



2022 ANNUAL REPORT

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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2022 Annual Report of the Pastor

Dear Members and Friends of 1stUPC,

As I think back over the last year there are five events that stick out head and shoulders in my mind. The **first** was the *Living Last Supper Maundy Thursday Worship* in our chapel. The room was packed to standing room only, the cast was made up of members of each of the downtown churches (though the majority were from our church), and the leadership of the service was provided by all 4 pastors. It was a wonderful and very meaningful experience.

The **second** event was *Easter Sunday*. The entire morning was just a joy, it started with a couple dozen worshipers in the freezing cold of Kirkmont watching the sunrise. It ended with us taking Communion together without the prepackaged elements for the first time since Covid. It was a wonderful morning.

The **third** event was our VBS which had our gym transformed into an ancient Athens marketplace. It was a wonderful experience for the children and saw some new leadership step forward that carried over into our Sunday School program. Truly was a highlight of the year.

The **fourth** event was the *Church Family Christmas Dinner and Variety Show* that took place the first Sunday of December. It was a joy to see so many people in our gym enjoying a festive meal, followed by people of all ages sharing their talents in our Sanctuary. This evening made me realize we need more fellowship opportunities with each other.

The **fifth** event has become somewhat of a symbol in my thinking about the last year, it was our *Christmas Eve Candlelight and Live Nativity* worship service. This year has been a difficult year, though it has also been a year in which God has shown great care for this congregation. The weather for this Christmas Eve day was in some ways a metaphor for this year. There was such a snow storm that a couple of the other downtown churches canceled their in person worship. We decided to go ahead and encourage people to stay home and watch it online. Even so, there were more than 120 people who braved the snow and the ice to worship together that night. Many more joined in our livestream. As I watched your candle lit faces singing Silent Night, I was moved.

As 2022 ended I have been moved by the faithfulness of the people of this congregation, and have taken hope and joy in the way God has moved us to join together in spite of difficult times. We have ended the year "in the black" and our pledgers gave more than they pledged! This year ended leaving this pastor excited for what God has in store for us into this new year!

I invite you to look carefully through this report. Look for all of the signs of the faithfulness of the Holy Spirit's moving through the body of Christ that worships here at this church. Let us pray prayers of gratitude for God's faithfulness.

In Christ,

Rev. Steve Merrin

THE ANNUAL CORPORATE AND CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 30th, 2022

The annual corporate and congregational meeting took place on January 30, 2022, during the Sunday church service. Written notice was given 2 weeks prior to the meeting. A quorum was declared.

Pastor Steve Merrin opened the meeting stating **the purpose** to report on the budget, approve his terms of call, and provide the annual report to the congregation.

The **annual report** provided included minutes from the congregational meetings of 2021, membership statistical report, list of staff, elders and deacons, summaries from all standing committees, deacons, PWA, nominating Committee and Scholarship report.

Michael Brady, Chairperson of the Stewardship and Finance Committee addressed the congregation. Provided in the annual report was the 2021 & 2022 **operating budget**. Michael reported that we have only received 53 pledges for this year compared to 78 in 2017. We are operating on a very thin budget.

Pastor Steve Merrin left the meeting as his salary and compensation were discussed as in the budget. There were no changes in the Pastor's terms of call since first being hired. A motion was made by Ben Stahler to accept **the Pastor's terms of call** as stated in the budget. Larry McCarthy second the motion. Motion passed with no objections.

Pastor Steve Merrin returned and explained further business needed. He shared that Allen Hadley has resigned as elder. The Nominating committee met and **recommended Brad Flora to fill this vacancy as an elder** for the class of 2023. The session took action and approved the nomination. There were no other nominations. Brad was approved by the congregation with no objections. Steve shared that Brad has expressed excitement in serving.

Pastor Steve closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Hesson Brady
Clerk of Session

First United Presbyterian Church
Annual Congregational Meeting

November 13th, 2022

Meeting Date and Purpose

On November 13, 2022, a Congregational Meeting was called for the purpose of electing the Elders & Deacons for the class of 2025 and the Nominating committee for 2023. A couple proposed amendments to our By-laws also needed to be presented.

Announcement of the meeting

The meeting had been announced during previous church service and in the monthly Newsletter and View From the Pew

Opening prayer and quorum

Pastor Steve Merrin opened the meeting with prayer and declared a quorum to be present.

Presentation of Elders, Deacons & Nominating Committee

Steve presented the slate of elders, deacons and nominating committee as obtained from the 2022 Nominating Committee.

Elders Class of 2025- Anne Brienza, Kyle Lentz, Vicky Shields, Nancy Wisse, with Sara Stahler replacing Margaret Dickinson in the Class of 2024.

Deacons Class of 2025- Pam Ark, Nancy Farrington, Michelle Suman, Andy Wunderle, with Phyllis Lyons replacing Pat Orli in the Class of 2024.

Nominating Committee- Karen Brady, Sue Dearwester, Ben Stahler, Nancy Stokes.

Steve asked if there were any other nominations, with the understanding permission needed to be obtained from anyone being nominated. There were no other nominations, therefore nominations were closed, and a motion was made to approve the slate as presented. Motion was seconded. All voted in favor.

Amendment to our By-laws

Pastor Steve shared proposed amendments as voted on by session.

The Amendment: The requirement for 12 Elders and 12 Deacons to be changed to "no less than nine (9) and no more than twelve (12) Elders and Deacons.

The Rationale: So that our Nominating Committee can put forward either three or four nominees for each class of Elders and Deacons as they do their work. This proposed change reflects the smaller size of our active membership, yet still maintains adequate representation and size to the work of the church officers.

Pastor Steve asked for a call to vote to make this change to our By-laws to read:

There shall be no less than nine (9) and no more than twelve (12) Elders divided into three equal classes, one class of whom shall be elected each year at the October meeting for a three- year term. No Elder shall serve on the Session for consecutive, either full or partial, aggregating more than 54 months; but shall again become eligible to be elected to a new term after one year shall have elapsed.

A motion was made to approve the change. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor with no objections. Motion passed.

