



Circleville Presbyterian Church's Mission

We are a fellowship that exists to glorify God and share God's grace.

Our Vision...

We glorify God by:

- *Providing various styles of worship.*
- *Living the teachings of Jesus and doing life together in Christian Fellowship*

We share God's grace by:

- *Identifying and responding to the needs of others.*

Our Slogan...

"Sharing God's Grace"

Welcome Statement...

"We love who Jesus loves...no exceptions."

We believe God made us very good, and we trust the Spirit to lead us home. We seek to love and celebrate one another just as we are. All are welcomed here!

**2019 ANNUAL REPORT
Annual Meeting
February 9, 2020**

CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2020

Session

Moderator – The Rev. Joel A. Esala

Clerk – Carla Mavis

<u>Class of 2020</u>	<u>Class of 2021</u>	<u>Class of 2022</u>
Nancy Baldinger	Alison Davis	Carla Mavis
Tom Dixon	Jenny Ray	Andy Solovey
Marian Hallum	Paula Thomerson	Steve Spicer
Bob Sneed	Betsy Weller	

Deacons

Moderator – Jenna Acklin

<u>Class of 2020</u>	<u>Class of 2021</u>	<u>Class of 2022</u>
Jenna Acklin	Erin Crego	Carolyn Free
Julie Cline	Marlee Martin	Mike Hartley
Al Kershaw	Marcia Smith	Rod Smith
Brian Weller	Donna Solovey	

Trustees

President – Darrell Smith

<u>Class of 2020</u>	<u>Class of 2021</u>	<u>Class of 2022</u>
Curtis Crego	Ken Hall	John Ankrom
Alice Harker	Bob Parker	Myron Rorick
Al Sheldon	Darrell Smith	Ken Tennant

Pastor – Joel A. Esala

Treasurer - Bob Sneed

Asst. Treas. – Larry Davis

The Presbyterian Church

Circleville, Ohio

Reports for Annual Meeting

February 9, 2020

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ECCLESIASTICAL AND CORPORATION CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CIRCLEVILLE

FEBRUARY 10, 2019

Call to Order: Moderator The Rev. Joel A. Esala Time: 12:39

Call to be found in order: Call for meeting was validated by the Clerk of Session, Carla Mavis, who stated that the required two announcements of the meeting had been given on the two previous Sundays.

Quorum present: Clerk stated that a quorum of 70 members (at least 10% of the membership per by-laws) were present and the meeting was declared open.

Meeting opened with prayer by Moderator; The Rev. Joel Esala

Memorial Service was held for those members who entered the Church Triumphant in 2018

Dorothy Sampson, Ish Gearhart-Michelson Gwendolyn Painter, Helen Rattray and

Frank Seimer, Frank "Robbie" Gans, Tom Cooper, Sue Davis, Sandra Petty, Jack Hooks and Carolyn Edstrom

Appreciation of Church officers was given to those officers whose terms ended December 31, 2018

Clerk of Session: Darrell Smith

Elders: Clare Hall, Charles Hedges, Steve Johnson, Myron Rorick

Deacons: Sandy Edgar, Margaret Parker, Rod Smith, Sam Wilson

Trustees: Norm Baldinger, Jayme Fountain, Kent Hardin

Recognition of New Members was done.

Michael Friend, Jane Chumley, Nancy Ott, Frank Seimer

Review of 2018 annual Ministry reports as printed and distributed was done and questions answered.

2018 Finance reports: Bob Sneed reported on the finances printed with the annual report. No questions were voiced.

2018 Presentation of Budget—*Tom Dixon* reviewed the 2019 budget as approved by Session. A period of questions and answers clarified some combining of line items to simplify accounting.

Motion made to approve the Ministry reports and Finance Reports was made by Jenna Acklin, seconded by Steve Thomerson. *Motion Passed*

Pastor Joel presented an update on the church. A review of the replacement Give Plus+ for electronic giving which has a reduced maintenance cost than Pay Pal. He also encouraged members to the possibility of giving directly from their bank account which is at no cost to the church or member.

He thanked the church for their outreach through various church activities and the new shelter "Hope House"

Three things beginning in 2019 are 1. The beginning of planning for our 200th celebration as a church. This committee will be chaired by Rod Smith. 2. The debut of the podcast "The Bad Calvinists" with Pastor Joel, Gray Marshall from Washington Court House, and Jason Link from Chillicothe discussing ideas and thoughts related to faith.

3. The formation of a Green Team to create a lighter footprint for our church through conserving resources and energy. Jenna Acklin has agreed to chair this team.

Approval of Pastoral Terms of Call:

Clerk Carla Mavis presented the terms of call for The Rev. Joel A. Esala. No increase in the salary/housing allowance at Pastor Joel's request. Presbytery minimums were reviewed and increases noted.

A motion to approve the terms of call as presented was made by Steve Thomerson, Seconded by Wally Higgins. *Motion Passed*

Election of Nominating Committee for 2019:

5 nominations from the floor (4 regular members and one alternate)

1. Currently Serving Elder (elected by Session on February 13, 2019)
2. Don Cline
3. Fred Mavis
4. Jayme Fountain
5. Martha Wolfe
6. Alternate: Sam Wilson

Nominations from the floor; No nominations made

Nominations closed with motion to elect.

Motion by Wally Higgins Seconded by Bob Parker *Motion Passed*

Read and approve the minutes of the February 10, 2019 Congregational meeting.

Motion by Marilyn Spence Seconded by Margaret Parker *Motion Passed*

Adjourn with prayer by Moderator: The Rev. Joel Esala at 1:25 pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Carla Mavis

Clerk of Session/Secretary of the Corporation.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

ANNUAL MEETING

February 10, 2019

Church members deceased during 2018:

Dorothy Sampson	(1)
Ish Gearhart-Michelson	(1)
Frank "Robbie" Gans	(3)
Tom Cooper	(3)
Sue Davis	(3)
Sandra Petty	(3)
Helen Rattray	(1)
Gwen Painter	(1)
Jack Hooks	(2)
Carolyn Edstrom	(2)
Frank Seimer	(1)

Other friends and family may be mentioned at this time.

Hymn of Memorial:

*For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Unison Prayer:

O God, before Whom generations rise and pass away: we praise You for all your servants who, having lived this life in faith, now live eternally with You. Especially we thank you for these children of God, for the gift of their lives, for the grace You have given, for all in them that was good and kind and faithful. We thank You now that for them death is past, and they have entered the joy You have prepared.

Almighty God, who called us from death to life; we give ourselves to You; and with the church through all the ages, we thank You for Your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

(1) - Active Member

(2) - Former Member

(3) - Inactive Member



Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The congregation of the Presbyterian Church of Circleville, Ohio, expresses its thanks and appreciation to:

SESSION
Class of 2018

DEACONS
Class of 2018

TRUSTEES
Class of 2018

Clare Hall
Charles Hedges
Steve Johnson
Myron Rorick

Sandy Edgar
Margaret Parker
Rod Smith
Sam Wilson

Norm Baldinger
Jayme Fountain
Kent Hardin

who have served faithfully and effectively on the Boards of The Presbyterian Church of Circleville and whose terms of office are now completed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

A copy of this resolution be placed in the permanent records of the Congregational Meeting.

AND FURTHER THAT:

A copy of this resolution be placed in the hands of each retiring board member.


The Rev. Joel A. Esala


Carla Mavis, Clerk of Session

*Dated this Tenth day of February, in the year of our Lord,
Two Thousand Nineteen*

Congregational Meeting

December 15, 2019

Pastor Joel opened the meeting with prayer in the Sanctuary at 11:05.

Proper notification of the meeting and a quorum were declared.

