

ANNUAL REPORT

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



“A Year Unlike Any Other”



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INTRO

A YEAR UNLIKE ANY OTHER...

2020 will go down in history as the year of zoom, the mask, sidewalk chalk, and toilet paper hoarding. It was the year when Jesus broke the internet. Well, not exactly. But, on that first Sunday when churches around the globe began worshipping online, social networking around the globe crashed. That is a powerful statement for the world's desire to still worship even if we couldn't be together in person.

THE YEAR OF ZOOM...

2020 at PPC started off with the excitement of celebrating our 250th Anniversary. Our Pastor Nominating Committee was hard at work and all was flowing along smoothly. Then in March we quickly began to switch gears, learning to build a plane and fly it at the same time. We, along with the rest of the world, began to react to the global pandemic, Covid-19.

What started off as a two-week shut down turned into over a year of not being able to worship together in person. The arrival of the coronavirus forced us into an immediate and radical shift to online worship and parking lot worship.

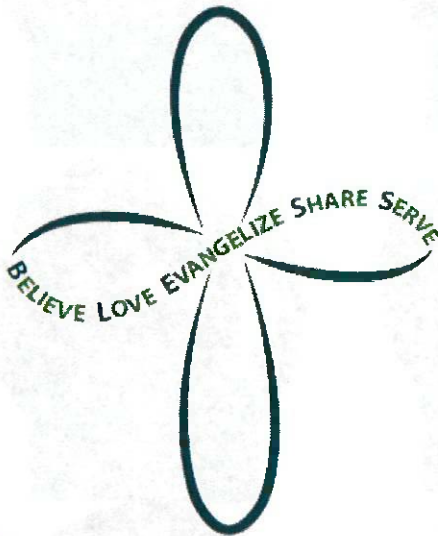
But the Lord has been more than faithful, and we have experienced his undeserved goodness in so many ways: financial provision, spiritual vitality, mission growth, and ministry impact. This year's Annual Report is different than most years. It provides an overview of God's work in and through the PPC congregation, along with testimonies from members highlighting the good in our midst during a difficult year.

Ministry has always been a team sport, but responding to the coronavirus shutdown has brought out the best in our staff and officers. We are blessed by their creativity, their adaptability, and their pastoral heart to connect with and serve all of you.

WHO WE SAY WE ARE

GROWING THE KINGDOM OF GOD BY
SPREADING THE GOOD NEWS,
SERVING THE LEAST AMONG US,
WORKING FOR JUSTICE AND
TEACHING FUTURE GENERATIONS.

MISSION STATEMENT



VISION STATEMENT

GOD CALLS US TO BLESS
OTHERS AS WE HAVE
BEEN BLESSED.

BELIEVE - LOVE - EVANGELIZE - SHARE - SERVE



Rev. Dr. Herbie Miller
Senior Pastor
Head of Staff



Katie Perkins Sloan
Associate Pastor
CLP



Shane Sledd
Minster of Youth
and Families



Judy Clinton
Office Manager



Cynthia Stokes
Secretary



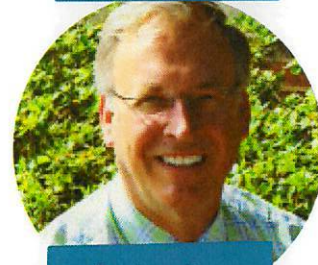
Linda Cummins
Web Administrative
Assistant



Jane Mendlik
Interim Director of
Music



Melinda Johnston
Children's Choir
Director
Treasurer



Dr. Leslie
Anderson
Organist



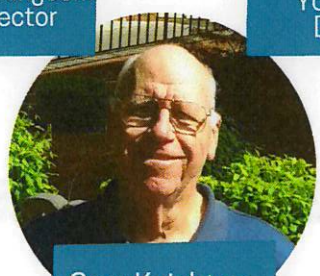
Susan Griffin
Volunteer Kingdom
Kids Director



Marnie Gallagher
Youth Choir
Director



Becky Brown
Preschool
Transitional
Kindergarten
Director

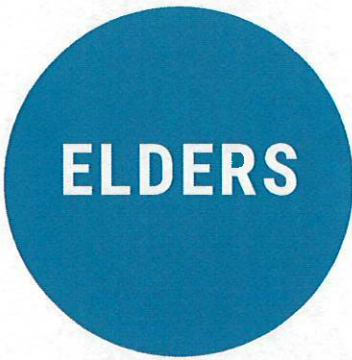


Gary Knighton
Maintenance



Brandon
Woodcock
Maintenance

STAFF



ELDERS

CLASS OF 2020

Ashley Ponscheck
Barry Long
Bill Crowder
Jason Williams
John Nofsinger (Clerk)

CLASS OF 2020

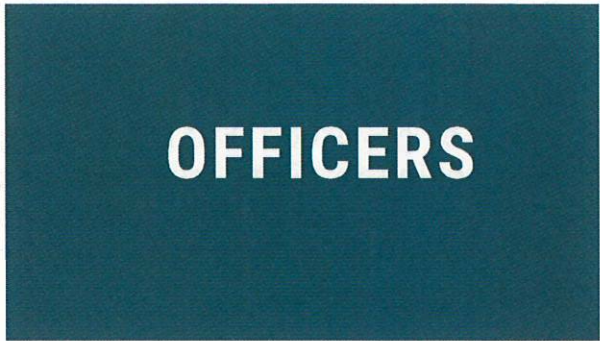
Angela Watts
Hilary Hall
James Blanchard
Jane Long
Jillian Rosman
Laura King
Linda Davenport
Lisa Nance
Mike Hastings
Kristina Simmons (moderator)

CLASS OF 2021

Allen Hardy
Matt Hall
Connie Ensley
Pam Jack
Bill Johnston
Karen Davidson
Richard Newton

CLASS OF 2021

Alana White
Vicki Crossman
Tamara Babulski
Ann Hutton
Doris Miller
Carolyn Pence
Marge Gledhill
Julia Clark
Melissa Johnson
Thomas Flowe



OFFICERS

CLASS OF 2022

David Gallagher
David Houck
Beth Barnes
Tim Rosman
Debbe King
Rolf Jaeger
Emily Davis

CLASS OF 2022

Amy Kafitz
Angela Watts
Becky Szymanski
Dale Mayberry
Lewanna Ratliff
Sonja Kelly



BOARD OF DEACONS

Grace and peace to you, in the name of Jesus Christ. I write this contribution to our church's 2020 annual report with a spirit of gratitude. First, for the grace of God, which is given freely to all of us in His Son Jesus Christ. And second, for the call of God, which has joined me to this congregation.

I have been asked on more than one occasion why I would accept a call to a new church during a pandemic. Besides saying it's warmer in Mint Hill than Dayton, my answer is always, "Because of God's call." From the moment I read PPC's ministry profile to when I spoke with Amy Kaminski and the rest of the PNC, I knew God was doing something special in this church. As I prayed and talked with my wife, it became clear that the ethos of this church matched my pastoral identity: we share a deep commitment to tradition, while being flexible to the novel ways the gospel calls us into the uncharted waters of ministry. This match made it easy for me to answer God's call to come to PPC. While saying "yes" was easy, the journey from Dayton to Mint Hill was not without its challenges. Yet, when God calls us, He provides what we need for the journey—even if the journey isn't always the easiest to make.



FROM OUR SENIOR PASTOR HEAD OF STAFF, *Herbie Miller*

As a church, we've been on a difficult journey over the last year. COVID has brought loss, pain, and loneliness on a scale most of us have never experienced. Yet, throughout this time God has found ways to bring forth His new creation. This report bears witness to the creative ways God's Spirit has worked through this congregation to be the Body of Christ. One of the many truths our faith teaches us is that God will make a people He chooses into the Body of Christ. And it is out of God's sheer grace that we, a broken and flawed people, have been called his Body. So, as you read this report, give thanks for what God has done in 2020. But don't forget: Jesus is alive! And He's continuing to do His work in 2021. And will continue to do so for all time.

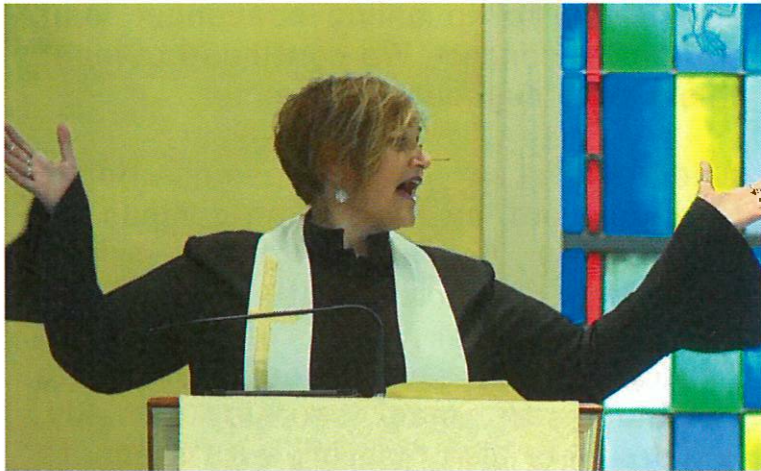
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I give thanks to God for His grace and for all of you. May God's grace energize all of us as we seek to answer His call each and every day.

With gratitude,

Pastor Herbie Miller

**FROM OUR
ASSOCIATE PASTOR
CLP,
*Katie Sloan***



When I think back to the beginning of 2020, I remember January with John Nofsinger dressed up in historical clothing, the hall covered in pictures and decorations everywhere as we began our 250th celebration. I remember February with a sanctuary packed full of Charlotte Presbytery members as we hosted our Presbytery meeting and celebrated the installation of our Associate General Presbyter, Alice Ridgil. Then along came March. The month that was like lemonade with no sugar. Like a birthday party with no cake. March was the month that turned the world upside down. But God! Covid-19 was spreading across the globe. Interim Pastor Danny Trapp made the difficult but important call to close the physical doors of the church for 2 weeks. Staff began working from home, and thanks to the technological leadership of Bill Johnston and Matt Hall, we scrambled to pull together our first online worship services. We prevailed.

