

# 2021

## ANNUAL REPORT



### First Presbyterian Church Lexington, Nebraska

#### MISSION STATEMENT

Our congregation is a family of believers created to offer spiritual inspiration and guidance. Together we worship God and use our talents to share the love of Jesus Christ. Our members take an active roll in church decisions and work together to make a difference. All are welcome.

# GUIDING VISION FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Building God's Kingdom;  
sharing love and hope, here and now.*



## OUR STAFF

Teaching Elder—Rev. Eddie Mariel

Director of Worship Ministries—Holly Rickertsen

Hostess—Linda Anthony

Office Manager—Kimmy Schuster

## ELDERS

Jeanne Burns

Dr. Fran Carlson

Sally Heusinkvelt

Janice Lans

Clerk of Session: Don Anthony

Dian Lauby

Allison Luther

Allan McClure

Kirk Psota

## DEACONS

George Allen

Joan Allen

Dorothy Bremer

Vicki Davis

Marlene Delap

Loretta Falkinburg

Steve Falkinburg

Chuck Malcom

Darlene Malcom

Tom Musil

Rhea Musil

Carol Nelson

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# STATISTICS REPORT

January 1, 2020 - December 31, 2020

## Births and Baptisms

Births.....	3
Infant Baptisms.....	3
Adult Baptisms.....	0

## Marriages

Members married here.....	0
Members married elsewhere.....	0
Non-Members married here.....	0

## Membership

January 1, 2020.....	225
New Members.....	3
Deaths.....	5
Transferred to other churches.....	0
Other Session removals.....	0
Dropped from roll.....	1
Inactive.....	0
Membership December 31, 2020.....	222

*In Memoriam, we remember*

*With love, all those who*

*Were called into the Church Triumphant*

*And now see God face to face*

Bernice Pebley

Marion "Jean" Jeanne Henderson

Bill Rawson

Norman Lans

William "Bill" Noble Smets



## PASTOR'S REPORT - 2021

Greetings church,

Gosh, what an extraordinary last two years we have had; as a congregation, as a nation, as a world. There was certainly no seminary training available to help me navigate all that has transpired. I have endeavored to proceed forward even in the face of so much that might hold us back.

And proceed forward we have in 2021! Despite some initial bumps and bruises, many have thoroughly enjoyed our live streaming that is now available. We started streaming with matchsticks and chewing gum, a real "Macgyver" style effort by Holly Rickertsen and myself, and evolved into cameras and a webcast system. Members have enjoyed this option when staying home sick, when traveling, and when physically distant for having moved a good distance away. We have also had non-members join us via livestream for some of our services. I am so proud to have encouraged and equipped a couple of different committees in their abilities to lead different book studies! Mission and Outreach led a book study and weekly discussions on "Becoming a Welcoming Church". A direct result of that work is the updated, beautiful signage that you now see around the church and outside. They are still in the process of working on an updated Welcome Table. The Faith Committee led a book study and weekly discussions during Sunday School hour on "I Am a Church Member". This directly led to at least one of our New Members class attendees' participation.

Speaking of, we had our first New Members class in many years. We had four people participate and three of those participants were admitted into membership (one by reactivation) by vote of Session at the December meeting. We will welcome them on January 16, 2022.

Properties has continued to work diligently to maintain and beautify this building we are so blessed to have been granted stewardship of. The roof was completed a couple of years ago, we paid off a huge chunk of our note this year and got a lot of brickwork cleaned up and further protected as we seek to maintain the original beauty of this building for years to come.

With all that has been accomplished in attempting to move forward in 2021, how might we continue to move forward in 2022? It is time to transition from the building itself to the people both inside and out and around it; in our local community. At the December meeting of Session I proposed to Session that we make the theme of 2022 "You Are Welcome Here". "Here" can refer to *either* the building itself or the fellowship community of First Presbyterian Church. We have maintained and beautified the building in so many ways, and the properties committee will continue their diligence in doing so, that the time has come to show it off! While a couple of committees, Congregational Care and Mission and Outreach, will take point on executing this theme of 2022, it is incumbent upon the entire congregation to participate in and invite family, friends, and neighbors to the various events and activities that these committees will be providing and offering. I am sure the committees would be open to hearing ideas as to what some of these events and activities might be!

You might ask, how can we practice this theme of "You Are Welcome Here"? By practicing one of the Historic Principles of Church Order as found in the P.C.(U.S.A.)'s Book of Order: Foundations; F-3.0105 *Mutual Forbearance*. "Forbearance" means a refraining from something; patient endurance; self-control; an abstaining from the enforcement of a right. We see this practice of forbearance laid out in the Apostle Paul's first letter to the church in Corinth, chapter 13. As he waxes eloquent on

the virtues of love, on the criticalness of building our lives on a foundation of love, he strikes a chord in verse 5 that is particularly pertinent to our current conversation. "It (love) does not insist on its own way". This is how we practice mutual forbearance. When we all, each one of us, make the decision to practice forbearance we can truly say without hesitation to our family, friends, and neighbors "You Are Welcome Here."

In His Service,

*Rev. Edgar C. Maril*

Rev. Edgar C. Maril



## **Director of Worship Ministries Annual Report 2021**

2021 maintained our tradition of excellence in worship through music, liturgy, the Lord's Table, and the introduction of new expressions of worship elements.

