



# 2020 Medina Presbyterian Church Annual Report

This annual report shares the wonderful work being done at Medina Presbyterian Church as they seek to serve and worship the Lord.

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## **A Message from Pastor Pearce**

Sisters and Brothers in Jesus,

Every year at this time, it's my responsibility to sit down and write a letter to the congregation about the year that's just ended. Most years, the truth is that I could change the date from the previous year's letter, and nobody would notice – or care, probably.

Obviously, this year is different.

The pandemic has been a constant backdrop to everything we've done since the middle of March. Some things have had to be suspended until the pandemic ends. Vacation Bible School and the other children's ministries had to be put on hold. Choir singing would be dangerous. Hugs and handshakes and potluck dinners have been delayed until we can share them safely. Home communion with shut-ins has been sharply curtailed.

But the most striking thing about our response to the pandemic is how much of our congregation's ministries we have managed to keep going. Although we had to switch them to on-line format, we have held a service of worship every Sunday, and also on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. All meetings of session and the Board of Deacons have been held. And the October congregational meeting. PW and the Esther Circle have continued to meet. The Friday study group has kept up its schedule. We found a way to hold confirmation classes on-line. At-home family projects like the DIY Advent wreaths have been organized.

Our major mission projects have all gone forward, and in some cases have been expanded. After 400 cancelled meal-packing events nationwide, we were the first church to find a way to hold one safely. By reorganizing the work and recruiting partner churches, we packed 150 more Head Start shoeboxes than last year. The Deacons' help to the poor has increased. A new car-loan program for low-income neighbors has been funded and organized – by the time you read this, it may be underway. Our DIY Candy Kits program has allowed us to start raising funds for next year's meal-packing in spite of the fact that it wasn't safe to gather to make our famous candy.

All these things have happened because the members and leaders of the congregation have remained focused on the mission of the church, and have been asking "What can be done?" instead of "What can't be done?" It has been inspiring and humbling to witness the adaptability and hard work of the members of the congregation and the officers and staff throughout what could have been a year of depression and stagnation.

It should also be noted that the congregation's financial support has been fairly steady in spite of the fact that we could not gather in-person to worship for much of the year. Offerings fell off substantially in the fourth quarter, though, and it will be a challenge for us to get back to the pace of giving that will allow us to continue our vigorous ministries in Jesus' name.

It would be a real mistake to fail to note the enormous contributions of John Baxter and Doug Skilskyj, who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to produce our worship services so they can be posted on the Internet. They have been cheerful and dependable ministers of the gospel in their own ways throughout this difficult year.

In the most desperate hour of the second world war, Winston Churchill predicted in an address to the House of Commons that history would someday look back on the courage and commitment of the British people in that dark and tragic time, and say, "This was their finest hour." It would not surprise me if at some point in the history of this congregation, people would look at courageous discipleship and the renewed mission spirit that grew out of the pandemic of 2020, and say the same thing about Medina Presbyterian Church.

Thank you for your friendship and your partnership in the gospel throughout the difficult year of our Lord 2020.

Your friend in Jesus,  
Henry

## **Christian Education**

2020 has been an unexpected adventure and we have learned every day what an amazing group of people we have in our congregation. I am very honored and privileged to serve alongside you. CE started the year off strong, but most of the programs were suspended starting in March 2020.

**Kid's Own Worship** (grades K-8) was held during Sunday morning worship. The children went to the KOW classroom following the children's message during the 10:15 am service. A new program was started thru Group Dig-In: The Heart of Jesus. This program allowed the teachers to use the new TV and digital resources available to reach the kids in a format they knew. Adult volunteers included: Paul Lotarski, Dave Thompson, Susan Vlcek and Shannon Skilskyj.

**Little Kid's Own Worship** (grade preschool-Kindergarten) was held during 10:15 am Sunday morning worship following the children's message. The program included a small snack, a scripture based mini lesson, a craft and time for the children to play together. Adult volunteers included: Linda Dodds, Wendy Calhoun and Barbara Worthington.

**Kids for Christ Youth Group** (grades 1-5) was led by Shannon Skilskyj. Meetings were held once a month on a Sunday evening from 6-7:30 pm and included a Bible lesson, games, crafts and a special snack. The first and only meeting in 2020 was held in February and featured a speaker from Helping Everyone's Loving Pets (HELP). After, we organized a donation drive for cat and dog essentials.

