30 | \$1,000.00 | -\$820.70 |
| Special Music Fee | \$0.00 | \$250.00 | -\$250.00 |
| Bethel Music Scholarships | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Curriculum/Supplies/Resources | \$171.25 | \$950.00 | -\$778.75 |
| Poinsettias and Lilies | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Camperships | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| VBS | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Bibles & Gifts | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Confirmation/NewMembers | \$0.00 | \$300.00 | -\$300.00 |
| Youth & Children's Fellowship | \$209.72 | \$600.00 | -\$390.28 |
| Lil' Worship Warriors | \$0.00 | \$250.00 | -\$250.00 |
| Nursery | \$0.00 | \$50.00 | -\$50.00 |
| NURTURE | \$1,700.27 | \$4,900.00 | -\$3,199.73 |
| Community Playschool | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Pres. Manor | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | 0 |
| New Jerusalem Ministries | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | 0 |
| Mission Programs | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | 0 |
| Outreach | \$234.32 | \$1,200.00 | -\$965.68 |
| OUTREACH | \$234.32 | \$1,200.00 | -\$965.68 |
| | | | |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$225,696.35 | \$243,085.00 | -\$17,388.65 |
| | | | |
| INCOME - EXPENSES | -\$498.18 | | |

(End of Report)

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, NEWTON

Statement of Assets and Liabilities - December 31, 2023

ASSETS
CASH AND INVESTMENTS

| | | <u>Unrestricted Funds</u> | |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| General Fund | | | |
| | General Checking | 7,651 | |
| | General Savings | 63,994 | |
| | | <u>Restricted Funds</u> | |
| | Prepaid Pledges | 1,000 | |
| | Memorial Fund | 9,688 | |
| | Capital Savings Fund | 30,391 | |
| | | <u>Other</u> | |
| | Youth | 2,788 | |
| | Deacons | 1,063 | |
| | Presbyterian Women | <u>2,889</u> | |
| | Total Cash | 119,464 | 119,464 |
| FIXED ASSETS | | | |
| Property | | | |
| | Land, building, and equipment | 1,390,000 | |
| | Accumulated depreciation | <u>873,877</u> | |
| | Total Fixed Assets | 516,123 | <u>516,123</u> |
| | Total Assets | | <u>635,587</u> |

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

| LIABILITIES | | | |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| | Total Liabilities | 0 | 0 |
| FUND BALANCES | | | |
| | | <u>Unrestricted Funds</u> | |
| | General Fund | 71,645 | |
| | | <u>Restricted Funds</u> | |
| | General Fund | 516,123 | |
| | Prepaid Pledges | 1,000 | |
| | Memorial Fund | 9,688 | |
| | Capital Savings Fund | 30,391 | |
| | | <u>Other</u> | |
| | Youth | 2,788 | |
| | Deacons | 1,063 | |
| | Presbyterian Women | 2,889 | |
| | Total Fund Balances | 635,587 | <u>635,587</u> |
| | Total Liabilities & Fund Balances | | <u>635,587</u> |

First Presbyterian Church, Newton Permanent Endowment Fund 2023 Annual Report

PEF has been able to support the Church and its mission outreach throughout the year. Some of the benefits that PEF has funded include:

- Purchase of a mower to allow the members of the congregation to maintain the lawn. This was done to support a budget reduction for the facility. The program has been successful and will pay back the cost of the mower in 2 – 3 years.
- The electrical wiring coming from the utility pole shorted out underground.
- The audio-visual system used to broadcast church and other events was out of date and warranty, upgrades were made to the system that should last for many years.
- Numerous local charities benefitted by gifts from PEF.
- Camp scholarships were available for our youth.
- The annual Easter egg hunt supporting our community outreach goals.
- Repair of the bellows on our pipe organ

These are just some of the projects where PEF was able to contribute.

Moving forward the PEF committee will continue to work toward supporting the Church's capital needs and work to support community needs as they fit with our goals for Christian outreach and educational support.