The Joy Ringers Bell Choir ended the 2020-2021 school year playing with only four ringers each month so that we could maintain social distancing due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Fall of 2021 saw us able to resume rehearsals with a full bell choir. Joy Ringers rehearse Wednesday evenings 6:45 - 7:45 p.m. upstairs in the Bell Choir room. They perform in worship every 2nd Sunday, September through May.

Chancel Choir was able to resume in August of 2021 after a year and a half hiatus due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Chancel Choir rehearses Wednesday evenings in the sanctuary, 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. They sing in worship every 3rd Sunday, September through May. The Chancel Choir performed at the Matins service with O'Braisia Amos and Gabriella Carlson playing flutes with one song and a Youth Choir consisting of Sophia Burns, Layla Mariel, Greta Rickertsen & Lorelai Rickertsen singing with them on a second anthem. Chancel Choir looks forward to continuing into the new year and is always open to new members!

The children who attend Sunday School and LOGOS have participated in worship in a variety of ways this past year. They have sung songs, performed puppet skits, done ribbon wands, performed acting skits and performed a Christmas play for Matins with a variety of youth and adults leading and working with them. They are learning to use the microphones and speak clearly and loudly enough for the congregation to understand them. In the fall of 2021, we moved their Sunday to participate in worship from the fourth Sunday of the month to the third Sunday of the month, September through May. This moves their Sunday away from holidays and makes it easier to get them here to participate on Sunday mornings. The kids are a joy to watch and listen to!

Our weekly worship services continue to be blessed by many talented musicians. On the first Sunday of the month, Jill Williams plays organ and piano. Dian Lauby and Jeannie Homan play piano the second and third Sundays, respectively. Charles Messerschmidt plays organ and piano on the fourth Sundays. And Holly Rickertsen plays on fifth Sundays of the month, as needed. Each of the accompanists is willing to help out for special services throughout the year as well. In addition to our pianists/organists, Pastor Eddie and Holly continue to lead the Gathering Song on guitar and piano each Sunday.

Special music is provided each Sunday during the summer and in worship on fourth and fifth Sundays throughout the school year. Except in special cases, there is no special music on the First Sundays of the month when we observe Communion.

Lent and Holy Week were filled with meaningful services. We held Ash Wednesday service at 7:00 p.m. For Maundy Thursday service, we held a "Taste of Seder" service in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 p.m. Good Friday was observed with a Prayer Walk Stations of the Cross throughout the Narthex, Fellowship Hall and Parlor. Easter Sunday we held a Sunrise Service at the home of Dan and Tempie Roberts and regular worship at 10:00 a.m. There was no Easter Cantata on Palm Sunday as there has been in years past due to continuing Covid-19 concerns.

For the Matins service this year, the Logos and Sunday School kids and youth presented the play, "An Emperor's Decree, A Baby's Birth." O'Braisia Amos and Gabriella Carlson played their flutes with the Chancel Choir's introit, "An Advent Promise." Sophia Burns, Layla Mariel, Lorelai Rickertsen, and Greta Rickertsen sang with the Chancel Choir on their anthem, "Carol of the Drum."

We had one Christmas Eve service held at 5:00 p.m. Our Lessons and Carols service was enhanced with middle school instrumentalists playing along on some of the carols and providing one special music selection. Nine different readers read the scriptures.

After adapting our worship to fit Covid-19 restrictions, it is nice to be resuming some of our normal worship practices. I look forward to continuing to create a worship space that is safe and accessible to all in attendance.

Holly Rickertsen  
Director of Worship Ministries

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2021

Members of the committee include: Elder/Chair Janice Lans and members at large: Sharon Steinberger, Kristin Psota, Deb Harkless and Sarah Mariel (who left the committee in June). Pastor Eddie is in attendance at many of our meetings, which are held on the third Thursday at 7:00pm at the church.

Our committee is responsible for the food for Sunday morning coffee hour in September through May. Lisa Pebley and Judy Biehl take turns providing homemade cinnamon rolls on two Sundays a month. The other Sundays the committee provides a baked good or donuts from the Donut Shop. Linda Anthony takes care of this (donuts) during the Summer months.

There was no Easter breakfast at the church this year but the committee provided cinnamon rolls that were individually packaged for the people who attended the Sunrise service at Roberts.

Meals on wheels is another thing our committee is responsible for. Sharon Steinberger coordinates this for us. This is a valuable service we provide to our community and it couldn't be done without the many volunteers from our church each time.

After nearly 2 years we finally had a completed church directory.

During the year we sent Birthday cards to local congregation members.

We assembled about 75 goody bags and Pastor Eddie and family delivered them on Valentines Day.

We gave out fresh carnations to mothers on Mothers Day. In June members assembled about 40 coffee cups for Fathers Day and handed out after church service in June.

During Rally Day in September the committee provided a special coffee hour with Keurig coffees, teas and cocoa. Each member provided a baked good for the event also.

We try to support our college students by sending them a small gift card for the Holiday's to encourage them to "study hard".

The committee sent out about 114 Christmas cards this year which included the majority of church members.

Janice Lans  
Elder/Chair



## Endowment and Gifts Committee Annual Report 2021

Members of the Committee include: Allan McClure (Elder/Chair), Dian Lauby (Elder/Secretary), Bruce Rickertsen, Dan Roberts, Steve Luther, Judy Biehl, Vicki Davis

We accepted the resignation of Pat Sherman, a longtime member of the committee, we thank her for the service to the committee.