Two weeks away from the office turned into months and the deadly Covid virus began to overshadow so much of the world. It forced us, some of whom are not quick to change or innovate, to invent all sorts of new ways of doing ministry, offering worship, supporting one another, staying connected, growing in faith, rejoicing upon birthdays, births of babies, and graduations, grieving loss of dear loved ones, and reaching out with the love of Christ. Yet the Covenant promises of God have proved faithful and sure. Christ has been with us and filled us with a portion of joy and peace and given us hope. That certainly proved true as we voted, in the Kerr parking lot of all places, with the beeping of car horns of all things, for our new Senior Pastor, Head of Staff – Rev. Dr. Herbie Miller. What a gift he has been!

**"SO MANY UNEXPECTED
PROVIDENTIAL BLESSINGS
UNFOLDED..."**

So many of you have done so much stepping up to help us continue to be the effective body of Christ. So many unexpected providential blessings unfolded that made possible strong ongoing ministries. Thank you.

In PPC's long history, the pandemic required some firsts for this congregation, including our first ever online Christmas Cantata, the first Zoom Maundy Thursday service, and countless Zoom session meetings, just to name a few things. There is a loss in what we could not safely do, but also, I believe, a faithfulness in the worship and praise that we offered to God. There was so much good in the broken places of 2020. For this we give God praise.

Together, with you, in ministry,

Katie

**FROM OUR
MINISTER OF YOUTH
AND FAMILIES,**
Shane Sledd



**"THIS PAST YEAR WAS
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BLESSINGS IN OUR STUDENT
MINISTRY."**

The Student Ministry started 2020 off with our annual Winter WKND trip to West Virginia where students spent a weekend full of skiing, singing, devotionals and small group time. Not too far removed from that weekend is when things shifted for the world and our Student Ministry as well. With the doors closing for the time being, our Student Ministry shifted to online Zoom gatherings meeting weekly and even gathered for some other fun activities like an online scavenger hunt and online concert. We continued to meet this way throughout the summer.

When the fall arrived we began meeting in the courtyard, on the church campus for our weekly middle and high school gatherings . This trend started and has been our main way of gathering throughout this past year. While we continued to meet outside weekly, leaders were also meeting with students in small groups throughout the fall. Many small groups met around campfires in the courtyard and leaders were also able to do outside lunches with many students who had virtual school schedules. This past year was hard and difficult, but yet we saw many blessings in our Student Ministry. We have had several new faces join us regularly for weekly gatherings and we continue to walk along with students and families during their journey through these times. We are grateful for all the support we have received from the congregation and look forward to this next year where we continue to build upon the good things from this past year.

Gratefully,

Shane

The 250th year in the life of PPC. We started with plans for a year-long celebration of our founding and hopes to fulfill our Vision and Mission through wide-ranging programming and outreach. Activities began as planned including hosting the February quarterly Stated Meeting of the Charlotte Presbytery. Little did we know that many of our hopes and dreams for the year were about to be put on hold by the Covid-19 pandemic. On March 13, 2020, Session acted to close the campus to in-person worship and gatherings. What followed was a testimony to the resolve, resourcefulness, and creativity of Christian servant leadership. Following are highlights of 2020 in review.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- Twelve (12) Stated Session Meetings were held. Two (2) were in person in our traditional face-to-face format. The remaining ten (10) were held virtually.
- Four (4) Called Session Meetings were held between Stated Session Meetings.
- Three (3) Congregational Meetings were held.
- The Session Members serving as the Board of Trustees of PPC, Inc. met in Annual Meeting (February). Officers elected for 2020 were John Nofsinger (President), Caroline McGahey (Vice President), Cindi Hoffner (Secretary) and Melinda Johnston (Treasurer). A subsequent E-Vote was taken to name David Houck to serve as Vice President on the resignation of Caroline McGahey.
- Fourteen (14) E-Votes were conducted on various matters requiring attention between Stated Session Meetings.
- We welcomed Rev. Danny Trapp to serve as Interim Sr. Pastor and Head-of-Staff as we worked to call a permanent Senior Pastor.
- A Covid-19 Advisory Team was formed to inform and advise Session on activities and protocols appropriate to safe reopening of PPC campus and facilities to in-person worship and gathering.
- The final report from the Campus Security Team was received and certain early actions associated with a longer-term campus safety regimen were begun.
- The final report of the Leadership Task Force studying Leadership roles and Committee structure was received. Several recommendations were implemented in 2020 with others expected to be adopted as part of a comprehensive restructure to follow.
- We participated in four (4) quarterly Charlotte Presbytery Stated Meetings – three (3) of which were required to be virtual in response to the Covid-19 situation.
- Rev. Dr. Herbert Dean Miller was welcomed as Senior Pastor and Head-of-Staff signaling the long-awaited return to a full pastoral staff.

SESSION WAS HONORED TO SERVE THE PPC CONGREGATION IN THIS MOST UNUSUAL OF YEARS. WE EXIT 2020 CONFIDENT IN THE ABILITY OF PPC TO GLORIFY GOD BY BLESSING OTHERS AS WE HAVE BEEN BLESSED.

Session minutes are available in the church office.

DEACON BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Prior to the Pandemic monthly contacts with members were being made through calls, cards, email or personal visits. In March, with the Covid19 virus now spreading throughout our country, **four Focus Groups were formed to pinpoint PPC members who would benefit from weekly calls.** These calls were to offer added support and to make sure their needs were being met. Twenty-five PPC members were placed within these groups. Focus Group leaders were deacons Doris Miller, Lewana Ratliff, Julia Clark, and Donna Simmons.

By April, with many of our Diaconate working in the fields of health care, education or as a necessary front-line worker, it was determined that asking these deacons to continue submitting monthly records of their congregational contacts was one item we could take off their plates. Thus, though many contacts continued to be made we have no actual numbers to report for 2020.

Deacons assisted with delivery of the stewardship campaign bags to members homes and planned a covid safe drive thru celebration to welcome the Miller family to PPC.

VISITATION TEAM

In addition to the deacons the visitation team cares for the members of our congregation.

384 contacts were made by in 2020

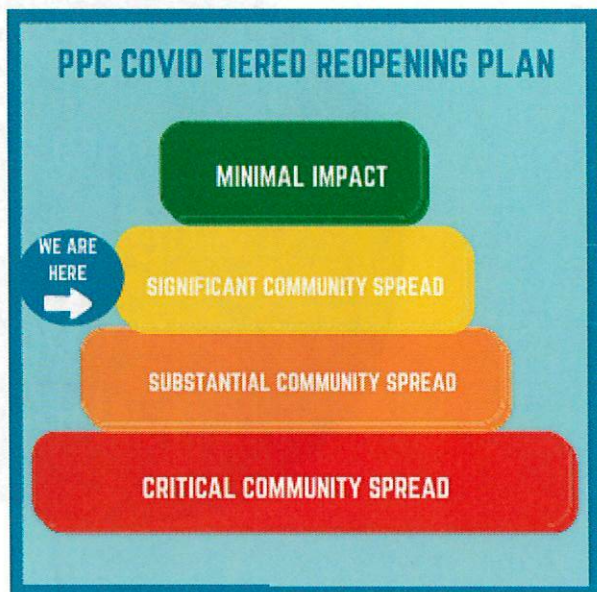
263 calls

15 visits

106 cards were sent

COVID RE-ENTRY COMMITTEE

In April of 2020, interim Pastor Danny Trapp put together a Covid Re-entry committee. The purpose was to make recommendations on safely reopening the PPC campus for events and activities. Initial members were myself, Ann Newman, Liesl West, Danny Trapp, and David Houck. At our first meeting we created some operating guidelines. First and foremost was to follow the science and data and not to let politics influence any discussions or decisions. We met weekly via Zoom for several months and shared our research in between meetings. Each month a report was prepared for the Session to review along with any recommendations. Eventually we submitted a worship service reopening plan to the Session for consideration should they decide to reopen. We also put together a campus events notification plan. As his interim term was expiring, Pastor Trapp appointed me to be the chair of the committee. I then worked closely with the Session moderators and new Senior Pastor Herbie Miller. Pastor Miller directed the committee to come up with a concrete plan for when to reopen based on objective data that all could see. **This led the committee to create the color coded tiered reopening plan that was put on the website for everyone to view.** Pastor Katie designed color coded graphics that are specific to PPC, that go along with our reopening plan. In the New Year, the Session added 4 Session members to the committee (Barry Long, Debbe King, Pam Jack, and Connie Ensley). These members made a huge contribution in the work of preparing for a safe reopening. By February 2021, after analyzing trend data and predicting further improvement, the committee was happily able to recommend to the Session to open the church for Worship on Easter. The committee developed the restrictions and conditions of the reopening that the Session voted on. While the work isn't complete, the Easter 2021 milestone was a happy moment for the committee. This committee worked hard, learned a lot, and hopefully through the power of prayer and research was able to make valuable recommendations to PPC. - **Jason Williams**



WHAT IN THE WORLD IS A FOCUS GROUP

I generally consider myself to be a “think positive” type of person. But on March 3, 2020, all that began to change. The first case of COVID-19 had finally reached North Carolina, and within a week our governor declared a state of emergency. It was then that my “think positive” attitude began giving way to anxiety.