If there are needs that you see, please contact anyone on the PEF committee so we can understand the need and how it can support the goals of the Church and community.

Committee members for 2023:

- Marsha Swander
- Larry Trussel
- Mel McAnulty
- Greg McGehee
- John Higgs
- Phil Anderson
- Ron Cheyney

Submitted by: Ron Cheyney

First Presbyterian Church, Newton

Nurture Team

2023 Annual Report

The Nurture Team works on the Education (Sunday School: Preschool – Adults), Youth Groups, Worship and Music of the First Presbyterian Church.

Members: Pastor Scott McGinnis, Children and Youth Director/Moderator: Mary McGehee, Secretary: Carol Higgs, Susan Brack, Jeri Smith, Karen Wilson, and Kelli Glann, (Tricia Brothers until July, 2023) and Vada Snider.

The Nurture Team met 10 times in the year 2023. They meet at 1:30 pm in the Common Grounds on the second Wednesday of the month.

1. MUSIC:

Vada Snider continues to be our Choir and Bell Choir Director. She has the Choir singing 3 Sundays a month and the Bell Choir playing one Sunday a month. She also had some Special music as well. Our church is blessed to have 2 wonderful organists. Helen Wild and Kelli Glann make sure we have beautiful music to listen to each Sunday. Thank you ladies.

2. Sunday School:

We had Sunday school for ages 3 years old – 5th grade from January to May and then September to December. We took the summer off. We had Confirmation Class from September to November. We had Adult Sunday school all year.

3. Worship: We help with the making sure the pews are neat and tidy for the next Sunday and the pencils and envelopes are filled.

Carol Cheyney makes sure the cloths are the correct color for the season, which are on the lectern, communion table and pulpit. (Thank you Carol.)

4. Youth Groups:

Please see report on following page.

5. Nurture Team Activities:

- * Mary McGehee continues as the Children and Youth Director.
- * Souper Bowl Sunday: Helped the youth with this. All money collected went to Harvest of Love.
- * Ash Wednesday Soup dinner/ service
- * Lenten materials were given out for Adults and Children.
- * Palms were ordered and given out on Palm Sunday.
- * Put up Big cross in sanctuary for the season of Lent/Easter.
- * Did not have VBS: Due to Mary's health.
- * Gave out 3 Bibles: 1 to a 1st grader, 1 to a 6th grader and 1 to Graduating Senior.
- * Did Children's messages for the year.
- * Had a Children's Christmas Program

- * Advent readers were found to read and light the advent candles for the 4 Sundays in Advent and the Christmas Eve Service.
- * Advent materials were ordered and given out to the kids, families and members.
- * The candles were assembled for the Christmas Eve service.
- * Sold Lilies and adopted Poinsettias.
- * Helped with sending 3 kids to camp.
- * Had a Christmas party at the McGinnis' home for the parents and kids.

****We would like to say THANK YOU to Mike Enz for opening the church every Sunday morning. Making sure all is ready for us to worship and then after the worship he makes sure the lights are off and closes our church up. We as the Nurture Team truly appreciate this dedication and service to our church.**

Yours in Christ:

Mary McGehee

Child and Youth Director/ Moderator

First Presbyterian Church, Newton

Property Committee

2023 Annual Report

Participating Committee members this year (2023) were: Mike Enz- Chair; John Higgs and Steve Tangeman.

The Committee is thankful to our Custodian, Tony Martinez for his dedicated service to the church building. Not only does he take care of the inside of the church, he also maintains the grounds around the church building.

The Property Committee's 2023 goal was to manage the needs of the church congregation and while staying within the approved 2023 budget. The Property Committee's 2023 overall spending ended up being **\$2,255 under budget**. Insurance premiums and Utilities were slightly over budget, however, Building and Yard Maintenance were significantly lower. The lower actual spending was mainly a result of church volunteers performing the yard and building maintenance.

