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Rev. Timothy Boggess Pastor/Head of Staff

Dear First Family,

Spread across these pages are all the ways in which we lived out our mission to "faithfully serve the Lord Jesus Christ, giving glory to God." I hope you will read these reports with gratitude for all the hands and hearts that made these things possible. I also hope that you see your own hands and hearts represented here. (If not, I hope they will show up in next year's report!)

Most of all, I hope you can see God's hands and heart in this annual report. I hope you see all the ways in which God's love was shared with others. I hope you see all the ways God was "able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine" (Ephesians 3:20).

And I hope that you are also able to see that, by God's grace, the best is yet to come! With affection and anticipation,



Tim

Steven Phillips Director of Music Ministries and Congregational Care

Looking back over the past year I am amazed how different it ended than how it began. In the course of 2022 we said goodbye to Pastor Margaret, enjoyed the bridging work of Pastor Craig, and welcomed Pastor Tim. And our worship and music went on! As the pandemic began to recede, many of us returned to live worship services. I am grateful that our church family has also supported our online services as a way to stay connected to each other and to the One we worship.

One of the priorities of the past year was to improve, and sometimes to diagnose, our online worship experience. I'm glad to say that we have made great progress with our broadcast technology, with much credit going to our Tech Team and their leader, Jimi Camastro.

Our music teams have been golden through the various public health conditions and changing pastors. I'm grateful for our wonderful and dedicated choir members, who have given of themselves and their talents each week. I'm equally grateful for the NewSong Band and their faithful leadership, with much credit going to co-leader Ted Eastmoore.

A highlight of 2022 was the Celtic Christmas on December 9, which can be viewed online at the FPC website. A stellar team of guest musicians supported our fine choir, as we came together to offer a joyful experience of music, visual beauty, poetry, and dance. With about 350 in the audience, this was the best attended event of the church year.

Our Worship and Music Committee, under co-chairs Denise Landers, Frank Frey and Jeff Bartell has worked tirelessly to provide our services with ushers, communion elements, and wise and timely guidance.

To focus for a moment on congregational care, we are continually blessed by the loving work of Rev. Floyd Churn and Rev. Doug DeCelle, and by the skillful touch of Cheryl Track, our Faith Community Nurse. The Care Team meets weekly to pray for the ongoing needs of our spiritual family. We are also blessed by a dedicated team of Steven Ministers and by our compassionate deacons, led by chairman Dick Wigton.

This year has brought its challenges. But we continue to move toward each other and toward God through our worship, our outreach, and our ministries of care. I am grateful to be part of this loving spiritual community!

Clare Carter, Director First Presbyterian Preschool

One of the things we teach our students is that it is a blessing to be a blessing to others. We teach them that they are part of a loving community, and that love begets love.

Together our preschool staff has close to two hundred years of experience as early childhood educators. While we know a lot, we are all lifelong learners and are always striving to be the best in our field.

This year we began the year by taking an Enneagram training with church member, Leah Cotter. We learned about the ways we tick and move through the world. We also examined our teaching philosophies, our why, and our purpose. We discussed our priorities and our patterns and routines. One of the common threads through everything we discussed was the importance of relationships and communication and that they are at the core of everything we do.

Building a relationship and partnership with our parents is very important and we are excited to have parents back in our classrooms! We are thankful to have so many wonderful parents and relatives who donate their time and talents to our preschool. They make our days lighter by having extra hands and eyes on the playground and classroom. They are also part of our Family Connection committee and put together all our family socials. We are thrilled to be having in-person social events and programs in our beautiful sanctuary and courtyard and we can't wait to celebrate our 75th year of play in April of 2023!

Our play-centered program allows children to use their creativity to build critical skills needed for all future learning. Play also provides opportunities for our students to build confidence in problem-solving skills which are essential to success in both school and life.

Writing materials are always available and within reach and they are always mindful of each student's developmental stage. We also share information about early writing skills with our families.

We know the importance of play and we also know the importance of early intervention. Last spring, we entered a partnership with a speech pathologist and her company, *Let's Connect*, by offering complimentary speech and language screenings to all our students and they made screenings available to students again during the 2022-2023 school year. We know early intervention not only increases a young child's likelihood of developing effective communication and language skills, but can also positively impact behavior, learning, and social interaction and we are grateful for this partnership.

This important children's ministry is possible because of you, and the support of the congregation, session, church staff and the preschool staff and preschool board. You have provided a home for our preschool for seventy-five years and my prayer is that the ripple effect of your love and generosity will continue for generations. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of so many.

Cheryl Track, RN-BC, Faith Community Nurse Health and Wholeness Ministry

Mission: We believe every life is a sacred gift from God. We believe health and wholeness is a part of the human unity that is inspired through the body, mind and spirit.

The Health and Wholeness Ministry Team supported the faith community nurse, Cheryl Track. The team was comprised of Karen Eastmoore and Jinny Miller. Chip Schaaff resigned due to retirement. Recruitment to the ministry was encouraged by participating in BayCare Systems Congregational Care Promoter course. The team's focus continued on caring for and connecting with the congregation and community. The Care Team continued to meet prayerfully, weekly, via Zoom, then reached out to those with health care needs by phone or visit. The care team consisted of Interim Pastor Margaret LaMotte Torrence, Bridge Pastor Craig Miller, Director of Congregational Care Steven Phillips, Rev. Floyd Churn, Rev. Doug DeCelle and in October we welcomed Pastor Tim Boggess! The Care Team is grateful for collaborating with the Deacons and Stephen Ministers in providing congregational care.

Screening Hosted by the Ministry

April: All Ears Hearing provided 21 screenings.

Community Outreach

March: 16 people were screened and 16 units were collected at the SunCoast Blood Centers Drive.

June: 25 people were screened and 19 units were collected at the SunCoast Blood Centers Drive.

August: Universal Precautions and Epi Pen Training was provided to 14 preschool teachers by the faith community nurse.

September: 15 people were screened and 17 units were collected at the SunCoast Blood Centers Drive.

The Depression, Bipolar Support Alliance (DBSA) hosted by First Presbyterian, offered a weekly support group and continued to meet in person.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) hosted by First Presbyterian, offered a 12-week Family-to-Family Class and continued to meet in person and online.

The Dysphagia Support Group hosted by First Presbyterian was offered quarterly and continued to meet via zoom.