Pastor Joel reviewed the purpose of the meeting as follows :

1. To vote on amending the bylaws in regards to numbers of elders and deacons elected each term
2. Elect officers for the coming term 2020-2023
3. Congregational Approval of Pastor Joel Esala's terms of call for 2020

1. With Session approval in October 2019 the following change is recommended:

The current bylaws read:

- **“Ruling Elders** – The congregation shall elect twelve ruling elders divided into three equal classes” and **“Deacons** - The congregation shall elect twelve deacons divided into three equal classes.”

The proposed change is:

- **“Ruling Elders** – The congregation shall elect at least nine ruling elders divided into three equal classes” and **“Deacons** - The congregation shall elect at least nine deacons divided into three equal classes.”

This amendment will allow us to move toward 9 member boards over the next three years.

Discussion was shared and a vote was called.

Vote to approve or disapprove changes Motioned by Steve Thomerson 2nd by Larry Davis
Motion Passed

The Nominating Committee's slate of candidates for 2020 are:

Ruling Elder: Carla Mavis, Andy Solovey and Steve Spicer

Deacon: Carolyn Free, Mike Hartley and Rod Smith

Trustee: John Ankrom, Myron Rorick and Ken Tennant

There were no nominations from the floor. A motion to approve the slate of officers as elected was moved by Larry Davis, seconded by Bob Parker. Motion Carried.

Clerk of Session, Carla Mavis presented the 2020 terms of call for Pastor Joel. After an explanation of the adjustment of moving his pay increase from his total effective salary to include it in the Self-Employment Contributions Act (SECA) where the total amount of his

increase will be recognized versus his total effective salary increase creating an ripple effect on additional expenses in SECA and for the church with insurance costs.

Terms of call for Pastor Joel A. Esala

2020 Effective Salary: for Pension calculation

Annual Cash Salary	\$32,524.00
Housing Allowance	<u>31,476.00</u>
Total Effective Salary (TES)	\$64,000.00

Pension and Benefits Calculation

2020 Retirement Dues (11% of TES) Required	\$ 7,040.00
2020 Disability Dues (1% of TES) Required	640.00
2020 Medical Plan Dues (25% of TES) Required	16,000.00
2020 Dental and Supplemental Death Ins.	<u>1,952.76</u>
Total Pension and benefits payment	\$25,632.76

Vouchered and Reimbursed Expenses

2020 Continuing Education Expenses(Pres. Minimum)	\$1500.00
2020 Automobile and Travel Expenses (IRS rate .58/mi)	\$2900.00
2020 Professional Expenses (Cell phone/Incidental)	\$1020.00
2020 Self-Employment Contributions Act Reimbursement	\$1920.00

Vacation and Study Leave

Vacation	4 weeks Presbytery minimum	4
Study Leave	2 weeks Presbytery minimum	2

There was a short discussion and Steve Thomerson moved to accept the terms of call as presented seconded by Al Sheldon. Motion Carried.

Pastor Joel returned to the sanctuary to thank the congregation for their support and closed the meeting with prayer at 12:06.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carla Mavis, Clerk

Circleville Presbyterian Church 2019
Pastor's Report
Rev. Joel A. Esala

What a year we have had together! In preparing this report, I have been looking at metrics of the wellbeing of our church since I came in November of 2017. What have we been doing, and how can we measure our growth together? I am pleased to report that by every metric I found, our church is moving in the right direction.

In May of 2019, the Session adopted the following Welcome Statement that articulates our heart for the community: "We love who Jesus loves...no exceptions. We believe God made us very good, and we trust the Spirit to lead us home. We seek to love and celebrate one another just as we are. All are welcomed here!" This statement makes clear that we believe God's limitless grace covers us all, and that is the basis of our welcome. The value of a statement like this is not merely in what we say but in how we live. In 2019, we welcomed 12 new adult members, baptized 3 adults and welcomed 3 children. In 2018 we welcomed an additional 4 members. The expanse of our welcome extends beyond membership, but what a gift to see that our church is growing in this way.

Another aspect of our growth in 2019 was the launch of the Green Team. Given a \$0 budget, the Green Team has helped us lessen our ecological impact by starting a recycling program, composting, and reinstating glass communion cups and ceramic coffee mugs. In addition, they facilitated an energy audit for the church that helped us renegotiate our gas and electric rates. With the help of the Trustees, we have converted 215 lightbulbs in our church to LED. All told this will result in \$5,000 energy savings in 2020. Not bad for a team without a budget! Due to these efforts, we are pleased to announce that Circleville Presbyterian Church has been certified by the Presbyterian Mission Agency as an Earth Care Congregation! To maintain our certification in 2021, we will need to expand our efforts in education and outreach concerning earth care, but what a great start to a new initiative.

How is our church doing financially? By every measure, we are healthier than we have been in years. When I came in 2017, we were paying our bills by living off our rainy-day fund. That money ran out in 2018. Here's what we have done to put our house in order. In 2018, we reduced our expenses by 85 thousand dollars and an additional 28 thousand in 2019. Our offerings increased by nearly 27 thousand dollars in 2019, and our pledged income for 2020 has increased \$8,400 from 2019. Since 2017, we have reduced our debt on Campbell Hall by 120 thousand dollars. When an organization is living beyond its means, the path to solvency is to reduce expenses, reduce debt and increase income. That's exactly what we have done. In a time when many churches and organizations are facing insurmountable financial problems, Circleville Presbyterian Church is going in the right direction.

In order to reduce our expenses, all of our ministry budgets have been trimmed but none more than the Mission Team. So, what did we spend on Mission in 2019? I am pleased to announce we spent \$32,638.33. This figure includes the \$10,000 Mission Team budget,

quarterly PCUSA mission offerings of \$4,500, personal mission giving of \$8,400, and per capita giving to the PCUSA of \$9,500. With this money we supported the food pantry, Haven House, Hope House, Chance to Dance, Community Kitchen, Doctors Without Borders, utility assistance for residents of Pickaway County and more. Considering that our income was 280 thousand in 2019, this means we gave 11.6% of our income to Mission. In addition to this, our Community Kitchen provided meals to Circleville's most vulnerable people on 150 days and provided over 5,000 meals in 2019. The mission of God is alive and well at our church! For over two years now, I have told you that this church is the most generous church I've ever been a part of. That was true in 2019 and will be in 2020 as well. Thanks be to God!

By every measure, the state of our church is welcoming, healthy and generous. What else could we ask for? There will be unseen challenges ahead, but I know we will meet them together. I am honored to be your pastor and grateful to share these days with you.

Grace and peace,

Rev. Joel A. Esala

Clerk of Session Report
Through December 31, 2019

Membership as of December 31, 2018.....	259
Received by Profession of Faith.....	6
Received by Reaffirmation of Faith.....	6
Received by Certificate of Transfer.....	0
Received by Confirmation.....	0
Members transferred to other churches.....	0
Members Deceased.....	6
Members removed from rolls , personal request.....	0
Members removed from rolls, action of Session.....	32
Members changed to active status.....	0
Membership as of December 31, 2019.....	233

New Members Received:

Brian, Jodi and Brennah Bowen, Ruby Clay, Debby Cox, Sarah and Asher Esala, Carolyn Free, Sienna Friend, Mike and Jeri Hartley and children Ayden and Eastyn , Ken Tennent, Ashley Thacker

Members Deceased

Lois Jones, Judy Palm, Marcella Hostetler, Doris Yamarick, Diane Berger, Alton Hallum

Baptisms:

Sienna Friend, Mike Hartley, Ashley Thacker

Organization of Session Teams and Boards for 2018

Session Teams:

Christian Education: Carla Mavis, Alison Davis
Communication and technology: Emily Smith, Marian Hallum
Congregational Care and Nurture: Julie Calder
Evangelism: Andy Solovey
Mission: Susanne Hardin
Stewardship and Finance, Thomas Dixon, Robert Sneed
Worship, Robert Sneed, Jenny Ray

Standing Session Teams

Nominating: Julie Calder
Personnel: Nancy Baldinger, Carla Mavis
Clerk of Session: Carla Mavis

