



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH *of* BELLA VISTA

2023 ANNUAL REPORT

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of **BELLA VISTA**
Mission Statement

“With the continued guidance of the Holy Spirit, and following the instructions of our Lord Jesus Christ, we preach and teach the Good News. We are accepting of all God’s children and we commit to providing ministries that will reflect our changing world with the focus of God’s abiding love.”

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PASTOR'S INTRODUCTION

*“The Peace of God, which transcends all understanding,
will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.”*

– *Philippians 4:7*

I believe we have had a wonderful and full year together. It continues to be a blessing to me to be called to walk alongside of you through life. We have laughed, cried, sung our way through worship and we have said goodbye to members and friends in this faith. I am thankful for your generosity, your curiosity, and your faith.

Wouldn't it be wonderful to experience a little more peace from God in 2024? I hope we continue to grow in this – our peace-making skills and our devotion to a mind to work on our own inner peace.

To Summarize 2023, I will draw from a few of my Session Reports. Regular visits, memorials, committee work, and worship services are, of course, the backdrop to all of the months.

January

- Listening Session with 37 Members
- Transitioned to 3 Session Committees
- Trained Office Volunteers with Staff
- Began intensive work on the P&P Manual
- Said goodbye to Becky as Office Staff

February

- Boundary Training for Presbytery
- Continued Book w/ Session “How To Lead When You Don't Know Where You're Going” by Susan Beaumont
- Worked on Session Retreat

March

- Book Study “Everything Happens for a Reason...” by Kate Bowler
- Presbytery at Lyon College w Elder Jean Nichols
- Finished the Ann Lamott Book Study “Halleluiah Anyway”
- Taizé Jam in sanctuary (this was an informal time to sing during Lent)

April

- Easter was wonderful!
- Holy Humor: April 23. We enjoyed a Mr. Rogers Sunday

May

- Completed the UCM Bike-A-Thon doing 38.69 Miles and we raised \$1,976 together!
- Attended ARW at Montreat (Arts and Recreation and Worship Conference)

June

- We invited members and watched “A Hidden Life,” “Togo,” and “Selma” movies
- PCUSA Book of Order revisions coming and we will need 2 new policies, an Anti-Racism and Anti-Harassment.
- Blessing of the Pets! June 11 at the park. So fun!! “RRR-Ruff...Meow...” says our guests.

July

- Attended Ring Lake Ranch “Pounding for Peace” Conference and rested and hiked and rode horses.

August

- Book Study “Meeting Jesus Again For The First Time” by Marcus Borg. We have 2 groups now, one smaller on Tuesday. One larger group in F/H on Thursdays. It is wonderful to grow to the point we need 2 groups now.
- Sermon Series “Landscapes of our Faith”
- Started “A Moment” series on Website. Great idea from Paul.
- Serve on Presbytery Nominating Committee
- Elected to be ViceMod’24/Moderator’25/Presbytery Coordinating Team ’26 for the Presbytery of Arkansas

September

- Deacons are amazing and we decided to make sure anyone who has a member here (for instance, as a parent) gives out my cell phone just in case they may need to reach me.
- Church Sale was awesome!

October

- Elder/Deacon Leadership Training Event. I planned and participated. Thank you to all who came out to the Bentonville Church. We had many of our newest leaders attend.
- Revised the paperwork for our Memorial Garden to make sure everything was in order. We plan to do an annual audit of the space and make recommendations. This will now be organized and maintained with our Staff and all documents kept on-site. Thank you to the committee for years of great work!

November

- Stewardship season was wonderful and we are most thankful for a wonderful and generous congregation.
- 2024 book selection was chosen at committee level. David LaMott’s book “You Are Changing the World, Whether You Like it or Not” and he and I met many years ago at the College Student Conferences at Mo Ranch in Texas. He will Zoom with us sometime next year to discuss. How awesome!!

December

- Advent Readers, A Sermon Series on the Nativity and some wonderful caroling and JOY was celebrated by all.
- New Sound! New Security System!

It has really been a full year. I can’t wait to see how God will shape us for ministry in 2024 and pray that we continue to welcome our neighbors with loving and open hearts.

Peace and Love,

Pastor Judi McMillan



CHURCH OFFICERS & STAFF 2023

Session

Rev. Dr. Judi McMillan, Moderator
Sharon Warner, Clerk of Session
Cathy Rew, Church Treasurer

Class of 2023

Bud Clark, Co-Moderator of Property Committee
Jean Nichols, Moderator of Spiritual Life Committee
David Riter, Co-Moderator of Missions Committee
Florence Riter, Co-Moderator of Missions Committee

Class of 2024

Lon Cross, Moderator of Operations Committee
Bev MacDonald, Moderator of Congregational Life Committee
Nancy Ortman, Co-Moderator of Congregational Committee

Class of 2025

Vicki Erickson, Moderator of Stewardship
Tom Hackleman, Co-Moderator of Operations Committee
Dan Johnson, Co-Moderator of Missions Committee

Church Staff

Rev. Dr. Judi McMillan, Head of Staff
Ann Davidson, Church Accountant / Business Manager
Bud Clark, Director of Music
Gail Knudsen, Organist
Paul Bennett, Administrative Assistant / Media Director

Office Volunteers

Special thanks to our office volunteers for generously giving their time to help maintain the front office.

Sharry McGuire
Susan Foster
Frank Taylor
Terry Woods
Arlene Biebesheimer

YEAR-END FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Presbyterian Church Of Bella Vista