Pastor Steve asked for a call to vote to change our By-laws to:

There shall be no less than nine (9) and no more than twelve (12) Deacons divided into three equal classes, one class of whom shall be elected each year at the October meeting for a three- year term. No Deacon shall serve on the Board of Deacons for consecutive terms, either full or partial, aggregating more than 54 months; but shall again become eligible to be elected to a new term after one year shall have elapsed.

A motion was made to approve the change. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor with no objections. Motion passed.

Pastor Steve closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Hesson Brady
Clerk of Session

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICAL REPORT

Communicant Members January 1, 2022.....263
Additions: Certificates, profession, restored, other.....
Losses: Deaths, Certificates, Other Participants, other.....141

OFFICIAL MEMBERS

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Men	146	144	145	135	134	135	124	124	121	118	38
Women	<u>200</u>	<u>199</u>	<u>196</u>	<u>165</u>	<u>166</u>	<u>167</u>	<u>147</u>	<u>145</u>	<u>145</u>	<u>145</u>	<u>84</u>
Total	346	343	341	300	300	302	271	269	266	263	122
Family Units	194	192	191	190	164	163	163	139	139	139	40

STAFF

Pastor: Steve D. Merrin
Director of Christian Education and Youth Ministry: Trey Henderson- through June 30, 2022
Treasurer: Sue Dearwester
Secretary: Holly VanBuskirk
Custodian: John Matthews
Organist: Thomas W. Boone, A.G.O.
Chancel Choir Director:
Handbell Choir Director: Cindy Jenkins

THE SESSION

<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>
Karl Kennedy	Michael Brady	Scott Costin
Cindy Jenkins	Mark Butler	Beth Powers
Ruth Bowden	Allen Hadley/Brad Flora	Margaret Dickinson/Sara Stahler
Adam Wunderle	Bridget Hawkins	Brandon Standley

THE BOARD OF DEACONS

<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>
Julie Caughenbaugh	Sue Crawfis	Forrest Amidon
Laura Flora	Betty Lloyd	Mary Jane Lane
Andrea Merrin	Brenda Oda	Suze Neer
Julie Pulfer	Holly VanBuskirk	Pat Ortlí/Phyllis Lyons

2022 Deacons Annual Report

Moderator: Andrea Merrin

Deacons began the year with a look at our congregation and wishing to support the needs of the congregation more. We looked at the lists of members and attempted to divide them out to create shepherd groups, that exercise was put on hold at the request of Church Growth and Member Care Committee, as they had plans to do that.

As a congregation we began taking communion again with real elements, so Deacons stepped in to help with the cleanup of communion each Communion Sunday. It was nice to have this back in place. Deacons continue to help our members with the elevators each Sunday.

Additionally, we hosted several coffee hours, throughout the year, including an Anniversary Celebration for Katie and Woody, a 90th Birthday Party for Betty Kindell.

We prepared and served funeral dinners, taken many meals to our members as they have had surgeries, births, and illnesses. This was one of the greatest outreaches of love during this year, and our congregation's members greatly appreciated this labor of love.

We began serving one day a month at Our Daily Bread and in the fall, we incorporated baking desserts for that same day of service.

Deacons gave of our funds to three individuals that endured hardships throughout the year. We also gave to Kirkmont and paid for Camperships from the Building-Block program in coordination with the Christian Ed Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Merrin, Moderator of Deacons

2022 Board of Deacons Treasurers Report

Treasurer: Betty Lloyd

Our beginning balance as of January 1, 2022 totaled: \$2774.17.

Deposits throughout the year from donations including 2 Cents for Compassion, 1st UPC Mission Funding and Funeral Dinner monetary donations totaled: \$3172.60.

Payouts throughout the year to Kirkmont Center for use as needed for supplies, Kirkmont Center for camperships earned through the Building Blocks Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Hurricane Loss Assistance, Shoe and Clothing Assistance, Sweet Annie's for Christmas flowers delivered to our homebound members, and some funeral food expenses totaled: \$3046.18.

Our Funeral Dinner expenses, with a few exceptions, were offset by donation of all items needed.

Our ending balance as of December 15, 2022 totals: \$2900.59.

The Board of Deacons would like to THANK the congregation for their continuing support of our missions!!

2022 Property Ministry Team Report

Karl Kennedy, Chair

Members: Art Lloyd, Bob Day, Brad Flora, John Matthews, Karl Kennedy, Larry McCarthy, Scott Costin, Steve Cox, and Steve Merrin.

- * Bob and Larry are filling in the janitorial duties.
- * Repaired front doors.
- * Installed skids on the communion table.
- * Winter maintenance completed on organ.
- * Organized furnace room.
- * Hired John Matthews as custodian.
- * Rewired light in family restroom to LED.
- * Refurbished six wooden interior doors at front vestibule. Clean, sand, stain, varnish, and polished brass push plates.
- * Repaired leak on roof at doorway to Cindy's bell room.
- * Replace parking block at rear of church.
- * Repaired tankless water heater.
- * Replaced ceiling tiles in family restroom.
- * Grindell Masonry repaired outside walls above front doors. Apply clear waterproofing to stone front above doorways and windows. Apply coat of sealer to windowsill to seal flashing. Applied waterproof sealer to chimney, standpipe flashings on back of roof and flashings on east wall.
- * Replace air filters for sanctuary air-conditioning.
- * Replace two electric expression motor units for organ.
- * Repaired air makeup unit for office.
- * Install new door supports on front of Presbyterian sign in flower bed.
- * Touched up gym walls with green paint and repaired balcony ceiling spot.
- * Holly VanBuskirk painted west entrance to gym.
- * Replaced mirror in pastors' bathroom.
- * Complete rebuild of Sloan Valve on east urinal in gym restroom.
- * DC generator rebuilt for chimes.
- * Ceiling tile repaired at Cindy's bell room.
- * Leaking elbow on boiler repaired.
- * Handrailing repaired at front steps.
- * Rocking chair in sanctuary reglued and refurbished.
- * Completed boiler draining and filling expansion tanks.
- * Maintenance completed on chimes in tower. Repaired broken striker bracket.
- * Secured roof access door at west balcony attic.
- * Downspout replaced on narthex roof.
- * East air makeup unit for gym repaired.
- * Lock replaced on exterior door at bottom of ramp.
- * Rebuilt motor for chimes role player and fabricate parts. Chimes are working now!
- * Reinstall suspended ceiling in the hallway adjacent to gym, east side.
- * Completed all the yearly inspections: boiler, elevator, fire extinguishers, backflow water valve and roof.
- * Many other projects too numerous to mention, and lost track of the count of workdays.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of our team for their time and talents.