Care to the Congregation

Made 281 phone calls to parishioners. Received 32 phone calls from parishioners. 5 office appointments to see the nurse were made.

Made 25 referrals to resources in the community.

Provided 12 series of *Journeying through Grief*.

Provided 1 Through the Valley a Guide for Grieving Families.

Made 24 home, 9 facility, and 4 hospital visits. Attended 2 funerals.

Attended weekly care team meetings and monthly faith community nurse meetings. Participated in leadership in worship.

Wrote monthly articles for *Cross Connections* as well as posted correlating information in the bathrooms.

Checked 2 AEDs and 2 first aid boxes each month.

Continued to serve as the health professional resource to Deacons, Stephen Ministry, and the First Presbyterian Preschool.

Business Affairs Committee Mary Willis and Bob Wrobel, Co-moderators

The Business Affairs Committee recommends to the Session the allocation of our financial resources to accomplish the mission of FPC and strives to provide an inviting, functioning and safe church campus for the congregation and guests.

Property Ministry Team

Team members included Victor Garraus and Rachel Martin (staff liaison).

The hiring of Darwin Goldsmith, in January as our sexton proved to be a fantastic addition to our staff. His friendly demeanor, vast knowledge and passion for maintaining our campus make him a valued resource. Special thanks goes to Victor Garraus and Scott McLeod who volunteered so much of their time working tirelessly to maintain our campus. Along with the countless minor repairs to our facilities, in July we had plumbing catastrophe in the fellowship hall on a Sunday morning. Quick response by the property team allowed us to hold both services in the sanctuary that day and minimize damage and costs. Our insurance covered all the damage.

We reopened the campus for worship, preschool and other community groups that use our campus after being closed for the COVID pandemic. We are the home to several choral groups for rehearsals, performances, and concerts as well as the site for weekly and monthly meetings of several self-help groups under the guidance of Cheryl Track, Faith Community Nurse. Our outreach to the food insecure continued through our weekly support of the All Faiths Food Bank distribution program providing much needed support to our community.

We continued to be the home of First Presbyterian Preschool. They are our largest mission, and our campus supports this award-winning program as it celebrates its 75th anniversary. The completion of the pavilion in our courtyard was a bonus for the preschool and has served us all well as a covered space to gather outdoors.

Stewardship Ministry Team

This ministry was grateful for the return of several experienced stewards as Carol Papa, Steve Knopik and George Chorba were joined by Stephanie Copa, Mary Willis, Denver Stutler and staff members Lisa Garcia, Rachel Martin and Pam Schweizer as well as Pastor Craig Miller and our new Pastor Tim Boggess in the challenge of raising funds through our annual giving campaign.

From the very first meeting of this team, we were reminded that stewardship is a way of life. It is a grateful response to God for his gifts and the opportunity to share these gifts with others. When we gathered in August of 2022, we were still waiting for a head of staff to be called, confident that God would hear and respond to our needs. It was in this collective feeling of faith that we coined our annual giving campaign slogan of *Stepping Forward in Faith*. As part of our stewardship season, we hosted a creative, welcoming, intergenerational rock painting activity focused on spreading God's love and grace. The painted rocks were labeled with the church logo and a QR code identifying First Presbyterian and spread throughout the community in outreach. Via Town Hall meetings

we shared comments from the *My dream for our church is...* exercise to ascertain our path forward. Responses gave evidence of our need for continued healing as a congregation as we moved past a long and challenging period for this church family. However, hope exists in the dreams of growth, mission work and a strong children and youth program headed by permanent pastoral leadership. Steve Knopik employed his valued tech skills in filming our church family sharing their stories and their dreams as examples of *Stepping Forward in Faith*. While efforts included distribution of traditional pledge materials, news articles, and thank-you notes to express appreciation, our annual giving fell far below our expectations. As of this printing we have received 163 pledge units totaling \$729,037 for 2023 versus our original forecast of \$925,312 in pledge income. Your session and staff examined every expenditure and revenue opportunity and made challenging decisions to obtain a balanced budget for our next step forward. The budget is anticipated to be approved by session at the February 2023 stated meeting.

Finance Ministry Team

Team members included Adam Martin, Reva Mitchell, Stephen Mitchell, Ric Saba, Larry Schaper, and Lisa Garcia (staff liaison).

The 2022 budget had projected total revenue of \$927,100 and expenses of \$1,105,834. The session approved a deficit budget of \$178,734 consisting of prior years surplus of \$37,568 and the PPP loan forgiveness of \$141,166. Final year-end revenues totaled \$921,056 and expenses totaled \$1,022,512 for a loss of \$101,456.

Calendar year 2022 summarized financial information is shown in the financial section of this report.

Reva Mitchell, treasurer, and Lisa Garcia, finance manager, provided all the accounting functions for the church. The annual audit for 2021 was prepared by Kenneth F. Kandefer, certified public accountant.

Education and Formation Committee Carrie Mills and Emily Weitekamp, Co-moderators

The Education and Formation Committee provides Christian growth opportunities to people of all ages, through relationship-building with Christ and others to learn and share about their faith journey, wherever they are.

Children and Youth Education and Formation:

In January, Lydia Chapdelain resigned to focus on her job as Administrative Assistant at First Presbyterian Preschool. She was honored in February for the creativity and love she brought to our families.

We began the year with a "one-room schoolhouse" model for Sunday school and received positive feedback from children and teachers.

We hosted Kids Against Hunger in April with 50+ volunteers, packing 20,000 meals for people in Poland and Ukraine. In June, we partnered with Cedarkirk to bring back Traveling Day Camp. Approximately 35 children participated with five youth volunteering. Children and Youth Coordinator Molly Horner resigned in August. We appreciate the time and love she gave to our families. Sunday School classes began again in August, kicked off by the annual Backpack Blessings and Rally Day events. The committee chose a curriculum titled *Follow Me* which teaches biblical practices for faithful living in four-week units.