**Adult Sunday School** (led mostly by Dave Thompson) and **Youth Sunday School** (led mostly by Rosemary Balsinger) were held on Sunday mornings from 9:15-10:15 am. The Children's Sunday School class was multi-aged group that followed a scripture-based lesson from the *Feasting on the Word* curriculum. The Adult Sunday School class followed *The Wired Word* curriculum.

**Vacation Bible School** was postponed until 2021, dates TBD.

The **Children's Message** during the weekly 10:15 am Sunday worship service covered a variety of topics and was led by Pastor Henry Pearce, Dave Thompson and Connie Baxter. When we switched to Online Services only, we added Linda Dodds, Susan Vlcek and Shannon Skilskyj to the leader rotation.

The **Advent Wreath Kit** program was developed to enable the congregation to participate in the lighting of the Advent Wreath from home in coordination with the online service.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elder Shannon Skilskyj  
Chair, MPC Christian Education Committee

## **Worship and Music**

**W&M COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** *Connie Baxter (Choir Director), Kristen Johnson (Organist), Shari Cartwright (Chair), Donna Gray (W&M Assist), Diane Thomas (W&M Assist), Jennifer Hiteshue (Plants & Church-Entry Decorations, Membership Team Chair), Laurel Jordan (Church Secretary), Pastor Henry Pearce.*

**PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY:** Assist the Pastor with details of the worship service and coordinate music to enrich worship. The music is organized by the Pastor, Choir Director and Organist.

The responsibilities of the Worship and Music chair were significantly altered in 2020 due to the COVID pandemic.

### **DUTIES:**

- Prepared for weekly worship services until in-person worship services were suspended in March. All online services have been prepared and produced by Pastor Henry Pearce, John Baxter and Doug Skilskyj.
- Traditional Communion elements were prepared for in-person services until the suspension of in-person services in March. Congregants were instructed to provide their own elements for the celebration of communion during online worship April through December. In-person services resumed in July and suspended again in November. Pre-packaged communion elements were distributed for in-person worship during that period.
- Organized Communion servers prior to suspension of in-person worship in March. Communion was distributed via pre-packaged elements July through November.
- Secured infant and toddler care during the 10:15 a.m. worship service prior to the suspension of in-person worship in March. Infant and toddler care was not provided during the July-November in-person worship in accordance with COVID protocols.
- Acolytes were organized by Amy Bell until the suspension of in-person services in March. Acolyte duties were not resumed during the July-November in-person worship in accordance with COVID protocols.
- Donna Gray organized liturgists for in-person worship prior to the suspension of services in March. Donna continued to organize liturgists for the online services March through December
- Organized the set up and decorating of the Christmas trees in the Sanctuary prior to the Advent season.
- Jennifer Hiteshue organized & maintained Church-entry decorations throughout the year
- Changed paraments based on the PCUSA Liturgical calendar until the suspension of in-person worship services. Pastor Henry Pearce changed the paraments accordingly for the videotaping of online services.

- Jack Howell and Kent Jordan maintained Sanctuary sanitization post-worship during the July-November in-person worship timeframe.

### **SERVICES HELD:**

- Sundays: 2 Worship services regularly until the suspension of in-person worship in March. One service was offered (10:15 a.m.) during the July-November timeframe.
- Ash Wednesday.
- Two Lenten services were shared with other churches until the suspension of in-person worship in March.
- Maundy Thursday service of worship was held online.
- Thanksgiving Eve service of worship was held online.
- Lessons & Carols, the Sunday before Christmas was held online.
- Christmas Eve, including Communion, was held online.

### **WORSHIP AND MUSIC CONTRIBUTORS:**

The in-person and online worship services ran smoothly at Medina Presbyterian due to the efforts of many people whose contributions are exemplary and a blessing to us all:

- Pastor Henry Pearce for his daily morning prayers, Bible reflections, weekly Sunday sermons; Bible/book study, and all the other ministries he leads.
- Diane Thomas for her email communications to the congregation.
- John Baxter for his production of the online worship services March through December.
- Doug Skilskyj for typing all the slides for both the in-person and online worship services; and running the in-person worship service display screen. Thanks to others who assisted in Doug's absence.
- Lu Wiley for maintaining the weekly prayer chain requests until October and Pastor Henry Pearce who took over and now posts updates on the church's website.
- Kristen Johnson for sharing her musical talents for both in-person and online worship throughout the year.
- Connie Baxter for leading the Chancel Choir, Bells of Faith Bell choir, and Chimes of Grace choir, our various musicians, our children, and all involved in music ministry prior to the suspension of this ministry in March.
- Chancel Choir and Bells of Faith for their faithful practice and for bringing music to our worship prior to the suspension of this ministry during in-person worship.
- Jim Bair, Connie Baxter, Beth McDevitt and all who brought us special music during the year for both in-person and online services of worship.
- John and Connie Baxter for fine tuning the sound system and ensuring all equipment was placed correctly and in working order for in-person worship services.
- Shannon Skilskyj, Connie Baxter, Dave Thompson, Susan Vlcek, and any others who prepared and presented the children's message during the online services of worship.
- Jack Howell and Kent Jordan for indoor and outdoor maintenance, and necessary building repairs.
- Jack Howell and Kent Jordan for maintaining and sanitizing our Sanctuary and equipment.

- Jennifer Hiteshue for maintaining Communion table candles for in-person worship.
- Members who serve as Liturgists for the online worship services.
- Amy Bell for organizing the acolytes prior to the suspension of this ministry in March.
- All Acolytes (and their parents for their support, communication and transportation) prior to the suspension of this ministry in March.
- Jack Howell and the Property Committee for maintaining our Sanctuary and equipment.
- Jennifer Hiteshue and the Membership Committee for organizing greeters at the Sanctuary doors, and in other church entrances prior to the suspension of this ministry in March.
- Diane Thomas for post-worship hospitality prior to the suspension of this ministry in March.
- Laurel Jordan, Elaine Mack and Linda Dodds for coordinating/printing/folding Worship Bulletins and inserts prior to the suspension of the use of paper bulletins in accordance with COVID protocols.
- Laurel Jordan for organizing the orders of Easter lilies and tulips.
- Caydance Metcalfe for providing infant/childcare until in-person worship was suspended in March.
- The congregation and its leaders for their active support of and participation in special worship events with other churches (e.g., MLK services, Lenten dinner/services) prior to the suspension of in-person worship services.
- Our college students for participating as Liturgists during our Christmas Eve online service.
- Karen Jenkins for ensuring all substitutes were paid and time sheets signed prior to her retirement as church treasurer; and to Dave Foltz for taking over these responsibilities.
- Donna Gray and Diane Thomas for assisting with communion clean up, helping change the paraments and being willing to assist wherever needed prior to the suspension of in-person worship.
- Elders & Deacons, both present and former, for faithfully serving Communion when asked prior to the suspension of this ministry in March.
- The volunteers who collect and count our financial offerings.

Thank you for your contributions, understanding and flexibility during this challenging year. Blessings to all for a healthy, happy and restorative 2021.

Elder Shari Cartwright  
Chair, Worship and Music



## **Fellowship and Hospitality**

The year started off wonderfully on Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, with a private viewing sponsored by Medina Prez of the newly released Fred Rogers movie starring Tom Hanks. The movie was followed by a potluck dinner and discussion back at the church in Fellowship Hall.

The Hospitality Committee and Mission Leaders, combined with the efforts of many generous cooks in the congregation and many other volunteers, provided a tremendous meal enjoyed by all. Fellowship Hall was brimming with members, their families and guests as well as members of the community who took up the church's public invitation to see the movie together and to join afterward in an enthusiastic discussion of the movie and the life of Fred Rogers. Mr. Rogers was a Presbyterian and the only minister ordained specifically for a unique television ministry to young children and their families. His impact is felt even to this day.

The next Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, we organized a potluck following the annual Congregational Meeting. Again, many in the congregation provided delicious dishes and desserts and all enjoyed their time with other church members and guests.

Unfortunately, these were the only gatherings all year long due to the COVID-19 virus. Session made the wise decision to follow expert guidance of local health leaders and suspend most in-person gatherings at the church in March. While in-person worship was able to resume between July and November under new safety protocols, all sharing of food or meals continued to be suspended indefinitely in order to prevent virus transmission and keep our church members and community as safe as possible.

We look forward to a time sometime soon in 2021 where we can once again gather together safely. When that time comes, Hospitality promises to coordinate a joyous celebration! We can't wait!

We wish peace and good health to all of our Medina Prez friends, families and community.