The creation of Focus Groups within our church family was personally a big factor in channeling all my negative energy back into something positive. As a deacon, I’d been asked, along with all members of the 2020 Diaconate, to help pinpoint those within our districts who were deemed to be the most vulnerable at this time... the elderly; those who lived alone without family support close by, the sick, those with compromised immune systems or recovering from surgery, those who lacked the technology and/or knowledge to keep them connected with the outside world. After all was said and done, 25 members of our church family had been identified and placed within one of four Focus Groups each headed by a deacon who had volunteered to shepherd them for as long as was needed.

I was privileged to become one of the Focus Group shepherds for a group of our “super seniors”, and I honestly don’t know who benefitted more. Through weekly or bi-weekly contacts with these special people, I found strength and a sense of peace. I gave them my time, a listening ear, and someone to lean on if they were in need. They gave me the opportunity to regain my sense of purpose through serving others. No one ever complained about their physical aches and pains or how difficult life had become due to the pandemic. Instead I was constantly reminded of God’s goodness and how blessed they all felt to be a part of our church family. -**Julia Clark, Deacon Board Moderator 2021**



How do we connect when we can't be together?

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

ministry update

WHILE 2020 WAS A CHALLENGING YEAR ON ALL FRONTS, BUILDING AND GROUNDS ADDRESSED A NUMBER OF ISSUES.

- There was an issue with the carpet in the Kerr Building which began to grow a substantial crop of mildew. The carpet was treated and cleaned up.
- The Kerr Building experienced another year of a leaking roof. To date all leaks have been repaired.
- All signs on campus were cleaned and some repaired.
- The side doors to the Chapel at the handicap ramp were replaced with new doors. The new doors are exact replicas of the old doors, but are much more efficient and safer. The old lock was also restored. The original doors, were placed in the Historical Room.
- The skunk and other animals were evacuated from the Chapel, the entry point was sealed off and the odor was addressed.
- A major water leak was discovered. The leak was finally located behind Bigham and was successfully repaired.
- An air conditioning unit in the Education Wing had a stopped-up drain line which caused water damage.
- The Kerr Kitchen Committee, a subcommittee of Building and Grounds, made renovations to the Kerr kitchen which included new appliances, painting, and lighting.
- The church van (Alvin) was serviced as was the church bus.
- There were several issues during the year involving our HVAC units that were all addressed.
- Building and Grounds joined together with members of the congregation to ready the Manse for the arrival of Pastor Miller.
- Ground was broken on the columbarium in the former courtyard area.
- The Committee identified areas on the church campus that are in need of some type of repair/replacement and a plan of action is being considered at this time.
- A new keyless lock system for the entire campus is being considered for the future.

A more detailed Building and Grounds report is available by contacting cynthia@philadelphiachurch.org

2020 truly challenged the technology committee to think of new ways to deliver the worship service to the congregation. The team, in coordination with pastoral staff and the worship and music ministry, developed new workflows for a fully on-line worship experience, first from remote locations at the pastors homes and then in the Sanctuary and Kerr Building parking lot. The challenges of 2020 led to new tools for use in both services including WiFi service in the Sanctuary and in the Kerr Building, installation of a streaming encoder, and purchase of a new camera for the sanctuary.

TECHNOLOGY

-Rise Against Hunger- While we could not do this the traditional way due to Covid restrictions, we still packed meals. In May, PPC was the first group to participate in a newly structured onsite packing event at the RISE location. We packed 5400 meals but were able to donate our entire budgeted amount ensuring over 28,000 meals were delivered to Hopestart International in Haiti.

-We held two Blood Drives at PPC in partnership with Blood One.

-Due to Covid there was no Room In The Inn on our premises but we continued to solicit donations to help the organization as their needs were very different in 2020.

-Back Packs of Love- We continued to partner with Clear Creek Elementary to pack backpacks and began partnering with Bain Elementary as well. The closing of schools in March added a unique challenge, and PPC stepped up. Instead of just packing backpacks for the weekend, we began to pack food for the entire families. This increased the need for volunteers and for food. **The congregation stepped up, collecting 436 grocery gift cards throughout the course of the year, in addition to food items.** One of the Kingdom Kids classrooms was converted to a food pantry to help facilitate the additional food items as well as make the logistics easier.

- The E&O committee also honored one of our founding Backpacks leaders (Dottie Kastner) with her very own personalized backpack to say thank you for her years of service.

-Christmas Tree Santas- This was an incredibly successful event with multi-generational volunteers from PPC and the community. We were able to serve 225 families by providing the fresh Christmas trees, ornaments, a tree stand, and lights. This year because of PPC's support, we were able to provide families with a gift card as well.

-Youth Sports- In 2020 we had a U12 basketball team and a U18 basketball team. While playing on the U18 basketball team, Alex Cervantes also coached the U12 team. Alex was awarded the Christian coaches award during a virtual worship service. Alex was chosen from a selection of over 200 coaches/teams that participate in the Playbook for Life Ministries. Many of the youth from the basketball teams also participate in PPC youth events.

-Additional Mission Programs- We continued to support both financially and in spirit the Charlotte Presbytery General Mission, Crisis Assistance Ministry, Presbyterian Samaritan Counseling Center, Servant's Heart, Claire's Army, and Bright Blessings.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

- The Journey held outdoor worship services from spring until November, with an average attendance exceeding 50.
- We began a weekly live streaming worship service during the 11:00am hour and will continue with live streaming in the future.**
- We celebrated a first-ever drive-in communion service as well as an at-home virtual communion service on Communion Sunday.
- Choir Director Jane Mendlik, led the Chancel Choir and the Handbell Choir.
- Marnie Gallagher led the Inspirations and the Praise Band.
- Melinda Johnston directed the children's choirs including the Joyful Noise, Cherub, and Celebration Singers, accompanied by Ginny Setzer and Alice Pamplin.
- Dr. Leslie Anderson completed his 18th year as organist.
- The sanctuary was beautifully decorated for Communion Sunday, Thanksgiving and Christmas, facilitated by the decorating talents of Pam Jack.
- Homecoming was celebrated with the traditional bagpiper led Kirkin' O' the Tartans, but using a virtual "fly-through" of the tartans in an empty sanctuary. Thanks to Diane Campbell-Beard and Pam Jack for their decorating skills, and for the technical wizardry of Bill Johnston and Matt Hall.
- Special music was provided during the Christmas season with various quartets as well as mixing of multiple recorded sessions combined to look and sound like an entire choir. This was facilitated by the A/V talents of Matt Hall and Bill Johnston and the direction of all choir leaders.
- 2 virtual Christmas Eve worship services were held: a virtual Christmas Pageant lead by the children's choirs and a virtual service of lessons in carols.

ministry updates

- Greeted new interim Pastor Danny Trapp.
- Met with and worked with Clerk of Session, John Nofsinger and Pastor Trapp to recommend to Session that campus be closed and Worship be move to on-line because of World Pandemic.
- Moderator, David Houck reviewed the contract for the Called Pastor – Rev. Dr. Herbie Miller**
- Provided record of P&A activities to Session.
- Started a review of job descriptions of all church staff members.
- Prepared and submitted the 2020 P&A budget.
- Reviewed and approved Interim Pastors contract –Pastor Daniel Trapp.

PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

ministry update

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School met in-person during the months of January and February, 2020. **When Covid restrictions hit in March some classes began to react and began meeting on Zoom**, and others struggled. With the help of staff other classes received lessons via email and via USPS. There was lots of creativity. Interim Pastor Danny Trapp held an online zoom Bible Study on Wednesday nights. Shane and Katie offered some amazing weekly videos that were inspirational, funny and touch on the current situation. It was a year of flexibility, change, sadness, and experimentation. We have learned that we needed to let go of some things in order to make room for some new things, and most of all, we have realized how much we've missed each other.

COVID-19

- Kingdom Kids switched from in person to videos.
- The children's sermon were recorded for the 11am service.
- VBS on the Go used the theme "In The Image" and sent families home with everything they needed in a bucket.
- A Covid safe Truck or Treat was enjoyed by all.
- Blaze provided a way for adults and families to pick up on the go Bible study lessons and activities in the fall.
- Youth met in-person, outside, virtually and in small groups.
- June 7th was drive thru Graduation Sunday.
- Confirmation Sunday took place in the Kerr Building parking lot, during the Journey Service Parking Lot Service.
- Pastor Katie and Emily Sledd developed a women's small group called Unshackled , that continues to thrive on Zoom weekly.

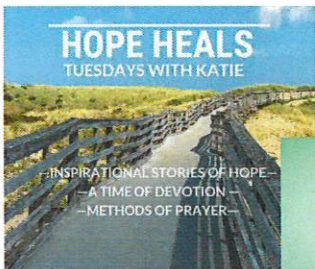
KINGDOM KIDS CORNER

In an effort to continue teaching valuable Sunday School lessons to the Kingdom Kids during the 2020 pandemic, the Kingdom Kid teachers created themed video lessons that were put on the church website as well as YouTube. Each of the 39 lessons consists of a Bible story, related scripture, a song, fun facts, sometimes a craft or science experiment, special guests, and, all the time, a ton of fun! Each week, volunteer and/or professional technicians assisted in putting the video clips in sequence and added background music. Thank you to everyone who participated in this amazing adventure that continues today! The hope is that these lessons have brought joy to many! Thank you to the PPC congregation for your support in this endeavor!

VBS TO GO

IN HIS IMAGE

PPC's Vacation Bible School 2020 was like no other. VBS is traditionally a time for kids to sing and play and laugh and learn together. Covid-19 made the "together" part impossible. But thanks to the creative "In His Image" curriculum, written by Mark Burrows, and extensive planning and packing from the VBS team, a take-home VBS was created for kids all across Mint Hill. Curriculum was copied and sorted, and supplies such as yarn, feathers, chalk, rocks, sponges, and more were packed into donated 5-gallon buckets. Parents picked up the buckets on Saturday morning, and were invited to go through the curriculum each day with their children, with help from in-house produced videos that ran Sunday – Thursday. The last day, participants were invited to bring back their decorated handprints and receive a Chick-Fil-A coupon so their families could have dinner on the church. Around 100 children participated, and parents were thrilled as the VBS provided a hint of normalcy in a very abnormal time.



