

**First Presbyterian Church
Grapevine, Texas**



Annual
Report

2019

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SESSION

Moderator: Robert S. Crilley

Clerk: Gilda Mitchell

CLASS OF 2020

Billy Szendrey
Steve Flynn
Chip Holman
Laura Howe
Bob Mitchell

CLASS OF 2021

Miles Davis
Leslie Miner
Ovy Waddoups
Dawn Walters
Kim Wevodau

CLASS OF 2022

Alison Brooks
Deb Hinton
Dan Hollister
Steve Kaskovich
Fred Mills
Marlynn Sparks

Treasurer: Mark Hinton

SESSIONAL MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

Administration/Personnel –Miles Davis and Bob Mitchell

Adult Ministry – Ovy Waddoups

Children's Ministry – Kim Wevodau

Communications –Billy Szendrey and Deb Hinton

Finance – Steve Flynn and Alison Brooks

Property –Chip Holman and Dan Hollister

Stewardship –Laura Howe and Steve Kaskovich

Worship and Music – Leslie Miner and Dawn Walters

Visitor and Welcome – Fred Mills and Marlynn Sparks

BOARD OF DEACONS

Moderator: Ashley Hood

CLASS OF 2020

Elva Bass
Pat Blasdel
Anna Casteen
Bill Johnson
Ronnie Painter

CLASS OF 2021

Nancylee Hadley
Suzanne Rowntree
Tom Talbot
Joe Tang
Skip Voskamp

CLASS OF 2022

Linda Czarny
Diana Davis
Justin Richardson
Christy Scanlan
Debbie Thomas

DEACON RESPONSIBILITIES

Congregational Care –Pat Blasdel, Ronnie Painter, Linda Czarny and Debbie Thomas

Fellowship –Suzanne Rowntree, Tom Talbot, Skip Voskamp and Diana Davis

Missions –Elva Bass, Nancylee Hadley, Justin Richardson and Christy Scanlan

Stewardship – Bill Johnson and Anna Casteen

Visitor and Evangelism –Joe Tang

Foundation Liaison – Miles Davis

Preschool Board Member / Liaison –

CHANGES IN CHURCH MEMBERSHIP DURING 2019

NEW MEMBERS

Sue Hirner	Transfer
Debby Patton	Transfer
Larry Francis	Reaffirmation
Denise Francis	Reaffirmation
Brad Thornton	Reaffirmation
Colleen Burke	Reaffirmation
Julianne Wilson	Reaffirmation
Barbara Ann Reincke	Reaffirmation
Kevin Stull	Reaffirmation
Emily Stull	Reaffirmation
Thomas Czyn	Confirmand
Meredith Henderson	Confirmand
Abigail Jones	Confirmand
Aneh Njoh	Confirmand
Joseph Unruh	Confirmand
Arabelle Warren	Confirmand
Ben Noel	Reaffirmation
Sarah Noel	Transfer

MARRIAGES

BAPTISMS

Harriet Joy Fiser	February 10, 2019
Elinor Jane Noon	March 10, 2019
Evalynn Kennedy Skibicki	March 17, 2019
Beau Daniel Battle	May 26, 2019
Miles Bennett Rigoulot	June 9, 2019

TRANSFERRED FROM MEMBERSHIP ROLL

Dave Robinson
Kay Robinson
DeAnna Clark
Jack Clark
Alex Clark
Shannon Mann
Tom Riggs

RESTORED FROM INACTIVE AND TRANSFERRED

PLACED ON INACTIVE

Jessica Adolfsen
Jessica Ammons
Tonya Aslin
Mark Betzer
Vickie Betzer
Christina Betzer
Jennifer Betzer
Shannon Callies
Lexie Callies
Chris Cox
Katie Cox
Kathy Crilley
Aaron Derendinger
Babette Derendinger
Grace Donnell
Patrick Donnell
Donna Felton
Seth Hadley
Kevin Burks
Grace Riggs