Other Assignments

Liturgists rotate monthly
Presbytery Delegate: Carla Mavis

Terms Served:

Elders completing their term at the end of 2019 were, Julie Calder, Susanne Hardin, Emily Smith and Carla Mavis

Elders elected to begin their term in January 2020 are, Carla Mavis, Andy Solovey, Steve Spicer

Brown Memorial Board Representatives:

Teresa Ankrom, Darrell Smith

Emergency Clearing House:

Darrell Smith, Teresa Ankrom, Sam Wilson

CUSH (Churches United for Senior Housing) Board

John Ankrom, Doris Gillespie, William Fisher

Green Team

Jenna Acklin

Bicentennial Celebration 2022

Rod Smith

Respectfully Submitted,
Carla Mavis
Clerk of Session 2019

Christian Education Annual Report 2019

2019 was a great year for our youth with many children and youth attending Sunday School on a very regular basis and enjoying the lessons prepared by the many volunteer teachers. We have had a busy year with youth activities, Sunday School, youth offering mission project, cradle roll, graduation Sunday, Vacation Bible School (held with 5 other churches) a joint kick off Sunday/Picnic with Deacons, nursery provided every Sunday and an enthusiastic energy from all involved. Team members have provided multiple opportunities for fellowship with lunches after church and brunches for special seasons.

The junior high and senior high are a great group of kids that are willing to come together when help is needed. Their biggest event by far is the Annual Valentine's Tea that is held every February. This past year's event had almost 40 guests that enjoyed being served by our youth. Food was prepared and served, games were played and a variety of conversations took place. It is a very special activity for our church members and gives the kids an opportunity to interact with those of a different generation. We never know who has more fun with the event- the youth or our treasured guests! Other events that took place that involved our youth were: Souper Bowl Sunday, helping at the Easter Breakfast, a Back to School Pool/Pizza Party, the Children's Christmas Program, and Christmas Caroling. Respectfully Submitted, Curtis and Erin Crego

The Circleville Presbyterian Church Nursery has completed its third full year in its upstairs location just behind the overflow area of the sanctuary. The child care and maintenance policies have afforded safe, efficient care of our church members' and visitors' children ages 5 and under. Care was/is provided by 8 adult and 8 youth volunteers on a rotating schedule, and is offered during the 11:00 service and also for special services, such as Christmas Eve. The children are accompanied by the volunteers to attend Joel's Children's Message each Sunday. They are offered a light snack of water and either crackers or cookies each week.

To date there are 4 regular nursery class members: Andrew Smith, Gwyneth LoConti, Ella Spring and Evie LoConti. It is not uncommon to have up to 8 children in the nursery depending on the number of children visiting grandparents in our congregation. In recent weeks our congregation has grown with the birth of two newborns, Maddie Thacker and Elliot LoConti. It is the hope of our nursery volunteers that these two infants will soon enjoy fellowship in the nursery, too. Faithfully submitted, Marcia Smith

As 2019 came to a close, Emoji's brought us a great Christmas message. We are blessed by each child in our church and the wonderful lessons, energetic teachers and fellowship that create friends and leaders for our church.

As we look forward to 2020 new activities, mission and fellowship opportunities continue to be our goal for every member of the congregation. We also want to continue spiritual growth in all members of our church family through learning and sharing God's grace with each other.

Alison Davis and Carla Mavis

Co-Chairs of the Christian Education Team.

Communication and Technology

January 2020

Updates

New Helpers: In 2019, Jenna Acklin joined our team as a builder and computer operator in the balcony. Meg Rorick has also joined the team, running the computer on Sunday mornings. A few youth have also helped out from time to time in 2019: Max Acklin, Winston Jones, and Addie Smith.

Schedule: A schedule of workers continued to be created for a 3-month period of time where team members rotate various jobs such as:

1. building the Sunday service during the week via our software, Media Shout,
2. running the computer on Sunday mornings at both 9:00a and 11:00a services,
3. operating the sound station or,
4. Video recording the 11:00a service with our camcorder.

We currently have one team member in the balcony during the 9am alternative service to operate both computer and sound.

Builders: We now have 4 “builders” (Rod Smith, Myron Rorick, Jenna Acklin, and Emily Smith) that take turns weekly composing both Sunday services (9am and 11am) based on the bulletin sent out via email through the church secretary and pastor.

Computer: At this time we have 6 computer operators (Rod Smith, Myron Rorick, Emily Smith, Jenna Acklin, Meg Rorick, and Carol Higgins) that rotate Sunday's in the balcony operating the computer during the service. The team agrees that the “builder” and “computer” positions are best done by the same person when feasible, allowing the team member who built to be more familiar with the slides for Sunday morning, making the flow of the service, flow.

Sound: In addition to those already listed, Bill Adkins and Al Kershaw operate the sound station on Sundays at 11am. While adjusting various microphones (pulpit, lapel, handheld, piano, choir, and organ), this team member also records the audio of the service on CD's and is responsible for the master,

overall volume of the sanctuary speakers. The CD's are then duplicated (3) and given to church secretary for our shut-ins.

Camera: The Camera operator is in charge of recording the audio and visual of the service; zooming in (on pulpit, during young Christians message, or during choir anthem) and out when appropriate. The service is then condensed and uploaded. We continue to invite our youth to be involved with camera operation.

Weddings/Funerals and Special Events: Our team also operates in the balcony during weddings and funerals at our facility. Most of the time, sound/microphones are used, but on occasion the projector and screen are needed/requested as well. We have also started videoing special events. DVD's and private YouTube links to the videos have been created for the families and friends that could not attend or live far away.

Website: The full video of the 11am Sunday service is uploaded to our website. Under the "Media" tab, we have the most recent 5 Sundays for anyone to view, in full. We continue to post the Presline, Church Calendar and highlight special events when material is given to us.

Podcasts: In 2019, we created a podcast! **Circleville Presbyterian Church with Joel Esala.** We include the audio of the 2nd scripture reading and the sermon itself which is typically between 15-20 minutes in length. The podcast is created using the video editing software, where we are able to cut-out what we need for the podcast from the entire service. The clip is then uploaded to Podbean, a free host, and then shared with iTunes Podcast for Apple users and also shared via Facebook.

Facebook: Continued to promote both church and community events.

Equipment: In 2019, Myron Rorick donated a printer to our balcony equipment. Thanks so much, Myron!

Expenses: Wix (our website host) cost around \$250 per year. From time to time, we ask Live! Technologies to come and assist with various questions that come up with sound, projector, etc. New praise songs continue to be added to our video library almost monthly for the 9am service. We have cancelled our subscription to DropBox. The Communications and Technology Team is also responsible for paying for office software used by office staff.

“The Circleville Presbyterian Church Congregational Care Team follows the teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ by providing comfort, support, encouragement, and fellowship.” This is the mission statement of the Congregational Care Team. This team consists of members Sarah Baehr, Judy Corbett, Alison Davis, Marcia Davis, Doris Gillespie, Alice Harker, Mollie Hedges, Lynn Kraus, Margaret Parker, Meg Rorick, Marcia Smith, Donna Solovey, Sue Twining, and Elder Julie Calder. We meet on the 4th Wednesday of every month, and enjoy a meal and fellowship together, after serving Community Kitchen.

The Congregational Care Team supports our church family in many ways. Cards and personal notes are sent continually on behalf of the team, to celebrate joys as well as acknowledging times of sorrow or personal struggles, to let those going through hardships know that we are thinking of them.

Our Shepherds Program has the church family divided into flocks led by a shepherd, who keeps in touch with their flock and provides communication throughout the year. This program would not be possible without the fantastic shepherds who serve our congregation.

We recognize new members with a gift bag and name badge, and also recognize members of the confirmation class and high school graduates with a small gift.