Analysis of Revenue & Exp - Detail 2023 BF & GF

Date Range: Dec 1st 2023 - Dec 31st 2023

Fund: Building Fund

| | MTD | | | | Over (Under) | Annual Budget |
|--|----------------|-------------|----------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|
| Accounts | Actual | MTD Budget | YTD Actual | YTD Budget | YTD Budget | Remaining |
| Revenues | | | | | | |
| BUILDING FUND INCOME | | | | | | |
| 491030 BF Pledged Offerings | 2,350.00 | 4,098.37 | 44,910.00 | 49,180.00 | (4,270.00) | 4,270.00 |
| 492030 BF Unpledged Offerings | 190.00 | 250.00 | 988.47 | 3,000.00 | (2,011.53) | 2,011.53 |
| 494030 BF Special Gifts | 0.00 | 0.00 | 20,045.00 | 0.00 | 20,045.00 | (20,045.00) |
| Total BUILDING FUND INCOME | 2,540.00 | 4,348.37 | 65,943.47 | 52,180.00 | 13,763.47 | (13,763.47) |
| Cash Transfers | | | | | | |
| 499030 BF Transfer from TX Pres | 83,523.24 | 0.00 | 83,523.24 | 0.00 | 83,523.24 | (83,523.24) |
| Total Cash Transfers | 83,523.24 | 0.00 | 83,523.24 | 0.00 | 83,523.24 | (83,523.24) |
| Total Revenues | \$ 86,063.24 | \$ 4,348.37 | \$ 149,466.71 | \$ 52,180.00 | \$ 97,286.71 | (\$ 97,286.71) |
| Expenses | | | | | | |
| GENERAL FUND EXPENSES | | | | | | |
| Operations | | | | | | |
| Building/Grounds Expenses | | | | | | |
| 604210 BG Interior Maint/Supply | 1,629.21 | 141.63 | 3,851.58 | 1,700.00 | (2,151.58) | (2,151.58) |
| 606210 BG Exterior Maint/Supply | 0.00 | 291.63 | 4,335.00 | 3,500.00 | (835.00) | (835.00) |
| 607210 BG Kitchen Supplies | 0.00 | 8.37 | 0.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| 608410 BG Maintenance Contract Serv | 2,796.37 | 1,666.63 | 18,875.41 | 20,000.00 | 1,124.59 | 1,124.59 |
| 610610 BG Property Purchases | 0.00 | 75.00 | 0.00 | 900.00 | 900.00 | 900.00 |
| 612010 BG Insurance | 1,585.25 | 1,166.63 | 15,891.72 | 14,000.00 | (1,891.72) | (1,891.72) |
| 616010 BG Misc Expenses | 0.00 | 12.50 | 0.00 | 150.00 | 150.00 | 150.00 |
| 618010 BG Capital Repairs/Improvmnts | 0.00 | 166.63 | 6,681.77 | 2,000.00 | (4,681.77) | (4,681.77) |
| Total Building/Grounds Expenses | 6,010.83 | 3,529.02 | 49,635.48 | 42,350.00 | (7,285.48) | (7,285.48) |
| Total Operations | 6,010.83 | 3,529.02 | 49,635.48 | 42,350.00 | (7,285.48) | (7,285.48) |
| Total GENERAL FUND EXPENSES | 6,010.83 | 3,529.02 | 49,635.48 | 42,350.00 | (7,285.48) | (7,285.48) |
| BUILDING FUND EXPENSES | | | | | | |
| 902030 BF Landscaping | 0.00 | 0.00 | 11,853.38 | 0.00 | (11,853.38) | (11,853.38) |
| 908030 BF Major Repairs & Improvements | 86,692.56 | 819.13 | 94,443.24 | 9,830.00 | (84,613.24) | (84,613.24) |
| Total BUILDING FUND EXPENSES | 86,692.56 | 819.13 | 106,296.62 | 9,830.00 | (96,466.62) | (96,466.62) |
| Total Expenses | \$ 92,703.39 | \$ 4,348.15 | \$ 155,932.10 | \$ 52,180.00 | (\$ 103,752.10) | (\$ 103,752.10) |
| Net Total | (\$ 6,640.15) | \$ 0.22 | (\$ 6,465.39) | \$ 0.00 | (\$ 6,465.39) | \$ 6,465.39 |

Fund: General Fund

| Accounts | MTD | | YTD Actual | YTD Budget | Over (Under) | Annual Budget |
|--|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|
| | Actual | MTD Budget | | | YTD Budget | Remaining |
| Revenues | | | | | | |
| GENERAL FUND INCOME | | | | | | |
| 422010 Pledged Offerings | 20,972.60 | 20,335.12 | 243,111.59 | 244,021.00 | (909.41) | 909.41 |
| 423010 Un-Pledged Offerings | 26,135.96 | 2,916.63 | 74,911.14 | 35,000.00 | 39,911.14 | (39,911.14) |
| 424010 Loose Offerings | 577.00 | 125.00 | 2,751.00 | 1,500.00 | 1,251.00 | (1,251.00) |
| 428010 Designated/Special Gifts | 0.00 | 83.37 | 0.00 | 1,000.00 | (1,000.00) | 1,000.00 |
| 432010 Building Use | 335.00 | 41.63 | 1,735.00 | 500.00 | 1,235.00 | (1,235.00) |
| 434010 Interest Income | 13.03 | 16.63 | 155.15 | 200.00 | (44.85) | 44.85 |
| 435010 Other Income | 0.00 | 166.63 | 10,054.08 | 2,000.00 | 8,054.08 | (8,054.08) |
| 435020 Transferred Income | 0.00 | 4,188.62 | 37,857.64 | 50,263.00 | (12,405.36) | 12,405.36 |
| Total GENERAL FUND INCOME | 48,033.59 | 27,873.63 | 370,575.60 | 334,484.00 | 36,091.60 | (36,091.60) |
| MEMORIAL FUND INCOME | | | | | | |
| 474020 MH Undesignated Income | 500.00 | 0.00 | 2,525.00 | 0.00 | 2,525.00 | (2,525.00) |
| Total MEMORIAL FUND INCOME | 500.00 | 0.00 | 2,525.00 | 0.00 | 2,525.00 | (2,525.00) |
| Total Revenues | \$ 48,533.59 | \$ 27,873.63 | \$ 373,100.60 | \$ 334,484.00 | \$ 38,616.60 | (\$ 38,616.60) |
| Expenses | | | | | | |
| GENERAL FUND EXPENSES | | | | | | |
| Operations | | | | | | |
| Minister's Expense Fixed | | | | | | |
| 542010 MN Base Salary | 3,033.34 | 3,033.37 | 36,400.08 | 36,400.00 | (0.08) | (0.08) |
| 544010 MN Housing | 2,945.84 | 2,945.87 | 35,350.08 | 35,350.00 | (0.08) | (0.08) |
| 547010 MN Retirement Plan Contribution | 300.00 | 300.00 | 3,600.00 | 3,600.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 548010 MN Pension/Medical/Insur | 50.56 | 2,448.88 | 29,087.16 | 29,387.00 | 299.84 | 299.84 |
| 550410 MN Social Security Allow | 446.26 | 480.38 | 5,355.12 | 5,765.00 | 409.88 | 409.88 |
| 552610 MN Cont. Education | 0.00 | 375.00 | 4,538.90 | 4,500.00 | (38.90) | (38.90) |
| 555810 MN Prof Books/Materials | 0.00 | 83.37 | 467.57 | 1,000.00 | 532.43 | 532.43 |
| 556010 MN Misc Expenses | 0.00 | 0.00 | 202.66 | 0.00 | (202.66) | (202.66) |
| Total Minister's Expense Fixed | 6,776.00 | 9,666.87 | 115,001.57 | 116,002.00 | 1,000.43 | 1,000.43 |
| Ministers Variable Expense | | | | | | |
| 546010 MN Minister's Auto Mileage | 78.60 | 141.63 | 1,103.31 | 1,700.00 | 596.69 | 596.69 |
| 549010 MN Minister's Business Expense | 218.08 | 108.37 | 2,083.69 | 1,300.00 | (783.69) | (783.69) |
| Total Ministers Variable Expense | 296.68 | 250.00 | 3,187.00 | 3,000.00 | (187.00) | (187.00) |
| Other Staff Expenses | | | | | | |
| 561010 OS Admin Asst - Salary | 3,048.76 | 2,666.63 | 32,190.50 | 32,000.00 | (190.50) | (190.50) |
| 562010 OS Secretary - Salary | 0.00 | 416.63 | 0.00 | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 |
| 563010 OS Accounting - Salary | 1,052.20 | 1,333.37 | 9,671.55 | 16,000.00 | 6,328.45 | 6,328.45 |
| 564010 OS Pianist/Organist - Salary | 997.42 | 825.00 | 8,952.78 | 9,900.00 | 947.22 | 947.22 |
| 566010 OS Director of Music - Salary | 1,608.28 | 1,500.00 | 18,108.28 | 18,000.00 | (108.28) | (108.28) |
| 570410 OS FICA Payroll Tax | 513.05 | 515.87 | 5,272.61 | 6,190.00 | 917.39 | 917.39 |
| 571010 OS Non-Employee Musicians-Fees | 0.00 | 25.00 | 340.00 | 300.00 | (40.00) | (40.00) |
| 576010 OS Miscellaneous Expense | 0.00 | 0.00 | 164.97 | 0.00 | (164.97) | (164.97) |
| Total Other Staff Expenses | 7,219.71 | 7,282.50 | 74,700.69 | 87,390.00 | 12,689.31 | 12,689.31 |
| Other Ministry Expense | | | | | | |
| 573810 OM Session(Elders) Expenses | 0.00 | 8.37 | 144.00 | 100.00 | (44.00) | (44.00) |
| 580010 OM Deacons' Expenses | 0.00 | 8.37 | 0.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| Total Other Ministry Expense | 0.00 | 16.74 | 144.00 | 200.00 | 56.00 | 56.00 |
| Other Administrative Expense | | | | | | |
| 582610 OA Office Supplies | 16.41 | 104.13 | 904.03 | 1,250.00 | 345.97 | 345.97 |
| 584010 OA Postage | 0.00 | 41.63 | 0.00 | 500.00 | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| 590410 OA Copier Lease/Maintenance | 452.23 | 441.63 | 6,162.74 | 5,300.00 | (862.74) | (862.74) |
| 592610 OA Computer Related Expenses | 357.88 | 375.00 | 4,342.04 | 4,500.00 | 157.96 | 157.96 |
| 593810 OA Telephone | 311.00 | 291.63 | 3,800.80 | 3,500.00 | (300.80) | (300.80) |
| 594010 OA Insurance - Work Comp | 70.50 | 95.87 | 552.30 | 1,150.00 | 597.70 | 597.70 |
| 595010 OA Memberships/Subscriptions | 50.00 | 75.00 | 1,161.42 | 900.00 | (261.42) | (261.42) |
| 596010 OA Misc Admin Expenses | 20.25 | 41.63 | 949.41 | 500.00 | (449.41) | (449.41) |
| 598010 OA - PayPal Fee | (5.14) | 4.13 | 178.28 | 50.00 | (128.28) | (128.28) |
| Total Other Administrative Expense | 1,273.13 | 1,470.65 | 18,051.02 | 17,650.00 | (401.02) | (401.02) |
| Stew/Finance Committee Expense | | | | | | |
| 721010 Stewardship/Finance Expenses | 0.00 | 83.26 | 795.65 | 1,000.00 | 204.35 | 204.35 |
| Total Stew/Finance Committee Expense | 0.00 | 83.26 | 795.65 | 1,000.00 | 204.35 | 204.35 |