Respectfully,
Karl Kennedy
Property Committee Chair

MISSION AND OUTREACH MINISTRY TEAM

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Team Members: Cindy Jenkins (Chair), Mark Butler, Bonnie Conley, Becky Coy, Bridget Hawkins, Vicky Shields, Michelle Suman, Holly VanBuskirk

OUR MISSION: It is the mission of this ministry team to encourage and enable the First United Presbyterian Church family of faith to reach out and serve both our local community as well as God's people throughout the world in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. To that end, in 2022 we carried out a number of projects that impacted others in a positive way.

SOCKS AND TOILETRIES DRIVE: Containers were placed throughout the church to collect donations of socks and toiletries for our Blessing Bags. Thank you for your generosity in donating these much-needed items.

BLESSING BAGS: 10 bags were prepared in the spring, and 10 more in the winter, with an additional bag of full-sized grooming essentials for shelter use. These bags provide the homeless with toiletries, food items, socks, a prayer cloth and inspirational pamphlet. The winter bags also contain a hat, gloves, and scarf. The homeless shelter appreciates receiving the bags very much!

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING: This special offering was collected during Lent. We collected \$2324.00, surpassing our goal of \$2022.00! This offering benefits many people in need throughout the world.

BELLEFONTAINE CITY SCHOOLS: We supplied the BES nurse with several pairs of pants for children who may need a change of clothes during the day. We also gave several Shoe Vouchers to the Success Center at Bellefontaine High School for students in need of shoes.

BELLEFONTAINE CRUISE-IN: Once again, we participated in the Cruise-In during August. We served up our traditional brats and hot dogs, as well as shredded chicken, and 21 delicious homemade pies donated by members of the congregation. We would like to thank all those that helped, baked a pie, or stopped by to have a meal and support us with a donation!

DINNER AT THE PRES: In February we once again resumed DAP as a carry-out meal. Sadly, after several months it became apparent that this mission no longer was a good fit for our aging congregation. Food was becoming more expensive, our helpers were struggling physically, and there was a lack of help. Reluctantly, we made the hard decision to close for the present time, and possibly re-imagine or re-invent DAP in a way that works for us. We would like to thank everyone who has supported us through this endeavor by volunteering to help or donating food. We appreciate you so much!

CHRISTMAS SHARING TREE: 30 families had a brighter Christmas as our congregation donated money for generous food baskets that included a ham, a large assortment of canned goods and meats, side dishes, bread, milk, eggs, and fruit. 20 children were also sponsored and received gifts and clothing. In addition, 6 senior citizens received a bag with gifts and toiletries. A HUGE thank you goes out to everyone who helped in any way with the organization, donations of food and money, sponsoring a child, and distribution of the baskets and gifts. We thank you so much for donating your time and energy to this worthwhile cause.

THANK YOU!

The Mission and Outreach Ministry Team could not do any of this without **YOU**. We thank all of you who continue to support these projects that serve as the "hands and feet" of our church. Whether your support is by service, by donations, or in prayer, we thank you! We are always looking for new members to join us in our efforts and to help to come up with and carry out new ideas to serve the community and beyond. Please feel free to join us at our meetings on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm in the church library. We look forward to seeing you!

In Christ's Service,

Cindy Jenkins

Chair, Mission and Outreach Ministry Team

Christian Education Ministry Team

Adam Wunderle, Chair

Members who served throughout the course of the year: Adam Wunderle (chair), Karen Brady, Brad Flora, Brenda Oda, Betty Lloyd, Andrea Merrin, Joliece Reed, Joan Smith, and Rev Steve Merrin.

Kids Night Out: There were three Kids Night Outs in 2022. One was done under the leadership of Trey Henderson. The other two, in October and November were put on by a number of volunteers working with Anne Brienza (who has agreed to organize these events for the CE Ministry Team). This program is much loved by both our children and our parents!

Children's Church: Our Children's Church has met continuously throughout 2022, each Sunday in the Chapel after the Children's Moment. The number of Kids participating each Sunday ranges between 3 and 12. The leadership of this ministry has been provided by Andrea Merrin, Emma Merrin, Ella Costin, Emma Costin, and Kelly Forsythe.

Vacation Bible School: Rather than having our VBS during the day at Kirkmont we ran an evening VBS here at the church. The VBS took place July 17-21, from 5-8 pm, with the theme being the Apostle Paul's time in Athens. The Gym was set up like the Market Place of ancient Athens. It was a wonderful time and it brought some new leadership into our ministry to children. 32 children participated in this wonderful event.

Youth Mission Trip: The Youth Mission Trip was to Detroit, to serve in the same area we served in 2021. The trip was coordinated through the MoTown Mission (UMC organization). 12 Youth went on the trip, and 3 adult leaders, Andrea Merrin, Michelle Suman and Brad Flora. It was a good week of service, serving at Cass Social Services, with a soup kitchen & Greenworks, Brightmoor Artisans, Central Methodist Soup Kitchen and Pantry, and Earthworks an Urban Garden. The group served 8 hours a day, and we took in a Detroit Tigers game and Detroit Style Pizza, Detroit Water Ice and MoTown Records

Christian Education Position: Trey Henderson's last day as our parttime Christian Education Director was June 26. The vacuum created by no staff support in Christian Education has been deeply felt. There was some discussion regarding a position but it is as of the end of this year unfilled.

Building Blocks: The Sunday School program continued to fulfill the guidelines set up in the Building Block program, and the Building Block Sunday took place on Sunday, May 1. The Committee began discussions on the need to reevaluate the Building Block program and that work is ongoing.

Sunday School: Sunday School Kick Off took place September 11th with a Breakfast. Lauren Burkhardt has headed up a team of teachers (Joliece Reed, and Vicky Shields) for our K-5th grade class using a science-based theme that draws children into the Bible Lesson. Middle School class was taught by Joliece Reed, Bob Core teaches our High School class. There are three adult classes.