Adult Education and Formation:

The Academy for Christian Discipleship continued with many opportunities for our adult learners. Through Zoom, Elaine Barnett taught three classes: a Lenten Series Looking at the Cross, Only By God's Grace, and Enough: God's Blessings in Abundance. Early in the year, Doug DeCelle taught Every Living Creature: God's Design for Animals over eight weekly Zoom sessions. In the fall, Hal Serrie taught an in-person, Sunday morning class called Tyranny and the Founding Fathers. Over the summer, we launched FPC Reads with The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind. Readers gathered to discuss the book informally during the coffee hour, and we hosted a film viewing in July where Katy Sabin presented Malawian artifacts. Circumstances made it necessary to pare down plans for the Pastoral Development Seminar and Faith Focus Weekend. Instead, The Rev Dr. Neddy Astudillo preached a meaningful sermon on a Faith Focus Sunday in February. A moderated Q&A session occurred in between services with approximately 30 people in attendance.

We are grateful for those who have given their time and talents to guide our mission throughout the year. In addition to the adult class educators, we appreciate the work of our children and youth class teachers: Leah Cotter, Christine Harrington, Scott McLeod, Sue Nurczyk, Marcia Schaper, Sandi Soper, and Emily Weitekamp.

Members of the committee were Elaine Barnett, Leah Cotter, Rebecca Clissold, Christine Harrington, Rose Monahan, Sandi Soper, with Co-moderators: Carrie Mills and Emily Weitekamp; and staff liaisons Molly Horner and Rachel Martin.

Congregational Nominating Committee Dick Clapp and Karen Olson, Co-moderators

To maintain our representative form of government, the Congregational Nominating Committee thoughtfully proposes a slate of Christ-centered candidates for consideration by the congregation to fill leadership positions at First Presbyterian Church, Sarasota; and as needed, various search committees.

The Nominating Committee considers and proposes a slate of nominees to fulfill the offices of elder (whose charge is one of leadership, discernment and spiritual development of the church), and deacon (whose role is that of compassion, witness, service, and sharing the love of Jesus Christ). The Nominating Committee also recommends members for the following year's Nominating Committee whose members are charged with seeking individuals who are ready to answer the call to serve.

The committee met weekly via Zoom beginning in March to identify and nominate elders, deacons, and at-large members of the Nominating Committee to lead First Presbyterian Church.

The Nominating Committee, under the counsel of the pastor, began by reviewing position descriptions for elder, deacon and Nominating Committee members. Information that is shared with potential nominees was reviewed and clarified to more fully represent the duties and responsibilities of each position. Next, we discussed procedures and protocols for asking potential nominees. In the weeks following, leading up to election of the 2025 officers by the congregation, we met to thoughtfully, respectfully and prayerfully consider potential nominees for church leadership. And we were blessed by so many of you who were willing to "answer the call" to serve.

The Congregational Meeting was held in-person on October 16, 2022. At that meeting, the Nominating Committee presented for consideration five members as potential elders in the class of 2025, four members to fill the deacon Class of 2025 along with one member to fill an unexpired term for the class of 2024, and nine at-large members to serve on the Nominating Committee. The congregation approved all of the nominees.

The 2022 Nominating Committee members were elders Dick Clapp and Karen Olson, comoderators; deacon representative, Dick Wigton, and at-large members Elaine Barnett, Ed Clissold, Kay Dunn, Pat Higgins, David Landers, Scott McLeod, Virginia "Jinny" Miller, Carolyn Simmons, and Sandi Soper. We are thankful to each of them for their work on this committee and for their contributions to the life and leadership of our church.

Membership and Fellowship Committee Joanne Simons and Sue Hargis-Spigel, Co-moderators

The mission of the Membership and Fellowship Committee is to be intentional about attracting and welcoming new members while engaging the congregation and community in activities that promote Christian fellowship within the life and ministry of First Presbyterian Church.

In 2022, in-person activities increased significantly as the church continued to monitor outbreaks of COVID-19 variants. We returned to providing coffee, lemonade, ice water, hot water for tea, and a large assortment of pastries, cookies, cheese, crackers, and wrapped snacks on Sundays at the 10:00 a.m. fellowship hour. We always searched for ways to provide a welcoming atmosphere for members and guests.

As in 2020 and 2021, committee members sent birthday greetings to members of the congregation either by email or U.S. Mail. For mailed cards, we used the church's return address, which apprises church staff of returned or outdated addresses.

In February, we took numerous members' photos for the church's online directory and encouraged members to submit photos as well.

On February 6 a reception was held for Neddy Astudillo.

In March we resumed providing refreshments at the 10:00 a.m. fellowship hour.

Membership and Fellowship oversaw three potluck brunches/lunches: February 27 (replacing Jazz and Pancakes Sunday), April 10 (Palm Sunday), and October 23 (Stewardship Sunday). This included setup, decorating, preparing food and beverages, receiving food from the congregation, and cleanup.

Mother's Day flowers were provided on May 8.

On May 22 a farewell reception was organized for Margaret LaMotte Torrence with cake and a large "fruitcuterie," arranged by Jenn Stutler.

On September 25 a farewell reception was given for Craig and Donna Miller with cake and refreshments.

Welcome receptions at 10:00 a.m. and noon were held on October 9 for new pastor the Rev. Dr. Tim Boggess.

A lunch buffet was arranged for November 13 for the inquirers' class. Six inquirers became new members and indicated their areas of interest in church service.

Refreshments and craft activities were provided for the Hanging of the Greens (November 20) and the Advent Workshop (November 27).

Committee members participated in the church's many ministries and activities: All Faiths Food Bank food distribution, work trips to Beth El, concerts, and workdays among other events.

Many thanks go to our helpers: Barbara Chase, Janet Griffiths, Darwin Goldsmith, Victoria Guenther, Darla Gulliver, Pam Mathes, Wendy Miller, Sue Pantling, Carol Papa, and Mary Willis who made our many activities possible. We thank the staff and session for monitoring COVID-19 conditions and guidelines, which allowed implementation of hospitality.

Committee members were Ethan Clissold, Marcia Schaper, Sandi Soper, and Jenn Stutler.

Mission and Justice Committee Dave Householder and Bob Kirkpatrick, Co-moderators

The Mission and Justice Committee offers tangible opportunities for our congregation to work with local and global mission partners to feed the hungry, help the poor, and advocate for those who have no voice, furthering peace and justice through awareness and action in the name of Jesus Christ.