Our committee is responsible for the encouragement of gifts and the management of existing funds of the committee.

We were able to participate in the funding of the new sound system for the church with funds provided by forward thinking members donations. Funds also helped purchase a new Paraments Set, library books, and Youth Equipment used during VBS.

The Committee is in the process of updating the handout information and updating our operating plan.

We encourage your gifts to the church. When you are Estate Planning, please consider a gift to the church for future use.

### Treasurer's Report

Balance of Accounts as follows:

Pinnacle Checking Account:	\$3,893.73
Edward Jones Money Market	\$6,000.07
American Cap Inc Builder A	\$91,492.47
American Inc Fund of Amer A	\$72,653.10
(Permanent Fund \$95,043.56 + Facilities Reserve Fund \$14,059.19 + Outreach Fund \$31,352.12 + Interest \$23,690.70 = \$164,145.57)	
Fidelity—Endowment & Gifts	\$30,809.49
Fidelity—Scholarship Fund	\$18,357.74
<b><u>TOTAL:</u></b>	<b><u>\$223,206.60</u></b>

### Pinnacle Account as of January 1, 2021 \$17,497.96

#### **Receipts:**

Memorials	\$6,696.00
Birthday Club	\$523.50
Interest	\$2.51
Haas CD Funds (Closed 4/6)	\$10,059.58
Edwards Jones (Investing Funds)	\$24,631.44
Fidelity (Memorial Funds for Sound System)	<u>\$5,200.00</u>
	\$47,113.03

#### **Expenditures:**

Ck #355—Edward Jones (Invest 2019/20 B-day Club)	\$1,641.00
Ck #356—First Presbyterian—Paraments Set	\$2,051.84
Ck #358—First Presbyterian—Library Books	\$28.29
Ck #359—Fidelity—Investing Funds	\$31,664.32
Ck #360—Fidelity—Investing Scholarship Funds	\$17,397.07
Ck #356—First Presbyterian—Youth Equipment	\$149.74
Ck #356—First Presbyterian—Sound System	<u>\$7,240.00</u>
	\$60,172.26

### **Ending Balance:** \$4,438.73

Memorials received during the year in memory of : Bernice Pebley, Les Allen, Jean Henderson, Bill Rawson, Norman Lans, and Bill Smets.

Allan McClure  
Elder/Chair

## FAITH TEAM COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2021

Members: Sally Heusinkvelt-Elder,  
Chairman Jeanne Burns-Elder  
Holly Rickertsen-Music Coordinator  
Linda Lauby-Secretary  
Members at large: Lisa Pebley, Gene Nansel, Tempie Roberts  
Pastor Eddie Mariel-ex-officio

The committee meets at 7:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month. No meeting in July. Faith Committee is responsible for: all worship services including Lent/Easter services, all Christmas services, All Saint's Day, scheduling communion, organizing Lenten and Advent Bible studies, small group Bible studies, Sunday School, adult and youth Sunday School curriculum and teacher recruitment, LOGOS, VBS, youth camps/retreats, confirmation, new member classes, elementary Bible presentations, Noisy Buckets, 50 year member recognition, graduation reception, confirmation reception, new members reception, 50 year member recognition reception, Matins luncheon, coordinate Lay Leaders/Ushers/Greeters/Candle lighters/nursery workers.

Worship services were held Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. Worship services are also livestreamed and available on YouTube. Special services were Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, on Good Friday a Prayer Walk of the Stations of the Cross was held, Easter Sunrise services held at Tempie and Dan Roberts home, and Easter Sunday service. We also celebrated Pentecost and Worldwide Communion Sunday. All Saints Day was held October 31st with candles being lit for loved ones who have passed. Advent and Christmas were celebrated with a Matins service with the youth participating, and our traditional Lessons of the Carols service on Christmas Eve.

Senior recognition was held on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Individually wrapped cookies were provided for the reception in the Narthex following the service

Vacation Bible School was held June 1<sup>st</sup> – June 4th. Due to Covid-19 enrollment was limited to the children of church members. There were 13 youth in attendance with 9 adult and 4 youth volunteers.

Senior recognition day was held in May. Individually wrapped cookies were provided for the reception in the Narthex following the service

Rally Day was held on September 12<sup>th</sup> in the fellowship hall. This year activities were provided so all ages of our congregation could participate. The bounce house was back, there was Bible Trivia, Newsletter/Bulletin Trivia, "Skittles in a Jar" guessing game, and other fun games.

In the fall LOGOS resumed to the normal schedule of 4:30-6:30 for the elementary, then the middle school and high school from 6:00-8:00.

50 year members were recognized on October 24th, 2021 during the worship service. They were Loretta Falkenburg, Dale and Donna Holbein, Blaine and Chris Mueller, and Mary Reed. Individually wrapped cookies were provided for the reception in the Narthex following the service

In October the new speakers and live streaming system were installed.

Faith Team would like to thank the many volunteers who help and assist in many ways to do the work for which this committee is responsible! It is certainly appreciated!

