

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

Sharing the Heart of Christ from the Heart of the City

LOVING GOD
LOVING EACH OTHER
LOVING THE WORLD

Session meet 3rd
Tuesday of each month

	Class ends
Tim Dalton	2022
Eric Mellott	2022
Don Marangoni	2022
Andrew Pozzuto	2022
Bill Best	2023
Erica Dunklebarger	2023
Pat McNamee	2023
Doug Vanderau	2023
Amanda Bietsch	2024
Jean Diehl	2024
Ross Winegardner	2024
Dick Young	2024

Kathryn Finley, Session Clerk

Deacons meet 1st
Sunday of each month

	Class ends
Rosemary Elder	2022
Bonnie Fortuna	2022
Diane Sheep	2022
Bill Worley	2022
Laurie Kaufman	2023
Melissa West	2023
Sherry Forsythe	2024
Laurie McKelvie	2024
Joan Norcross	2024
Greta Sick	2024

Diane Sheep - Moderator

Trustees meet 2nd
Tuesday of each month

	Class ends
Steve Jaczun	2022
Rachel Kern	2022
Rick Miller	2022
Carolyn Best	2023
Carla Christian	2023
Ginny Harriger	2023
Ben Brosious	2024
Sandy Myers	2024
Sue Stahl	2024

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2022 Pastor's Annual Report

The theme of the year just attended was revitalization - for Central, and for me personally.

By the end of 2021, I was one worn-out pastor. I am grateful that the Session recommended, and the congregation approved, my sabbatical for rest and refreshment. Your generosity and kindness allowed me to step away completely from ministry during June, July and August and entrust pastoral leadership to Rev. Katy Yates Brungraber, to whom I am also thankful. In June Susan and I took a month-long trip to Spain, enjoying stunning architecture, great food, walkable and vibrant cities and beautiful scenery. July was mostly devoted to family, including a week at the beach with grandchildren. We spent August working on some home renovation projects. I also caught up on reading, spent time with my coach/counselor and prayed deeply. I realize now that if it were not for the sabbatical, I could not have continued long in ministry. So I can serve the Lord and this church at my best, I have adopted or re-committed to the following disciplines and practices:

- Regular Sabbath (I take Saturday)
- Daily prayer and Bible reading
- Daily exercise
- Regular meetings with my coach/counselor
- Participation in a monthly support group with local Presbyterian clergy
- Annual spiritual renewal retreat with a group of friends where we worship four times daily, study the Bible, engage in spiritual practices and meet in small groups
- Ask for prayer from the Pastor's Intercessory Team (my prayer support team)
- Participation in a seminar group with other pastors seeking to lead effectively during these challenging times

With the Lord's blessing, I look forward to a fruitful season of ministry together.

Revitalization of Central

Many congregations need revitalization, too. The effects of COVID, political polarization, loss of members, declining worship attendance and a shrinking number of volunteers, combined with the displacement of the church from the center of community life, have left many churches weakened and struggling for direction. Central is no exception (as are nearly all the congregations I am aware of).

There is also great opportunity in this season of challenge. I believe God is at work refining the church and leading her to become more focused on what is essential - growing together as followers of Jesus Christ who are drawn into the great adventure of building the Kingdom of God, sharing our Lord's love, compassion and justice.

To discern the way forward, the Session and I spent many hours over the last 18 months praying and working together, seeking a renewed sense of purpose for the church, identifying key ministries to start or reinvigorate, and determining what key next steps to take.

For our church's vision, the Session reaffirmed our existing statement:

“Sharing the Heart of Christ from the Heart of the City”

Amazingly, the “heart” of Jesus Christ - his presence, love, mercy and compassion - come to the world through his followers - ordinary people like us. This is why the Bible calls us “the body of Christ,” because we are the Lord's physical presence on earth. Our vision is to grow as Christ's followers so we can know and follow him more faithfully and so we can increasingly share his love with our community.

God has planted us in strategic spot to do so. We are the most visible piece of architecture in the County, sitting at the intersection of the two main roads running through town.

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This makes us a prominent outpost of the Kingdom of God, and through our worship and mission we bear witness that there is hope and salvation for us individually, and a new world emerging where the poor and hurting are lifted up and injustice comes tumbling down.

This vision is lived out through three ministry foundations:

Loving God (You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength” - Jesus in Mark 12:30) - expressed through worship and discipleship.

Loving One Another (Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. -1 John 4:11) - lived out through caring and praying with and for one another and enjoying fellowship together.

Loving the World (You shall love your neighbor as yourself - Mark 12:31) - through mission to our community and the world.

Our first initial steps begun last year were:

- Organizing a robust prayer ministry, with Sunday evening Zoom prayer meetings
- Forming a Welcoming Team that has recruited greeters for Sunday morning and will develop ways to help us appropriately welcome and follow up with guests to worship and church events
- Reforming the Fellowship Committee to plan and offer fun and varied fellowship events
- Forming a Discipleship Committee to develop a “discipleship pathway” to help us become and grow as followers of the Lord Jesus.

Session continues to build out our revitalization plan and 2023 promises to be an exciting and productive year!

Some other forms of ministry last year

Teaching: I led regular Wednesday classes on The Deeply Formed Life and the Gospel of Mark. On Sundays I lead a Sermon Discussion Group that meets between the services.

Pastoral Care: I meet with church members for counseling, support, hospital visitation, spiritual guidance and simply to visit and share friendship. It is a great privilege when you share your lives with me. I also conducted funeral services for Lew Stence, Alta Holden, Linda Dalton, Nancy Reichenbach, Jeannie Harper, Glenn Kerns and Bette Boyer. I also got to meet some newborns - Mason Gress, Saoirse Hadik and Henry Christopher Graham.

Staff Leadership: I lead weekly staff meetings that include worship, prayer study and spiritual development, and provide guidance, supervision and leadership as needed. I work with a great staff team!

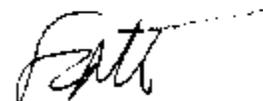
Presbytery: I serve as vice-moderator of Presbytery (becoming Moderator in February) and as a member of Presbytery Council.

Mission in the Community - I organized and led the Christmas Caroling outing into the neighborhood west of the church building.

New Members: Susan and I take “newish” guests out to lunch or dinner to get to know one another and share information about the church.

Service to the Community: Board Member and Secretary of United Way of Franklin County; Board Member and Vice-President of Racial Reconciliation of Franklin County.

Continuing Education: Renovare retreat in April; Fellowship of Presbyterians conference in May, Annual Spiritual Retreat in October; monthly Transformational Leadership seminars from Pinnacle Leadership.



2022 CPC Kids! — Children’s Ministry Annual Report

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.and love your neighbor as yourself.” -- the words of Jesus; Mark 12:30-31

As we strive to live for Jesus and live like Jesus, we dig into the Bible to get to know Jesus! In Kid Ministry we strive to help children have a deep relationship with Jesus that will last their entire lives. It all comes back to Jesus! Here’s an overview of His blessings in Children’s Ministry throughout 2022:

We Came Together as a Team to Pray, to Plan, to Prepare, and Put our Faith Walk into Practice --

I am incredibly thankful for my Amazing Children’s Ministry Team = Erica Dunklebarger, Jenine Grove, Beth Jaczun, Amber Keller, Tyla Mellott, Bree Rauhut, & Sue Stahl. Praying for God’s guidance and trusting Him to provide we all grew deeper in our relationships with each other and with Jesus. Thanks also goes out to James Pasiribu, student from Indonesia at Wilson College. He helps most weeks in Sunday School. He has a great rapport with the kids, he loves Jesus, and lives his faith.

We Celebrated New Babies –

- ◇ Saoirse Hadik on August 19! Parents – Josh & Andrea Hadik
- ◇ Henry Graham on November 15! Parents – William and Samantha Graham

We Continued a Revised and Exciting Sunday School format in the Spring and Fall

- ◇ We re-cycled an older VBS Curriculum “WEIRD ANIMALS” with the theme that God loves unique you! Fall of 2022 we started “MONUMENTAL” – another VBS curriculum teaching God’s greatness can get you through all situations you face. By using VBS curriculums and team-teaching rotating centers, we spend several weeks on what would be one ‘day’ at VBS. We have found the children love this format and are learning and retaining Bible verses and Bible truth that applies to their everyday lives.

We started CPC Kids’ Club in August 2022

- ◇ Because there was a long gap between the end of spring Sunday School at the end of May and the beginning of Fall Sunday School at the very end of September, we began CPC Kids’ club. This is similar to Sunday School except it takes place after ***Kids in the Word*** and for the remainder of Worship time on Sundays that have one Worship Service.

We shared the Good News of Jesus from Luke 2 at Christmas Celebration Sunday on Dec. 11 –

- ◇ The children presented the play “Gimme, Gimme.Jesus”. There was an outbreak of illnesses in late fall which made rehearsing together difficult. Special thanks to the Children’s Ministry Team for rehearsing with the children; to the parents for practicing at home; and to Helen Wingert for playing the piano for us to sing.

We held a “Miracle of Jesus” Family Christmas Celebration Sunday on Dec. 18 –

- ◇ This was a time of parents, grandparents and children all learning more about the miracle of Jesus – not only as an infant but as our Lord and Savior – through interactive stations.