Respectfully Submitted by: Rev. Steve Merrin & Adam Wunderle, Chair

Worship and Congregational Life Ministry Team

Worship & Congregational Life Ministry Team Annual Report – 2022 Members who served throughout the course of the year: Margaret Dickinson (Chair January – September), Ruth Bowden (Chair November- December), Julie Caughenbaugh, Michelle Suman, Ella Costin, Emma Costin Karen Baldwin, Tom Boone A.G.O., and Rev Steve Merrin (moderated the October Meeting).

Season of Lent: For Ash Wednesday our church joined with the Downtown Churches at the First Christian Church. For Maundy Thursday we hosted a packed house in our Chapel for a Maundy Thursday Service featuring a Living Last Super presentation based on the famous Rembrandt painting, actors from the downtown churches, and the Lord's Supper. There was a simple but hearty dinner served at 6 pm before the special service. Good Friday service was hosted by First Lutheran.

Easter Sunday: Sunrise Service at Kirkmont at 7:00 AM, 22 people attended this worship service (even though the temperature was 27 degrees)! Easter Breakfast at 9:30 AM. Easter Morning Service at 10:45. We served Communion (rather than the prepacked elements) for the first time since Covid. It was a joyous and welcomed occasion! In May we joined with the Church Growth and Member Care Ministry Team for the Church Family Fun Run. We provided the grill, water, and all the food.

Christmas Decorations: The garland, wreaths, and bows all received a thorough inspection and renewal. Our Chrismon Decorations have been made new.

DayOne: A new casual, and experimental worship service has begun in our Chapel on the First Sunday of each month, at 8:30 AM. Pastor Steve and Mark Amidon are currently leading they music with plans of expanding the music and the musicians. The first gathering took place the morning of November 6, and was attended by 31 people representing the entire age range of this church!

Advent and Christmas: We tried out an extended 7 week Advent Season with a special preaching series called Out of the Blue. Hanging of the Greens took place on November 20, with a surprisingly large number of volunteers. Christmas Dinner and Variety Show took place on December 4, with a lovely dinner served at 5:30 PM and the show taking place a 7 PM. Both the dinner and the show were a huge success, with participants being in the neighborhood of 70 people! Our Church joined in with the Downtown Churches for a Blue Christmas Service at the Methodist Church at 7 pm, on Wednesday, December 21. There was a very small number attending this service, but our membership was part of this important service of comfort. On Christmas Eve we were in the middle of a severe snowstorm; yet more than 120 people joined us in person for our Candle Light and Live Nativity worship service. Many more joined us online, staying in from the cold and the ice. Christmas Morning we had a small yet joyful, Christmas Carol filled worship service at 10 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Rev. Steve Merrin, and Ruth Bowden

Church Growth and Member Care Ministry Team

Beth Powers, Chair

Team Members: Beth Powers (Elder Chair) Vicky Shields, Brandon Standley (Elder), Judy Wical, Phyllis Lyons, Holly Vanbuskirk, and Pastor Steve Merrin

CHURCH GROWTH

This committee spent several months prayerfully reviewing the rolls of the current membership of this church and sent letters to members who we felt were no longer active in the life of the church. Letters and a deadline were sent to people to respond. This plan of action was very difficult and discussed at great length with the committee and those of the session.

A Fun Run was held at South View Park May 21, 2022. About 30 people both young and old attended. Church logo T- shirts were made available to participants and anyone else. The Worship Committee provided the food for a cookout that followed.

We offered a cooling station and bathrooms to the public during the Cruise -In August.

Planned a tour of downtown churches for the first Friday in December from 5-7pm to continue with the tradition set last year. We would like to encourage people to come out for this event and participate in singing Christmas carols with the other churches on the steps of the courthouse. We will once again offer tours, a warm beverage and cookies for this event.

MEMBER CARE

We are planning a multi-generational Winter Carnival activity after the first of the year. There will be food, games, and fellowship for everyone.

We will continue to organize Coffee Hour Fellowship Sundays

Planning for contact and communication of members who are streaming the service but not attending.

Thank you to all who helped plan, organize, and run the different activities for the member care and growth of our church. If you would like to be a member of this team, please let one of us know.

Respectfully Submitted,
Beth Powers, Committee Chair

Stewardship and Finance Ministry Team

Bridget Hawkins, Chair

For 2022, team members include Bridget Hawkins – Chair, Mike Brady – Elder, Sue Dearwester – Church Treasurer, Jim Hilliker, Gary McKenzie, Warren Taylor. This team is staffed by Pastor Steve Merrin and Church Financial Secretary Holly VanBuskirk.

The Annual In-House Audit was performed on February 20, 2022, looking at the records for the year 2021. Everything was found to be in good order and well organized. No items of concern were found.

The team continued to meet monthly throughout the year. There was always a review of financial reports from the various committees that are funded by the Church and found expenses are within the budget. The team compared actual income and expenditures with the budget. Those numbers were then report to Session at each of their meetings.

Our Stewardship Campaign for 2023 began October 16, 2022. We want to continue to be an active church and our total pledging for 2023 is as follows:

49 pledges received totaling \$178,125.44.
12 pledges remained the same totaling \$25,540.00.
21 pledges increased totaling \$83,158.00.
3 pledges decreased totaling \$8222.41.
10 pledges are new totaling \$24,005.00.
11 pledges were not renewed totaling \$18,330.00.

Family Pledges: 20
Individual Pledges: 29

In comparison, total pledges for prior years are as follows:

2022- 53 pledges totaling \$179,043.20
2021- 62 pledges totaling \$187,321.20
2020- 67 pledges totaling \$192,751.00
2019- 62 pledges totaling \$186,631.00
2018- 76 pledges totaling \$212,840.00
2017- 78 pledges totaling \$221,773.00

The budget for 2023 has been set and approved by Session, based on income from our Pledgers, projected numbers from Non-Pledgers, the Loose Offering, Sunday School Offering, funds from the Endowments, and income from outside sources renting the Fellowship Hall. This year we are hopeful and confident that support from our church will be strong.

The Stewardship and Finance Ministry Team thanks all those who continue to support out church with their time, talents, and treasures!

THANK YOU!!