Janet Hass
Jay Hass
Sue Hill
Jared Long
Lacey Long
Diana McVety
George Miller
Jean Miller
Karen Minder
Mark Minder
Kathy Nash
James Nash
Brian Redburn
Maria Redburn
Chris Rigoulot
Marty Schlenker
Lucy Schlenker
Ruth Schlenker
Michael Slack
Mary Riggs

June Smith
Tim Smith
Kevin Smith
Karon Smith
Erin Smith
Kerri Smith
Sarah Stack
Randy Strait
Llwellyn Taylor
Sandra Taylor
Ursula Taylor
Virginia Walton
Heather Wilden
Cheryl Williams
David Fink, Jr.
Jacob Moore
Drew Wells
Lucas Wells
Katie Slack

RESTORED FROM INACTIVE

Aaron Seely

DEATHS

Vicky Creasy
Darrell Martin
Lee Roy "Buddy" Bice
Dick Carlson
Elaine Jones
Bryan Roberts
Rev. James Sparks (celergy)

ACTIVE MEMBERS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2018	570
TOTAL FAMILY UNITS	244
GAINS DURING 2019	
Transferred In:	3
By Reaffirmation:	9
Confirmands:	6
Profession of Faith:	0
Restored to Active Roll:	1
LOSSES DURING 2019	
Transferred Out:	7
Death:	6
Removed from Roll:	0
Placed on Inactive:	59
MEMBERSHIP AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2019	517
TOTAL FAMILY UNITS	225

OPERATING FUND BALANCE

Beginning Balance as of January 1, 2019 \$ 387,437

Receipts:

Pledges/Faith Contributions	\$ 529,184
Loose Offering	13,685
Non-Pledged Contributions	160,928
Credit Card Fees	(3,232)
Other	1,512

Total receipts 702,077

Expenditures:

Administration	\$ 23,896
Christian Education	19,394
Finance	51,835
Personnel	424,110
Property	61,467
Discipleship	529
Visitor & Evangelism	245
Worship and Music	3,846
Communication	2,436
Congregational Care	495
Fellowship	883
Missions	65,372

Total Expenses 654,508

Ending Balance as of December 31, 2019

\$ 435,006

CAPITAL EXPANSION FUND

Beginning Balance as of January 1, 2019 \$ 158,817

Receipts:

Cash/Checks	\$ 234,671
Interest Earned	2,748
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Total receipts 237,419

Expenditures:

Interest on Loan - Bank of the West	\$ 53,555
Principal Payment on Loan - Bank of the West	158,927
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Total Expenses 212,482

Ending Balance as of December 31, 2019 \$ 183,754

MORTGAGE - BB&T

Beginning Balance as of January 1, 2019 \$ 1,278,069

Principal Payments

Monthly Installments	\$ 156,607
Additional Payments	2,500
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Total Principal Payments 159,107

Ending Balance as of December 31, 2019 \$ 1,118,962

ADMINISTRATION / PERSONNEL MINISTRY

In the first half of 2019, Administration and Personnel Ministry (“APM”) completed the discernment process associated with the 2018 resignation of Director of Youth and Communications, Tom Riggs. This resulted in a July realignment of Christian Education Ministry into two ministries: Children’s Ministry led by Jodi Haun, Director of Children’s Ministry and Missions; and Adult Ministry, which includes youth ministry, led by Ashley Hood, Associate Pastor and Director of Adult Ministries. Shifts in staff assignments were included in these changes.

APM recognizes and thanks Briana Riley, Interim Youth Minister, for supporting youth during this transition. We also thank Tom Riggs for continued support of the Communications Ministry on a consulting basis during 2019.

In November, Jodi Haun was recognized for her 20 years as a Christian educator at FPCGV. During her tenure, she has built a strong children’s program and nurtured many from cradle into adulthood.

APM remains mindful of and prayerfully supports several staff members with ongoing health challenges. We pray for their recoveries and appreciate support from church members during their absences.

APM completed hardware and software improvements associated with 2018 technology upgrades. Announced obsolescence of Shelby church management software prompted APM to commission a task force of Shelby users to select a replacement. APM thanks committee members David Moffett, Jill Compton, Ashley Hood, Gilda Mitchell, Tom Shafer and Mark Hinton. ShelbyNext was chosen and purchased with implementation planned in the first quarter of 2020.