A small loaf of bread is taken to those who visit us during worship with an invitation to please return. We bring timely health concerns to the attention of our congregation when needed, and the Care Note Display outside of the office is maintained with pamphlets on various topics affecting our communities today.

Fellowship for all ages is promoted and supported by this team. Coffee Hour supplies are provided for use by the hosts of Coffee Hour, and we thank the members of Session, Deacons, Shepherds, and the congregation who always willingly provide refreshments for our time of fellowship following worship. The Congregational Care Team assists the Discipleship and Spiritual Formation Team with the Advent Brunch, and we sponsor Christmas Caroling, which is a wonderful family event. We visit the sages of our church, carol, and give them a small loaf of bread. Everyone then returns to Campbell Hall for a soup and sandwich supper.

The Congregational Care Team sponsors several fundraising projects throughout the year. We provided a luncheon for Rural Urban Day, which is a Rotary event in February; Pickaway County Bar Association Luncheon in April, and a breakfast for the Rotary Law Day in May. These events raise money which has allowed us to self-fund most of our projects.

The Congregational Care Team is active and involved. Our work would not be possible without the support of the entire congregation. We thank you for all you do, and welcome any ideas as to how we can better serve.

Evangelism Commission

2019 Annual Report

During 2019 Pastor Joel and his colleagues, Pastor Gray Marshall- First Presbyterian Church of Washington Court House, and Pastor Jason Link- The First Presbyterian Church of Chillicothe made great strides with their Bad Calvinist project. This project involves a dialogue between the three Pastors where they further elaborate on key points they have made in their sermons. They often cover topics that many Christians struggle with. During this past year they upgraded their recording equipment and made many podcasts that are now posted on the internet. There are currently 30 episodes.

During the summer of 2019 they had a pulpit switch where they each preached on a different aspect of Genesis 22, the story where Isaac is nearly sacrificed. They each preached at all 3 churches. The event culminated in a coming together of the three congregations to make a live podcast. The podcast was recorded at the First Presbyterian Church of Chillicothe.

Our hope is to continue making podcasts and having more live events. You can participate by accessing the podcasts on your smart phone through the podcast application. If you don't know how to do this Pastor Joel would be pleased to help you. Also, we encourage you to become evangelists by inviting your family and friends to listen to an episode or two.

Andy Solovey

Evangelism Commission

2019 Mission Report

"Through God's grace we open doors for opportunities to share ourselves and our blessings"

The Mission Team members were Co-Chair Betsy Weller, Teresa Ankrom, Melissa Gerland, Alice Harker, Marilyn Spence, Sue Twinning, Kim Williams, Brian Weller and Sam Wilson. As a team we worked to provide outreach to our community and our world.

Members of the congregation are in the church office on Wednesdays to help with local assistance. They share community resources, such as assistance provided by other churches, food pantries, homeless options, meal assistance, as well as funding for utilities and hotel stays. Gift cards for Subway, Don's Discount Grocery and Little Caesars are available. In September, Mission determined that assistance will only be provided once a year to individuals since monthly funding is limited.

Four special offerings were collected this year. One Great Hour of Sharing in April sends 100% to a Presbyterian Mission Agency. In June, 40% of the Pentecost offering, and additional funding from Mission, was donated to our local Foundations For Youth. Mission sought the input from the youth of the church for the 25% contribution Peace & Global Witness in October. The youth suggested we give to the FOR Club at Teays Valley to support buddy benches at the elementary schools and Pickaway County D.A.R.E. to enforce drug awareness. Our Christmas Joy offering in December sent proceeds to Presbyterian Mission Agency.

Sam Wilson continued his service to Habitat for Humanity on Saturdays and Mondays by working on a home in Ross County and in Clarksburg. Sam also went to Wilmington, NC where he used his drywalling skills and presence to help others. Anyone interested in attending the PCUSA Mission Trip can receive financial assistance from Mission.

Over \$1800 was collected at our Mission Brunch for Hope House. Mission is encouraged by the presence of Hope House and their efforts to assist the homeless in our area.

The congregation was very generous in supporting the Socks/Underwear Drive and the Coat/Pajama Drive. Your kindness met the needs of many children in our community.

Mission sent financial support to our missionaries Catherine Day in Rwanda and Dr. Daniel and Elizabeth Turk serving in Madagascar. Mission received numerous contacts from Catherine Day expressing her appreciation for our financial and spiritual support.

Groceries for the Community Kitchen attendees were purchased by Mission and distributed during Thanksgiving and Christmas.

In addition to the above, Mission financially supported Emergency Clearinghouse, Habitat for Humanity, Huckleberry House, Haven House, Meals on Wheels and Growing Oaks.

We continue to strive to assist those in need while sharing God's grace.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susanne Hardin, Chair

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE TEAM

2019 REPORT

The Stewardship and Finance Team is made up of a combination of active elders, church treasurer, asst. treasurer, our pastor, and congregational members that have some background in financial matters. For 2019, the members were: Elder Tom Dixon (chair), Elder and Treasurer Bob Sneed, Asst. Treasurer Larry Davis, plus Julie Cline, Charles Hedges, Diane Hill, Fred Mavis, Steve Thomerson.

The team conducted regular business as defined in our Financial Procedures Guidelines including the following items:

- a) Added 3 amendments to the procedure book.
- b) Reviewed investment strategies vs. investment policy.
- c) Received the report of the Auditor, reviewed recommendations, and implemented those that made sense for us.
- d) Made decisions regarding reinvestment of maturing CD's.
- e) Kept Session informed of our financial condition, monitored income and spending patterns.
- f) Prepared a 2020 Provisional Budget.

The team initiated the formulation of a Funeral Policy similar to our Wedding Policy. This document was prepared with input from Deacons, and Pastor Joel, and then written and assembled by Carla Mavis.

Efforts were started to streamline our payroll and bill paying procedures. This will continue into 2020.

Worked with Pastor Joel and Board of Pensions to participate in the Healthy Pastors, Healthy Congregations project. Several team members attended the required training session that enabled Joel to be eligible for up to a \$10,000 grant to be used for his financial well being.

Began to formulate a formal guideline for awarding scholarships to our graduating seniors. The team set parameters for the guideline and the final document will be completed prior to 2020 graduations.

The team constructed the 2020 Provisional Budget using information available after 10 months. While the numbers for income vs. expense were in the red at that time, we did not have to draw funds from undesignated endowment sources as we did in 2017 and 2018 to continue paying our bills. The estimated pledge and offering income for 2020 was kept identical to 2019

at \$257,000. We did cut the expense side by about \$5000 to \$276,730. This yields a deficit of \$19,730 compared to a paper deficit of \$24,900 for this year. As always, we hope and pray for better results, both through frugal spending, and increased giving. In January, the team will revise the 2020 budget as needed using the final 2019 results.

The Stewardship Campaign in the fall of 2019 went well. The congregation responded to our requests for increased giving. We received an increase of \$8000 vs. 2018. Increasing pledge units and dollars is a daunting task given the loss every year of longtime members. We have lost \$32,000 in pledge dollars over the past 2 years.

Note: At the January team meeting the 2020 Provisional Budget was revised to be more positive due to the outstanding giving in December. This generosity brought the Operating Budget into the "black" again (the Operating Budget pays the monthly bills and supports the Teams and Boards with pledge income). We also experienced above average giving in November, in sufficient amount to put the overall church finances into the "black" again. Overall church finances include all monies given to the church, from whatever source, including transfers from endowment funds, fund raising, and special offerings. The overall finance spreadsheet also then includes all expenditures to every entity.

Thomas E. Dixon
Chair

Worship Team Year 2019

Members included Marie Gamertsfelder, Rita Painter, Steve Spicer, Clare Hall, Jenny Ray, Pastor Joel and Bob Sneed

We seek to be innovative as well as traditional as far as supporting the worship experience, art, and music.