We re-opened the Church Nursery Ministry -

- ◇ Our paid Nursery Staff are Emily Culbertson & Jen Good. They, along with their volunteers, provide a loving place for the littlest ones on Sunday mornings.

We look back at 2022 with appreciation and thanks for ALL God has done in us and through us. We look forward to an exciting year of deeper relationships and even more trust in JESUS in 2023!

Love, hugs and prayers to you all, Sandy Wilson, Children’s Ministry Director

Accomplishments over the past months –

- Curriculum bought that embodies what our youth are in need of this year
- Sunday school teachers acquired and teaching schedule through May established
- Meetups with youth that allowed for relationship building
- Monthly event meetups to build relationships by having FUN together
- Steady growth in attendance from June - December
- Encouraging youth to bring friends outside of our church to initiate growth
- Provide monthly reports to Session
- Provide monthly newsletters to the congregation
- Plan with the mission's leader for a mission's trip
- Reach out to other youth ministries to do a dual event
- Meet with youth volunteers to gather their vision and ideas
- CCDA
- Angel Tree Project for Salvation Army
- Talk with community youth about how they see the “church”
- Events held from June - December:
 - ◊ Meet and greet at the Hadik house
 - ◊ Laser tag
 - ◊ Games and snacks at the church
 - ◊ Pool party and yard games at the Culbertson's
 - ◊ Scavenger hunt
 - ◊ Diaper Depot preparations
 - ◊ Country Creek event
 - ◊ Bonfire at the Kaufman's
 - ◊ Christmas Caroling
 - ◊ Youth Christmas Party
 - ◊ Laser bowling
 - ◊ MLK day event

Over the last 7 months I have seen excitement in our youth and their families about not only the fun we are having together, but also about the relational emphasis our youth group is trying to portray. We have had many youths bring their friends and I've seen excitement in these friends about the acceptance they received at youth group. Going forward, we will continue to emphasize the relational aspect of the youth group, but also embrace growth through outreach, and availability to our community's youth. In the coming year I would like to see myself and our volunteers get into the community and share what Central truly stands for and supports.

I am thankful for the staff and people of Central who have supported me and stood beside me this year. Pat Mcnamee was a huge helper and encourager to me; he covered my position willingly while I was on maternity leave with some help from others. He has been my main contact on the youth committee and has been such a blessing. Ann Culbertson and Bonnie Fortuna have been wonderful Sunday school teachers and I am thankful for their willingness to serve our youth in this way. Erin Adams, Kevin Sencion, Rachel Kerns, Josh Hadik, Melissa West, and Faye Hall have each contributed to different aspects of the youth group and they will continue to volunteer in the future.

Submitted by Andrea Hadik – Part-time Interim Youth Ministry Coordinator

2022 was an exciting year for our Church family!

After two years of very-not-normal, it was thrilling to have a kinda-sorta-normal season. From increased gatherings to plentiful rehearsals to creative projects to growing together - we are beautifully enriched by the power and presence of the Holy Spirit! Amen!

2022 Worship Report

THANK YOU to all CPC volunteers who gave of their time and talents for the glory of God in 2022 worship!

MUSIC:

Nick Adams (praise band)
 Carolyn Best (bell choir)
 Amanda Bietsch (bell choir, special music, praise band, & choir accompaniment)
 Clint Bolte (choir)
 Jessica Boyer (bell choir)
 Ben Brosious (praise band)
 Joanne Creter (choir)
 Tom Diehl (choir & special music)
 Josh Dunklebarger (praise band)
 Karen Dunton (choir)
 Bonnie Fortuna (choir)
 Jen Good (special music)
 Jenine Grove (bell choir)
 Andrea Hadik (praise band, special music, & choir)
 Josh Hadik (praise band & special music)
 Faye Hall (bell choir)
 Rita Hanle (choir)
 Norm Harper (choir)
 Sally Harper (choir)
 Dana Harriger (choir & special music)
 Belinda Johnson (choir)
 Hayden Johnson (choir accompaniment)
 Alydia Marangoni (special music & choir accompaniment)
 Carol McNamee (bell choir & enhanced choir)
 Pat McNamee (choir, special music, & bell choir)
 Jae Merriman (praise band & special music)
 Valerie Merriman (praise band, bell choir, & special music)
 Andrew Mowen (guest, praise band)
 Soon Park (choir, special music, & bell choir)
 Andrew Pozzuto (choir & special music)
 Trena Oyler (special music)
 Naomi Raber (choir & special music)
 Marcus Rauhut (praise band & special music)
 Cindy Shoemaker (enhanced choir)
 Sylvia Troust (choir & special music)
 Doug Vanderau (choir & special music)
 Melissa West (choir, special music, & bell choir)
 Rev. Katy Yates Brungraber (special music)

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DRAMA

Sophie Bietsch
Sharon Brosious
Greta Sick
Sue Stahl

DANCE

Jen Good
Linneda Lozius
Samantha Ruzicka
Sue Stahl
Imyree Teal

TECH

Ben Brosious
Carla Christian
Mike Diehl
Matt Kaufman
Rachel Kern (A/V sub)
Eric Mellott
Melissa West (slideshow)

A WITNESS TO THE PASSION, on film:

Nick Adams	Jenine Grove	Trena Oyler	Izaiah Stouffer
Maria Banks	Andrea Hadik	Andrew Pozzuto	Nina Stouffer
Abby Bietsch	Josh Hadik	Naomi Raber	Imyree Teal
Amanda Bietsch	Laurie Kaufman	Marcus Rauhut	Nathan Usoro Idio
Sophie Bietsch	Maggie Kaufman	Christel Ruzicka	Rodney Varner
Clint Bolte	Matt Kaufman	Hope Ruzicka	Aslan Winegardner
Pastor Scott Bowerman	Adin Keller	Jacob Ruzicka	Atticus Winegardner
Josh Dunklebarger	Linneda Lozius	Samantha Ruzicka	Melissa Winegardner
August Good	Patrick McNamee	Kevin Sencion	Ross Winegardner
Beckett Good	Gracie Mellott	Cindy Shoemaker	Rev. Katy Yates Brungraber
Jen Good	Jae Merriman	Greta Sick	
Phil Good	Rafniel Oquendo	Sue Stahl	

And of course, a special thanks to Helen Wingert & Pastor Scott for being such wonderful worship collaborators this year!

To God be the Glory!!

What did we spend money on?

- Special music sheet music
- A videographer to film the Witness to Christs Passion, some costume pieces and props, & payment for actor playing Jesus
- Choir calendar & sheet music
- Guest drummer in October
- New study Bible for Erin to lead more effectively

What was the best thing about worship in 2022?What was the best thing about worship in 2022?

The creativity, togetherness, honesty, and “Holy Spirit moments” that the Lord gave us for His glory and our good.

What was the most challenging thing about worship in 2022?

Re-figuring out who we are and what our priorities are in worship. God always gives us opportunities for growth!

2022 Communications Report

With change and unforeseen circumstances constantly on the horizon, it's been another important year of communicating! We thank God for the tools He has given us!

1. Central "Staying in the Know" emails
2. Daily Facebook and Instagram posts
3. Weekly Twitter & Creative Worship TikTok challenges
4. Midweek updates as events and needs arise
5. Updates on the website
6. A summertime podcast, focusing on our vision of "Sharing the Heart of Christ from the Heart of the City." (Thanks to Marcus Rauhut for making this possible!)

Huge amounts of gratitude to Alexis for managing the "Window" and bulletins!

Facebook: Central On the Square

Instagram: centralonthe2

Twitter: centralonthe2

Youtube: www.youtube.com/c/centralonthesquarelivestream

Website: www.centralonthesquare.org

TikTok: [tiktok.com/@centralonthe2](https://www.tiktok.com/@centralonthe2)

Podcast: From the Square

What did we spend money on?

- Professional accounts with wix.com, MailChimp, Breeze, Hootsuite, and Canva
- Facebook advertising
- Advertising in the Penn National newsletter
- Membership to Podbean (for the podcast)

Amen!

2022 Organist's Report

Thankfully I keep a daily diary in which I write all sorts of things I might want to remember – personal happenings with family and friends and church events and activities. As I started this annual report I thought "I don't know that I have much to report." Well, I shall try to summarize what I read in my diary that relates to my job as Organist at Central Presbyterian Church.

As the year began, Covid was still very much in our minds as we planned activities and services at Central.

At this point I am going to say that each Sunday of each month I played for either a combined service with both contemporary and traditional elements or else I played in the sanctuary for a traditional service. This is true for the whole year. I shall try to highlight significant changes month to month. Also I made many trips to the church to rehearse for my organ playing, to rehearse with soloists or small groups before we felt it (Covid) safe to have the choir get together, and for general choir rehearsals later. I have tried to do my organ practicing on Wednesdays before or after staff meetings if they were held and Thursdays ahead of choir rehearsals (usually held 6:15 - 7:45 PM).

Before I could go to the church to rehearse I spent time at home planning. It usually worked something like this. Early in the week Pastor Scott and Erin posted a rough outline for the coming Sunday's worship. At that point I tried to see what organ music I have that might correlate with the hymns and/or the theme of the upcoming service. I have a spreadsheet of my hymn tune organ books with nearly 3000 entries. This was helpful to say the least and has been an accumulation over years of time. I chose music, tried it on my piano, then sent it to Alexis, our church secretary for the bulletin.