At direction of Session, a Visioning Committee was formed to consider future vision for FPCGV in light of our dynamic world including changes in congregation demographics, church size and staffing. Their report, presented to Session in September, articulated several goals with associated recommendations for consideration. Staff was assigned to lead discussion of the report to discern how FPCGV might implement the report’s recommendations.

In addition to assigned Session members, APM was fortunate to have support of members listed below and appreciated their enthusiasm, discernment and work to accomplish the important activities outlined above.

Irene Clark
Bob Crilley, Senior Pastor
Cindy Dunklin (Network Support)
Stephanie Speights

We also recognize the following individuals for their support of and participation in FPCGV Administration and Personnel Ministry responsibilities this year:

Jill Compton, Administrative Assistant
Gilda Mitchell, Clerk of Session

Respectfully Submitted,

Miles Davis, Elder, Class of 2018
Kim DeLeeuw, Elder, Class of 2019
Paula Wilbanks, Elder, Class of 2019

ADULT MINISTRY

The Adult Ministry is a new committee which was formed from a realignment of the Christian Education Ministry and started in July of 2019. The committee is staffed by Ashley Hood, Associate Pastor and Director of Adult Ministries and includes the High School Youth Ministry, grades 9th -12th, the Adult classes and small groups, the Theological Education Scholarship Ministry and possibly other areas in the future.

The Youth Team and parents met in early fall and planned fellowship activities which were attended by a committed core of the youth. Christmas Magic in December was a great success with good high school involvement as well. The high school summer mission trip and fall middle school and high school retreat were meaningful for those who attended. Ashley Hood was also recognized at the Presbytery for her great use of social media and technology in communicating with the High school Youth.

The Adult Sunday School, Book Study Groups, Bible Studies and Emmaus Group are continuing to go well. The Bible Study Class focuses on the sermon texts each week and has a growing list of class leaders from within the class participants. The Art of Listening class has followed many of the sermon themes and is now ready to continue toward the Art of Dialogue.

The Theological Education Scholarship committee gave out \$2000 in scholarships this fall, and had a special offering in December.

We give thanks for the many volunteers who have helped and we welcome any who feel called to help us build community and “grow in our understanding of God as a loving, forgiving and merciful God (From the 2019 Visioning).”

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Deleeuw, Elder Class of 2019

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY
JANUARY – JULY 2019**

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
AUGUST –DECEMBER 2019**

**Director of Christian Education-Jodi Haun
Elders-, Randall Unruh Class of 2019**

CE MISSION STATEMENT THROUGH JULY

To help people of all ages know, love and follow Jesus Christ by teaching the Bible, providing examples of Christian life and sharing our faith while proclaiming the Good News in a loving and safe environment.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY MISSION STATEMENT FROM AUGUST TO PRESENT

Mission Statement: *Childhood is an exciting, vibrant time at First Presbyterian Church of Grapevine! We believe that the church should be a nurturing place where children experience the love of God. We provide a fun learning environment, which is rich in biblical principles. We do our best to reflect Jesus's love and grace to children in hopes they grasp the fact that Jesus loves each of them personally - complete with all their quirks, unique gifts and shortcomings. We provide an environment where children can explore and learn, ask questions, develop friendships with both peers and adult volunteers, and ultimately, we provide a place for them to discover the amazing gift God offers them in a relationship with God and Jesus Christ and the church community.*

CE Members - July

- **Ministry Members:** Amy Harvey, Leah Schafer, Alston Avritt, Kate Warrington, Alison Weaver, Jamie Leavens with Jodi Haun and Brianna Riley (hired as part time Interim Youth Director through May) as staff resource. Staff resource and Youth Director,
- **Adult Sunday School Task Force:** Gilda Mitchell, Barbara Hunt, Linda McKinnon, Dan Hollister, Randy Smith and Julia Walsh
- **Children's Ministry Members:** Kate Warrington.
- **Theological Education Scholarship Ministry:** Joyce Connelley, Miles Davis, Susan deGraffenreid and Jim Slack. Jodi Haun, as a staff resource.
- **Youth Council Members: Youth: Fall only—**Alyssa Weaver, Pierce McLeigh, Shay Manning, Aneh Jhoh and Elise Howe. **Adults:** Mike Czyz, Diana Davis. **Staff Resource-**Brianna Riley