| Accounts | MTD | | YTD Actual | YTD Budget | Over (Under) | Annual Budget |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| | Actual | MTD Budget | | | YTD Budget | Remaining |
| Communications Committee Exp | | | | | | |
| 776010 CM Communication Expenses | 169.50 | 179.13 | 782.83 | 2,150.00 | 1,367.17 | 1,367.17 |
| Total Communications Committee Exp | 169.50 | 179.13 | 782.83 | 2,150.00 | 1,367.17 | 1,367.17 |
| Building/Grounds Expenses | | | | | | |
| 602010 BG Utilities | 1,648.89 | 2,166.63 | 22,865.81 | 26,000.00 | 3,134.19 | 3,134.19 |
| Total Building/Grounds Expenses | 1,648.89 | 2,166.63 | 22,865.81 | 26,000.00 | 3,134.19 | 3,134.19 |
| Total Operations | 17,383.91 | 21,115.78 | 235,528.57 | 253,392.00 | 17,863.43 | 17,863.43 |
| Spiritual Life | | | | | | |
| 579210 WC Pulpit Supply Fees | 0.00 | 87.50 | 1,225.00 | 1,050.00 | (175.00) | (175.00) |
| 711610 WC Communion Supplies | 0.00 | 8.37 | 0.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| 712410 WC Candles, Flowers & Decor | 0.00 | 25.00 | 590.12 | 300.00 | (290.12) | (290.12) |
| 713610 Flower Income | 0.00 | 8.37 | (516.00) | 100.00 | 616.00 | 616.00 |
| 714810 WC Worship Materials | 0.00 | 25.00 | 485.97 | 300.00 | (185.97) | (185.97) |
| 715010 WC Music | 0.00 | 83.37 | 1,706.02 | 1,000.00 | (706.02) | (706.02) |
| 717010 WC Miscellaneous Expense | 0.00 | 208.37 | 816.66 | 2,500.00 | 1,683.34 | 1,683.34 |
| 718010 WC Worship Streaming Internet | 499.90 | 150.00 | 2,402.60 | 1,800.00 | (602.60) | (602.60) |
| Missions | | | | | | |
| 511010 MS Mission Giving Via GA & Psby | 0.00 | 1,250.00 | 11,250.00 | 15,000.00 | 3,750.00 | 3,750.00 |
| 512010 MS Local Missions | 0.00 | 441.63 | 5,300.00 | 5,300.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 515010 MS Presbytery Outreach Support | 0.00 | 666.63 | 8,000.00 | 8,000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 518010 MS Other Mission Gifts | 0.00 | 495.87 | 5,877.45 | 5,950.00 | 72.55 | 72.55 |
| 520010 OM Mission Operating Expense | 0.00 | 170.87 | 200.00 | 2,050.00 | 1,850.00 | 1,850.00 |
| Total Missions | 0.00 | 3,025.00 | 30,627.45 | 36,300.00 | 5,672.55 | 5,672.55 |
| Total Spiritual Life | 499.90 | 3,620.98 | 37,337.82 | 43,450.00 | 6,112.18 | 6,112.18 |
| Congregational Life | | | | | | |
| 732410 PL Loaves & Fishes | 253.43 | 233.37 | 2,075.35 | 2,800.00 | 724.65 | 724.65 |
| 736010 PL Loaves & Fishes Income | (112.30) | 0.00 | (1,305.06) | 0.00 | 1,305.06 | 1,305.06 |
| 737010 PL Miscellaneous Expense | 0.00 | 0.00 | 166.37 | 0.00 | (166.37) | (166.37) |
| 746810 CE Educational Resources | 221.85 | 136.63 | 2,027.19 | 1,640.00 | (387.19) | (387.19) |
| 747010 CE Money Rec'd for books | 0.00 | 0.00 | (336.00) | 0.00 | 336.00 | 336.00 |
| 748410 Scholarships | 0.00 | 0.00 | 800.00 | 0.00 | (800.00) | (800.00) |
| 749010 CE Miscellaneous Expenses | 0.00 | 10.00 | 0.00 | 120.00 | 120.00 | 120.00 |
| 754410 OR Outreach Supplies | 0.00 | 166.74 | 725.84 | 2,000.00 | 1,274.16 | 1,274.16 |
| 756010 OR Fellowship | 0.00 | 0.00 | 27.36 | 0.00 | (27.36) | (27.36) |
| Total Congregational Life | 362.98 | 546.74 | 4,181.05 | 6,560.00 | 2,378.95 | 2,378.95 |
| Total GENERAL FUND EXPENSES | 18,246.79 | 25,283.50 | 277,047.44 | 303,402.00 | 26,354.56 | 26,354.56 |
| MEMORIAL GARDEN EXPENSES | | | | | | |
| Mem Garden Costruction Costs | | | | | | |
| 788080 Mem Garden Cost of Design and Setup | 0.30 | 0.00 | 0.30 | 0.00 | (0.30) | (0.30) |
| Total Mem Garden Costruction Costs | 0.30 | 0.00 | 0.30 | 0.00 | (0.30) | (0.30) |
| Total MEMORIAL GARDEN EXPENSES | 0.30 | 0.00 | 0.30 | 0.00 | (0.30) | (0.30) |
| Total Expenses | \$ 18,247.09 | \$ 25,283.50 | \$ 277,047.74 | \$ 303,402.00 | \$ 26,354.26 | \$ 26,354.26 |
| Net Total | \$ 30,286.50 | \$ 2,590.13 | \$ 96,052.86 | \$ 31,082.00 | \$ 64,970.86 | (\$ 64,970.86) |