The 2023 Budget for the Property Committee was \$46,300. It was broken down as:

| | <u>2023 Budget</u> | <u>2023 Actual</u> | <u>2023 Budget</u> |
|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| • Insurance | - \$16,000 | \$18,805 | \$21,000 |
| • Utilities | - \$20,000 | \$21,062 | \$25,000 |
| • Bldg. Maint, | - \$ 5,500 | \$ 3,177 | \$ 3,000 |
| • Yard Maint. | - \$ 4,800 | \$ 1,001 | \$ 1,000 |
| Total Budget | - \$46,300 | \$44,045 | \$50,000 |

The Property Committee activities for 2023 included the following:

- Maintain the operation of all of the original (60 year old) equipment in the church. This includes some of the heating/cooling equipment as well as building security and electrical equipment.
- Replaced the failed 3-phase electrical cable system that operates the heating and cooling system. All three underground cables from the outside power pole to the basement breaker box had to be replaced. Fortunately, the churches insurance paid for the repair except for the deductible.
- Removed two more diseased austrian pine trees from the north property.
- Mowing the grounds is now being provided by church volunteers which resulted in a major operations savings.
- The old storage shed was cleaned out and moved to house the newly purchased mower.
- One of the leather organ bellows was replaced because it was cracked and leaking air.
- The Audio/Visual team replaced the outdated soundboard and added a couple floor mics.
- Replaced the main entry doorbell with a Ring doorbell system. A Ring doorbell has been added to the kitchen entry.
- The five year lease on the churches copy machine expired. In an effort to save office expenses, the existing copy machine was purchased at a bargain price and excessive color printing has been reduced.
- The west facing Chapel wall was repainted due to excessive peeling and weathering.

Focus for 2024

- Provide a safe and secure facility.
- Operate the heating/cooling systems in a cost savings manner.
- Insure snow removal as required this winter.
- Upgrade obsolete equipment as required.
- Upgrade lighting in the Chapel.
- Support bringing the secondary Church Windows computer online for assistant treasurer.
- Support live streaming of church service events.
- Continue to manage 2024 Property Budget.

Submitted by: Mike Enz, Chairperson

First Presbyterian Church, Newton Personnel Committee 2023 Annual Report

Committee members: John Higgs, Sandy Larson, Jenny Switzer, Bill Wilson, Julie Regier, Chairperson. The Personnel Committee met monthly as part of the Operations Team which is made up of the Finance Committee, Property Committee & Personnel Committee. The Personnel Committee also met independently throughout the year to complete the duties of the committee that are outside the Operations Team scope. The Personnel Committee is the church's Human Resources department and is responsible for the hiring and termination of employees, managing employee salaries, job descriptions, performance reviews and addressing personnel problems and grievances.

There are 8 employees of the church. There was one staff change made in 2023 with the hiring of Johannah Hastings as Church Secretary. The staff that continued are Pastor Scott McGinnis (Head of Staff), Mary McGehee (Youth Leader), Marsha Sander (Treasurer), Vada Snider (Bell Choir Director), Kelli Glann and Helen Wild (Organists & Accompanists) and Tony Martinez (Custodian).

The committee met numerous times during the year to work through employee issues, conduct staff reviews and organize staff gifts at Christmas time.

Submitted by Julie Regier, Chairperson

First Presbyterian Church, Newton Outreach Committee 2023 Annual Report

Committee members include Greg McGehee, Alisa Dinneen, Rita Allmon, Beth Darrow, Secretary; and Pam Trussell, Chair.

We continue to donate snacks to Opportunity Academy a couple of times a year.

The committee was contacted by Sara Kelly from Health Ministries to help with a coat drive in January. They provided a huge box for the donated coats. Our congregation responded as always and filled the box.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt was a joint event with Hillcrest Community Church again. There were 3200 eggs stuffed by members of the two congregations. About 70 children attended the event on the Saturday before Palm Sunday.

The committee sponsored a car winterization clinic in November. There was more publicity done this year as well as a joint event with the Brethren Church. There were about 30/35 cars serviced this year which was quite a bit more than last year.