Children's Ministry August –December

- **Ministry Members:** Elder Randy Unruh; Jamie Leavens, Pete McLeigh, Emily Stull, Alison Weaver, Kate Warrington and staff resource Jodi Haun, Director of Children's Ministry & Missions

Programs:

Sunday Mornings:

- **Nursery Paid Staff:** Ms. Barbara Bridwell, Ms. Michelle Sark and Clarissa Ehmantraut. **Regular Volunteer's:** Rachel Howe and Nancy Michael. The nursery is staffed on Sunday Mornings from approximately 9:15 until 12:30 during one Sunday morning service and Sunday school.
- **Kid's Korner:** During worship 2- & 3-years olds can participate in age appropriate activities with Ms. Barbara. The children learn a bible story through song, story and a simple craft. A snack is also provided.
- **Young Children & Worship:** During worship, children between the ages of 4 through 8 prepare for worshiping with the congregation as a whole. A trained volunteer storyteller and a shepherd introduce the elements of worship in a quiet, sincere, reflective manner.
- **Sunday School** classes are provided at 9:15 for one hour for all ages.
- **Preschool classes** teach the Growing in Grace & Gratitude curriculum. They meet in the Preschool building. **Teachers:** Clarisa Ehmantraut, Barbara Bridwell, Michelle Sark and Christy Milam.
- **GIFT** (Growing in Faith Together) uses the Workshop Rotation Model of teaching Sunday School for Elementary students. In 2019 the following **stories** were taught: Mary & Martha, Trail & Crucifixion, Parable of the Talents, Jacob & Esau, Exodus and Mary & Joseph.
- **Room Coordinators:** Elva Bass, Randy Unruh, Kathie Stewart, Amy Harvey, Danny Wheeler and Leah Schafer.
- **Teaching Teams,** Randy Unruh, Mindy Hill, John Hill, Bethany Mulligan, Carol Slack, Kim Wevodau, Ashley Hood, Danny Wheeler and Leah Schafer.
Shepherds: Jill McLeigh, John Hill, Hannah Roberts, Ash Warren, Sarah Foster, Christian Sparks, Mark Howe, Tana Czyn and Bethany Mulligan.
- **6th & 7th grade class:** In the spring, the class studied the Old Testament led by with Roger Burks and Sandra Playle. In the fall, the class studied the New Testament led by Chuck and Mary Kay Schneider.
- **Confirmation Class** is offered to 8th grade students on Sunday Mornings. Lead by Stephanie Speight, our pastors and DCE. In the spring of 2019, we had 7 confirmands who joined the church on June 9th. In the fall, Mark Howe led the confirmation class.
- **High School:** For the Winter & Spring, the high school was led by Brianna Riley and Will Szendrey. In August, the High School Sunday Class became a part of the Adult Education Ministry with Pastor Ashley Hood serving as staff resource.

Adult Classes in 2019 included:

- Journey from Genesis to Revelation Reformed Style
- Christian Approach to Contemporary Issues)

- **Midweek and Monthly Studies:** Pastor Bob continues to lead a Thursday afternoon and evening weekly Bible study and Pastor Ashley continues to lead the Tuesday morning Women's study during the school year. Jodi Haun continued a monthly book study on Sunday evenings through May.
- **Children's Fellowship** on Wednesday evenings. Spring/ Fall: Kim Wheelock and Jodi Haun led Wednesday Children's Choirs & Fellowships programs called Wednesday Night Harmony. Children and Youth Sunday was held on February 24th.
- **4th & 5th Grade Fellowship:** Our monthly 4th & 5th Grade Fellowship met on the last Sunday of the month through the school year. Each gathering centers around group building games and a mission activity.
- **SCAMP (Summer Creative Arts & Movement Program):** Was held on the evenings of June 24-28. SCAMP. We had 76 children attend with 10 teachers, 3 youth helpers and 6 volunteers help with the daily lunch.
- **Church Library:** We added Library on a Cart during the summer with popular books for adults, youth and children to check out.
- **Scholarship Ministry:** Wise Guys Pizza continues to support our Theological Education Scholarship Fund by donating 15% of proceeds when you present them with a church bulletin. We gave out a total of 4 scholarships, 2 in the Spring. In August the Scholarship Ministry was moved to Adult Ministry with Pastor Ashley Hood as staff resource.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Middle School and High Youth