Fund: Memorial Garden Comittee Fund

| Accounts | MTD | | YTD Actual | YTD Budget | Over (Under) | Annual Budget |
|--|--------------|------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|
| | Actual | MTD Budget | | | YTD Budget | Remaining |
| Revenues | | | | | | |
| MEMORIAL GARDEN INCOME | | | | | | |
| 448380 Sale of Niches | 125.00 | 0.00 | 2,125.00 | 0.00 | 2,125.00 | (2,125.00) |
| Total MEMORIAL GARDEN INCOME | 125.00 | 0.00 | 2,125.00 | 0.00 | 2,125.00 | (2,125.00) |
| Total Revenues | \$ 125.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 2,125.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 2,125.00 | (\$ 2,125.00) |
| Expenses | | | | | | |
| MEMORIAL GARDEN EXPENSES | | | | | | |
| Mem Garden Costruction Costs | | | | | | |
| 788080 Mem Garden Cost of Design and Setup | 342.12 | 0.00 | 342.12 | 0.00 | (342.12) | (342.12) |
| 788380 Mem Garden Special Features | 0.00 | 0.00 | 3,486.66 | 0.00 | (3,486.66) | (3,486.66) |
| 788385 Memorial Garden Income | 0.00 | 0.00 | (150.00) | 0.00 | 150.00 | 150.00 |
| Total Mem Garden Costruction Costs | 342.12 | 0.00 | 3,678.78 | 0.00 | (3,678.78) | (3,678.78) |
| Total MEMORIAL GARDEN EXPENSES | 342.12 | 0.00 | 3,678.78 | 0.00 | (3,678.78) | (3,678.78) |
| Total Expenses | \$ 342.12 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 3,678.78 | \$ 0.00 | (\$ 3,678.78) | (\$ 3,678.78) |
| Net Total | (\$ 217.12) | \$ 0.00 | (\$ 1,553.78) | \$ 0.00 | (\$ 1,553.78) | \$ 1,553.78 |
| Total Net Income (Loss) | \$23,429.23 | \$2,590.35 | \$88,033.69 | \$31,082.00 | \$56,951.69 | (56,951.69) |

Presbyterian Church Of Bella Vista
Balance Sheet

As of: Dec 31st 2023

Assets

| | |
|--|------------------|
| 110010 General Fund Checking | 122,359.31 |
| 110030 Building Fund | 91,402.80 |
| 110055 Deacon's Assistance Fund | 7,549.81 |
| 110060 Mission Comm Fund | 1,275.00 |
| 110080 Memorial Garden Fund | 2,662.99 |
| 110095 Temporary Restricted Checking | 30,530.00 |
| 128020 M/H Undesignated | 24,429.10 |
| 135022 M/H Mission Trip Support | 5,244.75 |
| 143010 Prepaid Utility Expenses | 1,300.40 |
| 144010 Prepaid Expense/POA Assessment | 18,169.25 |
| 145010 Petty Cash Fund | 14.35 |
| 147030 Accounts Receivable | 10,627.98 |
| 150098 Investment-TX Presby Foundation | 406,312.21 |
| 160030 Building | 3,051,410.03 |
| 170030 Equipment, Furniture & Fixtures | 507,089.15 |
| 190030 BF Accumulated Depreciation | (2,436,414.15) |

Total Assets

\$ 1,843,962.98

Liabilities & Net Assets

Liabilities

| | |
|---------------------------------------|------------|
| 201000 Credit Card Transactions | 3,361.71 |
| 202000 Bldg Credit Cards Transactions | 160.95 |
| 204010 GF Accounts Payable | 103.43 |
| 222010 FICA/MC Tax w/h | 1,026.10 |
| 223010 State Income Tax w/h | 76.00 |
| 224010 Federal Income Tax w/h | 647.79 |
| 224610 Retirement Savings | (600.00) |

Total Liabilities

4,775.98

Net Assets

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| 312010 General Fund Equity | 351,711.20 |
| 312030 Building & Grounds Equity | 1,152,514.50 |
| 312080 Mem Garden/Columbarium Fund Equity | 3,486.66 |
| 341295 Missions Grant Fund | 6,191.67 |
| 342595 Minute for Missions | 2,240.00 |
| 347095 Designated Mission Gifts | 204.00 |
| 350095 Endowment Fund Gifts | 50.00 |
| 359095 Other Designated Gifts | (83,523.24) |
| 380098 Endowment Fd-TX Presb Foundation | 267,376.22 |
| 385098 Operating Reserve | 102,169.87 |
| 386098 Memorial Garden Fund | 36,766.12 |

Total Net Assets

1,839,187.00

Total Liabilities & Net Assets

\$ 1,843,962.98

COMMITTEE REPORTS

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Membership:

Lon Cross (Moderator)

Bud Clark (Co-Moderator; Property)

Tom Hackleman (P&P Manual)

Vicki Erickson (Moderator, Nominating Committee; Stewardship & Finance)

Cathy Rew (Treasurer)

Judi McMillan (Pastor; Head of Staff)

Paul Bennett (Media Director)

Ann Davidson (Business Manager)

Responsibilities:

- Overseeing the administrative functions of the church.
- Overseeing the property and facilities maintenance of the church.
- Overseeing the Stewardship & Finance functions of the church.
- Preparing budgets related to staff compensation, the church office, staff recruitment/retainment, and property.
- Assist the *Head of Staff* (Pastor) with staffing matters.
 - Evaluations.
 - Recruitment/retainment.
 - Maintenance of job descriptions and staff procedures.
 - Coordinating the church calendar.
- Fulfilling the *Head of Staff* role in the absence of the Pastor.
- Ensuring the church has adequate insurance coverage.
- Maintaining the *Policy and Procedure Manual*.
- Completing all assigned duties as outlined in the *Policy and Procedure Manual*.
- Planning, coordinating, and directing the activities of the NOMINATING COMMITTEE.
- Recruiting members of the congregation to serve on the NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

2023 Activities

- Proposed updates to the *Policy and Procedures Manual* for session approval.
- Prepared draft 2024 budgets for staff compensation, the church office, and staff recruitment/retainment.
- Assisted the Pastor with staff 2023 performance evaluations.
- Upgraded the sound system in the sanctuary.
- Upgraded the church security system.
- Overhauled the management of the Memorial Garden and Columbarium.

Attached Reports:

- Stewardship & Finance Annual Report
- Nominating Committee Annual Report
- Communications Annual Report

Lon Cross

Moderator, Operations Committee

OPERATIONS / STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE

The members of Session received an income and expense report in their Session packet each month from Church Accountant Ann Davidson, as well as a financial status update from Church Treasurer Cathy Rew during Session meetings. Ann and Cathy revamped the income and expense report this year, making it easier to read and understand. Their efforts were greatly appreciated.

The church received two matching grant donations this year. The congregation responded well to the dollar-for-dollar challenges and as a result, we had funds available to assist with landscaping expenses and upgrades to the church's sound system. Thank you to both donors and also to those who responded to the dollar-for-dollar match challenges.

The theme for this year's Stewardship Campaign was "GOD Grows What WE Nurture." Rev. Joe Tropansky's preaching of a stewardship sermon, followed by two more sermons from Pastor Judi, kicked off the Stewardship Campaign. All three sermons were excellent and very well received! Thank you, Judi and Joe!

A Stewardship Luncheon was held following worship on November 5th. It was a delicious, catered luncheon, prepared by Chef Steve Butler. A short program followed. Presenters included Pastor Judi, committee moderators Jean Nichols, Beverly MacDonald and Lon Cross, Church Treasurer Cathy Rew, and Sandy Andrews concluded the program by playing a couple of numbers on the piano. Paul Bennett ran a power point of pictures and graphs throughout the program, the Fishes & Loaves ladies assisted with set-up and serving, and several attendees stepped up and helped with clean-up afterwards. It was an inclusive, church members helping church members event – and all the help was very appreciated!