This year was the last year for the Bike and Build group to stop in Kansas and spend the night at our church. As usual it was the first week in July. They were provided supper and breakfast by members of the congregation as well as a chance to have their laundry done! They got showers at Newton Recreation Center.

Throughout 2023 our church served meals to New Hope Shelter. We serve on Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday nights every 10 weeks. Rita Allmon is the organizer for this outreach who contacts different people to plan and provide the meals. She is thankful for everyone who helps with this outreach.

The committee revived the Good Neighbor Project this summer to update the asset list and inform members of the congregation about it that have not heard about it.

Victoria teaches a parenting class in Wichita through Embrace which is a non-profit organization. She is interested in having a class at the church which is for a group of up to 20 people for 6 weeks. The session approved it but so far there have not been enough people in the Newton area to have a class.

The committee would like to thank the congregation for your support of the Outreach activities!

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Darrow

First Presbyterian Church, Newton Memorial Committee 2023 Annual Report

Committee Members: Sandra Larson, Chairperson, Carol Higgs, Recorder, Becky Cooper, Kay Enz, Marilyn Sjogren, Karen Wilson, and Susan Wyman

The purpose of this committee is to receive funds donated in memory of someone. The monies are kept by the Church Treasurer and disbursed in a thoughtful and meaningful way for a need in the church that is not budgeted. Gifts are never earmarked for a certain item and neither are items labeled.

The committee met, in person, twice during the year of 2023 and additionally, as needed, via e-mails and phone calls. We continue to meet without set dates due to scheduling difficulties. During 2023 officers once again retained their previous year's duties.

Committee members hung the "Veterans Memorial Banners" in the Narthex for the Memorial Day Holiday weekend in May and for the Veterans Day Holiday in November.

Our committee approved several disbursements of funds. Following is the list of purchases for our church made possible by donation monies to the First Presbyterian Church Memorial Fund.

- ✧ Lighting upgrade in basement rooms
- ✧ Purchase live flowers and foliage for 3 entrance pots by main entrance walkway
- ✧ Prepaid down payment, to Brown Bindery and Conservation, for the conservation of the Chapel Historical Bible. This project is to be completed in 2024.
- ✧ Purchase of storage tubs for seasonal artificial flowers in stairwell planters
- ✧ Allowance for wall hangings in the secretary's office
- ✧ Two 8 ft. white tables for specific use by the Bell Choir

We began the year 2023 with \$11,626.29. Donations during the year were received for Marilyn McGinnis. After donations given and expenditures paid, our closing balance on December 31, 2023 is \$9,687.71

Our committee welcomes ideas for usage of our Memorial Funds within our church.

Sandra Larson, Chairperson

First Presbyterian Church, Newton Nominating Committee 2023 Annual Report

Committee members: Pastor Scott McGinnis, Chairperson/Moderator; Susan Brack, Jeri Smith, Elders; Alisa Dinneen, Deacon; Carolyn Adams, Carol Cheyney, Mel McAnulty, Greg McGehee, Congregation members-at-large.

Thank you to our nominating committee for your phone calls and emails. Thank you for your kind service and friendship in our congregation. You are a blessing to us.

These officer nominees were presented at the Annual Congregation Meeting on Sunday, November 19th. All nominees were approved.

3 Elders - (all are taking on a 2nd 3-year term)

1. Mike Enz
2. Jeri Smith
3. Rojean DuBois

4 Deacons -

1. Kelli Glann
2. Bob Swander

Thank you,

Rev. Scott McGinnis

Pastor

First Presbyterian Church of Newton, KS

First Presbyterian Church, Newton

Board of Deacons

2023 Annual Report

Deacons: Tricia Brothers (half the year), Alisa Dinneen, Beth Darrow, Jerry Krehbiel, Carol Higgs, Susan Wyman, Marilyn Sjogren, Victoria Yoder, Bill Wilson, Karen Wilson and Bob Swander. Beth Darrow served as chair, Tricia Brothers and Alisa Dinneen as secretary and Carol Higgs as treasurer. Susan and Marilyn put in their resignation at the end of the year since neither one can complete the term.