In 2022, the First Presbyterian Church family was very active in reaching out to the world in Christ's name. Here are just a few examples:

We have been very busy feeding the hungry. Every Thursday morning a group gathered to unload pallets, sort items and create bags of food for 80 to 100 families that drive through our parking lot. Every other Thursday, our volunteers manned the food pantry at the First Baptist Church for Caritas where they gave out food to around 100 family units. Once a month a group traveled to Beth-El Farmworker Ministry in Wimauma to bag food or household items for distribution to itinerant farmworkers. And on one Sunday, a huge group gathered to work with *Kids Against Hunger* and packaged 20,000 meals that were shipped to Poland and Ukraine.

We fought for justice with our members joining others in (SURE) Sarasota United for Responsibility and Equity to see the implementation of the *Adult Pre-Arrest Diversion Program* in Sarasota County where offenders are held responsible for their actions without being saddled with a lifelong arrest record. An alternate discipline program for schools called *Restorative Practices* was adopted in six schools. Our partner Brentwood is one of the schools.

Members working with Brentwood Elementary school through our *Invest in Children* initiative made personal contact with students, donated supplies to help students begin their school year and gave gift cards for children and their families at Christmas through the Brentwood Blessing Tree program. Volunteers say they benefit as much as the children.

Family promise office is now housed on our campus as they continue to help families remain in their homes instead of ending up on the street.

We have four missions that work directly out of FPC:

<u>Invest in Children</u> works to support a local Title One school through volunteers and other activities.

<u>The Manasota Interracial Book Club</u> seeks to find ways to improve community relations. Our local chapter of SURE seeks social justice in our community.

<u>FPC as an agency member of All Faiths Food Bank</u> offers a weekly food distribution to our community.

Partner church in Cuba: Thirteen people including our pastor have made their trip to Juan G. Hall Church. February 8-14, 2023.

We continued to support formally eleven local mission partners:

- *Caritas*, food and financial assistance to needy
- All Faiths Food Bank
- Resurrection House, help for the homeless in Sarasota
- Family Promise, helping homeless or endangered families in Sarasota
- Thornwell, providing a home and services to children in need
- Cedarkirk Camp and Conference Center
- Beth El Farmworker Ministry; food, support, services and a church to farmworkers in Wimauma
- Mision Peniel Farmworker Ministry; food support and spiritual assistance to farm workers in Immokalee
- Florida Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (FLAPDAN) the Florida chapter of PC (USA) Disaster Assistance.

We also continued to support our international mission partners:

- *CEPAD, Presbyterian mission programs in Nicaragua,* local people spreading God's love and trying to improve the way of life in local villages
- Ian Vellenga and Jhan Dotel-Vallenga PC(USA) mission co-workers serving Nicaragua;
- *Plant With Purpose*, an international mission to help improve land management and financial practices in poor areas of the world.

The mission and justice committee included Dave Householder and Bob Kirkpatrick, co-moderators and members Michael Brown, Barbara Chase, Rachel Martin, Ron and Jinny Miller, Dorothy and Jim Murphy, Bill Rickloff, Joanne Simons, Sue Hargis-Spigel, and Jay Swick. We are thankful for and miss our longtime friend and advocate for mission and justice, Brian Bowen, who passed on to the next life this year.

We thank you for all your personal and financial support. If you would like to join our committee, just talk to either Dave Householder or Bob Kirkpatrick.

Invest in Children Initiative Jinny and Ron Miller, coordinators

The mission of Invest in Children is to partner with a local elementary school to meet their most pressing needs in assisting students.

If you want to touch the past, touch a rock. If you want to touch the present, touch a rose. If you want to touch the future, touch a child's life.

These words by an unknown author exemplify the way First Presbyterian Church has responded to the needs of our mission partner school, Brentwood Elementary School (BES). During 2022, First Presbyterian Church touched the lives of over 600 children — and their teachers — in many ways.

A cadre of volunteers (18 last school year; 13 this year) spent time touching the lives of Brentwood students each week reading with the children, helping in the art room, assisting the teachers in whatever tasks were needed, and most importantly, loving the children!

Members of the congregation "adopted" 12 classes during 2022 by sharing \$100 for each class which the teachers used to purchase things like headphones, books, supplies for special projects, and even much needed dry erase markers. Thank you notes and certificates were shared with the congregation.

George Chorba represented FPC on the SAC (School Advisory Committee) this year.

At the end of the school year, teachers were thanked with a food truck lunch sponsored by FPC.

In July, Jinny and Ron Miller presented a Moment for Discipleship which featured an interview with volunteer George Chorba, a slide show of our church's involvement at BES, and an appeal for volunteers and supplies.

Supplies were gathered and delivered to BES the day the staff was welcomed back with a delicious hot breakfast funded by one of our generous FPC families.

In November, we were honored to have 2nd grade BES teacher, Stacy Lenz, present a Moment for Discipleship as the *Blessing Tree* project for BES students and their families was launched.

Because of increased needs of BES families due to hurricane lan, gift cards were gathered for additional children and families this year. The children were also given stockings made by Pat Feeney, and stuff by our middle school youth, families were invited to a delicious dinner where the lives of the children were touched through activities and a unique Christmas program.

Thank you, First Presbyterian Church, for touching the lives of Brentwood students and staff! You continue to be a blessing to our Superstar mission partner!

Steering Committee members included George Chorba, Kay Dunn, Lorraine Foltz, Rachel Martin, Alan and Linda Nelson, Sandi Soper, Mary and Tony Williams, and coordinators Jinny and Ron Miller.

Personnel Committee Carol Papa and Kay Steinman, Co-moderators

The mission of the personnel committee is to support, guide, and encourage all church staff, address staff concerns, and recognize the contributions and dedication of their service to God and the congregation.

2022 was a time of transition. As we said a thankful goodbye to our Transitional Pastor Rev. Margaret L. Torrence, we welcomed our Interim Bridge Pastor Rev. Craig Miller. In October, we were excited to announce the arrival of our new Pastor, the Rev. Dr. Timothy Boggess. During these transitions, our talented and dedicated staff continued to keep the magic going as we transitioned with our three pastors. Our congregation is lucky to be served so faithfully by not only our excellent pastors, but by our staff as well.

Steven Phillips, Director of Music and Congregational Care, and Jimi Camastro, Tech Team Leader, helped to skillfully guide the congregation as we transitioned to in-person services while still offering the online service. Steven continues to regale us with beautiful organ pieces while Jimi often pulls extra duty on Sundays playing electric lead guitar.