Ann Davidson worked diligently with all three committees – Operations, Spiritual Life and Congregational Life – to get to the realistic budget that was presented at the Stewardship Luncheon. And I am pleased to report that our pledge totals for 2024 exceed budget(!) for the first time since the onset of Covid! Thank you to everyone who filled out a pledge card! This truly does help Session with the task of overseeing our church finances.

Cathy Rew decided to retire, and we welcome Karen Watson as the new Church Treasurer in 2024. We thank Cathy for her years of service and Karen for her willingness to take on this very important role. Following Cathy's departure, an audit of church accounts will take place in first quarter, 2024.

Lastly, thank you for trusting Session to be a good steward of our church funds as we look ahead to 2024 and continue to "nurture" what is placed before us and give thanks to God for helping us "grow."

Vicki Erickson, Stewardship and Finance

OPERATIONS / NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee started meeting during the second half of the year. We selected nominees, called each one, and then presented their names to Session as our nominated slate to fill open positions for Elders and Deacons in 2024.

We also filled the opening for Church Treasurer as Cathy Rew retired at year-end 2023.

The nominated slate was voted on and became the elected slate of officers for 2024 at the September called congregational meeting. All newly elected officers, as well as all current church officers, were encouraged to attend an elder and deacon training session which was held at First Presbyterian Church, Bentonville in early October.

In addition, a new Nominating Committee for 2024 was selected and will be voted on by the congregation at the Annual Meeting which will be held after the first of the year.

Vicki Erickson, Moderator - Nominating Committee

OPERATIONS / COMMUNICATIONS

Internet

2023 saw an impressive increase in visitors to our website. In our 2022 report, there were 5,932 visitors. In 2023 there were 11,827 visitors. Various pages of our site received a collective 32,389 views. While increased traffic is good, it also attracts malicious activity. In Q4 the site was briefly infected with benign malware.

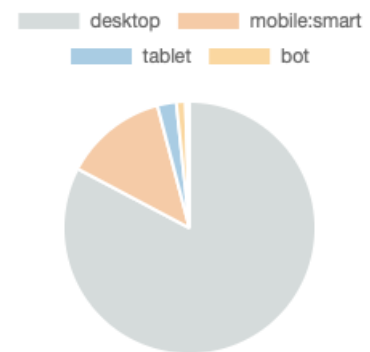
After the incident, the site was restored, security was hardened, and the uncouth heretics who did this were promptly reported to God. In order to minimize the possibility of future attacks, three automated threat scanners are running at different times each day to make sure the site hasn't been re-infected.

In traffic news, PCBV enjoys an incredible amount of visitors from the USA. Germany still remains firm in second place. The UK bumped Belgium out of third place.

Our top 10 ranking pages are:

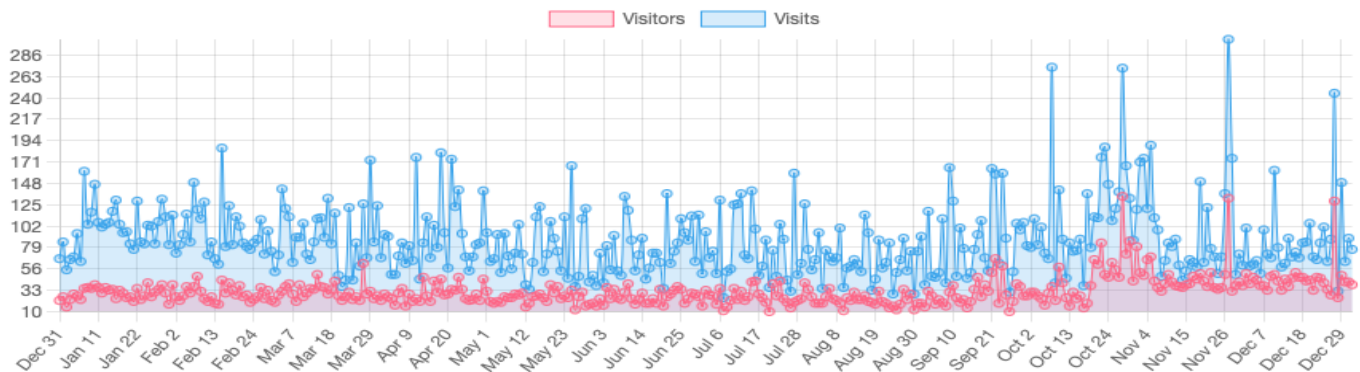
1. Homepage
2. Calendar
3. Sunday Bulletins
4. Members
5. About PCUSA
6. Contact
7. Live Streaming
8. Staff
9. Video
10. Giving

Device Usage Breakdown



Daily Traffic Trend

Dec 30, 2022 - Dec 31, 2023 ▼



Healthy web traffic for 2023. Blue lines indicate page views, red lines are unique visitors.

Other Internet Highlights

Our Podcasts "Hearing Matters" and "A Moment" have collectively been viewed over 1,500 times.

A PCBV historical timeline was added to the site with the help of Sharry McGuire.

Numerous photos were added to the site for various events and moments.

Sanctuary A/V

The Sanctuary A/V system underwent major upgrades in 2023. Most everything but the projectors and roaming microphones were replaced. Due to the generosity of our members, whom we are very grateful for, we were able to upgrade almost our entire system. Notable are the Martin Audio speaker arrays which help spread the sound into once quiet areas of the Sanctuary. The legacy speakers were also removed and the holes patched, leaving a nice minimal aesthetic. Other legacy speakers that were hung from the ceiling were also removed. New floor standing choir microphones replaced the seven hanging microphones. The pulpit microphone was also replaced.



The massive audio mixing board was consolidated into an iPad Air. The live broadcasting and projection computers were replaced. The light dimmer switches were causing instability issues with the electricity and they were removed. All rack-mounted audio equipment was also replaced.

Thanks to Digital World Audio/Video for their excellent work designing and installing the new audio system.

Special thanks to the A/V team who generously donate their time to Sunday services:

Bruce Allen
Carolyn Cross
Tom Hackleman
Steve Little
Jim Watson

Other new media equipment has been added:

Info TV

Two flat panel TV's were added to the office and the Sanctuary entrance. Various bits of information are distributed via USB drives and displayed through the built in media player.

Roaming TV

A 75" flat screen TV mounted on a portable stand was added. This replaces projectors that were previously used. The TV has been utilized for movie events, and various meetings.

MacBook Pro

A 2023 M3 MacBook Pro was provided to me to help keep up with our media-rich needs. A heartfelt thank you to Pastor Judi, Cathy Rew, and you, the members of this outstanding church for making this possible.

Looking Forward

In 2024 we will be putting all of our new equipment to good use on behalf of the church. More fun ahead!

Paul Bennett, Media Director / Administrative Asst.

SPIRITUAL LIFE COMMITTEE

The Spiritual Life Committee comprises the previous Missions and Worship Committees. Members for 2023 were Marinell Anderson, Betty Bennett, Bud Clark, Burnis Leavens, Jean Nichols, Shirley Olson, Sue Predl, David Riter, Florence Riter, Karen Schneider, Karen Watson, Cy Whatley, and Reverend Dr. Judith McMillan.

Individual mission representatives included Burnis Leavens and Mary Hackleman (Bella Vista Pre-School Board), Jan Halgrim and Mary Nimis-Tysk (Canopy), Mary Nimis-Tysk and Dianne Allen (Helping Hands), and United Campus Ministry Board of Directors: Jean Nichols (through June 30) and Ronnie Prevost (as of July 1).