2023 Operating Budget

2023 GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET			
Income:	2022	Year	2023
CONGREGATION	Budget	Total	Budget
Balance Carried Forward	0.00		
Original Pledged Amount	179,000.00		179,450.00
4% discount 2023	7,160.00		7,178.00
Pledges after discount	171,840.00	178,032.00	172,272.00
Non-pledges	34,000.00	31,230.00	32,000.00
Loose Offering	2,200.00	3,108.00	2,800.00
Sunday School Offering	2,100.00	2,046.00	2,200.00
Building Use	1,300.00	1,780.00	2,000.00
Per Capita	2,500.00	2,155.00	2,400.00
Initial Offering	400.00	218.00	400.00
Misc. Offering	1,500.00	911.00	1,500.00
SUBTOTAL	215,840.00	209,934.00	215,572.00
Endowments			
Hilliker	3,850.00	16,000.00	3,850.00
Booth Fund	4,250.00		5,300.00
Heibeck Endowment	2,700.00		3,400.00
May & EE Patterson Endowment (Capital Expenses)	2,300.00	4,650.00	2,835.00
H. Patterson Endowment	675.00		1,200.00
Otte Endowment	250.00		325.00
Ramsey Endowment	50.00		65.00
Dunaway Endowment	1,225.00		1,535.00
General Memorial Endowment	0.00		
SUBTOTAL	15,300.00	20,650.00	18,510.00
TOTAL	231,140.00	230,584.00	234,082.00
Expenditures:	2022	Year	2023
PERSONNEL	Budget	Total	Budget
Pastor's Salary	36,000.00	36,000.00	37,896.00
Housing Allowance	24,800.00	24,800.00	24,800.00
Social Security	4,651.00	4,656.00	4,796.00
Major Medical (29%)	17,064.00	17,060.00	18,878.00
Retirement/Disability (10%)	6,320.00	6,324.00	6,510.00
Dental	0.00		0.00
Supplemental Medical	2,400.00	2,400.00	2,400.00
Continuing Education	1,250.00	643.00	1,250.00
Study/Professional Reimbursement	1,720.00	577.00	1,720.00
Director of C.E. & Youth Salary	24,367.00	8,400.00	4,200.00
Educational Reimbursement	600.00		600.00
Secretary's Salary	21,636.16	21,637.00	22,717.00
Custodian's Salary	22,230.00	18,525.00	20,885.00
Organist's Salary	7,414.00	7,414.00	7,785.00
Choir Director's Salary	6,089.00	1,971.00	6,393.00
Handbell Director's Salary	4,406.00	4,406.00	4,626.00
Nursery Attendent (\$30.00 per Sunday)	1,560.00	1,260.00	1,638.00
Social Security (All Employees)	6,090.00	4,866.00	5,233.00
Worker's Compensation	600.00	288.00	400.00
SUBTOTAL	189,197.16	160,894.00	172,727.00

2023 Operating Budget

2023 GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET			
	2022	Year	2023
	Budget	Total	Budget
ADMINISTRATION			
Office Expense and Supplies	3,300.00	2,826.00	2,900.00
Postage	1,000.00	708.00	1,100.00
Service Agreements	1,600.00	1,658.00	1,700.00
Travel reimbursement	2,200.00	149.00	2,200.00
Telephone	1,560.00	1,560.00	1,560.00
Vanco Fees		356.00	400.00
Software and Streaming Fees		1,209.00	1,200.00
SUBTOTAL	9,660.00	8,707.00	11,060.00
PROPERTY			
City Utilities	1,300.00	884.00	1,000.00
AES Electric	6,000.00	4,451.00	6,000.00
CenterPoint Energy Gas	11,000.00	11,376.00	16,000.00
Supplies and General Maintenance	7,000.00	13,021.00	8,000.00
Insurance (new rate: \$2775.00 quarterly)	10,800.00	10,516.00	11,100.00
Capital Improvement Fund	8,900.00	8,915.00	
SUBTOTAL	45,000.00	47,636.00	42,100.00
SESSION COMMITTEES			
	Budget	Total	
Christian Education	3,500.00	1,407.00	3,500.00
Church Growth/Member Care	650.00		650.00
Stewardship & Finance	250.00		250.00
Worship	3,900.00	3,847.00	3,900.00
Books and Publications	150.00	281.00	150.00
SUBTOTAL	8,450.00	4,759.00	8,450.00
MISSION BEYOND OURSELVES			
Per Capita (2023: 255 @ \$13.10)	3,253.00	3,253.00	3,341.00
G.A./Synod/Presbytery (\$34 per member)	9,044.00	9,044.00	8,670.00
Kirkmont Center	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Community Sharing Fund	2,000.00		2,000.00
Board of Deacons	500.00	500.00	500.00
SUBTOTAL	16,297.00	14,297.00	16,011.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	268,604.16	236,293.00	250,348.00
Balance:	(\$37,464.16)	(\$5,709.00)	(\$16,266.00)
Expected Cash Balance 01-01-2023			18,375.00
Less: 2023 Expected Net Expenditures			-16,266.00
Expected Cash Balance 12-31-2023			\$2,109.00

Endowment Ministry Team Report

The Endowment Fund Committee is responsible to receive donors' gifts to the church, insure that the wishes of the donors are honored, and to invest those funds with a priority of principal preservation and competitive interest return. To implement this conservative investment philosophy, the Committee, over the past twenty-five years has consistently invested the majority of the Fund in medium and long-term United States Government Bonds. This has provided a steady interest return and insured principal preservation. Beginning in 2013, the Committee expanded its conservative bond investment philosophy to include high-grade, AAA rated, general obligation municipal/county/state bonds. The same quality high-grade corporate bonds are also approved for investment.

During 2022, the Endowment Fund earned an average of 3.01% interest. This is comprised of 3.06% for funds under the investment management of the Committee, and 2.08% for gifts of specific assets.

Programs supported by the Fund's interest continue to include the church's Sharing Fund, our Christian Education Program, and the Scholarship Program of our church. \$13,000.00 was granted to college scholarship recipients in 2022.

Gifts can be donated to our church through the Endowment Fund in three ways: 1.) restricted principal and restricted interest, 2.) restricted principal and non-restricted interest, 3.) non-restricted principal and non-restricted interest. All members of the congregation are encouraged to use the Endowment Funds to make contributions that will provide long-term benefit to the program life of the church.