Under the direction and leadership Interim Youth Director, Brianna Riley (through May) and the Youth Council, FPCGV Youth Connections provides a safe and nurturing environment for the Middle and High School youth of our faith community and their friends. Youth Connection activities are divided into the areas of education, mission, worship, and fellowship. In August the youth program staffing was changed to Jodi Haun serving as staff resource for Middle School and Pastor Ashley Hood serving as staff resource for high school.

Middle School Youth Summer Mission Trip: 7 youth and 2 adults went to Heifer Ranch in Perryville, Arkansas to learn and experience poverty and hunger in our world.

Middle School Youth Summer: Middle School Youth, grades 6th – 8th met twice a month during the summer for lunch and swimming at the homes of various members.

Middle School Youth Adult Team: A Middle School Youth Team was formed in August to help build our Middle School Youth program. Team members are Jay Bass, Dan Hollister, Pete & Jill McLeigh, Barbara Nunn and Michelle Taft.

Middle School Youth Fall: The Middle School Youth met during the 2nd and last Sunday of each month during the fall.

SYNOD AND PRESBYTERY LEADERSHIP:

- Presbytery's Youth Ministry Committee
- Grace Presbytery's PULSE Leadership
- Grace Presbytery's Middle School Youth Quake
- Grace Presbytery's Sr. High Youth Connection
- Grace Presbytery Summer Camps
- Synod Youth Workshop
- Youth Sunday

MISSION EXPERIENCES:

- Souper Bowl of Caring- benefitting GRACE
- Christmas for families- providing Christmas to local families
- Heifer Ranch in Perryville Arkansas
- Volunteering at Graceful Buys
- Adopting a Family from Children's Medical Center in Dallas
- Making casseroles for PCHAS
- Serving at the Presbyterian Night Shelter.

CE & CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CELEBRATIONS

- Sunday School Rally Day was a carnival following worship on August 26.
- Assisted with 2 Kids-Night-In evenings
- Palm Sunday Intergenerational Sunday
- Monthly Mission Mondays for upper elementary and middle school age
- Offered "Church in a Cup" for families to use over the summer
- Blessing of the Backpacks
- We held workshops on Social Security and Adult Caregiver Support
- Advent Workshop – held on December 1
- Christmas Magic

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Most of our Time was spent working on our Master Care and Visitation and Low Attendance Spreadsheets, these are Google spreadsheets and are on line. Pastor Ashley went through both and maintained both according to importance and status.

Several folks worked with Pastor Ashley on home visitations and Communion. Ground work made on having Rev. Tom Brown, Linda Czarny and others focus on the folks selected.

With a list of 500 names, a lot of time spent to message out the people who have moved, fallen off or away at college. Names and contact information from the Low Attendance sheets we viewed and sent out to Linda Czarny and three other volunteers. Spreadsheets were updated with the feedback information.

Directory Updates: Barbara Nunn, took on this important task.

Bereavement Outreach: program, done by Marylynn Laird Sparks, sending out Books and Cards. Marlynn will continue with this important task through 2020.

Shepard Fund: Offered during Government Shutdown, as a onetime fix for items such as; Rent, Electricity or Food.

Casseroles for Congregation: Ingredients, Labeling and Storage – Pat Blasdel was asked to be over this, by Ashley. Will need folks to make deliveries.

Class for Caregivers: Tina Burell is the instructor on this.

Care Calendar: one-time charge, \$200 a year sponsorship. Contact the list of folks, not seen in a while. Pastor Ashley ask us all to be aware of folks you may have not seen in your sitting area.