Report on Missions

Florence Riter and David Riter (Mission Leads)

Souper Bowl Sunday in February collected \$479.43 for snack packs for the Samaritan Community Center. The snack packs will go to the students.

The Alzheimer's Walk in September raised \$850.00

Nineteen quilts were given to the Vera Lloyd Children's Home. One of the quilts was auctioned at the Vera Lloyd fund drive at Peel Mansion.

The United Campus Ministry Bike-A-Thon brought in \$1,937.00.

Missions and Presbyterian Women will continue to collect personal items and cleaning supplies for Essentials of Gravette. This helps those on food stamps since these items are not covered.

Lenten Soup suppers generated 325 cans of soup, which were given to Helping Hands.

Canned goods and snacks were collected for Helping Hands. Thanksgiving food items were donated in November as a Thank Offering. In addition, a change was made to the Helping Hands food collections, going from monthly to three seasonal collections. Dianne Allen continued to deliver the donated items and canned goods to Helping Hands.

Special PCUSA Offerings

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| One Great Hour of Sharing | \$1,345.00 |
| Vera Lloyd Children's Homes | \$955.00 |
| Peace & Global Witness (75%) | \$1,640.25 |
| (25%) | \$546.75 given to Canopy |
| Joy Offering | \$2,240.0 |

Mission Budget

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| Presbytery of Arkansas | \$11,250.00 |
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Local Missions

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| B.V. Courtesy Van | \$400.00 |
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| Bright Futures of Gravette | \$500.00 |
| B.V. Pre School | \$200.00 |
| Restoration Village | \$500.00 |
| Care and Share | \$400.00 |
| Children's Advocacy | \$600.00 |
| Havenwood | \$500.00 |
| Helping Hands | \$500.00 |
| Samaritan Center | \$500.00 |
| Women's Shelter | \$800.00 |
| Total | \$4,900.00 |

Outreach Support

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|-------------------------------|------------|
| Lyon College Scholarship | \$2,000.00 |
| Univ. Of Ozarks Scholarship | \$2,000.00 |
| U of A Campus Ministry | \$2,000.00 |
| Ferncliff Camp & Conf. Center | \$2,000.00 |
| Total | \$8,000.00 |

Other Mission Gifts

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| Missionaries in the Congo | |
| Dr. Larry and Inge Sthreshley | \$3,200.00 |
| NW Ark. Food Bank | \$800.00 |
| Presby. Disaster Asst. | \$1,500.00 |
| Miscellaneous: | |
| Children's Advocacy | \$200.00 Pinwheel Campaign |

The Cottages

The Missions committee provided produce once a month and meat every other month to the residents of The Cottages. The program started in 2018 with a \$4,000 grant from the Presbytery of Arkansas. In 2022 we applied for another grant and again received \$4,000. The fund was supplemented this year with estate funds from a passing member. Members of our church had a Christmas Caroling at the Cottages. Sue Predl resigned as the Mission Coordinator for The Cottages. Ronnie Prevost will replace her in January 2024. Thank you, Sue, for over 5 years of dedicated service to this project. The residents of The Cottages appreciate these programs. We appreciate Allen's Food Market supporting this mission by providing produce and meat at a discount.

Canopy

Jan Halgrim and Mary Nimis-Tysk are the co-leaders of the PCBV Canopy project. In addition to a kit drive in February, Canopy was the recipient of \$546.75, which was 25% of our Peace and Global Witness Offering.

We sent \$1000.00 to the Ferncliff Disaster Assistance Center for hygiene kits and clean-up buckets due to the tornado damage in the Little Rock area.

The Blessing of the Pets Sunday service contribution was \$466.00, which was split between the Bella Vista Animal Shelter and the Best Friends Animal Society of Bentonville.

Donated school supplies were delivered to the Gravette School District on August 1. Cash donations of \$411.15 were used by the committee to purchase additional school items. The committee also gave the Gravette School food pantry \$250.00.

The Blessing Box was restocked by members of the congregation. Outside community individuals also contributed to keeping the pantry stocked.

Missions is grateful for your generosity again this year.

David and Florence Riter

Co-Mission Leads

SPIRITUAL LIFE / WORSHIP

We celebrated Communion fourteen times this year. Betty Bennett helped to prepare the elements for each Communion service. Pastor Judi and the Deacons provided home Communion once per quarter. We thank the elders who were Communion servers this year.

Liturgists in 2023 were Mack Bean, Bud Clark, Carolyn Cross, Lon Cross, Vicki Erickson, Bev MacDonald, Jean Nichols, Peggy Prevost, Ronnie Provost, and David Riter.

Guest preachers included Rev. Carol Clark, Rev. John King, Dr. Ronnie Prevost, and Rev. Joe Tropansky.

Our Music Ministry was led by Bud Clark, in his fourth year as the church's Music Director. Choir members included Betty Bennett, Arlene Biebesheimer, Jerry Biebesheimer, Christy Clark, Lon Cross, Dick Francis, Gary Harris, Edie Harris, Sharry McGuire, Peggy McMenus, Jean Nichols, Mary Nimis-Tysk, Nancy Ortman, David Riter, Florence Riter, Nancy Shriner, and Karen Watson. Gail Knudsen continued to enhance our worship service as our organist and pianist and faithfully served as our rehearsal accompanist. In December, Nancy Ortman announced her "retirement" from the choir after 28 years of being a member!

Stephen Knudsen stepped down as the Chancel Bell Choir Director this year, and we thank him for his many years of service. The 2023 Bell Choir members were Arlene Biebesheimer, Gail Cowdin, Jan Grim, Gail Knudsen, Florence Riter, Michelle Schall, Barb Tropansky, Sharon Warner, Karen Watson, and Cathie

Whittenberger, led by Bud Clark.

Karen Schneider continued as our Head Usher, assisted by Bill Bennett. We appreciate them both, as well as the many church members who served as ushers and greeters in 2023, including many new members!

Paul Bennett, our church administrator and media director, created and published the church bulletins, newsletter, and PowerPoint slides for worship each Sunday. We are blessed to have such a multi-talented person on the church staff and a member of our church family.

Our AV Team volunteers Paul Bennett, Carolyn Cross, Tom Hackleman, Steve Little, and Jim Watson deserve special recognition for staffing the presentation, broadcast, and sound stations every week. Pastor Judi, Paul Bennett, Bud Clark, and Jean Nichols met on March 6 to create a set of standards for PowerPoint slides, AV Projection, and Broadcast Titling for the website, YouTube, Facebook; and for the Sound Board settings.

An anonymous church member made a generous offer to match up to \$5,000 in donations made by the congregation toward the upgrade of our sanctuary sound system. Ultimately the donor gave the full amount, and, with \$3,500 in donations from the congregation, \$8,500 was raised. We appreciate the leadership of the Operations Committee in making the upgrades possible as well as everyone who contributed funds to the cause.

Shirley Olson, along with Terry Woods, led the Easter and Advent decorating of the sanctuary and church again this year and, with Tom Hackleman, decorated the property frontage on Forest Hills Boulevard with pumpkins and other fall foliage and decorations. We appreciate Tom Hackleman and Cy Whatley for building and setting up the Nativity set this year. Thank you to everyone who pitched in to decorate for Advent on November 29 and helped take it all down on January 2.

To those who donated beautiful live or silk floral arrangements for Sunday worship in honor of special occasions or in memory of loved ones this year, we thank you for your generosity.