Your Endowment Committee:

Michael Brady
Tara Bair
Gary McKenzie

Mark Butler
Anne Brienza

Endowment Spreadsheet

2022 Endowment

		Fund Balance	Accrued Interest 12/31/2021	Interest for Year 2022	Gifts for Year 2022	Transfer to Principal 2022	Principal Disbursed 2022	Disbursed General Operating 12/31/2022	Balance Available 12/31/2022	Session Designated	Use of Principal	Limited Availability
Church Budget or Support Funds												
	NAME											
	Booth, Doris Dillon	166,349.63	11,715.82	5127.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	16,843.78	Y	N	\$13,000 per year
	Helbeck, Ruth	106,482.49	13,204.17	3282.47	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	16,486.64	Y	N	\$7,500 per year
	Smith, Berry	1,000.00	269.26	30.83	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.09		N	N
	Pusey, Faye & Oscar	500.00	107.00	15.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	122.41	Y	Y	N
	Lamb, Walter	1,000.00	218.00	30.83	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	248.83		Y	N
	Marine, A.E. & Martha	7,868.00	0.00	242.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	242.54		Y	N
	Robert C. Patterson	639.84	96.00	19.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	115.72		Y	N
	Dunaway	47,997.15	8,847.93	1479.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,327.51	Y	N	N
	Subtotal (Interest Sharing Accounts)	331,837.11	34,458.18	10,229.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	44,687.52			
	Leeper Ralph W.	10,450.81	1,095.73	429.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,525.29	Y	N	N
	Freeman, Phillip Q.	2,337.92	546.19	85.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	631.51	Y	N	N
	Hilliker	154,000.00	15,400.00	3850.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,100.00	12,150.00		N	N
	Total Church Budget Support	498,625.84	51,500.10	14,594.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,100.00	58,994.32			
Benevolence and Mission												
	Harriet Patterson	37,000.00	2,307.69	1140.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,448.27	Y	N	N
	Otte, Grace	10,000.00	716.52	308.26	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,024.78	Y	N	N
	Ramsey, Laura	2,000.00	137.77	61.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	199.42		N	N
	Fulton Mission Fund	3,275.00	508.00	100.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	608.96		Y	Y
	Total	52,275.00	3,669.98	1,611.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,281.43			
Capital Improvements/Support of Church												
	Patterson	89,907.70	0.00	2771.53	0.00	2,771.53	4,650.00	4,650.00	0.00	Y	Y	N
Youth/Youth Fellowship												
	Dick, Anna	2,000.00	845.89	61.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	907.54	Y	N	N
	Dave Haw	16,671.69	2,585.00	513.93	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,098.93		Y	N
	E. Crawfis	5,000.00	964.03	154.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,118.16		N	N
	Presbyterian Youth	2,903.97	1,020.49	89.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,110.01		Y	N
	Total	26,575.66	5,415.41	819.23	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,234.64			

2022 Endowment

		Fund Balance	Accrued Interest 12/31/2021	Interest for Year 2022	Gifts for Year 2022	Transfer to Principal 2022	Principal Disbursed 2022	Disbursed General Operating	Balance Available 12/31/2022	Session Designated	Use of Principal	Limited Availability
Sunday School												
Carl Lowery	Sunday School Supplies/Equip.	6,065.00	1,530.12	186.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,717.08		N	N
Royer, William F. & Sally	Sunday School Use	648.05			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		N	N
Royer, William F. & Sally	Sunday School Use	3,243.00	719.90	142.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	862.50			
Total		9,956.05	2,250.02	329.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,579.58			
Music												
Booth	Robes		142.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	142.45			
Booth Bell	Handbell Maintenance	7,000.00	2,742.38	215.78	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,958.16	Y	N	N
John C. Hover	Organ Maintenance	5,000.00	953.00	154.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,107.13	Y	N	N
German	Choir/Handbell Music near 8/29	774.00	18.58	23.86	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	42.44		N	N
Hazel P. McCormick	Upkeep/Repair of Pianos	308.59	59.00	9.51	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	68.51	Y	Y	N
Coulter, Laura	Music	500.00	95.00	15.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	110.41		N	N
Emmerson, Mary E.	Choir	500.00	107.00	15.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	122.41		N	N
Butler	Music	315.80	66.00	9.73	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	75.73		N	N
Total		14,398.39	4,183.41	443.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,627.26			
Scholarship												
Knief		322,630.60	731.33	9945.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	676.87		N	N
Lawrence		26,515.00	48.67	817.36	1,300.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	166.03		N	N
	Subtotal (Interest Sharing Accounts)	349,145.60	780.00	10,762.90	1,300.00	0.00	0.00	12,000.00	842.90			
Merrilees, Nancy J.		21,848.39	355.21	797.22				1,000.00	152.43		N	N
Total Scholarship		370,993.99	1,135.21	11,560.12	1,300.00	0.00	0.00	13,000.00	995.33			
Mission Trips												
Matthew Brady	Adult/Youth Mission Trips	3,279.44	299.00	101.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	400.09		N	N