The Deacon's met the third Tuesday of the month after the joint meeting with Session. We did not meet in February due to the Valentine Dinner, June was part of Church in the Park, July for summer break and October due to the Fall Cookout. The December meeting included the organizing and delivery of the Christmas baskets with just Deacons. The Deacons have three committees with each Deacon being on one. The three committees are Church and Fellowship, Church and Society and Church and Worship. Church and Fellowship includes fundraisers and activities concerning the members of the church. Church and Society includes helping people in the community by monetary means or other ways. Church and Worship includes letting the congregation have the opportunity to serve as ushers, lay readers, and greeters. The Deacon's are responsible to serve communion the first Sunday of the month as well as Maundy Thursday. Each Deacon also serves on at least one church committee.

This year the Deacons decided to do the Valentine Dinner fundraiser in fellowship hall with take out on request. The menu was lasagna, salad, bread and chocolate dessert. There were 80 people served. This is a fundraiser for camperships and the gross profit was a little under \$1000.

The Deacons decided to have Church in the Park in June again. Two Deacons smoked the meat while the potato salad, baked beans, and potato chips were provided by the Deacons and the cobblers were made by the Deacons. There were about 50 people present. This year the Church in the Park was in Fellowship Hall due to the hot weather.

This year the Nurture Team paid for the children from our church to attend camp. The Deacons sent 36 children from the community to the Salvation Army camp in Kansas City.

The Deacons were able to spend \$378 on school supplies for Cooper and Santa Fe Middle School in August. The focus was to purchase items that would be beneficial to the teachers. The teachers from both schools provided a list of supplies. The congregation donated quite a few supplies as well.

The annual cookout in October at the Tanneman's farm was a hit as usual. About 45/50 people attended. The weather was beautiful! The Deacon's provided all the food again. Steve gave a hayrack ride to people who wanted one.

The Deacon's did Christmas baskets this year. The recipients included the 13 men at New Jerusalem Missions. The "need" list was made by each individual this year again. Most of them asked and received a new shirt, thermal underwear and outerwear items. One of them likes to crochet and asked for a crochet kit and yarn.

The Deacon's continue to do the food pantry every month for the Salvation Army. We deliver about 100 pounds of food a month.

The Deacons also did the mitten tree again this year. We collected 1 scarf, 7 stocking hats for men, 5 pairs of men's gloves, 13 pairs of women's gloves and 16 pairs of gloves for children. They are given to the Salvation Army.

We have given money to the Harvey County Homeless Shelter every month and Newton Ministerial Alliance every month in 2023. The amount was \$50 or \$100 every month depending on the monthly expenses and income.

We continue to receive money from the Dillon's Reward Program. We receive quarterly donations from members who are enrolled in the program.

The Deacons want to thank the members of the church for your continued support. We could not do the projects without your help!

Submitted by,

Beth Darrow
Chair

First Presbyterian Church
Board of Deacons
Balance Sheet
December 31, 2023

Beginning Balance January 1, 2023

\$834.09

Receipts:

| | |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Kroger Rewards | \$1,031.33 |
| Interest Credit | 1.18 |
| Lasagna Dinner Donations | 1,135.00 |
| Donations for School Supplies | 255.00 |
| Park in the Church meal Donations | 697.00 |

TOTAL RECEIPTS:

\$3,119.51

Disbursements:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| New Hope Shelter Donations | \$ 600.00 |
| Newton Ministerial Alliance Donations | 600.00 |
| Lasagna Lunch Expenses | 171.72 |
| School Supplies Expense | 378.98 |
| Salvation Army Camp Snack \$ (38) | 190.00 |
| Salvation Army Camperships (38) | 950.00 |

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:

\$2,890.70

Ending Balance December 31, 2023

\$1,062.90

Respectfully submitted by Carol Higgs, Deacons Treasurer

First Presbyterian Church, Newton

Presbyterian Women

2023 Annual Report

“Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ and endowed by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves:
to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study,
to support the mission of the church worldwide,
to work for justice and peace
and to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthen the Presbyterian Church
(USA) and witness to the promise of God’s Kingdom.”