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JANUARY

Choir was canceled because of Covid for the month of January. For 2 weeks the worship services were virtual. Then ICE entered the forecast. One week we actually recorded the entire service on Saturday to save driving on the icy roads that were forecast. Thank goodness for ZOOM because many staff meetings were held that way throughout the year for various reasons.

At this point I want to say a HUGE THANK YOU TO BEN BROSIOUS AND ERIN ADAMS and their helpers for setting up and facilitating livestream worship, etc. They spent and still spend many hours doing this. I feel this is a great mission of the church to spread the gospel far beyond our sanctuary walls - how far, we probably never will really know.

I played for a virtual Youth Sunday, January 16 and the same day in the afternoon I played for a virtual Martin Luther King community service at Central.

Later in the month we started in-person worship services. I played for the traditional services at 9 AM.

January 26 - We met to do Lent/Easter planning. It was decided I should do one all organ Lenten Noontime Musical Meditation. As our theme had to do with "water" (the living water of Jesus Christ) I tried to find organ music on hymn tunes that made a reference to that water. I was amazed at how many I found.

I also did an annual report.

FEBRUARY

I am grateful for the workers at Mark Cooley's Organ Company who installed an LED Electralite Organ lamp on the organ. I was having some trouble seeing music at the edges of the organ rack clearly. This light covers a much wider space on the written music.

I chose the music for the Lenten Noontime Musical Meditation.

February 14 I played for Jackie Salmon's funeral at Kelso-Cornelius Funeral Home.

On February 17 we had the first choir rehearsal since Christmas.

I rehearsed with Erin Adams for "The Lord's Prayer."

February 28 I played for Glenn Kerns funeral.

MARCH

I played on March 2 for the Ash Wednesday service.

March 3 I played piano for Jean Harper's funeral service at Central per request.

On March 16 I played the Lenten Noontime Musical Meditation from 12 - 12:30 PM.

On March 27 I played later in the day for an Anointing Service.

On March 30 we planned for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter.

APRIL

On April 9 I played for Linda Dalton's Memorial service at Central.

I played for Palm Sunday service April 10 as well as the Maundy Thursday service and the Community Good Friday service, all in our sanctuary. There were three special music components - Valerie Merriman, piano.

Imani Harper, flute, and Michelle Trefren and Erin Adams singing Pie Jesu. I accompanied the latter two.

I played for the 9 AM Easter Service.

MAY

In addition to the usual rehearsals, services, etc. we celebrated and honored Alexis Helman on Secretary's or Professional Administrator's Day at staff meeting with cake, etc.

At the request of Pastor Renata Harper I played for the funeral service of Barry Carter, (a cousin of Pastor Renata) at Sellers Funeral Home.

We also had a surprise "mini" retirement party for Kathy Klink on staff on May 23.

JUNE

June 2 we had our last choir rehearsal for the fall/winter season.

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- 9 June 5 we had 10 AM blended worship for our Pentecost Service at the YMCA Pavilion on Coldbrook Avenue. This was also the first Sunday for Pastor Katy Brungraber to start her interim pastoring for Pastor Scott Bowerman who is on a three-months' sabbatical.
- June 16 I played for the funeral service for Donna Kerns.
- June 19 I played for a different style of worship – campfire songs. Pastor Katy decided once a month during her filling in for Pastor Scott's sabbatical that she would have a different style of worship each month for one of the services.
- June 26 I played for the last of the four outdoor worship services this summer held during the month of June.

JULY

July 3 was the first Sunday back in the sanctuary. I played for combined worship.

July 17 was a different style of worship – all Taizé.

AUGUST

August 28 I played for 10 AM Worship Service. This was Pastor Katy's last Interim Sabbatical Sunday. It was a different style of worship – “old fashioned, sort of gospel style” with all the liturgy sung or played.

August 31 was Pastor Katy's last staff meeting. We celebrated with ice cream sundaes. She had invited Pastor Scott to join us and continue the meeting.

SEPTEMBER

September 1 was the first choir rehearsal of the fall.

We continued combined 10 AM worship for the first two Sundays in the sanctuary.

On September 18 we had combined worship in Friendship Hall along with a program WALK THROUGH THE BIBLE. I played for all these services, using the keyboard instrument in Friendship Hall for the one on September 18.

September 23 I played piano for Nancy Reichenbach's funeral at Geisel Funeral Home.

September 25 we returned to 2 services for the first time since the end of May, with traditional worship being at 9 AM and contemporary worship at 11 AM.

OCTOBER

October 12 we had an Advent planning meeting.

October 23 we had a combined service at 10 AM because of the Food Truck Festival downtown.

NOVEMBER

November 7 I played for Alta Holden's funeral service in the sanctuary.

November 9 we had a belated party for Alexis' birthday at staff meeting.

November 20 was a special PLEDGE Sunday and the first covered dish meal since Covid began.

November 30 I worked on writing the Noontime Advent Musical Meditation program.

DECEMBER

December 4 I practiced with Sandy's kiddos for the next Sunday's program.

December 7 We celebrated Pastor Scott's 10-year anniversary with us at Central. We had delicious pie. Then he gave each staff member a personalized journal.

December 11 We had one service - Christmas Celebration Sunday. I accompanied some of the children's songs.

December 14 I did an all organ Advent Noontime Musical Meditation 12 - 12:30 PM.

December 24 I played for the Christmas eve 7 PM service.

December 25 I played for Christmas Day service combined in the sanctuary at 10 AM.

If you have gotten this far, THANK YOU FOR TAKING TIME TO READ ALL THIS. I also write a short monthly article called “From the Organ Bench” for the church newsletter.

I do a fair amount of my music planning at home because my organ music library (which is my own music accumulated over many years) is there. I also from time to time add new music (My own expense) to it. This choosing new music is also a process, but one I still enjoy doing. Who doesn't like something “new”?

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It is truly a pleasure working with the staff and the congregation. I am grateful beyond words to have the prayer support of all for what we are doing at Central. Thank you so much. As always,

TO GOD BE THE GLORY!!!!

Helen Wingert, Organist

Coordinator of Volunteer Services 2022 Annual Report

What's all this business about Central's Volunteers...

"Who are they? And what did they do in 2022?", you ask. Let me tell you!

In no particular order, they are...

- Greeters
- Ushers
- Carpenters
- Painters
- Bell ringers
- Choir members
- Sunday School Teachers
- Technical Team
- Dance Team
- Drama Team
- Praise Band
- Session
- Clerk of Session
- Deacons
- Trustees
- Fellowship Team
- Funeral Receptions Team
- Pew Angels
- Stephen Ministry
- Email Prayer Group
- Prayer Action Team
- Welcome Team
- Children's Ministry Team
- Youth Ministry Team
- Missions Team
- Worship Arts Team
- Worship Assistants
- Transportation Team/Drivers

And in 2022:

- They Participated in Worship services.
- They Packed and distributed diapers, along with a hot meal and loving concern for our neediest neighbors.
- They Provided office support.
- They Prepared Communion elements.
- They Contributed to Sanctuary upkeep.
- They Danced their prayers of Praise and Supplication.
- They Sang God-glorifying anthems.
- They Built the Blessing Box.

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- They Filled the Blessing Box.
- They Built and Repaired the unique Central Church replica Little Free Library.
- They Filled the Little Free Library.
- They Donated life-giving blood.
- They Worked “behind the scenes”.
- They Provided Coffee Time Treats.
- They Served on the Finance committee.
- They Served on the Nominating committee.
- They Provided food through the Meal Train and Cold Weather Drop-in Shelter meals.
- They “Rang the Bells” for The Salvation Army Christmas relief.
- They Staffed the LWW lobby to provide shelter and restrooms for community events.
- They Provided Christ-centered care ministry and support.
- They Provided receptions and lunches for funerals.
- They Engaged in constant prayer.
- They Mentored and prayed for our Youth.
- They Provided Christ-centered learning – and fun! – for our youngest Centralites.
- They Provided Christ-centered learning – and fun! – for the older crowd, e.g., Walk Thru the Bible.
- They Taught and engaged in Christ-centered learning in Sunday classes.
- They Engaged in weekly and twice-weekly a.m. and p.m. Bible-based Zoom classes.
- They Engaged as Women and Men of God in Bible studies year-round.
- They Gathered and distributed Thanksgiving boxes to the community.
- They Contributed to the support of our local community in Mission Workdays.
- They Engaged with the community in racial reconciliation and refugee resettlement efforts.
- They Visited shut-ins, GEMS, and others in their homes and hospitals.
- They Delivered seasonal kits with materials for Advent and Lent to all families.
- They Provided flowers to beautify the Sanctuary.
- They Pledged, tithed, and contributed their time, talent, and treasure for God’s work.
- They Managed Central’s finances to ensure the church’s future.
- They Came together, as able, in backyards, small groups, picnics for fun and fellowship.
- They Gathered in retreats to bond, learn, rejuvenate as God’s people.
- They Decorated the church for seasonal celebrations.
- They Participated in “Walks” and “Runs”, both actively and by donating to support.
- They Opened the doors of Central for “Downtown Halloween” in support of hundreds of local children.
- They Served as advisory to PlaySchool Central.
- They Supported the wider church by hosting The Carlisle Presbytery for meetings.

This is God at work among us!