In January, Lydia Chapdelain, Children and Youth Leader, stepped down from her position and this past August, we said goodbye to Molly Horner, Children and Youth Coordinator. However, their work continued through the dedication of the comoderators of the Education and Formation Committee, Emily Weitekamp and Carrie Mills. With support from many families, we continued to work with parents and church members to provide Sunday school classes, intergenerational events and seasonal activities.

Operations Manager Rachel Martin, Finance Manager Lisa Garcia, and Assistant to the Pastors Pam Schweizer worked together to provide support and guidance to all the committees, church groups and church activities. This year we welcomed Darwin Goldsmith as our new part-time sexton. He immediately stepped into the job with enthusiasm, maintaining the buildings and beautifying the campus.

Cheryl Track, Faith Community Nurse, provided direction for the Health and Wholeness Ministry Program and our Care Team (retired pastors Rev. Floyd Churn and Rev. Doug DeCelle; Director of Music and Congregational Care Steven Phillips; and Pastor Tim Boggess) to offer support and care to congregational members in their time of need.

Co-moderators, Carol Papa and Kay Steinman, have appreciated the valuable experience of committee members Adam Martin, Jean Raskin, and Jean Martin and thank them for serving the church in this capacity. This has been a busy year, including updating position descriptions as well as the revamping of the Employee Handbook. We thank the committee for their dedication in completing this work.

Worship and Music Committee Denise Landers, Moderator

The Worship and Music Committee works with staff in planning and supporting worship that enables the congregation to glorify God through worship.

In 2022, the Worship and Music Committee continued to work closely with session to discern the safest practices for worship when considering timelines for gatherings, masks, and social distancing due to COVID-19 while holding traditional, contemporary, and online services. Through it all, our worship services were filled with inspirational music and songs of faith as we immersed ourselves in God's Word and celebrated at the table.

While the Pastor Nominating Committee continued the search for our new head pastor, Transitional Pastor Margaret LaMotte Torrence (January-May), Bridge Pastor Craig Miller (June-September) and Steven Phillips, Director of Music Ministries and Congregational Care, along with our dedicated church staff, led the way throughout the year. Our congregation was blessed with the gifts and talents of the chancel choir, NewSong band, handbell choir, and talented guest musicians.

We gathered during the Lenten season for Ash Wednesday and Holy Week services on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and a joyful Easter morning celebrating our risen Lord. On Youth Sunday, our youth leaders reminded us that God's love is perfected in us and that we are creators invited by God to do everything in his name. Rally Sunday and Backpack Blessing ushered in the new school year for the children.

Highlights of October included World Communion Sunday and the arrival of our new Pastor Tim Boggess. This year's stewardship campaign focused on stepping stones of faith into the bright future of our church. Church members gathered under the new courtyard pavilion for an intergenerational pumpkin carving as the joyous sound of children's voices filled the air.

On All Saints' Sunday, we paused to remember the lives of those who passed away this year with a candle for each on the communion table. The Advent season began with the Hanging of the Greens, Intergenerational Advent Workshop, and a joyful Celtic Christmas concert. On Christmas Eve, we celebrated with a festive family nativity at 4:00 p.m. and traditional communion and candlelight service at 7:00 p.m.

A special "thank you" goes to members of the Worship and Music Committee, church staff, chancel choir, NewSong band, tech team, liturgists, ushers/greeters, and guest musicians who faithfully served during the past year.

2022 Worship and Music Committee Members included: Barbara Andrews, Jeff Bartell, Frank Frey, Denise Landers, James Jordan, Susan McDonald, Judy Melly. Staff members: Pastor Margaret LaMotte Torrence, Bridge Pastor Craig Miller, Pastor Tim Boggess, and Steven Phillips.



















































Board of Deacons Dick Wigton, Moderator

Inspired by the Holy Spirit, the deacons are a connected community of servants, called to minister with compassion to those in need, to the sick or infirmed, and to any who may be in distress, both within and beyond our community of faith.

Our board of deacon members are Barbara Chase, Becky Fingerle, John Fisher, Thom Olshewsky, class of 2022; Pat Feeney, Susan McDonald, Mariah Martin, Dick Wigton, class of 2023; Bob Bittner, Steve Fantauzzo, Ardis Rea, Tom Singleton, class of 2024.

The deacons met once a month as a group throughout the year. Since the onset of COVID, meetings were routinely on Zoom. The deacons were assisted in their ministry by the Care Team, consisting of Cheryl Track, Faith Community Nurse; Steven Phillips, Director of Music Ministries and Congregational Care; and Rev. Doug DeCelle, retired pastor. Rachel Martin assisted in coordination of activities as called upon. This support group was instrumental to the smooth functioning of the Deacons in carrying out their mission and they did a wonderful job.

The responsibilities of the deacons include visiting with and maintaining ongoing contact with the LAMBS (members of the church family unable to attend services due to infirmity or who otherwise are in distress); delivering flowers to LAMBS and others in need on a periodic basis; offering communion to LAMBS in their residence, organizing and assisting with memorial services; delivering "We Care" cards to those in the hospital or sick at home; maintaining *Care Notes* displayed throughout the church; and generally being available to assist and offer compassion to any members of the church family in need.

During 2022, the deacons received special training by an Alzheimer's professional in caring for those with dementia. The deacons cared for over 40 LAMBS routinely throughout the year, offering comfort, companionship, flowers and communion. They provided care and ongoing support to a Ukrainian family who escaped the war under harrowing conditions and arrived at our church one Sunday, distraught but with their faith intact as they struggled to establish a new beginning in Sarasota. The deacons offered sponsorship and participation in a group of forums at the fellowship hall by a group of LGBTQ members of our church on the subject of "Embracing our Differences."

As the COVID restrictions have eased in 2022, deacon outreach into the community for visitations and other assistance was expanded and those in need have benefitted from more direct contact. It is with hope that we will continue on the same path in 2023.

Stephen Ministry Michael Fingerle, Stephen Leader

The mission of Stephen Ministry is to provide compassionate, spiritual care in an ongoing relationship for people who are hurting so that they can experience Christ's healing love in their lives.

2022 continued to be a year of challenges for the Stephen Ministry team, but also a time of hope for our team with the end of the most serious aspects of the COVID-19 crisis and the return to in-person, non-masked worship at the church. We continued to use Zoom for remote meetings, more for the ease of use and the time and gas savings driving to the church would have entailed. Our group meetings were times of strong encouragement and support. We continued to seek creative ways to help our care receivers feel the intimacy of our meetings when we cannot be present in person. This too is beginning to change as we were able to meet face to face with those we were ministering to.