Sally Heusinkvelt, Faith Team Committee Chairman

## LOGOS Annual Report 2021

The LOGOS program began on September 15<sup>th</sup>. This year the elementary youth have recreation time at 4:30. The upper elementary youth begin with worship skills and the lower elementary youth attend Bible Study time at 5:00. The classes are switched at 5:30. Our family time is back at 6:00 when the middle and senior high students join us for a meal and fellowship. Elementary children are dismissed at 6:30 and the older youth begin their worship and study time. We serve 30-35 adults and children every week. We are thankful for the many volunteers needed to teach, play, assist, and dine with the children. The kitchen crew shops, prepares, serves, and cleans up each week. Mary Reed has served as our dinner dean this year, lending her creative hand to the family time.

## Mission & Outreach Annual Report 2021

The Mission & Outreach Committee meets on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 pm. Members are Dian Lauby, Chairman, Allison Luther, Vice Chairman, Steve Luther, Nancy Evans, Brent Smets & Sarah Mariel.

Mission & Outreach led a 6-week group discussion on the book "Becoming a Welcoming Church" and followed through with many of the ideas addressed in the book including new signage for both the interior and exterior of the church which will be in place by the end of 2021.

The Committee helped fill and deliver Summer Food Baskets in July in conjunction with the Methodist Church. Deliveries went well and we collected enough in donations that we didn't need to take anything out of our budget.

Additional outreach projects included

- Booth at Dawson County Fair
- Church information included in 21 new teacher's packets
- Volunteered at Majestic Theater
- Stewardship Drive

Loose Offering for 2021 was designated as follows;

January -	Food Pantry
February -	Food Pantry
March thru April 14 -	One Great Hour of Sharing
April 21 - May 3 -	Vacation Bible School
June -	Micah's House
July -	Backpack Program
August -	L2 Kids
September -	Presbyterian disaster relief
October -	Parent Child Center
November -	Blanket Sunday
December -	Christmas Joy

Dian Lauby  
Elder/Chairman

## Nominating Committee Annual Report 2021

Committee members: Kirk Psota (Elder-Chairman), Dr. Fran Acosta-Carlson (Elder), Judy Biehl, Isabella Carlson (Member-at-large), Steve Falkinburg (Deacon Rep.), Andrea Nisley

The Committee began meeting September 19, 2021, in the Conference Room after church. We met for a total of three times after church. The rest of it was done by group text messages and phone calls.

The purpose of our meeting was to find three Elders for three-year terms and one Elder for a one-year term to replace the resignation of Elder Dave Margritz. Also we were looking for four Deacons to serve three-year terms and two Deacons for an one-year term to replace the resignation of George & Joan Allen.

The new Deacons that have agreed to serve are LaDonna McClure, Tempie Roberts, Sharon Steinberger, Jo Sherman, and Judy Biehl. The Deacons for the one-year term are Steve & Loretta Falkinburg.

The new Elders for three-year terms are Kristen Psota, Allan McClure, and Bruce Rickertsen.

The new Elder for the one-year term is Dan Roberts.

The Deacons and Elders were nominated and elected by congregational vote at the December 12<sup>th</sup> congregational meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kirk Psota, Chairman

## Personnel Committee Annual Report 2021

The Personnel Committee meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm in the church conference room.

Committee members for 2021 were: Dave Margritz, Elder/Chairperson; Dr. Fran Acosta-Carlson, Elder; Mary Reed, Secretary; Dan Roberts and Eddie Mariel, Ex-Officio.

Responsibilities of the committee are to review and make recommendations to Session in regard to descriptions of each staff position, annual review of compensations and benefit packages for the staff, perform job reviews of each staff member and provide support to the entire staff whenever needed. Find Pulpit Supply when needed.

This past year we had Pastor Eddie Mariel as our fulltime pastor and head of staff. Other staff members included Linda Anthony, Church Hostess; Holly Rickertsen, Director of Worship Ministries; Kimmy Schuster, Office Manager; Dian Lauby and Jeannie Homan, pianists; and Chuck Messerschmidt and Jill Williams, organists.

As a committee in 2021, we have conducted annual reviews of hired staff, wrote up terms of call for Pastor Eddie Mariel that were voted on by congregation, and updated personnel policies. Gave gift to Eddie for Pastor Appreciation Month. We also gave Christmas gifts to the staff. Found Pulpit Supply when it was needed.

The First Presbyterian Church is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Respectfully Submitted,  
The Personnel Committee

## Properties Annual Report 2021

Members:	Kirk Psota, Elder/Chairman	Curt Harkless
	Bruce Rickertsen, Secretary	Larry Steinberger
	Allan McClure, Elder	Vicki Davis
	Fred Nisley	Pastor Eddie Mariel, Ex Officio
	Ed Heusinkvelt	Kimmy Schuster, Ex Officio

In addition to regular maintenance the properties committee took the lead or assisted with several projects around the building and grounds in 2021:

- Replaced A/C unit that was damaged in car accident
- Masonry work to the exterior
- Doorbell camera installed for security
- New speakers and video system in Sanctuary
- Continuation of the garden with LRHC
- Installed Ethernet cord for Wi-Fi in Sanctuary
- New, brighter lightbulbs in Fellowship Hall

Properties committee originated a subcommittee called the Financial Oversight Committee. The purpose of this committee is to complete quarterly reviews of the financials, so the church is in compliance with the Presbytery Book of Order's audit/review requirements. Amy Biehl-Owens, Don Anthony, and Allan McClure currently serve on the that subcommittee. (see report on next page)

The church has been making regular payments on the PC (USA) loan that was taken out last year to fund roof repairs. At the end of 2021 the outstanding loan balance will be \$37,637.81 with \$7,556.54 held in the roof fund.