~ Judy Young, CoVS

2022 Worship Arts Committee Annual Report

2022 has been a year of renewal and a concerted effort to discern the future direction for our church. As always, the worship of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ was at the center of our mission of Sharing the Heart of Christ from the Heart of the City.

Lead by Pastor Scott Bowerman and our do it all leader Erin Adams, Central Presbyterian has continued to provide Christ centered, Bible based spiritual services. We have returned to our two-service format of Traditional service at 9:00 and Contemporary service at 11:00. At both of these services we have continued Central’s rich tradition of excellent music from the Chancel Choir, Praise Band and musicians, special ensembles, and instrumental artists. We are also blessed to have Helen Wingert’s talent to our organ and keyboards.

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Central has made prayer, both corporate and individual, a priority as we seek to discover our new normal. We have been intentional in lifting up our members, visitors and our church as a whole to our God for his divine help and assurance. We have instituted prayer cards during the service so any in attendance can communicate immediate prayer needs. Additionally, we have formed a Prayer Ministry led by Sandy Wilson to help facilitate church wide prayer on a daily basis.

In 2022 we had a Year with the Bible to focus us on an intentional study of God's word to us. Another highlight was a Walk Through the Old Testament, an interactive, live trip through God's book. This event was hugely popular and we will present a Walk Through the New Testament in 2023.

We have been able to return to Communion through intinction, a rose on the Altar celebrating new born children and occasionally, fresh flowers in the sanctuary bringing us a feeling of pre-pandemic worship at long last.

We have also been able to bring back Noontime Lenten and Advent musical series which have been deeply appreciated by all in attendance.

Our Christmas Eve services have seen an increase in attendance indicating a new willingness for people to return to the sanctuary.

It's important to mention that Central could not have continued to provide worship services without the contribution of all of our digital support team Central is blessed to have 150-200 on-line worshipers each week. This outreach would not be possible without their continued efforts and dedication.

Central Presbyterian is committed to our mission of Sharing the Heart of Christ from the Heart of the City to all who thirst for the Grace of Jesus Christ. We intend to improve and strengthen our efforts in 2023 through a reliance on our Lord and Savior.

Respectively Submitted

Douglas W. Vanderau, Worship and Arts Committee

2022 Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee serves Central by prayerfully nominating candidates for services on the three church boards - Session, Trustees, and Deacons, as well as members at-large to serve on the Nominating Committee in the following year.

This year's committee consisted of: Patrick McNamee (Elder), Tim Dalton (Elder), Melissa West (Deacon), Rachel Kern (Trustee), and members-at-large.

2022 saw the Nominating Committee coming out of the COVID-19 pandemic. With the challenges that went along with the pandemic behind them the task of discerning new leaders was more like the past.

The Nominating committee met and presented an almost complete slate of officers to the Session in December of 2022. One Session slot is unfilled and the Nominating committee will continue to work on this opening.

New Church officers for 2023 are:

Session class of 2025 Soon Park (term 1) Andrew Pozzuto and Tim Dalton (term 2)

Deacon Class of 2024: Rita Hanle and Karen Wilson

Deacon Class Of 2025: Harriett Peters, Joanne Creter, (term 1) Bill Worley, and Rosemary Elder (term 2)

Trustee Class of 2025: Rick Miller (term 2), Bob Wolff and Joel Happel (term 2)

Nominating Committee at large members: Dana Harriger, Bill Oyler, Bree Rauhut, and Marcia Whitmore.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick McNamee, Nominating Committee chair

2022 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

GAINS – TOTAL 8

17 & Under 0

Confession 0

Certificate 0

18 & Over 8

Certificate 7

George Hanks

Leslie Hanks

Alicia Kinton

James Kinton

Leslie Pozzuto

Cheryl Whalley

Robert Whalley

Reaffirmation 1

Emily Culbertson

BAPTISMS

17 & Under 0

18 & Over 0

LOSSES – TOTAL 17

Deaths 11

Vince Barkdoll

Linda Dalton

Jo Ann Dittmann

Jean Harper

Charles Hart

Alta Holden

Donna Kerns

Glenn Kerns

Treva Kerns

Nancy Reichenbach

Jacqueline Salmon

Transfer 1

Shannon Leary

Removed 5

Kathi Bietsch

Walter Bietsch

Amy Leary

John Leary

Jane Obaugh

GAINS IN ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

17 & Under 0

18 & Over 8

Certificate 7

LOSSES IN ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

By Death 11

By Transfer 1

Removal 5

SUMMARY

Prior Active (2021) 289

Total Gains 8

Total Losses 17

Total Active (2022) 280

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
BAPTISMS					
17 & Under	6	6	1	7	0
18 & Over	0	1	0	0	0
GAINS IN MEMBERSHIP					
17 & Under	0	0	1	3	0
18 & Over	10	12	3	8	8
Certificate	5	9	2	4	7
Other	5	3	1	4	1
LOSSES IN MEMBERSHIP					
Death	3	9	10	4	11
Membership Transfer	2	3	2	5	1
Removal from Rolls	0	0	2	54	5
SUMMARY					
Prior Active Membership	346	351	351	341	289
Total Gains in Membership	10	12	4	11	8
Total Losses in Membership	5	12	14	63	17
Total Active Membership	351	351	341	289	280

* In 2021 52 inactive members were removed by the Session

Memorial Gifts Committee 2022 Annual Report

The Memorial Gifts Committee expresses sincere appreciation for the gifts given to Central Presbyterian Church in memory of those listed below:

<i>Linda Dalton</i>	<i>Charles Hart</i>
<i>JoAnn Dittmann</i>	<i>Glenn Kerns</i>
<i>Jean Gisriel</i>	<i>Nancy Reichenbach</i>
<i>Jeanie Harper</i>	<i>Jackie Salmon</i>

The Balance of the Memorial Gifts Fund as of December 31, 2022 was \$1,180. The balance of the Memorial Trust Fund was \$18,316.08.

The Memorial Gift Books are currently located in the glass-covered Pulpit in the Semper Fidelis Sunday School Room.

If you would like to make a Memorial Gift to Central in Memory of, or in Honor of a Loved One or a Friend, please send your check to Central Presbyterian Church marked Memorial Fund.

Respectfully Submitted, The Memorial Gifts Committee

Thomas E. Diehl

2022 Deacon Annual Report

This year restrictions from the Covid-19 pandemic were, for all intents and purposes, lifted so that most Deacon duties were able to be carried out as was done prior to the pandemic. The Deacons carried out their duties for support of Central Presbyterian Church.

1. The first Sunday of each month (unless it falls on a holiday weekend and then the second Sunday) is a Deacons' meeting held following the Traditional service in a designated room in the church. The first meeting of the year would involve handing out sign up sheets for monthly meeting Devotional/Opening prayer; for Closing Prayer; and for attending a Session and Trustee meeting which are held monthly. The Deacon assigned for that month would then report back at the next month's meeting with a summary of both Session and Trustee meetings. There are also standing committees for Deacons to sign up for. These committees include Memorial Committee, Finance Committee, Meal Train, Usher Schedule, Pew Angels, and Thanksgiving Basket Ministry. The Deacons also look after the "GEMS" of Central Presbyterian Church. These GEMS are members of the church who have become, for the most part, unable to attend services for physical or other reasons. Each Deacon is assigned at least one GEM, depending on the number of them in the congregation. These are GEMS who are new to that category or are relinquished at the end of each year by Deacons who complete their terms of service. Deacon meetings were held live this year and every month except July and August. This past year our church held two services, a 9am Traditional service and an 11am Contemporary one. The Deacon meetings were held between the two services. In June however, church services were held outside at a designated area to take advantage of good weather and only at 10am so the Deacon meeting was held after the service. The church services then resumed back to two services for the remainder of the year except for a few Sundays when the type of service dictated one. For example, in December one Sunday was for the Children's' pageant so there was one service at 10am. On one Sunday in February one of the Deacons coordinated with our minister and Menno Haven to hold Communion for those members living there. New Deacons were installed in March and attended their first meeting in April. Because of the late date of installation, our minister asked that Deacons, who would have finished their term at the end of 2021, stay through March until the new Deacons came on board and they stayed on primarily to help with the usher schedule and keeping in touch with GEMS.
2. One of the Deacon duties is to usher at the Traditional service and collect offering and occasional prayer cards. I prepared the Usher schedules for this year, done for 4 months at a time. Deacons are also available to collect offering at the Contemporary service. It was decided that Deacons would continue the ushering schedule adopted during the pandemic; that is, that only one Deacon would be at back of church as head usher and that no-contact offering, with baskets at back and sides of front of church, would still be in place. In March, our minister wanted the congregation each week to be more forthcoming and intentional in filling out prayer cards. So he asked that during offertory each week the Deacon ushering would walk around the Sanctuary and collect the blue prayer cards and then place them on the pulpit for the minister to include in the congregational prayer. So we began that process and continue through today. At the beginning of the Traditional service each Sunday or if there is one service at 10am, the Deacon who is scheduled to usher on that given Sunday, stands at the back of the Sanctuary while two ushers, who are members at large, stand on either side of the front of the Sanctuary near the double doors. They all handout bulletins, some in large print, and, if requested, reading glasses, bottles of water and hearing aid boxes are available and are kept at the back of the Sanctuary. Before the ushers at front return to their seats as the service begins, they count heads on their respective sides of the Sanctuary then walk back and give the number to the Deacon before sitting down. The Deacon records these numbers on a gold card which is then taken down to the church office after the service. On Sundays with communion, the procedure this year has been to offer the sacrament by intinction. The offering at both services is collected after each and the Deacon and one other person not related to the Deacon take the offering and place it in the slot of Business office door each week.