Pastor Katie and Shane kept us connected every Tuesdays and Thursday with uplifting videos that reached out to community members as well as congregants. They were fun, inspirational and provided comfort during a difficult time of isolation.

WEEKLY
VIDEOS

Although Covid has certainly had its challenges, I am thankful that there have been several opportunities for the PPC Youth to come together and build our community during this time. During the height of Covid we were able to have weekly Zoom meetings in place of coming together in person on Wednesdays. During the meetings we would still play games, read scripture, and talk with one another. Once some of the restrictions loosened, we were able to begin meeting in person. We met several times at the Carolina Creamery in Mint Hill. This was the first time many of the youth were able to see each other face to face in months. We also met at the park and were able to set up hammocks and relax together. In the past few weeks, we have gone back to meeting at the church in the courtyard on Wednesday nights. I didn't realize how much I missed going to youth until we had to quarantine. I feel extremely lucky that we can meet back safely in person and be in community with one another once again, and I look forward to all of the good memories to come. - **Reagan Fauser**

A VOICE FROM
STUDENT
MINISTRY

MUSIC IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL

The Chancel Choir quickly regrouped on March 15 to provide music for the Traditional Service. At first, solos provided the anthems and hymns with musicians recording their music from home for the first few weeks. But many people did not have the capability to record at home, so after a few weeks, singers began recording in the Sanctuary. By March 29th we began providing "The Lord's Prayer". After several traditional versions of "The Lord's Prayer" it was decided that we should use a variety of versions, some of which were quite challenging and interesting. Eventually, we formed a variety of "socially distanced" quartets and, with the help of 24 volunteers, were able to offer a variety of music. In addition to the regular services, the choir also provided special music for July 4th, Thanksgiving and a collection of Christmas Carols for the annual Christmas Cantata. The numbers are impressive – in the last year, we sang/played and recorded 110 hymns, 55 anthems, 38 Lord's Prayers, 110 preludes, and 110 postludes.

Bill Johnston and Dr. Leslie Anderson spent at least 180 hours recording this music and Bill spent countless hours editing. I estimate at least 540 hours (3 hours for each hour of recording). A huge debt of gratitude to all those who helped.

Needless to say, we are very grateful to be back in person.

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

Even a pandemic can't silence the Celebration Singers! Though Covid-19 scuttled their first choir tour last spring, eighteen faithful singers, grades K-8, began rehearsing online in October recording several songs from home that were used during the online service, and producing an online Christmas pageant featuring a blend of at-home recordings and socially distanced sanctuary recordings. Rehearsals and special music offerings continued throughout the spring semester with a few games of Kahoot thrown in for fun. The choir is taking the summer off, but the singers are eager to return next fall to sing and praise and worship – hopefully in person!

Worship in the parking lot? YES! Let the church say, AMEN!

THE LOT

The Journey service began a new adventure on May 31, 2020. We were blessed to be able to lead worship outside the Kerr Building. It was an unusual but rewarding experience for the Praise Team. Matt Hall and Bill Johnston worked quickly and diligently to help us set up the equipment we needed to make the service a success. The service continued this way until October 25, 2020 when the temperatures got too cold.

Thanks to everyone who worked and served on Finance this year.

The first responsibility of the Finance Ministry is to work with the Ministry Teams to draft an annual budget and present that to the Session for approval.

After that we are charged with constantly exercising oversight and monitoring all the financial business and transactions of the church. We report budget status to the Session and Ministry Teams at least monthly and act as a conduit with third party entities as required.

Finance has met at least monthly, virtually since April.

We began 2020 with a projected budget of \$812,000 for income and \$795,050 in expense.

As of the date of this report (12/29/2020) we project 2020 year-end expense of \$707,000 and expect income of at least that amount. The effect of the COVID pandemic has been dramatic on all the Ministry Teams activities as well as all in-person worship services this year. This obviously limited our expenses and impacted income. However, because of the many creative ways we have found to virtually engage in nearly all our activities, our members have continued to financially support the ministry and programs of PPC.

Note that in April the Session approved a request from Finance and in May we did apply for a loan thru the Paycheck Protection Program provided in the CARES Act.

Our application was approved, and we did receive a loan in July in the amount of \$70,700. This will help us to at least break even for 2020. We have completed and submitted the request for forgiveness of this loan.

In July we announced the plan for the 2021 Pledge Campaign developed by Melinda and Katie. The theme this year was "Forward in Faith". The campaign ran for three Sundays beginning on September 20 and culminated with "Virtual Pledge Sunday" on October 4. As a part of this campaign church members were asked to submit ideas which were included in a daily devotional book. This resulted in quite memorable and inspirational devotions.

The Deacons took charge of delivery of the Devotional Books along with a small pot and marigold seeds.

Thanks to the creativity of Melinda and Katie, and with help from our Deacons, this year's pledge campaign was quite a success.

In October we began discussions around a budget process for 2021. As of the date of this report we expect to present a draft budget to the Session in February.

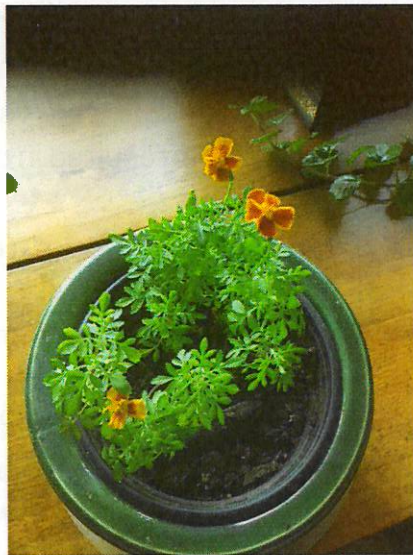
Considering the impacts of the pandemic, we are very pleased with how things have gone financially for PPC during 2020. As we begin 2021, we know the pandemic is not over but there is "light at the end of the tunnel", and we have a real sense of optimism for the new year. **-Bill Crowder**

PLEDGE CAMPAIGN

Though much of the world was on hold in 2020, Philadelphia continued to move “Forward in Faith” with the fall Pledge campaign. Masked and socially distanced deacons delivered stewardship bags to each house in their district. The bags contained information about the pledge campaign, a devotion book written by church members, and a flowerpot containing marigold seeds to demonstrate God’s faithful promises to His children and our faithful response to God. Many thanks to all those that helped create and distribute stewardship info. And many, many thanks to each of you who, despite the uncertainty of the pandemic, looked “Forward in Faith” and generously pledged to enable PPC to continue to Bless (Believe Love Evangelize Share and Serve) others in 2021.



plant a seed and watch
it grow...
founded in faith



water it, take the
proper steps and it will
continue to grow...
footsteps in faith



pressing through even
in the most difficult of
seasons...
forward in faith

The committee felt strongly that a change in the application process was essential, especially given the times. **The application process has now been converted to a completely online platform for the 2021 application year.**

Highlights:

-Considering the Coronavirus pandemic, the committee met in a virtual/in person hybrid to review the applicants.

-Asha Mullis was awarded the Elizabeth Caldwell Junker Scholarship for \$4000 per year, renewable for 4 years. Asha attends the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

-Brinly Denton and Lillie Brock received the Frances McEwen Hunter Scholarship. Each is \$1000 per year, renewable for 4 years. Brinly attends the University of North Carolina Charlotte, and Lillie is at Appalachian State University.

-Alex Cervantes is the recipient of the James Lee Miller, Jr. Scholarship for \$1000. Alex is attending Northwestern University.

-Kaitlyn Szymanski is the second recipient of the Anne Tweed and Baxter Bigham Scholarship for \$1000 per year, renewable for 4 years. Kaitlyn attends Appalachian State University.

During the 2020-21 school year, the following students will receive undergraduate scholarships.

Elizabeth Caldwell Junker Scholarship

2017 Angela Martin – University of North Carolina Charlotte

2018 Carly Szymanski – Appalachian State University

2019 Noah Santiago – University of North Carolina Chapel Hill

2020 Asha Mullis – University of North Carolina Chapel Hill

Frances McEwen Hunter Scholarship

2020 Brinly Denton – University of North Carolina Charlotte

2020 Lillie Brock – Appalachian State University

James Lee Miller, Jr. Scholarship

Drew Pamplin – University of North Carolina Wilmington

Alex Cervantes – Northwestern University

Anne Tweed and Baxter Bigham Scholarship

2020 Kaitlyn Szymanski – Appalachian State University

Avery West (2019) decided to delay her scholarship one year due to the pandemic. She plans to return to UNC Chapel Hill in the fall of 2021, and her scholarship will be available to her then.

SERVE

Being the hands and feet of Jesus in the community

**BACKPACKS
OF
LOVE**



**MASK
MINISTRY**



**ANGEL
TREE**



**KINGDOM
KIDS
VIDEOS**



**CUPCAKE
DAY
GIVEAWAY**



**FALL
COMMUNITY
SPIRIT**



**CHRISTMAS
TREE
SANTAS**



**POPSICLES
AND
PRAYER**



**RISE
AGAINST
HUNGER**



SHARE

EVANGELIZE

THE ANNEX
SHOPPE



WORSHIP
IN
"THE LOT"



TRUCK
OR
TREAT



MAUNDY
THURSDAY
ON ZOOM



BLAZE



ADVENT
WREATH
DELIVERY



PRESCHOOL
CHAPEL
ON ZOOM



CREATIVE
CONFIRMATION



VBS
TO
GO



Sharing our gifts and spreading the gospel.