Still, it remains puzzling that we have not received many requests for our ministry. We worry that there are a large number of our congregation who may be suffering without a fellow believer to come alongside them and provide comfort and fellowship. It is hoped that as congregants become more comfortable with being with other people again, more congregants will reach out for our valuable service and ministry. The arrival of our new pastor, Timothy Boggess, is also an encouragement for those who are hurting to reach out to our pastoral staff with their personal needs. We too hope for a beneficial working relationship with our new pastor and assist him in the congregational care ministry.

Our Ministry Faced Some Difficulties This Year:

- -Figuring out how to best support our care receivers when safety called for not meeting face to face.
- -Carefully transitioning to face-to-face ministry and when it was safe and proper to do so.
- -Keeping up morale and growing as a team during our second year with COVID restrictions and the church being without a permanent pastor.
- -Losing some of our trained team members due to departures and retirement.

Good Things Happened Too:

- -Our ministry team continued to meet for supervision meetings and educational training.
- -Our leadership team was able to attend virtual training session on how to strengthen our ministry team.
- -Stephen Ministry continued to be a source of encouragement and joy for our members.

Looking to Our Future

We recently met together as a team for the first time in over two years. It was great to get to see most all of us together in one room. We were also incredibly happy to have Pastor Boggess with us. It allowed us to share our passion for the ministry, our hopes for our future, the real needs we face, and our enthusiastic desire to serve the needs of hurting and broken members of our congregation.

We are hopeful that we will be able to meet the needs for more members of our congregation in the next year. We also hope to add to our leadership, as well as see new Stephen Ministers trained and installed. Please pray that God places the desire and the willingness for those properly gifted to accept this call in their lives.

We give thanks for the support of the office staff, particularly Rachel, Pam, and Lisa who are always more than helpful. Cheryl and the pastoral care team continue to provide the names of those in need, as well as wisdom and resources helpful for our ministry team.

Stephen Leaders: Michael Fingerle and Janet Olshewsky.

Stephen Ministers: Barbara Andrews, Bob Bittner, Barbara Chase, Terri Runk, and Dick Wigton.

Presbyterian Women (PW) Pamela Lamb and Flossie Paul, Co-moderators

Presbyterian Women, forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, commit themselves to:

Nurture their faith through prayer and Bible study, support the mission of the church worldwide, and work for justice and peace, build an inclusive and caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (USA) and witness to the promise of God's kingdom.

January: Cindie Moore from the Association of MAM Christian Women Development gave an update on the MAM, an indigenous group of women in Guatemala. PW has been supporting these women for the past five years. This year Cindie discussed the problems of malnutrition and how it affects the growth of the children. They have started a program to address this need. They are giving the children a drink called Incaparina. This drink has many of the nutrients they are missing in their diet. After weighing and measuring the children before and after they have been drinking Incaparina, they have seen great results. After Cindie's presentation, she showed us how to make a Guatemalan fruit drink. We collected \$320 to send to the MAM for Incaparina.

February: Some of our members attended the Peace River PW Annual Retreat at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Fort Myers. It was good to meet with other churches' PW members and learn what their groups are doing and have an inspiring worship service.

March: We held a seed-packing event with 15 volunteers on the morning of March 3 for Hope Seeds. Hope Seeds is a charitable Christian ministry that seeks to improve nutrition of the poorest in the world by providing quality garden seed and agricultural education through Christian missionaries and organizations. Hope Seeds strives to help as many people as possible to grow food for themselves to help end hunger and to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

April: We had a luncheon at the Breakfast House. We all had a great time of fellowship and celebrated the 101st birthday of Naomi Pearson.

September: We began our Bible study via Zoom. This year different members taught the monthly lessons. The Bible study is called, "Celebrating Sabbath", a PW *Horizons* Bible Study.

PW donated more than \$3,500 to charitable organizations in 2022; some of them included Mission Haven, Misión Peniel, Beth-El Farmworkers, PW mission pledge, Least Coin, FPC youth, Good Samaritan Fund, Manatee Food Bank, Hope Seeds, Children First, All Faiths Food Bank, Family Promise, and Turning Points.

2022 Membership Report

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PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT - DECEMBER 31, 2022 FLOSSIE PAUL, TREASURER

GENERAL FUND BALANCE

\$581.46

GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS

Donations, Pledges 2407.57 Study Book payments 100.00 2507.57

TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE 3089.03

GENERAL FUNDS DISBURSEMENTS

World Mission

Presbyterian Mission Pledge 135.00
Synod membership 70.00
Birthday Offering 1416.00
Life Membership 95.00
(1716.00)

Benevolences: Designated and others

MAM - Incaparina 320.00 MAM 100.00 (420.00)

TOTAL GENERAL FUND MISSION GIVING (2136.00)

MISCELLANEOUS AND OPERATIOG EXPENSES

Gifts to office staff 200.00 Flowers 10.00 Reimbursements – supplies 88.73 (298.73)

TOTAL GENERAL FUNDS DISBURSED (2434.73)

GENERAL FUND BALANCE \$654.30

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

MARY ALICE MURPHY FOUNDATION ACCOUNT

FUND BALANCE (2021) 2022 allocation from FPC Found	lation	\$3691.93 <u>4051.36</u> 7743.29
DISBURSEMENTS All Faiths Food Bank Beth-El Family Promise FPC Youth Food Bank of Manatee Good Samaritan Fund Hope Seeds Least Coin Mission Peniel Mission Haven Turning Points	250.00 250.00 250.00 500.00 250.00 300.00 50.00 250.00 500.00 300.00	(\$3150.00)
TOTAL FOUNDATION BALANCI	E	<u>\$4593.29</u>

Balance January 1, 2022 - Endowment Allocation and Other Investments		\$ 264,286.80
Receipts		62,006.56
Disbursements		
Scholarships	3,085.00	
All Faiths Food Bank - Campaign Against Summer Hunger	2,500.00	
Benevolence Gifts	2,500.00	
Youth Summer Trips	2,025.68	
Presbyterian Women	4,051.36	
New Roof - Loft (completed 2022)	13,760.00	
Pavillion (partial cost)	33,560.75	
General Fund	36,014.02	
Kids Against Hunger (partial cost)	1,700.00	
Total DISBURSEMENTS		99,196.81
Total Endowment Allocation and Other Investments December 31, 2022	2	\$ 227,096.55
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Other Investment Balances 12/31/22 Emergency Property Repairs Property - Imagine the Future CC Pastoral Benevolence Fund New Library - Room 204 J. Barr Trust	32,111.61 132,226.99 15,025.99 1,474.56 1,147.55	45,109.85
Total OTHER INVESTMENTS ST/LT		181,986.70

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Total Endowment Allocation and Other Investments ST/LT

Summary of Restricted Accounts January - December 2022

TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED DESIGNATED FUNDS:MISC.