2022 Endowment

	Fund Balance	Accrued Interest	Interest for Year	Gifts for Year		Transfer to Principal		Principal Disbursed 2022	Disbursed General Operating	Balance Available 12/31/2022	Session Designated	Use of Principal	Limited Availability
				12/31/2021	2022	2022	2022						
Other													
Edwards, Edith	1,000.00	218.00	30.83	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	248.83		?	N
General Memorial	34,307.85	1,339.50	1057.59	3,054.02	2,397.09	8,900.00	8,900.00	8,900.00	8,900.00	(0.00)		Y	N
Hand, Mary G.	5,040.00	1,389.51	155.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,544.88		N	N
Wren, Florence	1,800.00	669.30	55.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	724.79		Y	N
Presbyterian Women	53,000.07	6,564.00	1633.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,197.80		N	N
Total	94,147.92	9,962.31	2,902.24	3,054.02	2,397.09	8,900.00	8,900.00	12,900.00	12,900.00	6,467.46			
Flowers													
Butler, Moselle	2,261.35	1,058.71	69.71	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,128.42		N	N
Sparks, Richard	3,005.00	410.26	92.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	502.89		N	N
Patterson, Ed.	1,000.00	1,143.82	30.83	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,174.65		N	N
Total	6,266.35	2,612.79	193.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,805.96			
Unknown													
Huffer, Samuel	500.00	107.00	15.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	122.41		N	N
Total	500.00	107.00	15.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	122.41			
Undistributed Interest		1,075.42		97.32	1,139.58					33.16			
Grand Total	1,166,926.34	82,210.65	35,341.88	4,451.34	6,308.20	13,550.00	13,550.00	37,650.00	37,650.00	88,541.65			
Total (Interest Sharing Accounts)	974,398.17	64,093.62	30037.18	4,451.34	6,308.20	13,550.00	13,550.00	29,550.00	29,550.00	73219.92			
Total Non-Interest Sharing Accounts	192,528.17	18,117.03	5304.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,100.00	8,100.00	15321.73			
Available Balance	1,166,926.34	82,210.65	35341.88	4451.34	6308.20	13550.00	13550.00	37650.00	37650.00	88541.65			
Total Funds	88,541.65												
	1,255,467.99												

2022 Endowment

	Fund Balance	Accrued Interest 12/31/2021	Interest for Year 2022	Interest for Year 2022	Gifts for Year 2022	Transfer to		Disbursed		Balance Available 12/31/2022	Session Designated	Use of Principal	Limited Availability
						Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest				
Investments													
Shared Interest													
	Maturity Date	Rate	Face Value or Balance	Interest 1st Qtr.	Interest 2nd Qtr.	Interest 3rd Qtr.	Interest 4th Qtr.	Interest	Annual Income	Withdraw Value			
Microsoft (AAA Rated) Callable 1/12/22	2/12/2022	2.375	500000.00	4947.92	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,947.92	500000.00	Sold 1/12/22		
U.S. Treasury Notes (AAA Rated)	3/31/2024	2.25%	500,000.00	0.00	0.00	5,625.00	0.00	0.00	5,625.00		485060.00		
Central Ohio Solid Waste Authority-purchase 8/15/13	12/1/2024	4.125%	460,000.00	0.00	9,487.50	0.00	9,487.50	0.00	18,975.00		457000.00		
Citizens Federal Savings Account			66,890.89	0.00	0.00	92.38	2.81	95.19	66890.89				
Edward Jones Money Market Account			34,123.07	0.00	0.00	113.61	280.46	394.07	34123.07				
Total			1061013.96	4947.92	9487.50	5830.99	9770.77	30037.18					
Account Specific Non-Shared Income													
U.S. Government Bonds	Hilliker												
Presbytery Foundation	Merrilees		154,000.00	1925.00	0.00	1925.00			3,850.00		151231.00		
Presbytery Foundation	Freeman		21,848.39	0.00	0.00	597.63	199.59	797.22	21848.39				
Ameriprise Financial	Leeper		2,337.92	0.00	0.00	63.96	21.36	85.32	2337.92				
Huntington Bank Stock	Royer, William F. and Sally		10,450.81	0.00	0.00	79.94	349.62	429.56	10450.81				
Cash	Royer, William F. and Sally		3,243.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-	3243.00				
Dividends	Royer, William F. and Sally		648.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-	648.05				
Total			862.50	35.65	35.65	35.65	35.65	142.60	862.50				
Grand Total			193390.67	1960.65	9523.15	8533.17	10376.99	35341.88					



Presbyterian Women's Association **2022 Annual Report**

Mission/Fundraiser Opportunities

- *Chocolate Peanut Butter Easter Egg Sale.* Coordinators: Holly Core, Eva Rhinehart.
How many did we sell? Net?
- *Election Day Luncheon.* Leadership: Sara Stahler (kitchen), Sue Crawfis (Kitchen), Ruth Bowden (Floater), Anne Brienza (Delivery), Nancy Stokes (Salads), Holly Core (Bazaar), Dana Heydinger (pies), Holly Core, Woody & Katie Amidon (noodles). We offered dine in, delivery and carry out meal service at \$10/meal
- Made 250 *Buckeyes* for the Election Day Luncheon Bazaar (had many left over)

Purchases/Donations

- Purchased used *large table and chairs* for Pastor Steve's office
- Provided a donation for the people of Ukraine through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
- Purchased *Surface Pro computer* to video the Worship service and for the Pastor's use.
- Purchased prelit *Christmas tree* for the Main Street entrance of Church
- Made a donation to *Kirkmont Center*
- Annually, purchased paper products for the church and the meat for the Christmas dinner.

Service Opportunities

- *Valentine Day Treats:* We Care posters and gift cards were sent to college students and military personnel
- *Daily Bread Bakers:* beginning in April and working in groups of 4, 20 women baked 1,296 cookies (4 women x 3 doz cookies monthly) to provide dessert for *Our Daily Bread* for the end of each month.
- PWA provided food items and volunteers for the *Red Cross Blood Drive*
- PWA hosted the *April Coffee Hour*
- Ruth Bowden arranged for a cleaning service to complete a deep cleaning of the kitchen

Fellowship Opportunities

- *Book Club:* Under the leadership of Karen Brady, book club meets monthly discussing a variety of fiction and nonfiction books.
- *Women's Tea, using a Picnic theme, May 22, 2022.* Leadership: Holly Core, Eva Rhinehart, Bridget Hawkins. 32 women and family attended.
- *Dragonfly Vineyard:* 12 women attended a wonderful evening of community
- Ruth Bowden hosted a *bow making party* with 16 in attendance

Meetings

- January & October: all church women meeting
- Bylaws were amended: 1. The nominating committee is made up of one woman from the PWA board – and no more than 2 women and at least 2 members from the women of the congregation with the majority of the nominating committee coming from the congregation. 2. The duties of the Secretary and Treasurer may be combined if deemed necessary by the nominating committee and the PWA board

Nominations for 2023: Nominating Committee: Karen Brady, Jamie McClelland, Pam Ark, Lauren Burkhardt, Betty Lloyd
Anne Brienza – Moderator Eva Rinehart - Vice Moderator
Karen Brady – Treasurer Holly Core - Secretary
Any McIntyre – Congregational Member Cindy Jenkins – Congregational Member
Michelle Suman – Congregational Member

A Special Thanks To Our Leadership Team

Past Moderator: Bridget Hawkins

Moderator (beginning of year): Natasha Kennedy

Vice Moderator/Moderator: Anne Brienza

Secretary: Judy Wical

Treasurer: Karen Brady

Committee Members:

Ruth Bowden

Holly Core

Jamie McClelland

Eva Rhinehart

A big thank you to all the wonderful women of 1st UPC for their participation and volunteerism to the mission of Presbyterian Women!