BELIEVE

MEN OF THE CHURCH

Monies raised in 2019 through the fundraisers were used to support the following in 2020:

-The Charlotte Rescue Mission with donations to Thanksgiving and Christmas meals, a special cash donation for needs, and Christmas clothing requests.

The MOC stepped up to assist with these church projects also:

- Room in the Inn program in 2019/20.
- Construction labor and materials to build a sound booth for the Kerr Building.
- Parking assistance for the worship services in the Lot
- Cleaning up the Black home property(special thanks to Carl Phillips for demolition and removal of storage building).
- Christmas Tree Santas tree giveaway.

The MOC made donations to the Back Pack program, the Angel Tree, the Christmas Gift Card giveaway, the church basketball program and the kitchen renovation project.

ladies and gentlemen of PPC

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

--Valentine's Tea: Anne Ellington graciously opened her home for the annual Valentine's Tea. Shuttle service was provided from the church to over 50 women and their families who attended the February 2020 tea.

-May Celebration: Due to the pandemic, we were not able to hold our usual large May event which for the last several years has been a benefit for Claire's Army. - Our Annex Stitchers created a Claire's Army quilt to donate to Claire's Army for their online auction which brought in \$250.00.

-This past year PPCPW has supported the following through monetary donations, goods, and/or time:

- Alexander Children's Network
- Angel Tree
- Bright Blessings
- Servant's Heart
- Domestic violence safe houses/ministries

Weekday Preschool and Transitional Kindergarten



We opened under the direct supervision of the Preschool Committee. Classes begin the day after Labor Day and end the Wednesday before Memorial Day. The same academic calendar is observed as the Charlotte Mecklenburg School System.

We opened as scheduled in September, 2019, with an enrollment of 55 students. In March, 2020, there was an outbreak of a virus known as Covid-19. It rapidly became a national pandemic which caused the preschool to close for the remainder of the school year. Reopening in September, 2020, was delayed as the virus began to spread. A decision to remain closed for the entire school year was announced in late November, 2020. Current plans are to reopen in September, 2021.

- Enrollment for 2020-2021 was 55 students.
- Classes are Christian based and students are exposed to social studies, science, math, and language arts through a variety of means.
- Mrs. Melinda Johnston leads the children in weekly music classes that emphasize Christian principals
- A librarian from the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library visits monthly.
- Pastor Katie leads chapel 2 times a week which consists of a Bible lesson, music and prayer.
- Guest speakers are invited in to share with the students throughout the year. A favorite of the students is always the Mint Hill Fire Department.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

We all experience challenges in life – times when we could benefit from the support of a caring Christian friend. Stephen Ministers are available to our church members and community, to provide the emotional and spiritual care needed when faced with a crisis or difficulty. Stephen Ministers provide a one-on-one confidential relationship to those going through a crisis or difficult time. They meet with that person on an ongoing basis, offering distinctively Christian confidential care and support. Stephen Ministers have made grief and hospital follow-up contacts to 21 people in the congregation who have lost an immediate family member or been hospitalized, and assisted the Pastors with weekly hospital visitation. In addition to hospital and grief follow-ups, Stephen Ministers have served in five one-on-one caring relationships for other hardships.

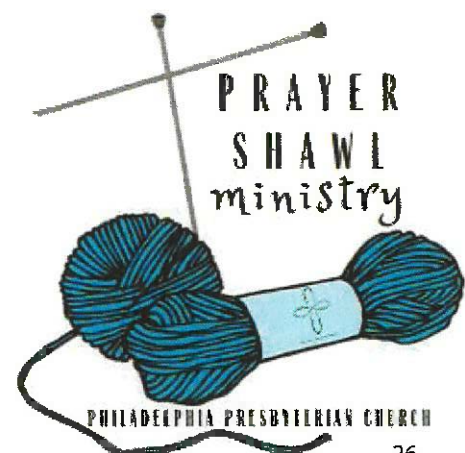
A new training class was not able to be done due the restrictions on public gatherings due to COVID-19. **We ended 2020 with 12 active Stephen Ministers and 3 active leaders.** Stephen Ministers met monthly in January and February for small group peer supervision. Our meetings stopped in March again due to COVID-19 restrictions. We have provided the “Journeying through Grief” booklet series to our grief follow-up care receivers.

On January 8, 2020 the Stephen Ministers, spouses, and significant others gathered for fellowship at our annual Epiphany celebration. This was made a more special event by including our neighbors from Room-in-the-Inn. All of the other scheduled events for the year had to be canceled due to the COVID-19 restrictions on gatherings. Stephen Ministers did help with the Popsicle Drive-Thru that was held on July 20th. We are hoping to be able to sponsor our usual annual events in 2021 once the COVID-19 Vaccine is rolled out for everyone.

EMOTIONAL AND SPIRITUAL CARE

The Prayer Shawl Ministry started by Stephen Ministers at PPC continues to be successful. This is a prayerful ministry that reaches out to those in need of comfort and solace.

Each prayer shawl item is begun with prayers for the future recipient. At completion, the shawl is blessed by Stephen Ministers, and delivered with a written blessing. **This year 91 items were produced and blessed by Stephen Ministers.** These were delivered (mostly through the postal service) to PPC members, friends and relatives of PPC members, and those in the community. The 91 items included 25 shawls that went to non-members, and 19 hats for Bright Blessings. We are now at over 900 total items since the inception in September 2014.



The purpose of the Historical Cemeteries Subcommittee is to care for the original two cemeteries at Rocky Spring Meeting House Burial Ground, 8851 Brief Road and the cemetery at the second site at 6400 Matthews-Mint Hill Road at Phyllis Lane.

The year 2020 began with the passing of Bill Hawkins, Sr. an original member of the Historic Cemeteries Committee, who encouraged and supported the work of volunteers at the two sites until his death.

Accomplishments in 2020:

- Ongoing work includes clearing of brush, applying Round-up as needed, tree work, and searching for and restoring monuments at both sites.
 - Billy Hawkins and Mark Watson erected large permanent signs at each of the historical cemeteries in late April. The signs explain the history and restoration of the two sites and include the names of the volunteers who restored the cemeteries, as well as those who continue to maintain the sites.
 - Money from the Historical Cemeteries Fund covered the cost of the signs, crafted by Graphi-cal of Stanfield, NC.
 - Boy Scout Troop 65 cleared dead trees from Rocky Spring during the summer and cleaned the site in October and December. Some dead trees were removed at the Second Site, where work will continue in the spring.
- Thirty-five volunteers worked a total of 86.5 hours.**
- Charlie Burdick and Harry Hood repaired some headstones in the cemetery facing the Kerr Building.
 - Members of the Clear Creek Militia Chapter DAR, Colonel Adam Alexander Society CAR, Cabarrus Black Boys DAR, and Yadkin River Patriots DAR laid a wreath at the grave of Colonel Adam Alexander in the Rocky Spring Burial Ground on Dec. 19. The ceremony was a part of Wreaths Across America.

We started the year off with a wonderful celebration commemorating the signing of our charter in 1770. The day was filled with special guests, amazing music, and interactive exhibits in the rotunda and Historical Room (both of which are still up!). We also emailed our weekly Kerr Kronicles highlighting the 250-year history of the Philadelphia Congregation! Sadly, our plans for a May event and September Homecoming were cancelled due to the pandemic.

We are full of optimism and hope and continue to plan for a September 2021

Homecoming. We have invited special guest ministers who are excited to share how Philadelphia has shaped their lives. We also plan to have a traditional Kirkin of the Tartans and follow the service with a pandemic friendly community meal. Our hopes and wishes to continue this momentous celebration are not gone. In fact, we feel that the extra time this year has gifted us will be to our benefit!

We invite you to continue the celebration of our beloved congregation and the way that God has moved and continues to move in each of our lives.

Many have called these “unprecedented times” and in some ways, they are. In other ways, it is a familiar struggle of our congregation. Rev. Kerr writes in his book [The Gathering at Clear Creek](#), “In the winter of 1918 and 1919 the dreaded influenza spread across the country and Mecklenburg was not excepted. A great many of those who contracted the malady did not survive. The cemeteries on both sides of the road gave ample evidence. A quarantine was imposed in both years. All meetings had to be held out of doors. Church services were held in the grove as if it were summer. Funerals were conducted from the porch of homes where death had claimed a victim or were held at the graveside... In light of the scourge, it is amazing that all the Session meetings recorded a full attendance. In spite of war and pestilence the work of the church went forward.”

We too must go forward and celebrate God’s hand in the life of Philadelphia for 250 years. We can still use inspiration, ideas and support. To share your ideas, reach out to Becky Griffin.



**250TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION COMMITTEE**

PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) was formed November 2019, held its first meeting in December 2019, and met on a weekly basis. The purpose of this committee was to search for and call a new Head of Staff to Philadelphia Presbyterian Church. We completed a Ministry Information Form (MIF) that showed what our church was looking for in a new Head of Staff and submitted it PCUSA, so individuals looking for a call as Head of Staff could find our church's information. Our committee reviewed and sorted through over 50 Pastoral Information Forms (PIFs)/resumes and spoke with different candidates as we searched. Everyday we prayed over each resume and candidate, asking God to show us the individual that was being called to Philadelphia.

During the summer of 2020 our committee found the individual we had been praying God would lead us to, Rev. Dr. Herbert Miller. After several Zoom calls and meetings we could see how God was leading us to each other. The PNC unanimously agreed we wanted Philadelphia to call Rev. Dr. Miller. We took our request to the Session in July, so we could hold a unique drive-in Congregational Meeting in August 2020. Much to our committee's delight and joy, we had over 200 members in attendance for this meeting. The voting by the congregation was unanimous and Rev. Dr. Herbert Miller was called to be our Head of Staff, and he, along with his family, joyfully accepted our call.