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3. Since the pandemic began, fresh flowers have not been provided in the Sanctuary for Traditional services. There have been silk arrangements in place instead. The fresh flowers in the past were delivered to GEMS after the services. During the years that flowers were delivered, many GEMS stated that the flower arrangements were too large for their rooms or apartments.
4. Each month Deacons are asked to call, send cards or visit, if allowed, their respective GEMS. Visitation reopened in most nursing homes allowing for visits. Periodically the Children's Sunday School Director would have the children dedicate a Sunday to making crafts for the GEMS which the Deacons would then deliver to them and these have always been greatly enjoyed by the GEMS.
5. This year Communion for members was allowed in the nursing homes and was provided by the minister and Deacons. The response was very good.
6. Because of continued live streaming of both services, many GEMS and other members of the congregation can watch the services at home.
7. The Thanksgiving Basket Ministry, that the Deacons provide for needy families in the community, was carried out this year on a Saturday in November. I sent out emails the first week of October to seven agencies in our county who provide services for families. I asked the head of each agency to provide us with the number of families as well as the number in each family who could use a basket of food for Thanksgiving. Also we ask for the names of case workers who will pick up the baskets and also which families they pick up for. This information was to be sent by the end of October to me and or the Deacon who was to take over this ministry in 2023. Based on the numbers received from each agency, we calculated the amount of each food item that is packed in each box. Myself and another Deacon shopped for the food which, except for frozen turkeys and potatoes, were purchased and stored at the church weeks before the day of packing baskets which was the Saturday before Thanksgiving. Deacons met at Friendship Hall that day and we packed the baskets. Each family was given their allotment for cans of fruit cocktail, corn, cranberry sauce, boxes of stuffing and cookies. The Monday before Thanksgiving, frozen turkeys were picked up as well as 5-pound bags of potatoes from a local family business, Dave and Linda Bender, who generously donate them. Each family also received a copy of a Thanksgiving prayer in each box. Several Deacons and volunteers were available that Monday to distribute the boxes to agency case workers who came to pick them up. We packed 98 boxes and served 443 people. The total cost was \$2702.48. The money budgeted by the church for this mission plus generous donations from members of the congregation more than covered the cost of food.
8. Deacons continue to organize and direct the online meal service, "Meal Train", to provide meals on a short-term basis for members or others dealing with, for example, family emergency, family death, recovery from surgery or birth of a child. There is a list of members who volunteer to make and deliver meals to a designated family.
9. The Deacons continue to use Operating Procedures, including the following: Deacon Duty Descriptions, Moderator Information, January Deacon Meeting items, Guidelines for Ushers, Deacon Special Projects, and Deacon Communion Duty. The documents are reviewed as needed to provide guidance for future Moderators and Deacons.
10. The Deacons are open to new ways of supporting Central Presbyterian Church. They would appreciate your suggestions.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Sheep, Moderator

2022 Central Presbyterian Church Book Group

The Central Presbyterian Book Group had some sessions by Zoom before returning to in-person meetings in the church parlor.

We continued reading a wide variety of books suggested by members of the group. In 2022 we read The Paris Architect by Charles Belfoure, a fascinating look into how some people were hidden to escape the holocaust. We then read The Rent Collector by Camron Wright. This book gave us a peak into the lives of people surviving by picking through garbage, this book was thought provoking and very sad.

We next read Braiding Sweetgrass by Robin Wall Kimmerer, a botanist and member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation talking about our relationship with nature. From this book, we ventured into The Vanishing Half by Britt Bennett, a look at the lives of two sisters, one white passing and one black and how their lives evolved.

Next up was How Lucky by Will Leitch; this book gave us some insight into life for a physically disabled young man involved in a murder mystery. Following How Lucky we read Maid: Hard Work, Low Pay, and a Mother's Will to Survive by Stephanie Land. In this book, we learned of the many challenges single mother's face when trying to provide for their children. In October, we read The Lost Apothecary: A Novel by Sarah Penner. This book generated discussion on whether the central character was a murderer or a giver of life.

In November we read Hamnet by Maggie O'Farrell, another book that generated much discussion as the description of grief experienced by the mother was realistic and agonizing. We finished the year with a small read, A Cup of Christmas Tea by Tom Hegg and enjoyed a Christmas tea hosted by our own Rita Hanle.

The book group is open to anyone that enjoys reading. We have very few "rules". We attempt to read books that are available by paperback, and we try to not have more than 400 pages in a book to allow everyone time to complete the book in a month's time. Central's Book Group meets the second Thursday of each month at 2 p.m. in the Parlor. We traditionally do not meet in July and December to allow for vacations and the busy month of December. Join us, the more members we have, the more variety we have in the books we read, and it helps generate discussion!

Cindy Happel for the Book Group

Diaper Depot at Central 2022 Year End Report

In 2015 Diaper Depot at Central held its first distribution event and served 44 families. Seven years later DD@C has not missed a scheduled event and has served over 1800 families. This mission was given by God to Central through a young woman expressing her inability to afford the basic need of disposable diapers. In the US, one of three families with children in diapers cannot afford this basic need. Central Presbyterian accepted the mission and helps to alleviate this need for local families.

In 2022, Diaper Depot at Central blessings:

- Distributed over 100,000 diapers and training pants.
- Served an average of 135 families including 175 children each month.
- Welcomed 240 new families.
- Appreciated volunteers from Chambersburg Area Senior High School, the Career Magnet School, Shalom Christian Academy, Network Ministries, and many individuals.
- Awarded grants from Franklin County Community Foundation and Greater Harrisburg Foundation Upstream Grant. Both foundations are part of The Foundation for Enhancing Communities.
- Received monetary donations from St. John's United Church of Christ, Souper Bowl of Caring, Patriot Federal Credit Union, Grace United Church of Christ, Frank Leidig Trust, First Evangelical Lutheran Church and many individuals.
- Cuties Diapers, manufactured in Pennsylvania, were purchased from the McKesson Corporation. \$21,052.58 was used to purchase diapers and training pants.

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- Charity Tracker was used, at \$90 per month, for organizing individual families' assistance and compiling data.
- A number of local knitting and crocheting groups create baby blankets and sweater sets. These are given to new families and newborn babies.
- Handed out information packets at community events thanks to Desi Ortiz, Keystone Community Outreach and DD@C Board of Directors.
- A local government surplus warehouse, Gov.planet, gave DD@C pallets of items valuable to young families. Due to this gift families were given a case of Huggies Wipes, two containers of Kirkland Baby Formula, two tubes of Desitin Cream for November and December. This was a gift worth approximately \$100 per family each month.
- Gov.planet also donated size 3 and 4 diapers to supply DD@C for between 3 and 4 months.
- Began distributing diapers inside and serving breakfast in November while continuing to maintain a drive-thru distribution line.

A special thanks goes to the Diaper Depot at Central Board of Directors who meet monthly to review each distribution event. Successes are noted and challenges are met by tweaking the processes. DD@C Board of Directors; Dottie Bush, Co-Chair, Sue Stahl, Co-Chair, Beth Jaczun, Scott Shearer, Nancy Weisel, Jen Helsel, and Desi Ortiz. It is an honor to work with all those involved to represent Central and serve local families.

Diaper Depot at Central is a vibrant, needed mission. God has been faithful to provide all that is necessary from families in need, volunteers, funding, venue to a caring, loving church sponsor. Thanks be to God!

Respectfully submitted,

Dottie Bush

Co-Chair, Diaper Depot at Central

PRESENCE ON THE SQUARE

When Central was established over 150 years ago, the founding fathers deliberately made the decision to build the church in the heart of downtown Chambersburg. Memorial Square is not only the crossroads of two major highways, but also the deliberate intersection of government, commerce, and religion. Through the years, Central has reaffirmed that decision and remains an active part of downtown Chambersburg. One of the ways we support our neighbors, and our community, is by opening our church during downtown events. Events include, but are not limited to, IceFest, ChambersFest, AppleFest, Trick or Treat, Christmas Parade, and First Fridays.

Offering the use of our restrooms (and a brief respite from the weather) seems like such a small thing, but it is so greatly appreciated, especially by those with small children, the physically challenged, vendors – basically anyone who would prefer not to use a Porta Potty! Although we don't often equate restrooms with ministry, it is a very concrete way to meet people's needs and share God's love. One visitor thanked us for opening the church and stated that she "could feel the presence of the Holy Spirit in this church".

The community recognizes us as the church that offers the use of our restrooms. But we don't stop there! We make the church available for concerts, town meetings, inter-denominational worship services, and other community events. Opening our doors also gives us the opportunity to pray with people or be a supportive listener for those who need one. Seemingly small gestures provide opportunities for tremendous impact.

Thank you to the numerous volunteers who so graciously offer your time and smiles to welcome visitors to our church. If you have not volunteered in the past, but would like to be added to the list for future events, please contact me or Alex in the church office. We will happily add you to our list of warm, friendly greeters.