Some new events were undertaken or renewed this year. At the Fat Tuesday dinner before Lent, we buried "Hallelujah" representing joyfulness before the forthcoming solemn period of Lent, but on Easter Sunday the joy was restored when "Hallelujah" was dug up. Jenny Ray made ashes for the Ash Wednesday service from palm fronds.

We celebrated a Psalm 150 "Praise him with trumpet sound, praise him with lute and harp! Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!" music service in June which included special music by the chancel choir, hand bells, piano, organ, and other instruments. After the service there was a choir recognition celebration in Campbell Hall.

We hosted a recital by the OCU music department of vocal solos, duets, piano, and organ.

Art shows included the Sanctified Art series for Lent and Advent; crosses in different art forms provided by members; submissions by Pickaway Diversified Industries artists; and photographs from the Hallum's trip to South America.

This year we again celebrated a pizza dinner the day before Thanksgiving with Community Kitchen attendees. Kathy Maxson proved musical accompaniment while we sang some favorite songs.

Light Up A Life, a program by Ohio Health Berger Hospice was celebrated at our church. A combined community choir performed "A Blue Christmas".

The second service has had new hymns set to the music of familiar tunes and new responses to broaden our experience.

The Alternative Service includes reading of the scripture, a sermon, a communal prayer of confession, prayers of joys and concerns and contemporary music. The songs include updated versions of familiar hymns and other songs written more recently. Videos accompany the words on the screen and occasionally other videos which complement Pastor Joel's message are included during his sermon.

Routine responsibilities included changing the vestments as required by the liturgical calendar, keeping the pew racks stocked, and securing servers for monthly communion.

Our church participated in the Lenten Luncheon series sponsored by the Circleville Ministerial Association along with the other Mound Street churches and Community Methodist.

Visiting pastors while Pastor Joel has been away have included the Clerk of our Presbytery,

and our own members Andy Solovey, Charles Hedges, and home grown ordained pastor, Anne Solovey Marshall.

During the Summer months Pastor Joel, Gray Marshall (Washington Court House), and Dr. Jason Link (Chillicothe) rotated between churches preaching on the same theme, giving their own insights.

A table was set up in the overflow area with coloring materials for use during the services.

Bob Sneed, chair

2019 Board of Deacons Annual Report

Members of the 2019 Deacons were Nate Smith (Moderator), Jenna Acklin (Vice Moderator), Melissa Gerland (Treasurer), Marlee Martin (Secretary), Marcia Smith, Donna Solovey, Julie Cline, Doyle Painter, Brian Weller, Al Kershaw, Meg Rorick, and Erin Crego.

This was an amazing group of people that all came together to help our church and community in a variety of ways. I would like to thank this group for all of their hard work and we would like to thank the congregation for supporting several of our events this year.

We made financial contributions to support Haven House, Hope House, and the Pastoral Emergency Fund.

Deacons, with help from the congregation, provide meals at funerals that include making and preparing food, serving, setting up and cleaning up. Our mission for these meals is to provide a gracious, quality time for families.

Deacons are also responsible for providing acolytes for each service. We are responsible for recruiting, scheduling, and training the acolytes by working with their families.

As Deacons we worked hard with Pastor Joel to hold a Church Picnic combined with our Sunday service at Mary Virginia Crites-Hannan Park in the Starkey Pavilion on August 18th at 10:00am. There was over 100 in attendance with way too much food and ice cream! Members brought a covered dish, Deacons provided Goodwin's Chicken and ice cream from Jim and Karen Ewing.

We sponsored a brunch for the congregation that included bacon, eggs, muffins, and coffee. The proceeds of this brunch went to Hope House.

The Deacons also prepare the elements of communion each month at the 9:00 and 11:00 services. We made the switch back to the glass communion cups this year to help reduce waste. Deacons are responsible for preparing and cleaning of the communion supplies.

Deacons are also responsible for the special flowers at Easter and Christmas. A huge thanks to the Weller and Edgar families for organizing this process. These flowers provide a wonderful setting in our sanctuary, those flowers not taken home by members are distributed to our shut-ins, elderly, and nursing homes.

Two major community service projects headed by the Deacons are Community Kitchen and the Brown Memorial Sing. We would like to thank Alice Harker for heading our Community Kitchen again this year. This service provides food, warmth, and fellowship for those who are in need throughout our community. The Brown Memorial sing takes place on the fourth Monday of every month at 6:30. We sing old hymns to an average of 8-12 residents for 30 minutes. We

would like to thank Teresa Ankrom and Lynn Kraus for being our accompanist throughout the year.

Deacons along with many other members, provide transportation to many church members for doctor appointments and any other appointments when they are unable to find other means of transportation.

The Deacons final day of the year is The Christmas Eve Service. We take care of ushering, candles for silent night, luminaries, lighting of the candles for Silent Night, dimming of the lights, acolytes, and window candles. This also includes clean up and storage for supplies needed for this service.

Once again, I would like to thank all of the Deacons and members of the congregation who helped make this a successful year for the Deacons.

Respectfully submitted,
Nate Smith

Board of Deacons 2019

Checking Account

January 2019 Beginning Balance \$ 804.34

Deposits

Funerals 1,000.00

Fundraiser 385.00

Donations

Presbyterian Women 200.00

Judy Corbett 200.00

Total Deposits \$1,785.00

Expenses

Hope House 385.00

Mission Team 200.00

Haven House Baskets 416.90

Mardi Gras Brunch 100.00

Picnic at Crites Park 515.00

Total Expenses \$1,616.90

December 2019 Ending Balance \$ 972.44

The Green Team was formed in 2019, chaired by Jenna Acklin, members include Teresa Ankrom, Alison Davis, Pastor Joel Esala, Alice Harker, Meg Kadunc, Jack Mader, Bob Parker, Meg Rorick, Myron Rorick, and Donna Solovey. In 2019 we added a Compost Bin and Recycling Bins. We switched from plastic Communion cups to glass cups and are now using ceramic coffee mugs at Coffee Hours, replacing the styrofoam cups. Members are asked to wash the mug they use. We are working with the Trustees to get a new water softener so that the dishwasher will be more effective and can be used more frequently allowing us to use our dishware instead of one-use paper plates.

The Green Team used Norwex cleaning supplies to do an earth-friendly, chemical-free cleaning of the church during the summer work day. The Lower Level old bathroom is currently stocked with these cleaning supplies that are available for all members to use.

We had an Energy Audit completed at the church, action items included us negotiating new/lower rates for our Gas and Electricity and the Trustees converted 215 bulbs to LED.

The Green Team coordinated a fundraiser with Columbia Gas for Home Energy Audits for members/friends of the congregation. 10 Home Audits were completed, raising \$200.

We are currently collecting bottle caps for Head Start that will be used to make a bench.

We had one outdoor worship service.

Our goal for 2020 is to become an Earth Care Congregation through PCUSA and to add more lessons on Earth Care to our Christian Education programs and church Outreach.

Respectfully submitted, Jenna Acklin

Report of the Board of Trustees 2019

John Ankrom, President	Larry & Roxanne Davis	Curtis Crego
Allyn Sheldon, Vice-President	Ron & Kathy Studebaker	Darrell Smith
Alice Harker, Secretary	Bob Parker	Ken Hall

Trustees completing their three-year terms in 2019 were Larry and Roxanne Davis, Ron and Kathy Studebaker, and John Ankrom. We thank them for their commitment and contributions to the church during this time. Joining us for this coming year are Myron Rorick and Ken Tennant, with John Ankrom returning for a second term.

Our year started in January with the election of officers for 2019: John Ankrom, President, Allyn Sheldon, Vice-President, and Alice Harker, Secretary. Regular monthly meetings were held the third Wednesday of each month with the exception of July and September.

The year was dominated by the planning and execution of two major projects: the installation of a new fire alarm system and exterior sealing of the church's masonry walls, including some roof repairs.