During the fall of 2020, the PNC worked with our congregation to create a home for the Miller family as they would be staying in the Black House. We spent several weekends cleaning, clearing out, painting, power washing and doing what was needed to get the Black House ready for the Millers. **On November 16, 2020, Rev. Dr. Miller started his first day as Head of Staff at Philadelphia**, and the task of the Pastor Nominating Committee was completed.

Our committee could not have come to the decision to call Rev. Dr. Miller without the continued prayers and support of our church members.

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CALLED TO PHILADELPHIA.**

THE GENEROUS NATURE OF THE CHURCH MEMBERS WRAPPED UP IN THE MYSTERY OF GOD'S PROVISION

There are 2 major components to the Backpacks of Love program that I overlooked before I began helping coordinate the packing and pickup of the bags each week in the fall of 2020. The first is the generous nature of the church members, wrapped up in the mystery of God's provision, so that we somehow have enough each week to supply the food that's requested, even in weeks the shelves don't seem full. When we need it, it shows up.

And every single person who has stood in a grocery store aisle, looked at a can of (fill in the blank) and thought "Pastor Katie mentioned we need this at church", then added it to their grocery cart is a part of the way God is caring for us and for our community.

The second thing that's been a delightful surprise is the unity experienced by people with a common mission. I have gotten to know church members who are generous and faithful, and a lot quieter than I am. SO much good is done behind the scenes. Whatever differences we have disappear when the mission to love our neighbors - strangers! - is strong enough to unite us.

The work isn't glamorous, and it's not difficult. But it makes a difference for the families the Backpacks of Love program serves, AND in the hearts of the volunteers who contribute to the mission in many ways. When we use our hands and our finances to serve Him, God blesses the gift and the giver and we are better, together. - **Erin Clark, Backpacks of Love Coordinator**

BACKPACKS OF LOVE

We have always supported Backpacks of Love since we started attending PPC. When Covid-19 caused our schools to be closed I was concerned about the effects on the children in our community I was so glad that we continued to pack backpacks not only for the children but for the families. I truly believe that this is one of the best missions that we have. - **Glenda Minott**



Backpacks
of
Love

CAR HORNS AND BUCKETS...WHAT IN THE WORLD?

How do you vote for a new pastor during a pandemic?

This past summer the Pastor Nominating Committee concluded their hopeful and exciting search for Philadelphia's next Head of Staff. As with many things that have happened due to the ongoing pandemic, our committee was tasked with how to call a Congregational Meeting to vote on our recommendation. To make this happen, a drive-in Congregational Meeting was created. Much to the joy and delight of our committee (and fellow PPC members) we had over 200 individuals participate in this new experience! It was a blessing to see cars fill up the Kerr parking lot and participate in one the most wonderful parts of our church life. **The vote was counted by honking of horns and the chorus of those horns was a resounding "YES!"** With the congregational vote completed (and unanimous) the Rev. Dr. Herbert Miller, along with his family, were called to Philadelphia Presbyterian and accepted that call with joy and excited anticipation. On behalf of the Pastor Nominating Committee we want to thank everyone who came to our drive-in meeting and made the occasion a joyous and wonderful celebration. -Amy Kaminiski, PNC Chairperson

In an extremely unprecedented year PPC was committed to its Kingdom Kids and offering them VBS despite the fact that it would look a little different, and boy did they deliver! **VBS On the Go offered not only Kingdom Kids, but families in the Mint Hill community** the opportunity to engage in the Word through crafts, music, readings, videos, Zoom meetings, mission projects, and a Chick Fil A meal. The best part of VBS on the Go was the opportunity for entire families to participate together. My girls particularly enjoyed chalking our driveway, illustrating their favorite Bible stories and making cards for others. One of the most innovative aspects of VBS on the Go was how PPC turned all of the traditional parts of VBS into daily activities and kits and contained them in a bucket. The bucket was even used as a musical instrument for one of their lessons! VBS on the Go was such a blessing and a reminder of PPC's commitment to love on and grow its youngest church and community members even in the face of a pandemic! - Ashley Ponscheck

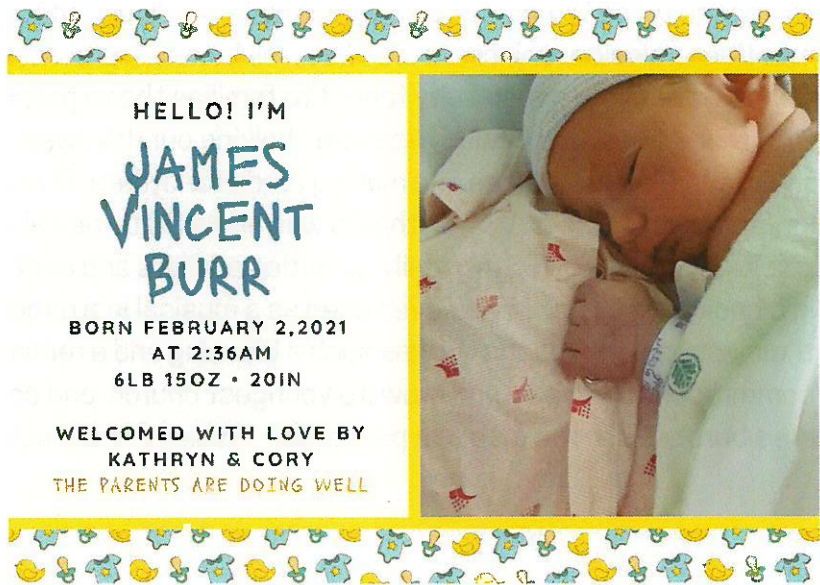
How do you have VBS during a pandemic?

Becoming pregnant in 2020 was scary because it wasn't really planned. It was even scarier because of the pandemic and the state of the world. I remember being anxious and crying both tears of joy and tears of anxiousness when we found out. It was difficult, not really being able to celebrate this little miracle with friends and family, but Cory and I could still feel the love through prayer and cards/gifts we received from the church. It was a "social distancing" celebration, but one we were grateful for. Baby James even received a prayer shawl that we use as a blanket for him. We could feel the outpouring support and love from our church family through that shawl. Even though the showers we had were virtual, we were (and still are) blessed for the amazing support our church family has shown us. During a time of uncertainty and extreme sadness, this pregnancy and birth was a light in the darkness that we could not have navigated without our amazing family, church family, and friends.

After James was born in February, I was diagnosed with acute heart failure from fluid on my heart and lungs. I remember lying in the hospital bed, alone, not knowing what the night or next day would bring. But I remember feeling a "warm, fuzzy" feeling, lying there because I knew I was not fighting this alone. **The prayers from my church family kept me fighting.** All of the messages I received gave me wonderful chills knowing these people were cheering me on. The support we received was unmatched with anything I have ever experienced before. The food that was brought, you could taste the love that was put into every ingredient. I had never been so grateful and I thank God every day for these people who walked with my family and me on this wonderful, scary, miraculous journey in a world of uncertainty. - **Kathryn Hutton Burr**

Could you imagine having a baby during the pandemic and not having a church family?
Let that sink into a minute.

AND ALONG CAME BABY JAMES



I didn't anticipate a year of isolation from so many things.

2020 was a learning experience for me. Having to work from home was a big adjustment. I quickly learned to appreciate today's technology, mainly the internet and Zoom. I really missed working in the church office with the other staff members and seeing church members and visitors who occasionally stop by the office. We were finally able to return to the church office in October to prepare for the arrival of our new Head of Staff Rev. Dr. Herbie Miller, and we began to adjust to our new normal. – **Cynthia Stokes, PPC Secretary**

FROM
THE
OFFICE

UNSHACKLED WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP

2020 was a challenging year. Not one person was untouched in some way by Covid. When everything "shutdown" I didn't anticipate a year of isolation from so many things. I was so glad found ways to still reach out to all of us. Unshackled Women targeted young, old, PPC members, and women from the community. The group of woman who participated shared their struggles, their coping skills, and how Jesus was our guiding light. It started with Katie doing all of the devotions, and then we all had devotions to share. We grew in our faith and formed bonds with each other. Every Tuesday, for over a year, I looked forward to seeing everyone's faces and hearing their thoughts and prayers.- **Marg Gledhill**

When everything shutdown a little over a year ago, I was feeling a million different things. Scared, relieved (for the safety a shutdown would bring), uncertain (about what our future would look like), worried (about going stir crazy), and even a little bit excited (about the opportunity to stay home and slow life down for a bit). All of these conflicting emotions were at war inside me. I'm a homebody, but I also crave connection, especially with the people who have become my family here in Mint Hill: my friends and confidants at PPC. Having the Unshackled group each Tuesday night was like a lifeline during a very uncertain, very isolating time. It has been a way to connect when there was no other way, a way to be with other women while also being in His word, and a way to stay grounded in faith and my faith community. I'm so grateful for the Unshackled group and for all of the multi-generational women who are a part of it. - **Hilary Hall**

Each year our Sunday School classes do inspiring things for the community and our PPC family. This year the pandemic seemed to bring the best in many of our classes. Here is just one of their stories...