National Alliance Mental Illness: Donna Dunn is certified to Teach on this subject. Training can be taken, 12 sessions lasting 2.5 hours each. Ronnie was the only church member to be complete this course, at our Church.

Other Business: Debra Frantz suggested, it would be a good idea to call each person on the care list to let them know about our Facebook Page and Facebook Live. Debra also worked with Ronnie to set up a closed Facebook page; First Presbyterian Church in Grapevine: Chronic Care Support Group.

LGBTQ Support Group; Will Szendrey was asked to be over this, by Ashley. Meetings, most of which were Pot luck dinners were held at members' homes. Gathering went well, about 14 folks attended. One of the helpful web sites is Church Clarity.org There is talk about opening a Facebook page, it would be a closed group of course. Will said he will continue with this Ministry in 2020, even though his time as a Deacon is completed, Thank you Will.

Beverly Chernoff suggested we could send Christmas cards to our young folks who are in college. With Jodie's help our youth/children make cards, we gathered signatures and then mailed out 32 of these cards with a \$5 gift card from Target.

We are additionally grateful to the following individuals for their continuous support and ongoing participation in Congregational Care, Jane Ellen Humphrey, Marlynn Sparks and Gilda Mitchell.

10-2019

At request of Session we will drop 5%, our yearly budget from \$500 to \$475.00
E-mail sent to Bob Mitchell.

Jan – Cancer what Now / books = \$70.75

Mar – Care Calendar on line = \$200.00

Sep – Journey through Life / Grief Books = \$120.35

Oct – Printed Care Cards / used for Low Attendance & other services = \$43.93

Nov – Target gift cards \$5, College students, in their Christmas cards = \$160.00

Last but not least a Big Thanks to Jill Compton, without her, all of our Ministries would be diminished.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ronnie Painter Chair, Class of 2020.

Pat Blasdel

Linda Czarny

Will Szendrey

MISSION MINISTRY

“Also, I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, whom shall I send, and who will go for us?
Then said I, here am I; send me.” Isaiah 6:8

With the support of the congregation, your Mission Ministry provided volunteers, prayer and financial support to those serving others close to home and around the world.

Deacons serving on the Mission Ministry for 2019 were Elva Bass, moderator, Carol Slack, Tanya Czyz and Nancy Lee Hadley. Beverly Chernoff, Suzanne Rowntree, Harry Bremer, Cyndie Livengood and Vicky Butler were faithful members of the Ministry. Pastor Ashley Hood and Jodi Haun provided us with their spiritual guidance and counsel.

The Mission Ministry offered opportunities for the congregation to volunteer in a number of ways that served children in our community. Kids Night In gave our members an opportunity to minister to our neighborhood by providing a fun night in for kids and time away for parents. This event was held twice and about 23 members helped man the event each time. About 44 kids participated each time. Feed our Kids which is a long-time ministry of GRACE allowed us to help feed food challenged kids in the summer. Casseroles were cooked for the house parents as a Mother’s Day treat to give them a day with fewer chores. Youth and adults went to the Presbyterian Night Shelter Women and Children’s Center to serve dinner and interact with the residents. The Weekend Food initiative let members of all ages bag snacks for children at nearby schools who might not have enough to eat on the weekends.

Seven of our members went on a mission trip to Honduras along with 7 other members from First Presbyterian Dallas, and Central Presbyterian Waxahachie. Their mission work included 4 days of bible school, and assistance to a village which included construction, medical and school supplies.

Three of our adult members went on a short-term mission trip to Rockport to help with Hurricane Harvey recovery. They helped two families.

Financial support from your donations to the church go to a number of organizations – domestic and international. A few of these are highlighted here. In our community, we donate money to the GRACE food pantry each month to provide eggs and butter. The Mission Ministry also donates to the GRACE Medical Clinic. Other local organizations that receive money include the Soupmobile which feeds the homeless in Dallas, the Presbyterian Night Shelter helps the homeless in Fort Worth, Habitat for Humanity in Fort Worth, Meals on Wheels in our area and Presbyterian Children’s Home. For more information on these and the other domestic missions your donations support, see the Mission portion of our church website.