As discussed in the previous year's trustee's report, our church's fire alarm system had been noted as deficient in yearly reports filed with the State of Ohio. Part of this was due to the fact that two separate systems existed; one older system servicing the sanctuary area and a newer system servicing Campbell Hall and the education wing. These systems did not "talk" with each other, which would allow a fire event to occur in one part of the building without alarming the entire building. Accordingly, a contract was executed with Koorsen Fire & Security, who replaced the two existing systems with one new system, including the updating of all devices to meet current code requirements. The cost of the work was \$37,795 and was completed in August.

The second project was spearheaded by Ken Hall on behalf of the church, who developed the scope and specifications to seal the exterior masonry walls of our original church building. The successful bidder for the work was Mark Huffer of Utmost Renovations. The work also included a reduction in height of the brick chimney above the west entry to the sanctuary, to minimize future maintenance costs. 250 bricks removed from the chimney were cleaned and saved to be re-purposed as keepsakes for a future fundraising activity. Some spot tuckpointing was done. The exterior stairs to the basement level located in the same area were eliminated also, and a new concrete slab was placed to close the stairwell. A second phase of the work involved the Durable Slate Company, who addressed several repair items with our slate roof. The grounding cable for the lightning protection system on the steeple was also reconnected. Total cost of this exterior work was \$48,740 and was also completed in August.

Workdays were held on April 13th (with more than 25 helpers!) and May 11th with many members performing needed tasks both inside and outside of the facility, including mulching, power-washing, and kitchen cleaning. Megan Piper again trimmed and mowed the grass areas. The trustees appreciate all that help keep our church home a welcoming environment to the community and our membership.

Carpets in Campbell Hall were cleaned quarterly. HVAC routine maintenance was performed by Accurate (Campbell Hall area) and McCrady (sanctuary area). We had a second consecutive year with minimal major expense in that category. Other significant improvements included the installation of a small accessory building to the rear of the church for gasoline powered equipment storage. New handrailings were installed at the west alley sidewalk. The mailbox was replaced with a version less prone to rain damaging the mail. The Bell Choir room received a new window air-conditioning unit. First aid kits were purchased for the Kitchen, Sanctuary and Room 204.

Pumpkin Show parking ran smoothly, netting \$3035, which was added to the trustee's reserve account and will be used for projects around the church. Thanks to all who participated by purchasing a permit and working a shift. Chris Piper again dedicated much of her time during this week to the parking lot, and a donation was made to her in recognition of that effort.

Thanks to the "Green Team", we were able to realize significant savings to our utility costs by re-negotiating contracts for electric and gas rates. Bob Parker directed this effort. Additionally, we reviewed a project to convert many light fixtures to LED bulbs, saving additional utility dollars. This project will begin in January of 2020. Our "Green Team" is paying a dividend! The groundwork was laid for another 2020 project as quotes were received for a water conditioning system for the church.

The year saw two unfortunate incidents with the pipe organ. In the first, Jack Mader took a tumble while working in the pipe chamber, damaging some of the pipes, and somehow avoiding personal injury. The cost to repair was \$3344, with our insurance covering the majority. The second incident occurred in November, as the blower motor, original to the organ, suffered damage to the rotors and had to be completely replaced. A new blower unit and reservoir was installed by the Muller Pipe Organ Company later that month at a cost of \$12,700.

In sum, it was a busy year for the Trustees, and I personally thank all my fellow members for their efforts throughout the year. The Board of Trustees would also like to thank Susie Hollar and John Williams for another year of dedicated service. We value their commitment and daily work to keep our congregation running smoothly. Thanks again to Bob Sneed, for his treasurer's role. Finally, to Pastor Joel, your positive contributions, enthusiasm, and encouragement to keep us on track and growing in our faith are greatly appreciated!

Respectfully submitted,

John R. Ankrom, President
2019 Board of Trustees

CHANCEL CHOIR REPORT

2019

First of all, I want to thank each and every choir member for his/her time and talent. Our choir members have very busy lives but still make time to support our worship services. The choir continues to help the congregation in the singing of new hymns. Many members also serve on Boards and Commissions of the church as shown by choir members moving in and out of the chancel during some Sunday Services. The choir was able to enjoy the Christmas Program given by the children and youth of the church. It was done beautifully and the choir enjoys getting to watch from the view of the congregation. I also want to thank the children of the church who sang with us on Palm Sunday. It is so touching to see the smiles of the congregation when children join our choir in song.

I was able to attend both Stanton's Sight-Reading Clinic this year in January and in August. These clinics are very helpful in reviewing new music and music that is appropriate for our choir. I am very thankful to members of the congregation who sign up with the Kroger Rewards Program to help our music program expenses. This allows the whole music program to obtain needed music and/or supplies that maybe our individual budgets may not be able to cover.

I appreciate Tony Ellis and his son playing special music for our congregation during the month of May. His son had come home from out of state to celebrate Tony's birthday. Tony is a well-known and accomplished banjo player and has been featured on PBS and other musical venues. I would also like to thank Julia Weller, Stephanie Jones, Kara Landefeld, Sarah and Erin Spring, Andy Solovey, Jack Mader, Tom and Monica Gans, Doyle Painter, and Judy Spicer who provided special music or liturgic dance for our services during the summer. Our congregation appreciates your musical contributions. I continue to encourage members of the congregation who do not play or sing in our music groups to still share their talent during one of the summer services.

Inventory of choir music is still not completed. Maybe 2020 will be the year to check this off my list.

The choir was excited to welcome Judy Burkhart this year. Judy grew up in this church and the Burkhart name should be familiar as our Handbells are named the Burkhart Memorial Handbells. Judy Corbett, a faithful member has been dealing with health issues and we miss her voice every Sunday. We continue to pray for Judy's good health and for her return to choir.

I want to thank Darrell for continuing to keep our robes and music library in order. I am the envy of many church choir directors who are not as fortunate to have someone take care of robes and music.

I also want to thank Pat and Jack for their Thursday night rehearsal and Sunday morning accompanying of our anthems. We are fortunate to have them both. I also appreciate my daughter Erin who has stepped in to direct in my absence whenever I've been sick or out a Sunday for a planned vacation. It has been wonderful working with Joel.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Painter, Chancel Choir Director

ORGANIST'S REPORT

Twenty-nineteen brought an unexpected and expensive failure of one of the vital parts of our pipe organ. On Nov. 1, a Friday, we were preparing to do some minor tuning touch-ups and shortly after I turned the organ on we heard a loud screeching noise coming from the blower room in the basement. Upon checking, I observed heavy smoke coming from inside the blower. By the time I was able to return to the sanctuary to turn off the organ, the front of the sanctuary was filled with heavy (and very odiferous) smoke. A technician from Muller Pipe Organs arrived within two hours and pronounced the blower beyond help.

The blower was the original, installed with the organ in 1929. It was made entirely of wood, except for the fan blades inside. After 90 years many of the interior wood baffles (that direct the wind to the organ at the proper pressure) had developed dry rot and some of them had fallen into the fan blades. We were very close to having a bad fire! We were told by the Muller technician that it would be much more expedient (and less expensive) to install a completely new blower and the trustees quickly approved the project. Fortunately, Muller was able to locate a suitable blower at one of its suppliers and it was installed and the organ made ready for the Presbytery meeting at our church on Nov. 17. We were very lucky, because if that blower had not been available it would have to have been ordered from Germany, and that process would have taken several months. As it turned out, we were only without the organ for three Sundays.

Removing the old blower ourselves saved the church additional money and saved a lot of time. Bob Parker, Myron Rorick and I attempted to do the removal ourselves but it proved too formidable a task for us septuagenarians (and one octogenarian) so Mr. Parker called someone he knows to finish the job. The man literally had to saw the blower apart to get it out.