Coming up in the next year the committee will be working on:

- Adding stainless steel spikes to keep pidgins from roosting
- Studying the possibility of adding video screens and updating the sound board in the Sanctuary
- Replacing the Sanctuary entrance lamppost
- Adding light for stained glass window in balcony

The Properties Committee is grateful to the members of the congregation for their willingness to give and to work so that we, and our community, can have a place to worship now and in the future.

Kirk Psota, Elder/Chairman



## **Financial Oversight Committee Annual Report 2021**

### **(a subcommittee of Properties)**

Recently a Financial Review committee was formed to replace the former requirement of an Audit for the church. This committee will consist of three members with staggered terms of office. One member will be an Elder. The committee is now composed of Amy Biehl Owens, Don Anthony, and Allan McClure. Dian Lauby will be the Treasurer this is an unpaid position at this time. The Treasurer will review invoices and bills before they are paid by the Office Manager. The Treasurer will be an officer of the Church corporation, and be appointed annually by session.

The committee will be a sub of the Properties committee. The committee will meet quarterly and verify bank balances with the book balances, also review random samplings of invoice transactions. The financial procedures of the church will be monitored for improvement and efficiencies. The committee brought in CPA Scott France, who has had previous experience with setting up review procedures for churches.

The church presently uses QuickBooks for accounting, by working with France we will now use their server with access by password. This will now provide another level of security and storage for the church's information. The cost will be reasonable.

Several immediate changes are the discontinue of credit cards and the use of debit cards issued by the bank. Purchases can still be made and bills submitted for reimbursement. The offering each Sunday now will be placed in a locked bag by two authorized members and locked in the church office for verification by the Office Manager and another church member later in the week. Previous reviews have been completed, and the review for 2021 has been finished.

Allan McClure

## SERVICE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2021

### FUNERAL DINNERS SERVED:

Jean Henderson-----	56
Bill Rawson-----	32
Sunya Peters-Kash-----	61
Norman Lans-----	105
Bill Smets-----	<u>78</u>
	332

### DINNERS SERVED:

Alice Screws and Julie Rickertsen Retirement Dinner-----	<u>65</u>
	<b>397</b> Hearts and Lives touched

### DINNERS AND RECEPTIONS WE NORMALLY SERVE:

Lenten Luncheon-----
LOGOS Fundraising Lunch-----
(Assisting Faith Committee)
Backpack Volunteer Lunch-----
Stewardship Dinner-----
Christmas Matins-----
(Assisting Faith Committee)

Our system of using three (3) Service Committees has struggled this year with finding enough workers. Plans are already in place to combine the three (3) Service Committees down to two (2) for 2022. Hopefully, that will help.

A huge THANK YOU to all who so generously gave of their time: setting up tables, providing food, serving food, washing dishes, taking down tables and laundering table linens and tea towels. You are all **greatly appreciated!**

Service Committee Coordinators,

Linda Lauby  
LaDonna McClure

## Deacons Annual Report 2021

DEACONS: George Allen, Joan Allen, Dorothy Bremer, Vicki Davis, Marlene Delap, Loretta Falkinburg, Steve Falkinburg, Chuck Malcom, Darlene Malcom, Tom Musil, Rhea Musil, Carol Nelson

The Deacons quarterly meetings are held in January, April, July, and October. Communion is prepared at the church each month by two of the Deacons. Communion is served quarterly at Avamere, Welcov, and in homes when requested. The total number served in 2021 was 728.

Deacons are responsible for delivering bulletins, newsletters, and devotional materials. Gifts are given and cards are sent at discretion of each deacon. Due to some Covid restrictions throughout the year the deacons were not always able to visit everyone. The following services for this year are: 694 visits, 1456 cards sent, 553 phone calls, 433 gifts, and 84 service calls. Seven bereavement calls were made this year including the 4th quarter.

The expenses for this year were \$182.93.

Four babies were added to the cradle roll:

Mabel Rae Schuster to Kimmy & Grae Schuster. Dick & Liz Sanderman are grandparents.

Makenna Joy Rickertson to Mike & Allison Rickertson. Bruce & Julie Rickertson are grandparents.

Major Alan Denker to Mitch & Tiff Denker. Karla & Mike Denker are grandparents.

Rio John Quintana to Katie Kearney & Brandon Quintana. David & Paula Kearney are grandparents.

Deacons completing their term of service were Vicki Davis and Marlene DeLap. Due to retiring of term, Steve & Loretta Falkinburg have volunteered to take on one more year.

Vicki Davis  
Secretary

## Prayer Shawl Ministry Annual Report 2021

The knitters meet most Mondays in the church parlor from 11:00 until noon. We have given 9 shawls to members and friends of the congregation. The Prayer Shawl Ministry has become a worldwide movement of women's groups, gathering to pray and knit for those in need and those celebrating life's joys. Our shawls are an expression of our love and the loving care of the God who works through them. There is a time of prayer for those who are ill or who are celebrating a joy. We have yarn available! Please join us!