In His Service,

Kathryn M. Finley, Chair

2022 Annual Report for Mission Committee of Central Presbyterian Church

The Mission Team has sought to walk with and guide Central in living out the call of Christ to feed the hungry, provide drink for the thirsty, clothe the naked, befriend the stranger, and acknowledge that every human is equally valued and loved by our Lord. The Mission Committee has faced challenges with long time members stepping away, the heavy burden of too few hands to help with the lifting, and rapidly increasing prices we have consistently prayed for guidance and direction in determining what agencies and causes to support, and for how we are to engage in Kingdom work. We have strived to support the community during another trying year and believe the coming year offers an opportunity for hope with new faces, new foci, and new purpose as Central walks the path of revitalization.

We give thanks to God for what we were able to do in 2022:

- ◆ Diaper Depot: Has continued to support the community in this much needed ministry and continued to grow (Please see separate DD report).
- ◆ PlaySchool Central: Despite losing the challenges of the last few years PSC has only gotten stronger with a new vision and wonderful new ideas for the future (Please see separate PSC report).
- ◆ Blessing Box: Despite the increase in prices the Blessing Box has been able to continue its mission and has received timely support many times when it looked like funding was getting tight, we thank the congregation for their continued support and for the important help the Blessing Box is able to provide to those in the community for those that depend on it when in need.
- ◆ Thanksgiving Baskets
- ◆ The Lenten Offering of \$1,996 went to Water Action Now which strives to make water available for areas of Africa by drilling much needed wells. This mission meshed well with the Lenten theme of “Come to the Waters”.
- ◆ Unfortunately, the Mission Committee was forced to both abandon hopes for a trip to Salvador, Brazil but also to step away from the mission of Quilombo Zeferina. Local support for the mission had always waxed and waned but had been under the energetic leadership of Rev. Dr. Silvia Barbossa but after years of kidney trouble she contracted COVID and unfortunately did not recover. In the vacuum left by her absence the board of QZ has become paralyzed by longstanding factions and distrust.
- ◆ The Mission Committee has decided to focus on a single international mission and sent the monies originally earmarked for Quilombo Zeferina to the Peace and Hope International to support the Raber family in Peru. Discussions have been ongoing with Jon about a potential 2023 trip and developing a deep mutual relationship.
- ◆ Local Mission - The Mission Committee is continuing to pray and search for a unique local mission which walks with those in our community in need. We believe there are needs that are not being met and pray the Holy Spirit reveals how Central can most serve our community. As we walk this path we will be focusing on missions where we have relationships, the chance to lead in Christ-like fashion, and are able to lend a hand instead of just writing a check.

In 2023 the committee prays for the clarity to pursue the purpose that God has set down for Central and we encourage anyone with an interest to join us. We thank God for the support of the congregation and the community.

Andrew Pozzuto (Chair)
Pastor Scott
Clint Bolte
Dottie Bush
Sherry Forsythe

Jenine Grove
Cindy Happel
Laurie Kaufman
Maggie Kaufman
Rick Miller

Cindy Shoemaker
Trena Oyler
Scott Shearer
Carol Varner
Ross Winegardner

PLAYSCHOOL
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PlaySchool Central

•where play educates•

FROM THE DIRECTOR

PlaySchool Central was severely impacted by the Covid-19 Pandemic, but we are happy to report that the 2021-2022 school year is a return to our new normal!

BUILDING BLOCKS

The mission of PlaySchool Central is to build a unique early childhood experience one block at a time. Our building blocks are: God, Family, Community and Play. We surround children in a safe, Christian environment because we believe that each child is fearfully and wonderfully made by God. We believe positive relationships are "CENTRAL" and we foster them between children, teachers and families. This important ministry was started as an MDO program over 45 years ago and our commitment to children has continued to grow!

IMPACT SNAPSHOT

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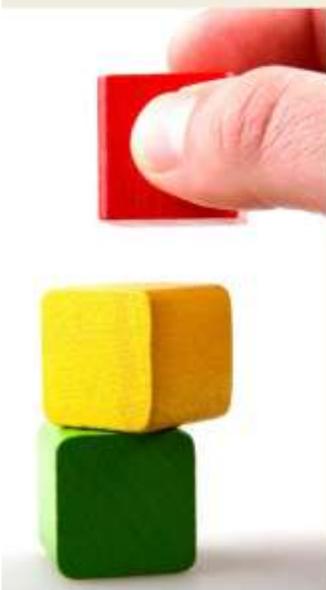
Students Enrolled in
Classes

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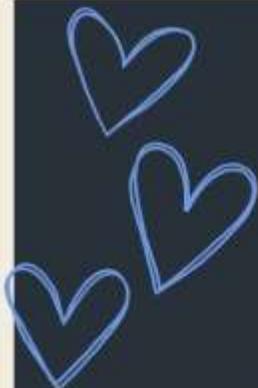
Children from the
Community

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Children that attend
Central Presbyterian
Church



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Profit/Loss July - Dec 2022

Total PSC Income	70,469.11
Includes CPC Missions Team (scholarships)	7434.00
 Total PSC Expenses	 61,415.41
Net Income	9,053.70

Trunk or Treat



Preschool Pals Luncheons



Bethlehem Village



EVENTS

DETAILS

OUTCOME

Costume Parade & Trunk or Treat

Parents came for a parade and stayed for Trunk or Treat held in our Parking Lot

- 50 people were welcomed to Central
- Students received candy and packets inviting them to Central's Children's Ministry

Preschool Pals Luncheon

Families are invited 4x a year to have lunch with the students.

- Families are welcomed to Central's Friendship Hall
- Even if families already have a home church, they look to Central as their 2nd home

Bethlehem Village

During the last week before Christmas vacation we set up Bethlehem Village in the General Assembly area on Third Floor

- Children learned about the birth of Jesus in a multi-dimensional learning environment
- 7 congregation members volunteered their time

EVENTS

Spaghetti Dinner
Silent Auction &
Fundraiser

DETAILS

Families were able to purchase \$5 tickets for the dinner, celebrate with their families and raised money for new gym equipment and our Block Party coming in April

OUTCOME

- 240 people were welcomed to Friendship Hall
- PSC raised over \$2700 in Fundraising Efforts



PlaySchool Central is so thankful to Central Presbyterian Church for continuing to support this ministry that has served the Chambersburg community for over 45 years now. We are looking forward to the coming year as we keep adding events to our calendar that walk alongside our families as they navigate their children through their education. It is an honor and privilege to serve our families and share the love of Christ with them each and every day. Central has allowed us to create four unique "play environments" such as God's Big Backyard (stem room), Music Meadow, God's Garden for outdoor learning and Thou Art Room to provide the families of our community with an exceptional program. We share Christ's love, welcome our community into Central and use our building blocks to create a unique early childhood experience. With God as our foundation we prayerfully look to him for the exciting things he will do in our ministry.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shelley Marangoni
Director PlaySchool Central

Stephen Ministry 2022 - Changing Seasons

As with many areas of life, ministry opportunities are presented, responses happen as God leads, hands-on caring occurs and grows, and seasons evolve. This is true of Stephen Ministry at Central.

After years of recruiting and training classes of Stephen Ministers, Co-leader Cindy Happel and I found ourselves in the midst of a changing season. Many post-pandemic changes that have impacted churches and ministries in general took a toll on this ministry even as we continued to make necessary adjustments. After much discussion, prayer, and a meeting with Pastor Scott in September, we agreed it is time for Stephen Ministry to be paused; perhaps to be restarted again at a future time as someone else is led by the Lord to begin anew.

We are so thankful to all Stephen Ministers for the endless hours they committed and the many ways they have been vessels for God's love and healing Presence to flow to so many others. Countless people in need of someone to come alongside during a difficult season have been helped since Central kicked off the first training in 2000, led by JoAnn Dittmann and Trena with Pastor Ed Morgan and Cindy Shoemaker's assistance and support. May God richly bless each of their caring gifts as they find themselves using them naturally in many different ways.

Words from some of our Stephen Ministers say it best . . .

"I have learned so much in the training and then again in the supervision meetings... I have definitely been applying these skills within my interactions with people I've encountered... especially those with heavy hearts... and will most definitely continue using these skills to help others."

"Although the Stephen Ministry program as such may be on hiatus for a while, what you have taught lives on in the hearts and lives of those you have taught and will undoubtedly be used to help those in need with whom we Stephen Ministers cross paths."

"I am very grateful for the training I received and for the rewards of using the practices initiated in skits and discussions. I am awed at the changes that occurred in one of my care receivers and overwhelmingly thankful for having experiences of God's love flowing through the leaders, classmates, and my care receivers. This is a powerful ministry."

"I learned valuable things in the training that have been and will continue to be part of how I care for people."

"In reality, the ministry may be "ending" in a formal sense, but please know that each of us are called to be Christian caregivers. Those of us who have been intimately involved in the ministry will always carry the active listening skills, the caring hearts, and the desire to help those in need lift a burden."

As stewards of God's caring gifts, 'We are the Caregivers; God is the Curegiver.'

Trena Oyler and Cindy Happel

2022 Prayer Action Team Annual Report

In 2022, we have been nudged by the Holy Spirit to call Central into a deeper prayer ministry. Using the book *The Prayer Saturated Church*, and with Session approval the Prayer Action Team was formed to prayerfully and purposely seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit in every area of church ministry.