The new blower cost the church \$12,700, which was somewhat below the estimated cost of up to \$14,000. Fortunately, there were adequate funds in the organ maintenance account to pay the bill, but those funds need to be replenished in case of (Heaven forbid!) any other major disaster. Contributions are being accepted and we thank you for your support in maintaining our prized pipe organ, considered by many to be among the best in Central Ohio.

You may recall that after the re-leathering project of 2017 we experienced quite a few glitches such as dead notes and ciphers. Getting them corrected was complicated by the closing of the Bunn=Minnick Pipe Organ Company due to the death of its president. But several key people who ran the company were very faithful about coming down here to make the corrections, a process that lasted until early 2019. It was their way of honoring what was supposed to be a ten-year warranty on the work.

We continue to save the church money by performing minor tuning and maintenance work ourselves. Monica Gans has become an expert reed tuner! She can reach areas of the organ that I cannot. Erin Spring and Pastor Joel also lend a hand. Unfortunately, last spring I suffered a balance problem and fell while I was alone doing some work in the lower chamber. A number of pipes were damaged but the organ remained fully playable and our insurance covered the damage. Other than my pride, I had no major injuries. We now have a policy that another person must be present when one of us is working in the chambers.

In addition to supplying music for the traditional worship service each Sunday, the organ has other uses throughout the year. In 2019 it was used for three weddings, five funeral services and one of the Lenten

lunch services. Other special services include Maundy Thursday and, of course, Christmas Eve. In February we were treated to a wonderful concert presented by the Music Department faculty at Ohio Christian University. The organ, played by Dr. Brent Nolte, had a major role in that program, including solos, piano-organ duets and choral accompaniment. Dr. Nolte was so impressed with our organ that he has asked to present another recital on it, perhaps yet this year. Clark Wilson, resident organist at the Ohio Theatre, has accompanied several silent films and played a recital on our organ during the past several years and we hope to have him back at the console during our 200th anniversary celebration in 2022.

We are now beginning our third year with the Muller Pipe Organ Company of Croton, Ohio, doing the tuning and major repairs to the organ. Major tuning (e.g., every pipe in the organ and there are 1,776 of them), is done twice a year: in the fall after we switch from air conditioning to heat, and in the spring when we switch back to A/C. Those change-overs require changing the output of the air ducts in the organ chambers to keep the temperatures balanced in the upper and lower chambers. Organ pipes are very sensitive to even minor temperature variations. The Muller technicians spend the better part of an entire day doing this thorough tuning. This schedule has proven very satisfactory, although it was an adjustment from the Bunn=Minnick policy of doing a partial tuning four times a year. Money-wise, the cost is about the same. I have been extremely pleased with Muller's professionalism, courtesy, thoroughness, and their fast response to emergencies beyond our ability to handle. Muller also services the pipe organs at St. Philip's Episcopal Church, Trinity Lutheran Church, and Community United Methodist Church.

It remains an honor and privilege to serve as organist, along with Pat Beathard. Rita Painter, Erin Spring and Pastor Joel round out the "music team" and we meet once a month to coordinate the worship music planning.

For those of you new to our church family, here is a little information about me. I first played the organ here during a worship service in 1957, when I was just 13 years old. I've been at it in one form or another ever since, except for the years I was away at school. I was appointed to the organist position in 1979 when Marguerite Burkhardt retired. Currently, Pat Beathard and I share the Sunday organ duties, with each of us playing roughly every other Sunday. I was directly involved with the planning of a major expansion of the organ in 1982, the design and installation of the new console in 1994, and the re-leathering and cleaning of the organ pipes in 2017.

Jack Mader

Community Kitchen Annual Report For 2019

The Community Kitchen is an ecumenical undertaking of 11 churches and 13 organizations in Pickaway County that prepare and serve meals every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evening in Campbell Hall. Our numbers range from 20 - 60 with many attending on a regular basis. Over 6000 meals were served in 2019. This effort to feed the hungry requires the cooperation of many in our community. We rely upon the groups who prepare the meals as well as the generous contributions of churches, businesses, organizations, and individuals to fulfill our mission. In December we received a generous donation from DuPont and the Morning Rotary purchased a freezer for our storage room. On the days we serve meals, PICCA has added transportation to the Community Kitchen for dinner and then to the emergency men's shelter Hope House.

A store room is stocked with food (canned fruits and vegetables, noodles, pasta, instant potatoes) and paper products (plates, cups, plastic ware, napkins). A freezer is stocked with ground beef. We have partnered with the Bob Evans Restaurant in South Bloomfield to receive leftover products every week (over 1200 pounds this year) and Lindsey's Bakery provides doughnuts. Each group plans their own meal using supplies from the store room or items they provide. Meals are often supplemented with fresh produce and milk purchased by each group. Our goal is to provide a variety of hot, nutritious meals. The Community Kitchen is open to all - offering a warm meal and a warm welcome and helping those in need to stretch their food dollars.

Our Church provides the facility, storage room, utilities, and personnel for cleaning, setup, etc. We prepare a meal the 1st Friday and 4th Wednesday of every month. Presbyterian Women provides \$300 to help with additional cleaning of the kitchen. The Mission Team oversees this Session endorsed project; Deacons and Congregational Care provide additional help. In November and December the Mission Team provided money to purchase food staples to distribute. Other groups have provided hats, mittens, sox, and gifts at various holidays throughout the year. These are always gratefully received. This year over fifty adults and youth from our church helped prepare and serve meals. Church families gathered on Thanksgiving Eve for a meal together with our Community Kitchen diners. The meal was hosted by the Weller and Edgar families and served by the youth of our church. Pastor Joel attends Community Kitchen on Wednesdays to warmly greet and visit with the diners. This year we opened our sanctuary to allow families and friends of our diners a space to remember and share thoughts for those who had died. Joel's presence and enthusiastic support of this mission are deeply appreciated.

Submitted by Alice Harker

Community Kitchen Treasurer's Report - 2019

Balance Forward as of 1-1-19		\$5517.15
Income:		
	St. Joseph's Catholic Church	697.00
	St. Philip's Women	200.00
	Northridge Church (Love & Joy)	200.00
	Presbyterian Women	400.00
	Sister Monica	30.00
	David & Marie Crawford	100.00
	Ron & Pat Knecht	100.00
	Larry & Susie Hollar	100.00
	DuPont	1000.00
		+\$2827.00
Expenses:		
	Presbyterian Trustees	600.00
	Presbyterian Women	300.00
	Circleville Fast Freeze	410.73
	Sam's Club Supplies	1647.48
		-\$2958.21
Interest on Checking		+ 4.99
Checking Account Balance as of 12-31-19		\$5390.93
Susie Hollar, Treasurer		

CUSH
Churches United for Senior Housing
2019 Annual Report

The Presbyterian Church is a member of a non-profit organization named Churches United for Senior Housing, or CUSH. This organization was formed in 1980 by several area churches to assist in developing senior housing in the community. Eventually, six churches joined the group, and \$10,000 was raised to provide operational monies to pursue a project through the Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD). The result was Eden Place, a 40-unit three-story apartment building, located on Atwater Avenue. Other than some cash, it remains the sole asset of the organization. Management of the units is contracted to the Pickaway Metropolitan Housing Authority (PMHA).

Today, the Eden Place project is monitored by a group of delegates from the member churches, including ours. John Ankrom and Doris Gillespie are the current Presbyterian delegates. Two spots from our church are unfilled. Both John and Doris have served as Presidents of the board of directors in the past. John is the current president and Doris is the secretary. The directors meet quarterly to receive management's reports, and all delegates meet annually in January. All 40 units are currently rented, and the census stays consistently high.