## FAITH CIRCLE ANNUAL REPORT 2021

Faith Circle meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 9:30 AM. Our Bible study for the year is "What My Grandmothers Taught Me"; Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus. We began the study in September. During December through March, we do not meet, coming together again in April and the summer months to finish our study. We meet in homes or at the church and the lessons are given by the women of our circle. We rejoiced with several new members and enjoy our fellowship time as we study together. Along with Martha Circle we plan and serve the May Breakfast. In November, our Praise Service was hosted by our circle. Our monetary gifts go to support Presbyterian Women and the mission of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). We participate in the Hunger Program, Least Coin Offering, and the Birthday and Thank Offerings. These gifts are "second mile giving", over and above our church pledge. Please join us for wonderful fellowship and Bible study.

### Faith Circle Treasurer's Annual Report December 31, 2021

Balance on Hand December 31, 2020	\$ 35.91
Receipts:	
Donations and Tea Money	\$391.54
PW meetings	\$154.16
Hunger Offering	\$ 22.28
Total Receipts	\$603.89
Disbursements:	
Presbyterian Women Pledge 2021	\$300.00
2020 Pledge	\$100.00
Total Disbursements:	\$400.00
Balance on Hand	\$203.89

## Martha Circle Annual Report for 2021

Martha Circle meets the third Thursday of every month except in the summer. We meet in the afternoon since we did not need late meetings for the day workers. Our motto is "We do this service unto thee."

Seven members are on our roll with visitors warmly welcomed. Meetings are held at the church. The first part of the year we completed our study of "Into the Light." In September we began the new study, "What my Grandmothers Taught Me." Lessons are led by members of the circle.

This year some were able to attend the PW meeting in Cozad and the Praise service. Many were able to attend the May Breakfast. In September, we were in charge of the baked potato bar.

Monetary giving included membership gifts throughout the year to pay our pledge to Women's Association. We also give offerings to the Hunger Offering (Charlie Cheddar) and the Fellowship of the Least Coin. Monies were collected for the Birthday Offerings—all go to the worldwide mission of our church. These mission projects are over and above our local church pledge. The officers stayed the same this year and for 2022.

We welcome any woman who would like to join a Bible Study and enjoy this Christian fellowship.

### Martha Circle Treasurer's Report 2021

Balance on January 1, 2021	\$121.99
Donations	\$415.00
Potato Bar	\$32.00
May Breakfast	\$118.56
Association Dues	\$600.00
Ending Balance 2021	<u>\$87.55</u>

### Martha Circle Meetings 2021

March 18	Lesson: Sharon Steinberger	August — NO MEETING
April 15	Hostess: Carol Nelson Lesson: Dorothy Woodside	Sept. 16 Hostess: Rose Marie Sherman Lesson: Jo Sherman
May 20	Hostess: Marlene DeLap Lesson: Dorothy Woodside	Oct. 21 Hostess: Marlene DeLap Lesson: Sharon Steinberger
June 17	Hostess: Anne Grubb Lesson: Rose Marie Sherman	Nov. 18 Hostess: Carol Nelson Lesson: Dorothy Woodside
July 15	Hostess: Sharon Steinberger Lesson: Vicki Davis	December — NO MEETING

## Presbyterian Women 2021 Annual Report

Presbyterian Women (PW) is made up of women in the Presbyterian church. The two circles in PW are Martha Circle and Faith Circle. The two circles meet 8 times during the year with a Bible Study. Martha Circle meets on the third Thursday of the month at 2:00 p.m. at the church, except for the months of June, July, August, and December. Martha has 7 members. Their motto is "We Do This Service Unto Thee".

Faith Circle meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 9:30 a.m., April through November. They meet in the homes of the members. They have 10 members and their motto is "Faith Without Works is Dead".

The Coordinating Team will meet preceding the regular quarterly meeting.

The Lenten lunch was not held at our church this year, but the May Breakfast was held with a very good turnout of 76 people attending. Marty Kloeppinger spoke on the Crosses of Christ.

Martha Circle hosted the Potato Bar luncheon on September 2nd. Jo Sherman handed out the reading certificates, and the honorary membership was presented to two people this year because of the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020. This year Julie Rickertsen and Janice Lans were presented the honorary memberships.

The salad luncheon with the Cozad PW was held this year with Lexington PW being in charge of the program. Marty Kloeppinger presented her quilts about the women in the Bible.

The Praise Service was held on November 4th this year.

Rose Marie reported that the last payment for the dues was made.

The PW participated in the following Special Offerings: Hunger, Birthday, Least Coin, Thank Offering, and Blanket Sunday.

### Presbyterian Women Annual Report of Readers—2021

We had a total of 19 women readers who read a total of 1,180 books!!

These are the readers from 2021:

Linda Anthony, Delphine Anthony, Elsie Barrett, Marilyn Biehl, Vicki Davis, Marlene DeLap, Anne Grubb, Barb Knapple, Jonelle Lans, Darlene Malcom, Carol Nelson, Joyce Olsen, Liz Sanderman, Kimmy Schuster, Jo Sherman, Rose Marie Sherman, Sharon Steinberger, Carol Stock, and Dorothy Woodside.

The top five readers were:

Elsie Barrett	76
Marilyn Biehl	95
Anne Grubb	109
Liz Sanderman	180
Jo Sherman	205 books

Thank you, ladies, for reading this many books. Please continue during this year.