There is a need to make prayer a priority in our lives and in our church. Luke 11:5-13 calls us to keep asking, keep seeing and keep knocking – and what do we get when we pray more? We get the Holy Spirit who flows in and through us. An illustration – think of a water bottle under a faucet. We are that bottle, the spigot is prayer, the water pouring into us is the Holy Spirit. The more we pray, the more we are filled. We fill to overflowing and that overflow brings the living water to all around us. God calls us to a love relationship with Him. He wants us to get to know Him, to adjust our lives to Him, to learn from Him and to bear fruit from Him. Anything of lasting value comes from abiding in Christ and prayer. (John 15:5; & excerpts from *Experiencing God* by Henry Blackaby) Therefore, prayer is to be the launching pad for ministry, not an afterthought asking God to bless the plans we have made.

The Prayer Action Team meets each month to pray and discern areas where we can deepen prayer at Central. In 2022 some of the actions taken include:

- ⇒ Recognizing where prayer is already a priority in the life of the church -- Leadership & staff, email prayer team, Sunday Zoom Prayer Gathering, Women's Bible Study, Children's Ministry, Choir ministry, Diaper Depot, Immerse Bible Study. Encouraging these efforts to continue and grow.
- ⇒ Daily prayer prompts for Special Events such as "Walk Thru The Bible".
- ⇒ Encouraging the congregation to pray daily for our church to serve Christ well from the heart of the city. Promoting ideas such as setting a timer to pray at 11:30 each day as the church is located at the intersection of Route 11 and US 30.
- ⇒ Inviting people to join in the Sunday Evening Prayer Zoom Room.
- ⇒ Intentionally including more prayer time in worship services; taking personal prayer requests and inviting people to share answers and praises.
- ⇒ Having an article on ways to pray in the monthly church newsletter.
- ⇒ A weekly prayer prompt in the church bulletins during Advent.
- ⇒ Praying for each family in the church throughout the year by praying for a different family each Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
- ⇒ Sending out a Prayer Survey to gather information about the current prayer life and prayer needs of the congregation.

To become a prayer saturated church, where everything we do is first and foremost covered in prayer, is not a short-term goal. It will take years as all of us grow deeper and more comfortable in daily conversations with God. As a Prayer Action Team we neither wish to run ahead of the Holy Spirit, nor lag behind him. Instead, we want to pray, watch, listen, and come alongside where God is at work to draw people into a personal saving relationship with Jesus that is strong and life-long. Please join with us in praying for Central.

Members of the Prayer Action Team are: Pastor Scott Bowerman, Tom & Jean Diehl, Sherry Forsythe, Pam Hart, Laurie McKelvie, Helen Wingert and Gene & Sandy Wilson.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Wilson

Prayer Action Team Coordinator

The Fellowship Committee

The Fellowship Committee is charged with planning multi-generational activities that further the growth and camaraderie of our church family. These opportunities for food, fun, and fellowship are all provided without charge to the participants. Our goal is to plan events that will include all church members and friends – from nursery to seniors. With two worship services, times for the congregation to come together as a whole are particularly important. In addition, many fellowship events provide a perfect opportunity to invite others into the church for the first time, giving them the opportunity to meet members in a relaxed environment.

This past year was a continued time of recovery from the pandemic. Slowly, but surely, conditions improved, restrictions were lifted, and more people felt comfortable returning to church and other activities. As we returned to two services, we brought back limited coffee hour treats, allowing folks the opportunity to fellowship between services. We were also able to organize a congregational meal after one of our combined worship services. As we move into 2023, we will continue to create more opportunities to gather together for fun and fellowship.

We could not do our work without all of you who provide “goodies”, help set up or clean up, invite guests, etc. **THANK YOU.** And most importantly, we thank all of you who join us for these various activities – we hope it is a wonderful opportunity to spend time with your church family.

We welcome your suggestions and your help. Please let us know if you have an idea for an event, a theme, menu possibilities, etc. If you are interested in serving on the committee, assisting with an event, providing “goodies” as needed, or just want more information, please contact me or Alex in the church office. Fellowship events are a great way to get to know other church members and have fun in the process. We look forward to continued growth and another active year here at Central.

In His Service,

Kathryn M. Finley

2022 Trustees Annual Report

Summary

This is the Annual Report of the Central Presbyterian Church (CPC) Board of Trustees for the calendar year ending 31 December 2022. The Trustees are responsible for maintaining the church’s building and grounds, including maintaining its historical integrity, while encompassing the mission of the church – sharing the heart of Christ from the heart of the city. The Trustees do this by providing facility upgrades, routine cleaning and maintenance, and by supporting innovative projects that enhance fellowship and worship.

Introduction of New Class of Trustees and Election of Officers

One of the first actions of the 2022 Term was to welcome two new Trustees to the Board – Sue Stahl and Sandy Myers. Each person will be fulfilling a full term vacant Trustee position. Each person is a member of the Trustee Class of 2024.

The Trustees also voted to elect Rachel Kern as the 2022 President of Trustees. Sue Stahl was elected to serve as the Trustee Secretary and Rachel Kern agreed to serve as a liaison to the Finance Committee. The President of Trustees also maintains a seat on the Board of Directors for Playschool Central. Trustees will rotate Session and other Committee representation as schedules permit.

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Streaming Enhancements

COVID was a major catalyst in Central's Sunday streaming capabilities. The Trustees, guided by the knowledgeable hand of Ben Brosious, have continued to make significant increases to our audio visual and streaming capabilities. One enhancement was the set up of a confidence monitor in the choir loft for the church organist to use. A confidence monitor is a video screen that faces the musician or speaker who is performing on the chancel. Unlike a teleprompter, a confidence monitor does not scroll, but rather serves as a point of reference for songs or presentations. This monitor allows the organist to follow the service seamlessly. The organist is able to watch the service with the same bird's eye view that those streaming see and allows the organist to confidently know when to play music or cease playing music.

Another upgrade that was made to assist with better streaming quality was the installation of enhanced performance lighting. Enhanced lighting was installed in the sanctuary and gym to have better lighting for streaming. The placement of the lighting in the sanctuary is near current cameras but hidden enough to preserve the esthetics within the sanctuary. The lights are attached to a two foot long bar affixed to a pillar. A bar with lighting in gym as well is planned. This bar will have additional length than currently needed to consider future lights that may help with theatrical productions or concerts. This work was completed by All Pro Sound.

Internet

After the internet upgrade in 2021 with the implementation of a new contract with Comcast Xfinity, the streaming capability was greatly improved. The next phase of that upgrade to be completed in 2022 was the clean up of the wiring in the IT Network closet. Ben Brosious worked with Advanced Technology Specialists, to bring a tech in to remove unnecessary wiring, lines, routers, etc. Below are the before and after pictures. The work took two days to complete. To the best of the Trustees records and knowledge, this was the first time a major clean up of tech was completed in that space. A lot of miscellaneous equipment and wiring was thrown out.

BEFORE



AFTER



Phone System

In July 2022, the existing Fortnite Phone System that the church building utilizes went down unexpectedly. The Facility's Manager was able to create a work around that got minor usage of the phones functioning and the Trustees were tasked with figuring out a cause and solution to restore full phone and communication function immediately.

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Currently there are 21+ phones throughout the church building. These phones are no longer serviceable by most companies. Some are disconnected and most are rarely used. The cost to replace the phones was quoted between \$175-350 each. The Trustees also investigate rental/leasing options which would be between \$300-500 month, estimates based on our current system. The pricing obtained led to a lengthy effort to work with the church staff and determine exactly what the phone usage of each office and department was. The old phones that were no longer working and not serviceable were replaced by existing phones in the church that are not used.

Completion of Major Projects

HVAC Upgrade

The Trustees began extensive upgrades to the church building's HVAC systems in 2021. In December 2021, two of the units that support the third floor of the building failed. The Trustees were able to fix them with the assistance of McCleary Cooling & Heating, LLC, with relative haste but were told by the technicians that they are operating on borrowed time.

As a result of the continued HVAC issues, the Finance Committee, requested that the Trustees pursue contracting with a company for Preventative Maintenance services for the HVAC units and the boiler. The Trustees, under the guidance of Trustee Steve Jaczun, an industry professional, started obtaining quotes from local HVAC companies to have new upgraded units installed that support the third floor. Various quotes and options were reviewed and discussed by the Trustees. It was determined after reviewing all the options, that Rodney B. Smith, Plumbing, Heating, & Cooling, LLC would be granted a contract to replace the units.

Two brand new Daikin units were installed in December 2022, which will service the third floor.

Routine Maintenance

CPC has a wonderful large commercial kitchen which requires regular inspections and maintenance. In 2022, the Trustees once again passed the Borough kitchen inspection. The kitchen is beginning to be used more regularly now that the church building is opening back up for public events and church community events. The ice maker machine broke and after an inspection, it was revealed that a valve replacement was necessary. The work was completed by M.S. Johnston Company.

Security Camera upgrades and enhancements were necessary after it was discovered that the hard drive was burned up in one of the camera recorders. It was replaced by the security company ATA Security Systems, Inc. (ATA). While working on the replacement of the camera, it was noted that the motion sensor to the Lincoln Way West (LWW) exterior door outside of the church secretary's office needs to be adjusted. When the secretary walks out of the office, the LWW exterior door automatically unlocks. ATA was able to change the settings on that door so that it no longer unlocks as she is passing it.