The CUSH organization has been exploring avenues to transfer ownership control of the Eden Place asset to PMHA, who can more efficiently and effectively manage the project if it is the owner, and to relieve potential liability that could be extended to the involved churches. Accordingly, at the January 2020 organizational meeting, a vote was taken to transfer the property to the Housing Authority within the next several months. Part of this agreement requires a \$5000 contribution from each of the member churches to help defray accumulated management fees from the past several years that are owed to the Housing Authority. This amount can be paid over a five-year period (\$1000 year), or in a lump sum. Once paid, our commitment to the organization will be fulfilled.

Respectfully submitted,

John R. Ankrom, President
Churches United for Senior Housing

Emergency Clearinghouse

The Emergency Clearinghouse Association is a coalition of local churches and organizations committed to assisting residents of Pickaway County in meeting certain emergency needs. A board of directors made up of representatives from area churches oversees the activities. PICCA advises the board and does screening of applicants for assistance and the Clearinghouse serves them at the behest of the Pickaway Ministerial Association.

The Emergency Clearinghouse Association provides five day supply of food every calendar month, including meat, canned goods, cereal, eggs, cheese and other miscellaneous household items to families.

During 2019, we averaged nearly 500 families per month. We receive food from Wal-Mart on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. On Monday thru Sunday Kroger supplies bread, and on Fridays we receive meat from Kroger. We receive food from Aldis and Big Lots on Thursdays. We also receive items from Dollar General on North Court Street and Dollar Tree.

We currently have about 50 volunteers but can always use more. Total volunteer hours for 2019 was over 10,000 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Darrell Smith – board member
Teresa Ankrom and Sam Wilson - volunteers

Around the Cross

This group of church members meets the third Friday of the month in Campbell Hall for fellowship and good food. Some months we even have a program. The average attendance is 8 to 12 and we would always welcome more church members to join us. Please bring your table service and a dish to share. Any questions, contact Barb Hull.

PRAYER CHAIN

The Prayer Chain is a ministry open to all members of the church who want to pray for others facing difficult times. Requests are sometimes made for unnamed people needing the power and comfort of prayer but who wish to maintain their privacy. Prayer requests are not limited to members of our congregation, we offer prayer for anyone in need.

More than 400 emails were sent to the 70 members of the chain in 2019. Requests are emailed every Sunday and as needed during the week. The weekly list of those having birthdays is sent on Saturday. Rita Painter and Marcia Smith send requests when I cannot and for that I am truly grateful.

If you have a request, contact the church office, or me at 740-477-1546 or kenclarehall@gmail.com. Requests can also be made using the form attached to the bulletin.

We welcome new "links" in the chain so if you would like to be a part of the Prayer Chain, please contact me.

Shalom, Clare Hall

Presbyterian Women

We began 2019 with fellowship at Goodwin's restaurant with Pastor Joel in attendance.

Our church hosted a meeting of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Scioto Valley in February. The women of our church provided the meal for this event.

The 50th May luncheon was held May 01, 2019. This was our final May luncheon. We served 214 meals with a profit of approximately \$1700. We are in the early stages of planning a new event to replace May Luncheon.

Kitchen cleaning and maintenance continues with funds raised by Presbyterian Women.

We ended the first half of 2019 with our annual strawberry breakfast at Jennifer Sneed's residence.

We are also continuing bag cutting and preparation for Sam and Debbie Wilson's project of making mats for the homeless.

Marie Gamertsfelder
Past Moderator

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
FINANCIAL REPORT
2019

Balance Forwarded as of 1/1/19 **\$ 15,591.58**

INCOME/DEPOSITS:

May Luncheon less \$600 start \$	\$ 2,460.00	
Cookie Walk-'18	*	40.00
Cookie Walk-'19 less \$325 start \$	*	2,134.00
Interest		16.67
From Comm. Kitchen for Cleaning	*	300.00
Bowser gift in memory of Doris Yamarick		500.00
Least Coin/Birthday Offering Change Collected		<u>69.54</u>
<u>Total Income</u>		<u>+ \$ 5,520.21</u>

EXPENSES:

Mission-Emergency Clearinghouse		300.00
Mission-Hope House		200.00
Mission-Community Kitchen		400.00
Mission-Hands for Disabled		200.00
Mission-Haven House		200.00
Mission-Circleville Comm. Mission		200.00
Mission-Deacons for Haven House Boxes		200.00
PW/PSV Hosting Expenses		150.00
'18 Cookie Walk Ads	*	103.44
'19 Cookie Walk expense	*	168.90
May Luncheon expenses		625.93
PSV/Least Coin/Birthday Offering		73.00
Cleaning of kitchen -12 times @ \$50	*	<u>600.00</u>
<u>Total Expenses</u>		<u>-\$ 3,421.27</u>

Total Account Balance as of 12/31/19 **\$ 17,690.52**

***Kitchen Fund**

Balance 01/01/19		\$ 8,888.03
Plus Income: Cookie Walk-'19	2,134.00	
Cookie Walk-'18	40.00	
Comm. Kitchen	<u>300.00</u>	
		+ 2,474.00
Less Expenses: all * expenses		- 872.34
<u>New Balance Kitchen Fund 12/31/19</u>		<u>\$10,489.69</u>
<u>New Balance General Fund 12/31/19</u>		<u>\$ 7,200.83</u>

Respectfully,
Roxanne Hilts Davis, Treasurer



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The Cornerstone Healthcare Facility of Pickaway County

Brown Memorial Home has been a staple within our community for over 100 years. Any business which operates for over a century proves that we are doing what it takes to ensure that our residents and community are being well cared for. Many providers of Skilled Nursing, Long-Term Care and Assisted Living services claim that they know what it takes to care for others but we have proven this fact. The reason we have been successful for so many years is due to the fact that we do what is right. When other healthcare organizations are cutting costs in order to focus on their bottom line, we stay focused on the care that our resident's need.

Being the only nonprofit Skilled Nursing, Long-Term Care and Assisted Living provider in Pickaway County, we are able to truly focus on what matters...our residents. We listen to, learn and grow from those we serve. Every action and decision we make is done by keeping our resident's best interest in the forefront of our hearts and minds. We can honestly say that this mindset is not the norm within our industry which is what makes Brown Memorial Home stand out amongst the rest.

The Changing Landscape

In the coming years, Pickaway County will see a large rise in our senior population. Seniors who are our parents, friends, neighbors and even ourselves may need to find a place receive care. We must ensure that there is a place for our community to find the care and compassion they need while staying in the community they love. Brown Memorial Home relies on our imagination to guide our growth and not our balance sheet. As a nonprofit healthcare facility, we greatly rely upon the support of our community which we have done for 126 years.

As the landscape of the industry changes, so does our need to diversify and grow in a manner that is appropriate, meaningful and that compliments our mission and values. We have brought a new Administrator into our family in order to help guide and direct our growth in a well planned and strategic manner. The Administrator is also helping to operationally navigate the increasing and ever-changing regulations.

Acts of Service

Brown Memorial Home actively works with Trinity Lutheran, Community United Methodist, Good Shepherd United Methodist and Circleville Presbyterian churches along with other local churches through Ohio Christian University, volunteer initiatives and other new programs. Brown Memorial Home also has developed partnerships with Berger Hospital, Adena Medical Center and local long-term care organizations in order to find ways of serving our community to the best of our ability.

We Invite Your Support

As we are nonprofit, we rely heavily upon the generous donations from our community so that we may continue caring for those individuals who cannot care for themselves. We are asking for your support so that together we can continue to give the very best in care and support to our residents. Please consider making a financial donation through a one-time donation, monthly gift, or bequeath through The Columbus Foundation or Pickaway County Community Foundation, via our website at www.brownmemorialhome.com, in person or through the mail to 158 East Mound Street, Circleville Ohio 43113.

YOU make a positive difference in the lives of the elderly we serve — and we are extremely grateful!

Presbyterian Church Board Members

2020 Board members: Teresa Ankrom and Tom Dixon, who is replacing Darrell Smith who has been on the board the last 6 years.



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