Other highlights from 2023:

- Students from United Campus Ministry at the University of Arkansas led our service on April 16.
- We celebrated the ministry of Fred Rogers on Holy Humor Sunday, April 23.
- The Presbyterian Women's Gifts of Women Sunday service took place on May 14.
- The Singing Men of Arkansas performed a concert in our sanctuary on May 21.
- A Blessing of the Pets service was held at Loch Lomond Dam Park on June 11.
- A Service of Remembrance to honor eleven members of our church family who died during the past year took place on All Saints Sunday, October 29.
- Christmas Caroling at the Cottages took place on December 3.
- Our Christmas Eve candlelight service was held at 5:00 p.m.
- A Service of Lessons and Carols was celebrated on 12/31.

In closing, the Spiritual Life Committee is grateful for Reverend Dr. Judi McMillan and her many gifts as a spiritual and organizational leader. Her imagination, creativity, and commitment to Mission have made our congregation's spiritual life more connectional and meaningful.

In 2024, the Spiritual Life Committee will be chaired by Peggy Prevost, who will also serve as the Communion Lead. Dan Johnson will serve as Missions Lead, and Gary Harris as Worship Lead. Ronnie Prevost has agreed to serve as committee secretary.

It has been an honor and a blessing to serve on the Worship Committee from 2018 to 2022 as vice-moderator for two years and moderator for three years and as the chair of the Spiritual Life Committee in 2023.

Sincerely,

Jean Nichols, Spiritual Life Committee Chair

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

This past year, 2023, has been a better year for the Music Department with the Virus becoming less of an effect on many of our church members, and choir members as well.

Unfortunately, we have lost a few of our choir members this year to poor health, moving to be with family or warmer climate. Although this effects our numbers, it has not affected the enthusiasm, energy, and quality of our choral presentations. The choir has stepped up and met many challenges, we have continued to improve the quality of our singing as well as grown in confidence as singers.

I cannot thank Gail Knudsen enough for not only being an excellent organist, but being such a wonderful accompanist, working with me and the choir every Wednesday night. She has been a blessing in so many ways.

I have been unable to order very many new choir anthems because of the music budget not being able to keep pace with the higher cost of choral music, but I have been able to find, within our files, music that is both challenging for the choir and enjoyable to sing. I feel the music selections for this past year have been very uplifting for the worship service and added a feeling of spirituality each and every Sunday. I have received very positive feedback from countless members of the church that have enjoyed more modern arrangements with more exciting rhythmic feel to new and older songs. It is wonderful to see smiles on members faces as we sing and as they feel the spirit of the songs touching their hearts and souls.

In addition to the choir continuing to add so much to our services, the addition of our bell choir has been such a blessing through the leadership of Stephen Knudsen through most of the year. Steve has volunteer to conduct and rehearse with these fine dedicated members and has blessed us with several beautiful anthems throughout the year. Their performances have also given the choir a break each month so that they can sit in the congregation with their loved ones and fill the auditorium with singing alongside the others in the congregation. (It also helps with recruiting as well.)

Our church is very blessed to have both a bell choir and chancel choir. Most churches in our area have either a Praise Team, or a choir that only sings for special occasions, such as Christmas or Easter.

I am looking forward to 2024, and praying that our choirs expand with more members that love to play and sing praise to God through song.

I am very proud and blessed to be the Music Director for the Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista.

Bud Clark, Music Director

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Moderator – Bev MacDonald

Secretary – Susan Foster

Committee Leaders

Christian Education – Bev MacDonald

Events – Nancy Ortman

Loaves & Fishes – Carolyn Cross, Maureen Lynch and Terry Woods

Outreach – Mack Bean

Shepherd Groups – Marinell Anderson

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE / CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Committee members: Bev MacDonald, Susan Foster, Pastor Judi McMillan, Sharry McGuire, Alice Irwin, Stephen Knudsen, Gail Knudsen, Maura Owen, Peggy McMenus

PCBV has Bible study class every Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. Class includes 25 regular attendees. Location was moved from Classroom A to Classroom C to accommodate the growing number. Peggy Prevost and Bill Wellner share the teaching duties by alternating months. Christian Education funds the cost of the study books and teacher guides as well as daily devotional books entitled “These Days”.

A watercolor painting class was held in March with 19 attendees. Bev MacDonald taught this class. In May a photography workshop was held. It was taught by Jan Hilgrim. She taught students how to set up a still-life, proper lighting, and the Rule of 3. An outdoors session was included with students selecting a subject to photograph. Jan taught about textures, shadows, using light and the sky to enhance your work. It was well taught and a rewarding experience. A huge thank you is extended to Jan.

Stephen Knudsen headed a high school scholarship music competition. A cellist won 1st place and received \$500 in scholarship funding. An organist won 2nd place and received \$300 in scholarship funding. Jerry and Arlene Biebesheimer were the judges. Both musicians presented their competition piece for the congregation during the summer months.

Three book studies were held in 2023. All 3 were taught by Pastor Judi McMillan. The group met in Fellowship Hall on Thursday afternoons. The group reorganized so more people could participate. One group still meets on Thursdays in Fellowship Hall and the other group meets on Mondays at local cafes.

The books studied in 2023 are:

- 1) Everything Happens for a Reason and Other Lies I Have Loved by Kate Bowler
- 2) Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time by Marcus J. Borg
- 3) Hallelujah – Rediscovering Mercy by Anne Lamott

Susan Foster, Nancy Ortman and Bev MacDonald participated in “A Moment” Podcast for Outreach.

Marinell Anderson was the Shepherd Group Coordinator for 2022-23. She organized leaders and developed 5 groups. As new members joined the church, they worked with the office volunteers and added each to a Shepherd Group.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE / EVENTS

The Blessings of the Pets was held at the dog park in Bella Vista Sunday, June 11 at 10AM.

A speaker from Best Friends in Bentonville was invited to share how the rescue facility saves animals. Also speaking was a person from the Bella Vista animal shelter.

We had over 60 people join us at the shelter, some bringing their pets to be blessed.

Everyone enjoyed the fellowship time with refreshments.

Pastor Judi blessed the pets with prayers and invited all our guests to join us for regular Sunday services at the Bella Vista Presbyterian Church.

These are the events for 2023 that I planned.

Nancy Ortman

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE / LOAVES AND FISHES

The first events of the year were the five Lenten Soup Suppers, held on Tuesday nights at 5:00 p.m. from February 28 to March 28. Each of the five Shepherd Groups took turns hosting, helping with serving and clean-up. Average attendance was 62. We received many compliments on the different soups and breads served. Donations received from the attendees help to pay for the cost of food. Attendees also brought canned soup each week that was given to the Missions Committee for distribution to designated charities.

We assisted the Events Committee with “Blessings of the Pets” worship service on June 11 at the Pavilion at Loch Lomond Dam/Dog Park. We helped with set-up, serving, and clean-up of drinks and pastries following the service.

The Annual Church Picnic was held on October 8 following worship in Fellowship Hall. We served brats and hotdogs, chips, and drinks. We also celebrated the success of our Church Sale at this event as a way of saying “thank you” to all who helped with the sale.

We helped with the Stewardship Luncheon in Fellowship Hall following worship on November 5 by setting up, serving, and cleaning up.

On November 23, we held our Thanksgiving Dinner at noon in Fellowship Hall. We provided the turkey and gravy, prepared by Papa Mike. Attendees brought side dishes to share. There was a brief table worship following the dinner. There were 65 in attendance. We received positive feedback on the quality of the food, the table settings, and the decorations.