PAIRS AND SPARES SUNDAY SCHOOL

During this COVID year, the objective of the Pairs and Spares Sunday School Class has been to stay connected throughout this difficult year. When the church closed and went to Virtual, the class went virtual also. Starting in March the class has met via Zoom, studying various books of the Bible, The Thoughtful Christian Lessons, The Redemption of Scrooge and more. Dedicated teachers have found ways to keep the class interesting and opening up the class early for chat and prayer requests. A weekly email went to all class members so they could stay informed. The class is also involved in service projects such as monthly workshops at Bright Blessings which have resumed as of April 2021. The class has supported many of the church's mission projects with monetary gifts and put flowers in the sanctuary once a quarter. For the Covid Christmas party via Zoom, a bag was delivered to each house with goodies and games for participants. Sadly, we lost two members of the class this year, Roy Perry and Rick Davis. A piece of art is hanging in the Session room in memory of Rick Davis, and a tree has been planted in the garden beside the chapel in memory of Roy Perry.

"LET US NOT BECOME WEARY IN DOING GOOD, FOR AT THE PROPER TIME WE WILL REAP A HARVEST IF WE DO NOT GIVE UP." GALATIANS 6:9

IT TOOK WHOLE LOT OF PRAYER, GRACE, PATIENCE, AND TWO EXTREMELY GIFTED MEN TO MAKE ONLINE WORSHIP POSSIBLE AND WE WANT TO SAY THANK YOU.

Virtual Worship became the norm in 2020. It presented a lot of challenges for this committee and limited what could be done. However, the choirs, choir directors, organist, and committee members have all risen to the challenge. The choirs have spent endless amounts of time recording music for the services while making sure that COVID protocols were in place. Committee members decorated the sanctuary for Homecoming, Worldwide Communion, and Christmas to enhance the visual appeal for virtual worship.

PPC cannot thank Bill Johnston and Matt Hall enough for their tireless efforts in keeping us able to worship throughout this past year. THANK YOU MATT AND BILL. You built the plane and we did our best to fly it.

**WORSHIP
IN 2020**

2020

Annual Financial Report



Philadelphia Presbyterian Church

Philadelphia Presbyterian Church
Statement of Support, Revenues and Expenditures
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

	Budget	Actual	Variance
Support and Revenues:			
Pledged Receipts	610,000.00	568,864.12	(41,135.88)
Non Pledged Receipts	130,000.00	118,396.28	(11,603.72)
Non-Member Receipts	45,000.00	17,026.00	(27,974.00)
Current Fund: Memorial Gfits	1,500.00	1,050.00	(450.00)
Church School	3,000.00	579.55	(2,420.45)
Loose Offerings	11,000.00	1,754.10	(9,245.90)
Building Usage Fees	6,500.00	4,115.00	(2,385.00)
Misc. Receipts	5,000.00	9,932.61	4,932.61
PPP Grant Funds	-	5,807.30	5,807.30
Designated Receipts	-	1,832.00	1,832.00
Total Revenues	\$ 812,000.00	\$ 729,356.96	

Expenses

Designated Expenses	-	1,792.00	1,792.00
Evangelism/Outreach Ministry	20,000.00	17,419.77	(2,580.23)
Administrative/Personnel Expenses	575,049.17	550,672.52	(24,376.65)
Building & Grounds Ministry	147,600.00	134,905.38	(12,694.62)
Worship Expenses	22,500.00	10,055.44	(12,444.56)
Christian Education/Youth Ministry	26,900.00	14,378.84	(12,521.16)
Congregational Care Ministry	3,000.00	133.01	(2,866.99)

Total Expenses	\$ 795,049.17	\$ 729,356.96
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Revenues in excess of expenditures	<u> </u>	<u>\$ -</u>
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Net assets, beginning year *		\$ 27,717.67
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Net assets, end of year		\$ 27,717.67
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	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Bettie McEwen Church Pipe Organ Tuning and Maintenance Fund</u>			
Balance 1/1/20	\$ 13,369.50	\$ 928.98	14,298.48
Contributions			
Earnings		425.68	425.68
Disbursements			
Transfers			
Fees		(73.40)	(73.40)
Market value adjustment	483.23		483.23
	<u>483.23</u>		<u>483.23</u>
Balance 12/31/20	<u>\$ 13,852.73</u>	<u>\$ 1,281.27</u>	<u>\$ 15,134.00</u>
<u>Birthday Endowment</u>			
Balance 1/1/20	\$ 56,778.24	\$ 8,216.22	64,994.46
Contributions	893.00		893.00
Earnings		1,934.97	1,934.97
Disbursements			
Transfers			
Fees		(333.64)	(333.64)
Market value adjustment	2,196.56		2,196.56
	<u>2,196.56</u>		<u>2,196.56</u>
Balance 12/31/20	<u>\$ 59,867.79</u>	<u>\$ 9,817.55</u>	<u>\$ 69,685.34</u>
<u>Timothy A. and Mary M. Braswell Endowment Fund</u>			
Balance 1/1/20	\$ 397,802.90	\$ 9,825.49	407,628.39
Contributions			
Earnings		12,135.64	12,135.64
Disbursements		(8,480.00)	(8,480.00)
Transfers			
Fees		(2,092.53)	(2,092.53)
Market value adjustment	13,776.23		13,776.23
	<u>13,776.23</u>		<u>13,776.23</u>
Balance 12/31/20	<u>\$ 411,579.13</u>	<u>\$ 11,388.60</u>	<u>\$ 422,967.73</u>

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	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Paul and Juanita Nelson Carillon Fund</u>			
Balance 1/1/20	\$ 5,845.14	\$ 2,054.10	7,899.25
Contributions			
Earnings		235.17	235.17
Disbursements			
Transfers			
Fees		(40.55)	(40.55)
Market value adjustment	266.96		266.96
	<u>266.96</u>	<u></u>	<u>266.96</u>
Balance 12/31/20	<u>\$ 6,112.11</u>	<u>\$ 2,248.72</u>	<u>\$ 8,360.83</u>
 <u>Cemetery Fund</u>			
Balance 1/1/20	\$ 120,074.59	\$ 3,033.20	123,107.79
Contributions			
Earnings		3,665.08	3,665.08
Disbursements		(3,033.20)	(3,033.20)
Transfers			
Fees		(631.96)	(631.96)
Market value adjustment	4,160.56		4,160.56
	<u>4,160.56</u>	<u></u>	<u>4,160.56</u>
Balance 12/31/20	<u>\$ 124,235.14</u>	<u>\$ 3,033.12</u>	<u>\$ 127,268.27</u>
 <u>Chapel Restoration Fund</u>			
Balance 1/1/20	\$ 22,640.58	\$ 12,471.41	35,111.99
Contributions			
Earnings		1,045.33	1,045.33
Disbursements			
Transfers			
Fees		(180.24)	(180.24)
Market value adjustment	1,186.65		1,186.65
	<u>1,186.65</u>	<u></u>	<u>1,186.65</u>
Balance 12/31/20	<u>\$ 23,827.23</u>	<u>\$ 13,336.49</u>	<u>\$ 37,163.72</u>
 <u>Charles E. Mullis, Jr. Youth Scholarship Fund</u>			
Balance 1/1/20	\$ 72,843.01	\$ 4,731.17	77,574.18
Contributions			
Earnings		2,309.49	2,309.49
Disbursements		(725.00)	(725.00)
Transfers			
Fees		(398.22)	(398.22)
Market value adjustment	2,621.70		2,621.70
	<u>2,621.70</u>	<u></u>	<u>2,621.70</u>
Balance 12/31/20	<u>\$ 75,464.71</u>	<u>\$ 5,917.44</u>	<u>\$ 81,382.15</u>

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	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Dorothy Bartlett Weekday Kindergarten Endowment Fund</u>			
Balance 1/1/20	\$ 4,085.93	\$ 3,293.57	7,379.50
Contributions			
Earnings		219.70	219.70
Disbursements			
Transfers			
Fees		(37.88)	(37.88)
Market value adjustment	249.40		249.40
Balance 12/31/20	<u>\$ 4,335.33</u>	<u>\$ 3,475.38</u>	<u>\$ 7,810.71</u>
<u>Endowment Maintenance Fund</u>			
Balance 1/1/20	\$ 1,081.40	\$ 284.80	1,366.21
Contributions			
Earnings		40.67	40.67
Disbursements			
Transfers			
Fees		(7.01)	(7.01)
Market value adjustment	46.17		46.17
Balance 12/31/20	<u>\$ 1,127.58</u>	<u>\$ 318.46</u>	<u>\$ 1,446.04</u>
<u>Eugene W. Junker Library Trust Fund</u>			
Balance 1/1/20	\$ 15,137.03	\$ 4,970.32	20,107.35
Contributions			
Earnings		598.62	598.62
Disbursements			
Transfers			
Fees		(103.22)	(103.22)
Market value adjustment	679.55		679.55
Balance 12/31/20	<u>\$ 15,816.58</u>	<u>\$ 5,465.73</u>	<u>\$ 21,282.30</u>
<u>Frances McEwen Hunter Scholarship Fund</u>			
Balance 1/1/20	\$ 100,699.66	\$ 10,407.72	111,107.39
Contributions			
Earnings		3,307.82	3,307.82
Scholarships Awarded		(2,000.00)	(2,000.00)
Transfers			
Fees		(570.36)	(570.36)
Market value adjustment	3,754.99		3,754.99
Balance 12/31/20	<u>\$ 104,454.65</u>	<u>\$ 11,145.18</u>	<u>\$ 115,599.83</u>