Internationally your donations support three PCUSA Mission coworker couples in three countries in Asia and one mission coworker couple in Africa. Drs. Les and Cynthia Morgan work in healthcare ministries and healthcare education. Leith and Carol Fujii teach in higher education settings, minister to their communities and help women who have been trafficked. Bernie and Farsjana Adeney Risakotta teach in a Christian University and promote interfaith relationships with the Muslim community. In Africa, James and Jodi McGill work to ensure their communities have clean water and sanitation. They also focus on healthcare education.

Your international donations also go to Rahab's Rope, a ministry in India, that gives hope and opportunity to women and girls that are at risk or have been forced into the commercial sex trade of India. Rahab's Rope provides a safe and loving environment that will enable these girls and women to grow and develop both physically and spiritually. Our church is a longtime supporter of Rahab's Rope, and your donations have helped Rahab's Rope grow from one city to four and to build a church.

If you have questions, please ask one of the Ministry members or see the Mission portion of the church website which has more information on the missions we support and links to their websites.

Respectfully submitted,

Your 2019 Mission Ministry

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

This year's Stewardship committee consisted of 4 appointed leaders: 2 deacons (Anna Casteen and Bill Johnson) and 2 elders (Ovy Waddoups and Laura Howe). Our staff advisor transitioned mid-year from Pastor Ashley Hood to Pastor Bob Crilley, and additionally we welcomed the consistent participation and input of congregational members Steve Kaskovich, Garry Arasmith, and Gail Fekel.

Our team made progress and contributions in the following areas:

Annual pledge campaign

This year Stewardship Season 2020 kicked off on September 29th. and ended on October 27. Steve wrote the content our narrative budget/newsletter, and Anna put it together with edits and layout. We kept costs low with inhouse printing, and decided to remove the time and talents survey from the all church mailing.

Gratitude in response to the service of time by congregation members

For 6 months, our team identified the gift of time by particular congregation members and sent simple thank you cards in appreciation for the small and large acts of service that are regularly witnessed in our congregation.

Town Hall Meetings

The Stewardship Ministry Team coordinated and presented two Town Hall Meetings in the first half of the year. A great deal of effort was made to curate a finance message that was easily understood by the congregation. In addition, important topics such as changes from Admin/Personnel to job roles and the stained-glass window project were presented and then discussed by the congregation. For one event, childcare was available at the fellowship hall.

Stewardship Kickoff/ Vision Committee Event

The Stewardship Ministry Team, along with the Vision Task Force, and supported strongly by the fellowship committee, hosted a Sat night dessert party and after worship luncheon to share the newly adopted vision and kickoff the 2020 pledge season. Attendance was mid-range, but the event was quite well received. The intent was to both educate and inspire, and then call to act.

2020 Volunteer Coordinator

In the spirit of leading in the stewardship of time, our group has adopted for 2020 the goal of setting up volunteer coordinator role(s) as suggested by the Vision Task Force. This will be a process that adds a human touch to the database in Shelby that houses the volunteer interests of members in our congregation.

Desires/recommendations for next year

Our team finishes the year with a continued interest in communicating the financial needs clearly to our congregation to call them to action in their giving on a regular basis. We also seek a closer connection to our finance leadership team, perhaps requesting a few joint meetings in 2020. 2020 would be a good time to review other options for electronic giving again, and to work in the early part of the year on the stewardship of time aspect. We believe the future ownership of Town Hall meetings may best be coordinated by the Communication committee to allow stewardship to focus on these important aspects of engagement with the church.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Howe, Ruling Elder, Chair
Ovy Waddoups, Ruling Elder
Anna Casteen, Deacon
Bill Johnson, Deacon

VISITOR AND WELCOMING MINISTRY

In an effort to get to know each other better, Allana Patterson and V&W put together name badges and a place for them to reside in the church. The idea has caught on as new members get to know names and others get a reminder. Joe Tang is the badge wrangler who straightens out the trays and badges.

Receptions were held 3 times to encourage members to Bring a Friend. They were so successful in getting people to know each other that we worked with Fellowship and Congregational Care to have them once a month on the Second Sunday.