Presbyterian Women of First Presbyterian Church, Newton, Kansas includes all of the women of the church whether active or inactive in the organization. Support of Christian Education and Mission opportunities is open to all. We currently have approximately 73 members. We are sorry to report the loss of 1 member in 2023, Marilyn McGinnis.

Officers for 2023 included: Moderator, Sandra Larson; Secretary, Pat Morton; Treasurer, Carolyn Adams; Circle Leader: Carol Cheyney.

Committees included: Search: Rita Allmon and Sandra Larson; Program, Susan Wyman; World Service: Susan Wyman; Publicity: PW Coordination Team; Kitchen and Serving, Carol Cheyney, Carol Higgs, Rhonda Tillberg.

Serving on the Presbyterian Women of Southern Kansas Coordinating Team is Kathy Randall. We are proud and thankful for Kathy’s continued work on the PWSK team.

The Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team met 8 times in 2023. The focus of these meetings included concerns for members, future plans for studies, PW events, fellowship and mission. The minutes of the board meetings are sent to Session for review and approval.

PW met throughout the year from January to June and September to December. In January we continue our Horizon’s Bible Study on “Celebrating Sabbath”. This study taught us about “Accepting God’s Gift of Rest and Delight”. In September, we began a new Bible study “Sacred Encounters”, “The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts”. Each month we meet for Circle at 10:00 am on the second Wednesday of the month in Fellowship Hall. Various members lead the Bible study and hostess the Circle meetings. PW Circle meets regularly 10 months during the year.

Our PW spring and fall gatherings were “Breakfast at The Breadbasket” on a Saturday morning in April and October.

Our Presbyterian Women continue to give generously of their time, talents, and money. On Circle days, we give to the Fellowship of the Least Coin and to the mission projects of our Circle. Through pledges and offerings we gave \$2,000.00 to support local mission work in our community. We also gave \$17.03 to the Least Coin Offering (each month women from all over the world contribute the least coin of her realm), \$479 to the Birthday Offering of Presbyterian Women, \$500 to the Thank Offering of Presbyterian Women, \$1,000.00 to the New Hope Shelter Building Fund, \$500 to Anderson Office Supply for school supplies for families in need and \$325 to “Angel Tree Requests” where we were able to gift \$25 to 13 ladies for personal needs items at Christmas.

We pledged allotments to support the mission work of Presbyterian Women of Southern Kansas, Presbyterian Women in Synod of Mid-America, mission of the PC(USA) worldwide and PW in the PC(USA). [See our PW Treasurer’s report 2023 for details of giving.]

We prayerfully support events which advocate for women and children in abusive and compromised situations, to bring justice and freedom to those imprisoned by illiteracy, poverty, or injustice.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Larson, Moderator 2023

First Presbyterian Church, Newton
Presbyterian Women
Balance Sheet
December 31, 2023

Beginning Balance January 1, 2023 **\$5,178.24**

2023 Income:

| | |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Pledges | \$4,475.00 |
| Donations | \$ 50.00 |
| Bank Interest | \$ 5.61 |
| Funeral Donations | \$ 425.00 |
| Birthday Offering | \$ 479.00 |
| Least Coin Offering | \$ 17.03 |
| Thank Offering | <u>\$ 500.00</u> |
| Total Income 2023 | \$5,951.64 |

2023 Expenses:

| | |
|---------------------|------------|
| PCUSA Yearly Pledge | \$1,600.00 |
| Synod PW | \$ 12.90 |
| PW Southern Kansas | \$ 25.90 |
| Birthday Offering | \$ 479.00 |
| Least Coin Offering | \$ 17.03 |
| Thank Offering | \$ 500.00 |
| Study Books | \$ 220.00 |