Blessing Grant/Oak Street Stage Linnie Dalbeck - 605 Payne Choir Social Fund Linnie Dalbeck - LOGOS

Contemporary Worship Service Linnie Dalbeck - Stephen Ministry

Cowden Smith Library Purchases Memorial Garden Desig.Fd.

Faith Focus/Pastoral Development Prayer Shawl Ministry

FFW/PDS John Cairns Memorial PRP Grant - Virtual Church

Friends of Music Ministry

Salsbury Designated Office Equip

Glory to God Hymnal Donations Special Choir Music Fund

Handbell Fund Stephen Ministry

Health Ministry Student Vocal Stipend Labyrinth Ministry Website Maintenance

Youth Trips

Total DESIGNATED FUNDS:MISC. \$136,546.16

DESIGNATED BENEVOLENCES

Brentwood Blessing Trees Good Samaritan
Family Promise Habitat for Humanity
Food Pantry Transportation

Total DESIGNATED BENEVOLENCES 53,104.98

DESIGNATED MISSIONS

Cuba - Communications Local Hurricane Ian Relief
Cuba Partnership Mission Designated - General

Interfaith Partners Thoughtful Giving

Invest in Children

Total DESIGNATED MISSIONS 25,687.09

MEMORIALS

Bob Barkley Memorial Memorial Fund General Kent Bartruff Memorial Andrew Millar Memorial Marti Clapp Memorial **David Muir Memorial** Janet Clark Memorial Kenneth Putt Memorial Bill Fulton Memorial June Raskin Memorial Janet Garner Memorial Bob Rea Memorial Herron, Cathryn Mem.Schol. Joan Scott Memorial Jim Jackson Memorial Natalie Smith Memorial Leif Jacobsen Memorial Russ Terry Memorial Jo Weiss Memorial Maurice Luker Memorial

Judge Maxwell Memorial Nancy Wilkinson Memorial

Al McFadyen Jr. Memorial

Total MEMORIALS 10,964.60

IMAGINE THE FUTURE

Pledge Income

Total IMAGINE THE FUTURE 6,520.00

PRE-SCHOOL

Preschool Registration Deposits

Preschool Retained Earnings

Total PRE-SCHOOL \$310,138.81

Vicki Fry Scholarship Fund

Summary of Revenues & Expenses P&L

January - December 2022 REVENUES	YTD Budget (2022)	YTD Actual (2022)	Variance Budget/Actual
GENERAL FUND			
GENERAL FOND GENERAL OFFERINGS	\$ 755,100.00	\$ 741,564.95	\$ (13,535.05)
NON-PLEDGE OFFERINGS	73,000.00	82,304.79	9,304.79
FACILITY USE REIMBURSEMNT	12,500.00	15,706.00	3,206.00
ALL OTHER RECEIPTS	60,000.00	53,624.41	(6,375.59)
Total GENERAL FUND	900,600.00	893,200.15	(7,399.85)
DESIGNATED RECEIPTS	300,000.00	000,200.10	(,,000.00)
CHILDREN'S & FAMILY MINISTRY	3,000.00	4,700.00	1,700.00
MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRIES	7,000.00	-	(7,000.00)
SENIOR HIGH MINISTRIES	9,000.00	-	(9,000.00)
YOUTH MISSION TRIPS	2,000.00	-	(2,000.00)
SCHOLARSHIPS:S.H. & COLL.	2,500.00	3,085.00	585.00
ADULT EDUCATION MINISTRY	-	70.00	70.00
OFFICE ADMINISTRATION	-	5.30	5.30
PROPERTY & GROUNDS	-	-	-
RENTAL INCOME & EXPENSE REIMBU	3,000.00	2,116.16	(883.84)
NON-MISSION RELATED RENTAL	-	17,880.00	17,880.00
Total DESIGNATED RECEIPTS	26,500.00	27,856.46	1,356.46
Total REVENUES	927,100.00	921,056.61	(6,043.39)
EXPENSES			
MISSION & JUSTICE	32,000.00	27,029.88	4,970.12
PER CAPITA & UNIFIED	27,211.60	27,211.60	-
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY	11,300.00	6,445.72	4,854.28
MIDDLE SCHOOL TRIPS	7,000.00	-	7,000.00
SENIOR HIGH TRIPS	9,000.00	-	9,000.00
YOUTH MISSION TRIPS	2,000.00	-	2,000.00
YOUTH EDUCATION & FELLOWSHIP	3,200.00	247.79	2,952.21
COLLEGE PROGRAM/SCHOLARSHIPS	2,500.00	3,085.00	(585.00)
FAMILY/INTERGENERATIONAL	3,000.00	1,268.83	1,731.17
WORSHIP SERVICES	4,800.00	3,468.29	1,331.71
MUSIC SERVICES	21,600.00	19,841.76	1,758.24
FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY	4,000.00	3,787.21	212.79
OFFICE ADMINISTRATION	55,900.00	49,036.92	6,863.08
PROPERTY & GROUNDS	205,300.00	223,647.05	(18,347.05)
FINANCE	85,124.00	89,960.25	(4,836.25)
DEACONS	2,000.00	936.58	1,063.42
ADULT EDUCATION	5,500.00	1,195.60	4,304.40
NOMINATING COMMITTEE	200.00	-	200.00
SPIRITUAL FORMATION	2,000.00	- 1 170 7F	2,000.00
STEWARDSHIP MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT TEAM	1,200.00	1,138.35	61.65
PERSONNEL	3,000.00	614.97	2,385.03
HEAD OF STAFF	104,088.86	46,028.13	58,060.73
INTERIM PASTOR/HEAD OF STAFF	78,741.14	120,562.53	(41,821.39)
CHILDREN, YOUTH & COLLEGE	39,019.42	11,909.32	27,110.10
MUSIC	136,059.79	136,000.03	59.76
ADMINISTRATION	202,456.04	203,075.94	(619.90)
PROPERTY	\$ 24,805.40	\$ 24,294.49	\$ 510.91