To be more welcoming, Teryl Flynn continued organizing the Welcoming Group that welcomes each person as they enter any of the 3 sanctuary doors. People appreciate the open door and having questions answered.

Rev Hood had Presbyterianism 101 on summer Sundays and Saturdays so people could get to know what we believe and get to know each other. That has been taken over by Fred Mills and Carol Bice who will be having Coffee and Conversation the last Sunday of the month in the parlor.

We revived Suppers with 7 with Fellowship and had 2 successful evenings.

Visitor badges have been in place in the pew racks so visitors can identify themselves if they want.

Trunk or Treat was great outreach and in-reach. People got to see each other's costumes, eat hot dogs and give out candy. 18 plastic pumpkins were given to visiting children and the new welcome trifold was included with candy.

Two newcomer lunches were held with handwritten invitations from Laura Peyton and V&E. Not only do the new people enjoy them but the veteran churchgoers appreciate the time to get to know each other and new folks.

Keeping track of visitors has been Pastor Ashley Hood's department as she contacts them via any contact information left behind. V&W reviews the contacts and Laura Peyton sends a welcome - "we would like to get to know you better" note to people who leave an address. We owe a debt of gratitude to Pastor Ashley who has had coffee with numerous visitors and gone out of her way to touch base with them.

2019 has been a remarkable year in terms of ideas and implementation for Visitors and Welcoming including the name change.

Becoming a Welcoming Church!

Leslie Rigoulot, V&W chair

WORSHIP & MUSIC MINISTRY

The goal of the Worship & Music Ministry is to support the delivery of a meaningful worship experience for our congregants and visitors alike, by proclaiming the Word, thanking God, and engaging the Holy Spirit, through prayer, music, message, and silent reflection.

The schedule for 2019 worship was one weekly Sunday service at 10:30 am, with additional services on Easter and Christmas as well as Vespers services during Lent and a Blue Christmas service during Advent. The music program was prominent throughout the year with the Sanctuary Choir singing regularly at the weekly service and special music provided throughout the year by the Carillon Bell Choir, the Wind Ensemble, the Children's Harmony group and individual musicians.

Communion was served on the first Sunday of each month and at the following special services and events: Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Easter Vigil, and Christmas Eve.

In 2019, we continued the effort to be inclusive of newer faces including children/youth in leading worship, with a goal of inclusion of at least once a month through the Call to Worship or as a Liturgist.

Highlights of 2019 included the following:

- Children and Youth Combined to Lead Worship on February 24.
- Ash Wednesday Communion Service on March 6.
- Palm Sunday Service and Procession of Palms with the children on April 14.
- Maundy Thursday Service in the gallery and narthex on April 18.
- Good Friday Tenebrae Service on April 19.
- Easter Sunday Services on April 21.
- Pentecost Sunday Service & Confirmation on June 9.
- Shifted the broadcast of Facebook Live during children's time to focus on the cross, protecting the privacy of the children in Fall of 2019.
- All Saint's Worship on Nov 3; congregants were provided with carnations to remember loved ones during the "All Saints" remembrance portion of the service.
- The annual Festival of Lessons and Carols, hosted by our musicians, on December 15.
- Three Christmas Eve services: children's service at 5:00 followed by the 8:00pm service and 11:00pm candlelight service (both with Communion served).

Worship and Music Ministry would like to express our thanks to the numerous and faithful volunteers who participate in this ministry through ushering, preaching, singing in the choir, playing musical instruments, greeting worshipers, serving communion, leading the children's worship programs, decorating and un-decorating the sanctuary, arranging for flowers, running sound, video and online streaming, and so much more.

We are additionally grateful to the following individuals for their continuous support and ongoing participation in the FPCGV Worship & Music Ministry:

- Bob Crilley, Senior Pastor
- Ashley Hood, Associate Pastor
- Jill Compton, Administrative Assistant
- Jodi Haun, Director of Christian Education
- Rick Walsh, Director of Music
- Jiha Choi, Organist
- Kim Wheelock, Children's Choir Director

Congregational Members of Worship & Music serving in 2019:
Fred Mills, Gilda Mitchell and Karen Trost

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Wevodau and Leslie Miner, Ruling Elders