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|---|------------|
| Appreciation Gifts & Cards | \$ 220.00 |
| Kitchen Supplies | \$ 141.20 |
| Refrigerator Maintenance | \$ 395.50 |
| Newton Schools Student Lunch Debt Fund | \$ 300.00 |
| Anderson Office Supply--School Supplies | \$ 500.00 |
| Stamps & Envelopes | \$ 66.49 |
| Funeral Lunches | \$ 489.45 |
| Special Lunches | \$ 273.03 |
| New Hope Shelter | \$1,000.00 |
| Local Missions | \$2,000.00 |

(See attached listing)

Total Expenses for 2023 **\$8,240.40**

Ending Balance December 31, 2023 **\$2,889.48**

Carolyn Adams, Treasurer

First Presbyterian Church, Newton
PW Local Missions
2023 Annual Report

PW Local Missions 2023

| | |
|--------------------------|---------------|
| Agape | \$100 |
| CASA | \$100 |
| Community Playschool | \$200 |
| Health Ministries | \$200 |
| Heart 2 Heart | \$100 |
| New Hope Shelter | \$200 |
| Meals on Wheels | \$100 |
| Grand Central Sr. Center | \$200 |
| Presbyterian Manor | \$200 |
| Good Samaritan Fund | |
| Safe Hope | \$200 |
| Circles of Hope | \$100 |
| St. Matthews Payee Prog. | \$100 |
| Westminster Woods | <u>\$200</u> |
| (scholarships only) | |
| Total | \$2000 |

First Presbyterian Church, Newton Youth Groups 2023 Annual Report

JUMP:

This youth group is for grades 6th – 12th grade. We met February to May and the October to December. We meet in the Youth Room on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 pm to 8:15 pm.

We participated in the “Souper” Bowl of Love. Collecting money for the Harvest of Love.

We had an out of school for the Summer pool party. Thank you Almons for the use of your pool.

KIDS CONNECTION

This group is for the ages 3 years old – 5th grade. We met 4 times throughout the year after church until 1:00 pm.

We got to have a swim party in the summer together. Thank you Susan Brack for the use of your pool.

We also performed a Christmas play for church called: “The Shiniest Star”.

Both groups had our first Christmas Party at the home of the McGinnis’. Parents and the kids were invited to share a meal, sing some Christmas Carols (Thank you Kelli) and have a gift exchange. It was a lot of fun and we hope to make this an annual event.

** For all the activities I did with the groups, I planned the lessons, supplied the materials and carried out the activities.

** I am looking forward to 2024 meeting more times with the Kids Connection group and continuing to meet regularly with the JUMP group.

**I ask you all to pray for our children and youth. Get to know them, many of them enjoy visiting with people and would enjoy getting to know you. Thank you.

Yours in Christ:

Mary McGehee

Children and Youth Director

First Presbyterian Church, Newton

Prayer Chain

2023 Annual Report

The Prayer Chain was started in July of 2006 with people being contacted by telephone chain calls, offering prayers for those with illness, death, and /or other stressful situations.

I assumed the coordinator role in 2014 and most requests are now sent via e-mail. Anyone may ask to be placed on the call list to receive the messages. Anyone may make a prayer request, but if it is for another person, you must receive their permission to do so.

Prayer requests may be made by e-mail to: duboisfarm1@yahoo.com, or call or text 316-772-8128.

In 2023 we had a total of 60 requests and 43 notices sent. Please use the prayer chain to pray for our church family, friends and relatives. We are also anxious to celebrate with prayers the things that bring happiness, so let me know when you have a good thing to celebrate with prayer.

You may notice that you are on the prayer chain and didn't sign up. This occurred during COVID when the prayer chain list as used to send other notifications. If you really don't want to be on the list, just notify me and I will remove your name. However, you might miss getting some valuable information in the future.

We have an awesome congregation, and an Awesome God that has heard our prayers for over 150 years.

Rojean DuBois,
Prayer Chain Coordinator