In Christ's service,

Anne Brienza

Moderator

2022 PWA Financial Report

Treasurer: Karen Brady

Beginning Balance \$1097.83

We still had deposits and expenses from the previous year.

Income from the election day luncheon \$3442.00

Income from least coin offering \$ 21.84

Expenses from the election day luncheon \$ 353.75

New Beginning Balance \$4207.36

Expense for Mission

Presbytery Disaster Relief for Ukraine \$ 500.00

Kirkmont Center \$2000.00

Valentine gift cards for college students \$ 70.00

Expenses in support of church

10 Chairs for Pastor's office \$ 400.00

& a table for the church

Surface Pro for live streaming the \$ 749.99

weekly church service

Paper Products \$ 156.46

Deep cleaning of the kitchen \$ 350.00

Microwave for the kitchen \$ 82.58

Teapot for the kitchen \$ 19.96

Christmas Tree for church entrance \$ 99.00

100 Roaster liners \$ 150.12

Ribbon to make the bows for Christmas \$ 93.05

(we have ribbon left over when needed)

Expenses for Easter Egg sales \$ 262.69

Expenses for Election Day Luncheon \$1307.90

(Includes \$78.42 for meat for luncheon &
church Christmas dinner)

Expenses for Women Fellowship events \$ 565.98

*(Women's Tea, appetizers @ summer event,
pizzas Fall meeting/event)*

To Presbytery

Mission and Synod dues \$ 159.50

Least Coin Offering \$ 69.41

Thank Offering \$ 250.00

Total Expenses \$7,286.64

Income

Donations for Valentine gift cards \$ 60.00

Easter Eggs Sales	\$ 589.00
Donation	\$ 20.00

Election Day Luncheon	
Meals	\$3128.77
Bazaar & Noodles	\$1092.00
Donations	\$ 150.00

Interest from checking account	\$ 1.64
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Least Coin Offering	\$ 48.13
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Total Income **\$5089.54**

Two Transfers were made from the Endowment Fund to the checking account for a total of **\$4,000**

Checking Account Balance as of December 31st, 2022 **\$6010.26**

Endowment Fund

Principal \$53,000.07

Funds available from the interest: \$3709.00

Further information

Profit from Easter Egg Sales:	\$ 346.31
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Profit from Election Day Luncheon:	\$3,062.87
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Nominating Committee 2022

The Nominating Committee has put forth the following names for 2023 Elders and Deacons and the 2023 Nominating Committee, which were approved at the Congregational Meeting November 13, 2022.

Elder Class of 2024

Sara Stahler will be a replacement for Margaret Dickinson

Elder Class of 2025

Anne Brienza

Kyle Lentz

Vicky Shields

Nancy Wisse

Deacons Class of 2024

Phyllis Lyons will be a replacement for Pat Ortl

Deacons Class of 2025

Pam Ark

Nancy Farrington

Michelle Suman

Andy Wunderle

2023 Nominating Committee

Karen Brady

Sue Dearwester

Ben Stahler

Nancy Stokes

2022 Scholarship Recipients!

Our thanks and remembrance to the generosity of those who came before us and established endowments for the continuing education of Logan County Presbyterians:

Richard and Evaline Knief Memorial Scholarship: Multiple scholarships to students pursuing higher education and have membership in any Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) in Logan County.

Recipients:

Belle Center First Presbyterian Church: Chloe Anderson, AJ Butler, Faith Butler, Clay Jacobs,
Bellefontaine 1st UPC: Kaitey Chervenak, Olivia Eader, Vivian Eader, Ben Sailors

Huntsville Presbyterian: Matt Risner, Jacob Zarnosky

Wayne and Pearl Lawrence Memorial Scholarship: Awarded to one male and one female student who are members of 1st UPC, have a minimum gpa of 2.5 and are either graduating this year or who have received the scholarship in past years.

Recipients: TJ Forsythe, Chloe Lloyd

Nancy J. Merrilees Memorial Scholarship: Awarded to a 1st UPC member who is pursuing the teaching profession.

Recipient: Elijah Merrin

A total of \$13,000 has been awarded today through the interest of these endowments.

Our thanks to the scholarship committee: Mark Barlow, Michael Brady, Mark Butler, Joyce Core, Bob Day, Kyle Lentz, chair: Beth Powers

Congratulations to our College Graduates (apologies to anyone we have forgotten)

Cherise Brinkman, Kaitey Chervenak, Caroline Eader, Trey Henderson, Evan Standley (August), Brad Flora (Masters)

Vision Statement
First United Presbyterian Church

Responding to the amazing grace of God made real in our lives by the power of the Holy Spirit. We are a community of faith called to witness for the Good News of God's love for all people.

Our congregation will be a vital, vibrant center of Christian faith and practice where Jesus Christ is personally known, where people's needs are truly met, from which people are sent; scattered in effective ministry and mission in the home, the marketplace, the community, and the world.

We will build our church on the firm foundation of Jesus Christ who is Lord and head of the Church, and upon the rich heritage of our congregation. We will embrace the wonderful diversity of our God-given gifts yet value the common life of faith we share together as followers of Christ.

As disciples of the Living Lord, we are called to witness to the glory of God, care for one another in the community of faith, minister to the needs and challenges of our individual members, nourish growth toward faithful discipleship, give ourselves in ministry as servants of the gospel, work to establish local and international missions, respond in faithfulness to the changing issues of the world, inviting all people to share in the joy of Christian faithfulness.

From the heart of a city set high on a hill, we believe we are called to live the teaching of our Lord Jesus Christ:

“Your light must shine in the sight of all people, so that seeing your good deeds, they may give praise to your Father in Heaven.”

~Matthew 5:16