The church building uses a keycard entry system to allow members and non-members who have need to access the building on a regular basis outside of normal business hours the ability to access the building. The keycards have not been well maintained and after a security walk through with retired Chambersburg police officer Anthony Rosenberry, the Trustees tasked the church secretary with combing through the logs and deactivating some cards. The first deactivation was of those keycards that have not been used during the last three years. Keycards will routinely be deactivated for anyone who is not routinely accessing the building, however, should the individual cardholder begin to need routine access again, the keycard can quickly and easily be reactivated.

Traditionally, decorating the church for the season of Advent had been the responsibility of no particular committee. Throughout the pandemic, the Trustees took on the mantle of organizing volunteers and decorating the church.

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With the pandemic slowly on the decline and the church fully open again, the Trustees continued to organize the day of decorating the church for Advent. This year, there was much cause for celebration as the evening consisted of decorating, eating pizza, and much fellowship. The Trustees also took charge of organizing tear down of decorations and created a system of storing and remembering which decorations go where with pictures, thanks to the foresight of Trustee Carolyn Best.

Going Green Initiative

Building on the church building's Going Green Initiative, which started in 2020 with the phasing out of all Styrofoam dinnerware and cups for plant based disposables, the Trustees began to extensively research additional means of "going green" at CPC. The next phase was the investigation and benefit analysis of installing solar panels. That investigation concluded in 2021 with a determination that solar panels were not beneficial. The Trustees at that time began a major focus on converting all halogen and fluorescent based lights in the building to LED.

The Facility's Manager, Scott Shearer, was able to research and determine that most of the lighting in the building could be converted to LED without retrofitting the existing fixtures. The structure of the building that was built prior to 2000 and is fitted with older light structures may need new fittings. These fittings would need to be installed by a professional. The fittings in the newer sections of the building are able to be converted with minimal work from the Facility's Manager. This work entails removing the ballast (something similar to a transformer) as a way to save additional money (electric) ongoing. There are approximately 280 fluorescent lights in the building. It takes 15-20 minutes per light to remove ballast. Scott Shearer has begun that work and the newer fixtures should be fully converted by the end of 2023.

Missions Support

1. Worship

Music Director, Erin Adams, requested in February 2022 that the Trustees approve a motion to paint the wall behind the projector screen in Friendship Hall a dark charcoal color. The darker color would help the projector screen images be displayed more clearly. The Trustees approved the motion and a team of volunteers set to work painting that section of wall from floor to ceiling a dark charcoal color. The work was completed in February 2022.

2. Refugee Resettlement

The Missions Team at Central has been working on a refugee resettlement initiative for the past few years. COVID and political complications prevented the effort from moving forward until 2022. The Trustees were approached by the Missions Team in February and told that a family had been assigned and all efforts were being made to secure a home for them in Chambersburg. Several options were discussed. After much prayer, a rental property was secured for the family in the neighboring community of Fayetteville, Pennsylvania. The Trustee President was asked to sign the lease for the rental which was done in June 2022. The refugee family had been staying in a temporary housing arrangement courtesy of church members Rodney and Carol Varner. They successfully moved into their new home in July 2022.

3. PlaySchool Central

A security concern was brought to the attention of the Trustees in August 2022. Third Floor, including Play School Central (PSC) needs to upgrade the security for possible upcoming emergency system and possible security risks. Currently, there is no church-wide security policy. There are no cameras on the third floor and the camera at the front door is not positioned correctly. The Trustees engaged with retired Chambersburg police officer Anthony Rosenberry to do a walk through of the building with the purpose of pointing out the security vulnerabilities of the building. The Director of PSC, Shelley Marangoni, was a part of this walk through and was able to engage the retired officer in great discussion about the security needs for the third floor.

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The Trustees agreed to create a Security committee to address the security walk through objectives and to complete the Security of House of Worship Program (SHOW). Those who currently volunteered to be on the committee are Sue Stahl from Trustees, Bill Best from Session, and Scott Shearer from Staff. Shelley Marangoni was suggested to be the representative for PSC and will be asked when the committee meets in 2023.

Additionally, the Trustees were able to organize two training sessions for PSC Staff to become CPR and AED certified. The sessions were led by Trustee Carla Christian and her sister Carmel Shearer. 100% of the PSC staff was trained and certified at the October 2022 training session. The training also spearheaded the discussion and eventual purchase of new AED devices for each floor of the building. Children's voltage pads were purchased for the unit on the third floor.

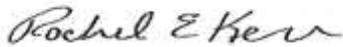
Community Support

CPC was able to provide business to the following local and small businesses:

- All Pro Sound, LLC
- McCleary Heating and Cooling, LLC
- Advanced Technology Solutions
- Rodney B. Smith, Plumbing, Heating, & Cooling, LLC
- M.S. Johnston Company

The church building continues to serve as a beacon of activity throughout the year, ensuring the community that even through global and local upheavals, the work of Christ continues. The Trustees continue to monitor the building and it's needs and look forward to what the new year and new revisioning efforts of the Session and church leadership bring.

Yours in Stewardship



Rachel E. Kern

Board of Trustees, President

Finance Team Report 2022

- The 2022 Finance Team members were: Richard Young (Chairperson), Beth Jaczun (Finance Administrator), Tim Dalton, Don Marangoni, Diane Sheep, Marcus Rauhut, Bill Graham, and Rachel Kern.
- The Finance Team serves at the pleasure of the Session to oversee the finances of the church. The Finance Administrator is a member of the Team and reports to the Chair. The Team plans expenditures with oversight throughout the year, managing trust and endowments, and recommending use of income and principal as needed and appropriate.
- Total donations received met the budgeted expectations and expenses were 5.6% below budgeted, resulting in a year-end net income of \$4,457.
- Central's endowment funds were utilized this year to fund the Walk Thru the Bible Event in September, new lighting for the sanctuary and friendship hall and a new HVAC system for the 3rd floor.
- From the Wenger Trust, \$10,000 was used to support Playschool Central's reopening, funding program and payroll expenses.
- The finance office continues to look for ways to decrease expenses and streamline processes. We've moved to a paperless payroll and enrolled in many paperless billing and payment programs.
- The Team met with F&M Trust's investment managers in the fall to review the performance of our endowment funds. It is the Team's objective to maintain a moderate level of risk, with growth being the major investment objective.

CPC Balance Sheet as of 12/31/22			
Assets	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	Change
<u>Current Assets</u>			
CPC Checking - F&M Trust	61,621	81,763	20,142
Building Maintenance Fund	5,570	3,469	-2,101
Playschool Central - F&M	9,098	13,947	4,849
Total Current Assets	76,289	99,179	22,890
<u>Other Current Assets</u>			
Trust Under Will Funds	1,823,695	1,488,449	-335,246
Central Fund	155,222	92,071	-63,151
Investment Funds/Endowments	1,933,512	1,736,874	-196,638
Total Other Current Assets	3,912,429	3,317,394	-595,035
Total Current Assets	3,988,718	3,416,573	-572,145
<u>Fixed Assets</u>			
Church Addition	2,972,010	2,972,010	-
Parking Lot - 31 LWW	194,130	194,130	-
Vehicles	23,495	23,495	-
Equipment	288,557	328,149	39,592
Total Fixed Assets	3,478,192	3,517,784	39,592
Total Assets	7,466,910	6,934,357	-532,553
<u>Liabilities</u>			
<u>Current Liabilities</u>			
Payroll Liabilities	1,665	5,271	3,606
Van/Sound System Internal Loan			
Total Current Liabilities	74,865	78,471	3,606
Total Equity	7,392,045	6,855,886	-536,159
Total Liabilities & Equity	7,466,910	6,934,357	-532,553

OPERATING BUDGET

2021 & 2022 Actual Results and 2023 Budget Comparison					
INCOME	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2023 Budget	2022 vs 2021 Actual	2023 Budget vs 2022 actual
Offerings & Gifts	480,756	483,776	456,865	3,020	-26,911
Income from Trust-Under-Will Endowment Funds	82,263	83,531	80,600	1,268	2,931
Allocation of Funds from the Endowments	0	15,000	77,358	15,000	62,358
Total Income	563,019	582,307	614,823	19,288	32,516
Expenses:					
Personnel	382,859	398,908	407,277	16,049	8,369
Mission	35,879	41,182	50,000	5,303	8,818
Christian Education	4,273	8,158	11,603	3,885	3,445
Cong. Care	2,551	2,683	5,550	132	2,867
Worship & Music	6,054	6,663	8,914	609	2,251
Office Admin	33,337	28,519	32,623	-4,818	4,104
Building & Maintenance	82,503	91,735	98,856	9,232	7,121
Total Expenses	547,456	577,848	614,823	30,292	36,975
Income vs Expenses	15,563	4,459		-11,104	4,459

2022/2023 Budget Notes

- 2022 Offering & Gifts included a \$7,500 grant from the Presbytery to support the sabbatical expenses.
- 2023 personnel costs reflect an increased COLA.
- Budgeted income for 2023 is based on pledges received and current giving levels of non-pledgers.
- There is a budgeted withdrawal from the Endowment Funds of \$77,358 in 2023 to support the operating budget, as needed.
- This report reflects the Operating Budget only and does not include expenditures for capital improvements, repairs, or equipment.