On December 25, we held our Christmas Dinner at noon in Fellowship Hall. We provided the ham which we prepared in our kitchen. Attendees brought side dishes to share. There were 59 in attendance. A big “Thank You” to Sharry McGuire and her son Dan for all their help in preparing this meal and clean-up afterwards.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE / OUTREACH

Outreach Sub-Committee Members for 2023: Elder Mack Bean, Peggy Prevost, Mary Nimis-Tysk, Linda Whatley

2023, The Outreach Sub-Committee set high goals to reach out to visitors and our community. Outreach worked in conjunction with other committees on projects and PCBV group activities throughout the year.

In 2023, Outreach became a sub-committee within the Congregational Life Committee.

Outreach projects/events were:

Outreach process updated 2023

Outreach lead the “Lifeline Screening: in the Spring wo23 (lead by Sue Predl), and September 2023 (lead by Mack Bean). 75 patients attended **each** gathering. This work was done using Fellowship Hall.

Visitor’s Welcome Cards sent out. Linda Whatley (Lead)

New Member welcome picnic event

Ongoing new member support – Outreach Team

Leading the Welcome Desk activities

Worked in conjunction with church office in reorganizing the new visitor packets

The Outreach Sub-Committee has been continually active in welcoming new visitors to the church. As a result, our church welcomed (**11**) new members to PCBV in 2023.

Feb: 1 new member

Mar: 2 new members

April: 2 new members

Aug. 2 new members

Sept. 2 new members

Oct. 2 new members

2022 Total: **19 new members**

2021 Total: **11 new members**

I would like to thank the Outreach Team for their dedication and solid efforts throughout 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mack Bean, Moderator of Outreach 2022-2023

BOARD OF DEACONS

Deacons serving for the Class of 2023 –Jan Halgrim, Gene McKay, Mary Hackleman and Sharon Judson – Class of 2024 – Gail Knudsen, David Rew and Peggy Prevost – Class of 2025 – Susan Foster, Terry Woods, Gail Cowdin, and Alice Irwin

The year started with eleven Deacons. Each Deacon signed up to serve as Deacon of the Month or Back up Deacon to give devotions at the Deacon meeting, work with Pastor Judi McMillian on health needs of members, help serve Home Communion on four Communion Sundays, and attend Session for their month. Other duties included one Deacon representing the Deacons on the Nominating Committee, one on the Bereavement Committee. Susan Foster served as Secretary for the Deacon Meetings.

With the decrease in the congregation, it was decided to have only 10 Deacons starting next year. There will be 3 serving for each class plus one whose main duty will be Moderator.

Communication between the Deacons and Pastor Judi became more current with the implementation of the Google Document, where Pastor Judi or a Deacon could report on new information regarding a member's condition or needs.

In June, Joan Platter from the Area Agency on Aging of NWA was our speaker. This agency coordinates the care that a person needs based on an evaluation of their physical and/or mental health to recommend help to keep a person in their home or the need for assistance living. Another part of the Agency is the Ombudsman who could assist with concerns if the person is already in assisted care.

Paul Bennett designed business cards for use by the Deacons. These can be presented to persons who are assigned a Deacon to provide them with contact information. Susan Foster created a new design for cards sent to members.

During this year the "Watched and Confined" list of members needing assistance has fluctuated. There were 25 individuals or couples on the list this year. The Deacons met regularly with assigned members who were home bound, had recent medical issues or lost a loved one. Deacons have offered assistance with driving, meals, and needed friendship.

It has been an honor to work with such caring Deacons for the last six years and serve as their moderator for three years.

Jan Halgrim, Moderator

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Presbyterian Women of Bella Vista continues to offer a variety of ways for women to live out their faith in an inclusive and caring community that strengthens them and the Presbyterian Church.

We started a new Bible study in September titled “Sacred Encounters”. To make the lessons more enticing to members, Pastor Judi has been kind enough to meet with the lesson leaders and offer suggestions on how to present the lesson so that it has meaning in our lives on a daily basis. The attendance has been very good and the participation has really improved.

In addition to our monthly Bible study, we have four luncheons each year. The Spring luncheon was held in March, Birthday Luncheon was held in May, in October the luncheon was to collect for the Thank Offering, and in December we had our Christmas Tea. At the Christmas Tea we had a speaker from The Children & Family Advocacy Center in Bentonville. This is one of the local missions the Presbyterian Women support.

Presbyterian Women contribute to 8 local missions serving women and children of NWA. All the funding for the projects come from the women of the church through pledges. PW has two special collections each year, the Thank Offering is collected in the fall, and the Birthday Offering is collected in the spring, which supports projects in Arkansas, around the country, and around the world. The Birthday Offering raised \$765, the Thank Offering raised \$775, Other monies collected for the PW missions were Least Coin (\$242) and Cents Ability (\$242) which helps raise awareness for the fight against hunger and poverty.

Besides giving money, many of the women participate in Busy Hands with knitting and crocheting scarves, hats, mittens, baby blankets and lap robes that are sent around the world and Romania for refugees from Ukraine. Other ladies stay busy making quilts for Ferncliff, Vera Lloyd Home.

Susan Foster

Co-Moderator

Mary Nimis-Tysk

Co-Moderator

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
YEAR END TREASURER REPORT- 2023

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| Pledge Monies Received | \$ 5,300.00 |
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| Total Budgeted Mission Giving | \$ 3,467.00 |
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| Operating Expenses | \$ 601.00 |
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| Special Offerings | \$ 1,898.00 |
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| May Birthday Offering | \$ 765.00 |
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| Least Coin | \$ 116.00 |
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| Thank Offering | \$ 775.00 |
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| Cents Ability | \$ 242.00 |
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| Unbudgeted Mission Giving | \$ 1,500.00 |
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| Bright Futures | \$ 500.00 |
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| Canopy of NWA | \$ 500.00 |
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| Children & Family Advocacy | \$ 500.00 |
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| Savings Account | \$ 4,241.00 |
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| Checking Account | approx. | \$ 1,000.00 |
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Respectfully Submitted - PW Treasurer- Dianne Allen

CHURCH OFFICERS , STAFF, & VOLUNTEERS 2024

SESSION

Rev. Dr. Judi McMillan, Moderator
Sharon Warner, Clerk of Session
Karen Watson, Church Treasurer

Committee Assignments

OPS – Operations Committee / CLC – Congregational Life Committee / SLC – Spiritual Life Committee

Class of 2024

Lon Cross - Operations Committee, Moderator; Administration (OPS)
Bev MacDonald - Congregational Life Committee, Moderator; Church Events; Fishes & Loaves (CLC)
Nancy Ortman - Christian Education (CLC)

Class of 2025

Vicki Erickson - Stewardship & Finance; Nominations (OPS)
Tom Hackleman - Property (OPS)
Dan Johnson - Missions (SLC)

Class of 2026

Peggy Prevost - Spiritual Life Committee, Moderator; Communion (SLC)
Gary Harris - Worship (SLC)
Eddie Lou Taylor - Outreach (CLC)

DIACONATE

Class of 2024

Gail Knudsen, David Rew, Sharon Judson

Class of 2025

Moderator Susan Foster, Gail Cowdin, Alice Irwin, Terry Woods

Class of 2026

Mary Hackleman, Frank Taylor, Rich Winsor

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Judi McMillan, Head of Staff
Ann Davidson, Church Accountant, Business Manager
Bud Clark, Director of Music
Gail Knudsen, Organist
Paul Bennett, Administrative Assistant, Media Director

VOLUNTEERS

Special thanks to our office volunteers for generously giving of their time to help maintain the front office.

Arlene Biebesheimer, Susan Foster, Sharry McGuire, Frank Taylor, Terry Woods