Jo Sherman

### Presbyterian Women Financial Report

Balance January 1, 2021 \$3,647.71

Income from the following:

Card sales  
Circle giving  
Funeral lunches served  
Study books ordered  
May Breakfast  
Birthday Offering  
Thank Offering

Payments Made:

Cards for sale  
Presbytery Pledge  
Contingent  
Horizon Subscription  
Speakers  
Groceries  
School Kits  
Church World Service  
Study Books  
Misc  
Offerings sent in

Balance December 28, 2021 \$4,274.49

Rose Marie Sherman  
Treasurer



## 2022 Budget

### **2022 Budget**

#### **CONGREGATIONAL CARE COMMITTEE**

Advertising/Visibility	400.00
Deacons	250.00
Fellowship Activity	250.00
Special Events	500.00
Total	<u>1,400.00</u>

#### **FAITH COMMITTEE**

Bell Maintenance	500.00
Church School/Logos Curriculum	500.00
Church School Supplies	50.00
Copyright License	500.00
Library	50.00
Logos Meals	800.00
Logos Program /Supplies	200.00
Music/Choir Supplies Expense	550.00
Musicians	3,200.00
Vacation Church School	500.00
Worship Resources	550.00
Total	<u>7,400.00</u>

#### **MISSION & OUTREACH COMMITTEE**

Food Baskets	500.00
Lexington Parent Child Center	100.00
Local Fellowship	1,500.00
Missionary Support	500.00
Per Capita	7,500.00
These Days/Upper Room	325.00
Unified Mission Support	5,000.00
Total	<u>15,425.00</u>

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Senior Pastor	
Salary	42,180.00
Housing Allowance	18,000.00
Pension/Major Medical	24,122.59
Professional Expenses	4,000.00
SECA Reimbursement	4,603.77
Total	<u>92,906.36</u>
Office Manager	27,846.00
Hostess Salary	6,097.00
Director of Worship Ministries	7,990.00
Choir Accompanist	1,250.00
Part-time Office Help	600.00
Part-time Hostess	600.00
Pulpit Supply	1,000.00
Payroll Taxes	3,800.00
Staff & Miscellaneous Gifts	500.00
	<u>49,683.00</u>
Total	142,589.36

**PROPERTIES COMMITTEE**

Church Decorating	350.00
Church Maintenance	10,000.00
Cleaning Services	7,920.00
Computer, Software & Support	2,000.00
Custodial/Kitchen Supplies	650.00
Dues & Subscriptions	75.00
Gas	8,000.00
Insurance	10,000.00
Light/Sewer/Water	9,000.00
Loan Payment	12,007.32
Major Improvements	3,000.00
Miscellaneous Expense	300.00
Office Equipment Rental/Repair	4,000.00
Organ & Piano Tuning	1,850.00
Phone	600.00
Postage	800.00
Sanitation/Soft Water	1,200.00
Session Expense	250.00
Stationary/Office Supplies	1,000.00
Total	<u>73,002.32</u>

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>239,816.68</b>
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## FINANCIAL REPORT 2021

### INCOME

General Fund Receipts	December	Budget	
Interest Income	1.84		
Miscellaneous	14.50		
Per Capita	0.00		
Pledge Income	188,477.69	244,100.75	-55,623.06
Rent Income	945.00		
Loan Payment Income	52,007.32		
Total GF Receipts	241,446.35		

	2021 Budget	Spent as of 12/31/21	Amount Left	% Used
<b>CONGREGATIONAL CARE COMMITTEE</b>				
Advertising/Visibility	700.00	564.97	135.03	81%
Deacons	250.00	182.93	67.07	73%
Fellowship Activity	250.00	79.77	170.23	32%
Special Events	500.00	135.42	364.58	27%
Total	1,700.00	963.09	736.91	57%

### FAITH COMMITTEE

Bell Maintenance	500.00	500.00	0.00	100%
Church School/Logos Curriculum	600.00	442.05	157.95	74%
Church School Supplies	50.00	4.20	45.80	8%
Copyright License	500.00	392.00	108.00	78%
Library	50.00	0.00	50.00	0%
Logos Meals	800.00	651.37	148.63	81%
Logos Program /Supplies	200.00	40.92	159.08	20%
Music/Choir Supplies Expense	550.00	21.75	528.25	4%
Musicians	3,200.00	2,310.00	890.00	72%
Vacation Church School	500.00	433.99	66.01	87%
Worship Resources	450.00	495.54	-45.54	110%
Total	7,400.00	5,291.82	2,108.18	72%

### MISSION & OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Financial Drive Expense	450.00	0.00	450.00	0%
Food Baskets	500.00	0.00	500.00	0%
Lexington Ministerial Assoc	750.00	0.00	750.00	0%
Lexington Parent Child Center	300.00	0.00	300.00	0%
Local Benevolence	1,000.00	165.00	835.00	17%
Missionary Support	500.00	500.00	0.00	100%
Per Capita	8,710.00	7,604.50	1,105.50	87%
These Days/Upper Room	325.00	190.80	134.20	59%

Unified Mission Support	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	100%
Total	17,535.00	13,460.30	4,074.70	77%

## PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

### Senior Pastor

Salary	41,000.00	40,999.92	0.08	100%
Housing Allowance	18,000.00	18,000.00	0.00	100%
Pension/Major Medical	23,649.17	23,278.20	370.97	98%
Professional Expenses	4,000.00	1,863.19	2,136.81	47%
SECA Reimbursement	4,513.50	4,513.50	0.00	100%
Total	91,162.67	88,654.81	2,507.86	97%

### Office Manager

Wages	27,300.00	29,165.88	-1,865.88	107%
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Hostess Salary	5,967.90	4,463.45	1,504.45	75%
Payroll Taxes	3,800.00	3,576.89	223.11	94%
Pulpit Supply	1,000.00	222.64	777.36	22%
Staff & Miscellaneous Gifts	500.00	748.84	-248.84	150%
Part-time Hostess	600.00	102.50	497.50	17%
Part-time Office Help	600.00	120.00	480.00	20%
Choir Accompanist	1,250.00	500.00	750.00	40%
Director of Worship Ministries	7,832.86	7,832.88	-0.02	100%
	21,550.76	17,567.20	3,983.56	82%

Total	140,013.43	135,387.89	4,625.54	97%
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## PROPERTIES COMMITTEE

Audit	900.00	0.00	900.00	0%
Church Decorating	350.00	252.08	97.92	72%
Church Maintenance	10,000.00	8,453.39	1,546.61	85%
Cleaning Services	7,920.00	7,920.00	0.00	100%
Computer, Software & Support	2,250.00	1,572.95	677.05	70%
Custodial/Kitchen Supplies	650.00	660.25	-10.25	102%
Dues & Subscriptions	75.00	64.95	10.05	87%
Gas	10,000.00	3,689.50	6,310.50	37%
Insurance	10,000.00	9,418.00	582.00	94%
Light/Sewer/Water	9,000.00	6,509.43	2,490.57	72%
Loan Payment	12,007.32	12,007.32	0.00	100%
Major Improvements	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	0%
Miscellaneous Expense	300.00	223.23	76.77	74%
Office Equipment Rental/Repair	4,000.00	4,235.98	-235.98	106%
Organ & Piano Tuning	1,850.00	1,970.00	-120.00	106%
Phone	900.00	429.42	470.58	48%
Postage	800.00	951.00	-151.00	119%
Sanitation/Soft Water	1,200.00	1,070.62	129.38	89%

Session Expense	250.00	164.80	85.20	66%
Stationary/Office Supplies	2,000.00	845.84	1,154.16	42%
Total	<u>77,452.32</u>	<u>60,438.76</u>	<u>17,013.56</u>	78%

General Fund Expense	0.00	137.69		
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TOTAL	244,100.75	215,679.55	28,558.89	88%
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<b>BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 01/01/21</b>	\$2,458.85
<b>RECEIPTS</b>	241,446.35
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>	215,679.55
<b>TRANSFERS FROM MONEY MARKET</b>	31,276.27
<b>TRANSFERS TO MONEY MARKET</b>	0.00
<b>EXTRA PAYMENT TO ROOF LOAN</b>	40,000.00
<b>BALANCE AS OF 12/31/2021</b>	<b>\$19,501.92</b>



## SPECIAL ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENSE

12/31/2021

### INCOME

Bell Maintenance Income	500.00
Blanket Sunday	593.41
Christmas Income	799.52
Fellowship Coffee	416.35
Food Pantry	237.41
Interest Income	5.92
Library Income	30.00
Local Benevolence Income	0.00
Logos Income	0.00
Miscellaneous Designated Income	2,220.27
Music Income	0.00
OGHS Income	514.65
Prayer Shawl Ministry	0.00
Roof Fund	11,554.61
Will Ratcliff	1,770.73
Total Special Acct Income	<u>18,642.87</u>

### EXPENSE

Befriending Fund	343.33
Bell Maintenance	0.00
Blanket Sunday	736.41
Building Improvements	28.50
Christmas Joy	1,101.52
Fellowship Coffee	726.73
Food Pantry Expense	237.41
Interest	69.67
Library	0.00
Local Benevolence	440.10
Logos	0.00
Miscellaneous Designated	2,480.47
Mission Support	0.00
Music Expense	0.00
OGHS Expense	674.90
Organ Overhaul Expense	0.00
Roof Fund	52,007.32
Will Ratcliff	1,770.73
Youth Activities	22.08
Total Special Acct Expense	<u>60,639.17</u>

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD AS of 01/01/21	64,195.27
RECEIPTS	18,642.87
DISBURSEMENTS	60,639.17
BALANCE AS OF 12/31/2021	<b>\$22,198.97</b>

## SPECIAL REVOLVING ACCOUNTS

### 12/31/2021

Bell Maintenance	515.00
Blanket Sunday	0.00
Building Improvements	0.00
Christmas Joy	0.00
Easter Breakfast	1,100.76
Fellowship Coffee	1,350.27
Food Pantry	0.00
Interest	3.83
Library Fund	589.97
Local Benevolence	642.69
Logos	1,161.09
Miscellaneous Designated	4,279.36
Music	496.23
One Great Hour of Sharing	0.00
Prayer Shawl Ministry	150.33
Roof Fund	7,556.54
Will Ratcliff Fund	0.00
Windows	443.19
Work Camp	202.39
Youth Activities	247.76
Youth Fundraiser	1,951.99
Youth Meal	246.78
Youth Trip	1,260.79
Total	<u>\$22,198.97</u>