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<u>General Endowment Fund</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Total</u>
Balance 1/1/20	\$ 36,855.33	\$ 2,108.10	38,963.43
Contributions	95.00		95.00
Earnings		1,159.99	1,159.99
Disbursements			
Transfers			
Fees		(200.02)	(200.02)
Market value adjustment	1,316.81		1,316.81
Balance 12/31/20	<u>\$ 38,267.14</u>	<u>\$ 3,068.07</u>	<u>\$ 41,335.21</u>
<u>Helen and H.B. Forbis Music Fund</u>			
Balance 1/1/20	\$ 11,304.61	\$ 279.21	11,583.83
Contributions			
Earnings		344.87	344.87
Disbursements			
Transfers			
Fees		(59.46)	(59.46)
Market value adjustment	391.49		391.49
Balance 12/31/20	<u>\$ 11,696.10</u>	<u>\$ 564.62</u>	<u>\$ 12,260.72</u>
<u>Herman and Emily Bauemeister Sound System Maintenance Fund</u>			
Balance 1/1/20	\$ 4,937.82	\$ 538.72	5,476.54
Contributions			
Earnings		163.04	163.04
Disbursements			
Transfers			
Fees		(28.11)	(28.11)
Market value adjustment	185.09		185.09
Balance 12/31/20	<u>\$ 5,122.90</u>	<u>\$ 673.65</u>	<u>\$ 5,796.56</u>
<u>Historical Room Fund</u>			
Balance 1/1/20	\$ 137.33	\$ 124.39	261.72
Contributions			
Earnings		7.79	7.79
Disbursements			
Transfers			
Fees		(1.34)	(1.34)
Market value adjustment	8.85		8.85
Balance 12/31/20	<u>\$ 146.18</u>	<u>\$ 130.83</u>	<u>\$ 277.01</u>

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	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Lonon Scouting Fund</u>			
Balance 1/1/20	\$ 14,540.59	\$ 359.14	14,899.73
Contributions			
Earnings		443.58	443.58
Disbursements			
Transfers			
Fees		(76.49)	(76.49)
Market value adjustment	503.55		503.55
Balance 12/31/20	<u>\$ 15,044.14</u>	<u>\$ 726.24</u>	<u>\$ 15,770.38</u>
<u>Love Your Neighbor Fund</u>			
Balance 1/1/20	\$ 18,877.29	\$ 466.86	19,344.16
Contributions			
Earnings		575.90	575.90
Disbursements		(1,594.68)	(1,594.68)
Transfers		1,127.81	1,127.81
Fees		(99.30)	(99.30)
Market value adjustment	653.76		653.76
Balance 12/31/20	<u>\$ 19,531.05</u>	<u>\$ 476.60</u>	<u>\$ 20,007.65</u>
<u>Patsy Long Infant Nursery Fund</u>			
Balance 1/1/20	\$ 10,742.48	\$ 0.00	10,742.48
Contributions			
Earnings		319.82	319.82
Disbursements			
Transfers			
Fees		(55.15)	(55.15)
Market value adjustment	363.05		363.05
Balance 12/31/20	<u>\$ 11,105.53</u>	<u>\$ 264.67</u>	<u>\$ 11,370.20</u>
<u>Paul M. and Juanita M. Nelson Philabell</u>			
Balance 1/1/20	\$ 7,512.45	\$ 2,248.74	9,761.19
Contributions			
Earnings		290.60	290.60
Disbursements			
Transfers			
Fees		(50.11)	(50.11)
Market value adjustment	329.89		329.89
Balance 12/31/20	<u>\$ 7,842.33</u>	<u>\$ 2,489.24</u>	<u>\$ 10,331.57</u>

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	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Sloan Fund</u>			
Balance 1/1/20	\$ 141,275.66	\$ 6,543.28	147,818.94
Contributions			
Earnings		4,400.77	4,400.77
Disbursements			
Transfers		(1,833.98)	(1,833.98)
Fees		(758.82)	(758.82)
Market value adjustment	4,995.70		4,995.70
Balance 12/31/20	<u>\$ 146,271.36</u>	<u>\$ 8,351.25</u>	<u>\$ 154,622.61</u>
<u>Stephen Ministry Endowment Fund</u>			
Balance 1/1/20	\$ 3,405.55	\$ 1,428.39	4,833.93
Contributions			
Earnings		143.91	143.91
Disbursements			
Transfers			
Fees		(24.81)	(24.81)
Market value adjustment	163.37		163.37
Balance 12/31/20	<u>\$ 3,568.91</u>	<u>\$ 1,547.49</u>	<u>\$ 5,116.40</u>
<u>Zebulon and Rena Mae Morris Historic Cemetery Endowment Fund</u>			
Balance 1/1/20	\$ 23,317.25	\$ 1,055.61	24,372.85
Contributions			
Earnings		725.61	725.61
Disbursements		(500.00)	(500.00)
Transfers			
Fees		(125.12)	(125.12)
Market value adjustment	823.71		823.71
Balance 12/31/20	<u>\$ 24,140.95</u>	<u>\$ 1,156.10</u>	<u>\$ 25,297.06</u>
<u>Zelma McWhirter Fund</u>			
Balance 1/1/20	\$ 33,382.65	\$ 843.28	34,225.93
Contributions			
Earnings		1,018.95	1,018.95
Disbursements			
Transfers		(843.28)	(843.28)
Fees		(175.70)	(175.70)
Market value adjustment	1,156.70		1,156.70
Balance 12/31/20	<u>\$ 34,539.35</u>	<u>\$ 843.26</u>	<u>\$ 35,382.61</u>

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<u>Black Family Speaker Fund</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Total</u>
Balance 1/1/20	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contributions	25,073.02		25,073.02
Earnings		1.65	1.65
Disbursements			
Transfers			
Fees			
Market value adjustment			
Balance 12/31/20	<u>\$ 25,073.02</u>	<u>\$ 1.65</u>	<u>\$ 25,074.67</u>
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Elizabeth Junker Scholarship Fund</u>			
Balance 1/1/20	\$ 720,078.57	\$ 37,773.76	757,852.33
Contributions	800.00		800.00
Earnings		22,314.26	22,314.26
Scholarships Awarded		(13,750.00)	(13,750.00)
Fees		(3,809.58)	(3,809.58)
Transfers		1,549.44	1,549.44
Market value adjustment	14,923.02		14,923.02
Bookkeeping Adjustment	(500.00)		(500.00)
Balance 12/31/20	<u>\$ 735,301.59</u>	<u>\$ 44,077.88</u>	<u>\$ 779,379.47</u>
<u>James Lee Miller, Jr. Scholarship Fund</u>			
Balance 1/1/20	\$ 80,069.68	\$ 12,615.40	92,685.08
Contributions	410.00		410.00
Earnings		2,522.06	2,522.06
Scholarships Awarded		(2,000.00)	(2,000.00)
Fees		(505.71)	(505.71)
Transfers			
Market value adjustment	(53.12)		(53.12)
Bookkeeping Adjustment			
Balance 12/31/20	<u>\$ 80,426.56</u>	<u>\$ 12,631.75</u>	<u>\$ 93,058.31</u>

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	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Anne Tweed and James Baxter Bigham Scholarship</u>			
Balance 1/1/20	\$ 104,167.33	\$ 1,260.91	105,428.24
Contributions			
Earnings		1,328.68	1,328.68
Scholarships Awarded		(1,000.00)	(1,000.00)
Fees		(150.00)	(150.00)
Transfer (Contribution to Income)		2,000.00	2,000.00
Market value adjustment	9,480.59		9,480.59
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Balance 12/31/20	<u>\$ 113,647.92</u>	<u>\$ 3,439.59</u>	<u>\$ 117,087.51</u>
 <u>Olin Tweed Flowe Scholarship</u>			
Balance 1/1/20	\$ 12,251.51	\$ -	12,251.51
Contributions			
Earnings		104.62	104.62
Scholarships Awarded			
Fees		(150.00)	(150.00)
Transfers			
Market value adjustment	2,930.47		2,930.47
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Balance 12/31/20	<u>\$ 15,181.98</u>	<u>\$ (45.38)</u>	<u>\$ 15,136.60</u>

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These funds managed by the Presbyterian Foundation.

	Principal	Income	Total
<u>Building & Grounds Maintenance Fund</u>			
Balance 1/1/20	\$ 85,418.17	\$ -	85,418.17
Earnings		1,505.20	1,505.20
Market value adjustment	6,917.46		6,917.46
Fees			
Distributions (from 2020)		(1,505.20)	(1,505.20)
Balance 12/31/20	<u>\$ 92,335.63</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 92,335.63</u>
 <u>Reverend Russell M. Kerr and Nancy D. Kerr Memorial Fund</u>			
Balance 1/1/20	\$ 7,998.83	\$ 2,751.07	10,749.90
Earnings		309.35	309.35
Transfer to Principle			
Market value adjustment	595.19		595.19
Fees			
Distributions			
Balance 12/31/20	<u>\$ 8,594.02</u>	<u>\$ 3,060.42</u>	<u>\$ 11,654.44</u>

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<u>Summary</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Total</u>
Balance 1/1/20	\$ 2,126,631.07	\$ 130,613.86	\$ 2,257,244.93
Contributions	27,271.02		27,271.02
Earnings		63,598.85	63,598.85
Market value adjustment	75,107.56		75,107.56
Bookkeeping adjustment	(500.00)		(500.00)
Scholarships Awarded		(18,750.00)	(18,750.00)
Disbursements		(15,838.08)	(15,838.08)
Transfers		2,000.00	2,000.00
Fees		(10,738.74)	(10,738.74)
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Balance 12/31/20	<u>\$ 2,228,509.65</u>	<u>\$ 150,885.88</u>	<u>\$ 2,379,395.54</u>

NOTE: Funds shown at Market Value at December 31, 2020.

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Assets

Checking Account	229,117.54
Savings Account	99,179.08
Sales Tax Receivable	23,456.16
Hot Meals Account	1,907.60
Total Assets	<u>\$ 353,660.38</u>

Liabilities and Net Assets

Funds Held For Others	259,184.03
Funds Payable To Others	1,907.60
PPP Loan	64,901.08
Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 325,992.71</u>

Net Assets, Unrestricted

Net Assets, Unrestricted	\$ 27,667.67
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 353,660.38