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Summary of Revenues & Expenses P&L (continued)

		YTD Budget		YTD Actual		Variance
January - December 2022		(2022)		(2022)	Вι	udget/Actual
FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE		\$14,777.47		\$10,454.55		\$4,322.92
PERSONNEL GEN EXP		18,050.00		11,272.00		6,778.00
Total EXPENSES		1,105,833.72		1,022,512.79		77,277.54
Net Total		(178,733.72)		(101,456.18)		77,277.54
Summary	of I	Revenues & E	xpen	ses P&L		
		YTD Budget		YTD Actual		Variance
January - December 2022		(2022)		(2022)	Вι	udget/Actual
Total OTHER REVENUES		-		40,012.22		
Total OTHER EXPENDITURES		-		39,640.12		
Net Operating Total	\$	(178,733.72)	\$	(101,084.08)	\$	77,649.64
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PRE-SCHOOL						
Total REVENUES	\$	354,905.00	\$	573,854.04	\$	218,949.04
Total EXPENSES		363,326.75		573,854.04		(210,527.29)
Net Total	\$	(8,421.75)	\$	_	\$	8,421.75

Balance Sheet

December 2022		
ASSETS CURRENT ASSETS		
CHECKING		
101115 - BayFirst - Operating	\$ 499,425.25	
101116 - BayFirst - Good Samaritan	42,090.98	541,516.23
PETTY CASH		<u> </u>
105135 - Petty Cash (Office)	75.00	
Total CURRENT ASSETS INVESTMENTS		541,591.23
107115 - Fidelity Investments	2,662.31	
107135 - BayFirst Money Market	670,159.35	672,821.66
PREPAID ASSETS		
130116 - Prepaid Insurance	39,127.24	
130161 - Prepaid:Orkin Termite (10Yrs) 2014	1,017.00	
130163 - Prepaid - Audit Fee	2,550.00	42,694.24
Total PREPAID ASSETS		
FIXED ASSETS		
CHURCH	7 700 0 41 40	
151055 - Land/Buildings	3,326,941.46	
151056 - New Library - 2012	17,818.00	
151057 - Imagine the Future-Sanctuary	2,330,355.85	
151058 - Imagine the Future-Fellowship Hall	238,326.19	
151059 - Imagine the Future-Bldg&Grnd Imprv	654,462.13	
151060 - Furn/Fixtures	1,791,930.60	
151065 - Parking Lot	2,696,561.54	
151066 - Bell Tower	841,204.16	
154090 - Computer/Software/Office Equip PAYNE LOT PROPERTIES	38,982.27	11,936,582.20
152069 - Payne Lot Prop.& 2036 Oak	374,544.64	
152075 - Furn/Fixtures	91,934.54	466,479.18
Total FIXED ASSETS		12,403,061.38
Total ASSETS		13,660,168.51
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES	0.710.10	
201205 - Accounts Payable DEFERRED INCOME	8,716.10	
202201 - Prepaid Pledges	195,778.38	
202806 - Deferred Wedding Income	100.00	
202807 - Deferred Facility Use	120.00	
Total LIABILITIES		204,714.48
FUND BALANCE		,
20Z02Z - General Fund Balance - FPC	383,418.54	
Excess Cash Received	(101,084.08)	
Total FUND BALANCE and Excess Cash Received		282,334.46
Restricted Funds		
Total TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	770,058.19	
Total PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED	12,403,061.38	13,173,119.57
Total LIABILITIES, FUND BALANCE, & Restricted Funds	3	\$ 13,660,168.51

THE FOUNDATION FOR FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SARASOTA, INC.

First Presbyterian Church first established endowment funds in 1992 to allow members and friends of the church an opportunity to provide long-term support of the church and its mission. In 2013, the session authorized the formation of the Foundation for First Presbyterian Church of Sarasota, Inc. as a separate 501(c)(3) corporation and transferred the existing endowment funds to the Foundation.

The Foundation is managed by a board of seven directors who are members of First Presbyterian Church of Sarasota. Four directors are appointed by the session, and the remaining three are elected by the appointing directors.

The directors serving in 2022 were: Betsy Marshall (President), Michelle Young (Secretary), Rich Paul (Treasurer), Beth Byron-Reasoner (Director), Ric Saba (Director), and Michael Brown (Director). The resignation of Beth Byron-Reasoner as of December 31 was accepted with regret, as she is rejoining the session. The election of Dick Clapp by vote of the directors in December filled the vacancy left by the resignation of Mary Cady. The vacancy left by Beth Byron-Reasoner will be filled by appointment of the session.

In 2022, the Foundation primarily focused on keeping the membership informed about opportunities to give to the Foundation by brochures, mailings, and articles in *Cross Connections*. In the coming years, the Foundation plans to steadily and more actively increase its profile in the giving of the church.

During 2022, the record-keeping and accounting functions of the Foundation were performed by a private accounting firm, Miles and Thirion, for continuity of service. The Foundation is very grateful to and relies on the assistance of the church's office staff as well.

The Board of Directors of the Foundation is pleased to report that during 2022 distributions from its funds were made to the session to further the ministries of the church as follows:

From the Scholarship Endowment Fund: \$6,892.64 From the Property Endowment Fund: \$11,044.87

From the Ministry and Benevolence Endowment Fund: \$10,727.73

From the General Endowment Fund: \$30,445.67 From the Temporary Fund sweep account: \$174.65 The following is a summary of the financial transactions of the Foundation in 2022:

Opening balance on January 1, 2022: \$1,356,050.08

Dividend and interest income: \$13,124.75

Donations received: \$104,213.93 Distributions made: (\$59,285.56)

Accounting fees: \$0

Miscellaneous expense: \$0 Change in value: (\$69,418.79)

Ending balance December 31, 2022: \$1,344,684.39

As of December 31, 2022, the assets of the Foundation are held in a single account at TD Ameritrade and are invested in a selected group of funds approved by the directors. The account activity is monitored by the Treasurer and overseen by the directors.