Respectfully submitted,  
Diane Thomas,  
Chair, Hospitality Committee 2020  
Committee: Kathy Foltz and Pat Slaman

## **Membership**

**MEMBERS:** Donna Gray; Jennifer Hiteshue (Chair); Laurel Jordan; Elaine Mack; Barb Steinmetz; Nan Steinmetz (Consultant); Mary Jane Thomas; Sally Rzicznek.

**PROJECT SUB-COMMITTEE:** Jennifer Hiteshue; Donna Gray; Laurel Jordan; Nan Steinmetz (Consultant).

**WEEKLY PEW DUTY:** Jennifer Hiteshue; Donna Gray; Kathy Janini; Leslie Strunk.  
Collect pew pads, restock pew envelopes, documents and pens and tidy up pews.

### **ATTENDANCE COUNT:**

- Weekly headcount taken from early service and from mezzanine at second service.
- Adult and children numbers are taken for records and to spot trends.
- Committee Members are present at front doors, sanctuary door and at intersections.
- Committee Members also serve as additional directors for heavily attended services (e.g., Easter and Christmas Eve services).

### **ADVERTISING:**

- Church advertisements are weekly placed in local newspaper(s) and have online presence and are changed as needed.
- Special occasion advertisements are placed for Easter and Christmas Eve services.

### **CHURCH DIRECTORY:**

Utilizing our Church Windows computer program, we have been able to produce and print an MPC Church Directory with the information we collected via our church membership questionnaire.

### **WELCOME CARDS:**

- We continue to send welcome cards per Barb Worthington and members of the Membership Committee.
- Cards are also sent to new members and also to those that are housebound and who may have special concerns, along with telephone contact being made to many.

### **SOCIAL:**

Meet, greet and welcome new members and visitors to help direct them and make them feel welcome.

### **NAME TAGS:**

- Encourage the wearing of name tags for easier interaction and conversation.
- Current name tag program needs updated. Timeline for project: TBD.

2020 has been a challenging year and we look forward to an uplifting 2021!

Respectfully submitted,  
Jennifer Hiteshue, Chair

## **Property (Buildings & Grounds)**

The 2020 Buildings and Grounds maintenance was conducted per previous commitments from and to our regular contractors. Our staff custodian, Kent Jordan, continued with his inside cleaning assignments and outside mowing. He assisted regularly in various projects in and around the property that helped us to maintain the budget and help ensure a COVID-free environment.

The yearly fire and sprinkler, elevator lift, back flow and water inspections were passed with minimal issues, which were easily fixed.

The Presbyterian Women's group held several outside cleaning and landscaping work days which greatly enhanced the outside appearance. Kent trimmed all the large trees on the property. A lighting project was undertaken to improve outside lighting around the church with more efficient LED bulbs in the parking lot and around the building. The street sign was refurbished with new electronics making it much easier to read at night.

Due to COVID restrictions and the lack of in-person activities, no extra inside cleanup was done, except for the painting of the Fellowship Hall ceiling by Kent.

A tenant (Via Quest) was added this year. Via Quest occupies 2 upstairs classrooms daily, from 9 am to 3 pm. They maintain and clean their areas and pay a monthly rent that covers their utility costs, facility usage and any additional cleaning needs.

Stephen Gates organized and conducted a very thorough visual building inspection, both inside and out. This has allowed us to develop and organize an on-going "maintenance needs" document for future upgrades and repairs.

Please feel free to contact us on any matters building related that may need attention.

Jack Howell  
Chair, Property (Buildings and Grounds) Committee

## **Mission**

**MLT Members:** Wendy Calhoun, Rebecca Coste, Maggie Diez, Anne Gates, Beth McDevitt, Jennifer McKelvy, Pastor Henry Pearce, Pamela Stec (Session/Chair), Nan Steinmetz, Diane Thomas, and Susan Vlcek

As with all aspects of Medina Presbyterian Church, our Mission Leadership Team was profoundly affected by COVID19 and the need for safe distancing, yet championed several causes despite the pandemic protocols. We endeavored to provide leadership and direction for the MPC congregation in local hands-on and in-kind mission activities and helped steward the financial support of some local, national and international missions. With our MPC members' Mission trips (Denver Jenkins to Guatemala and Beth McDevitt to Mexico) both cancelled, we look forward to supporting these and many other worthy missions in 2021.

Working in shifts of only 14-16 volunteers, we missed the en masse party feel of previous years during our annual summer meal packing event. Even so, every shift celebrated their success. Our liaisons from Rise Against Hunger were surprised, pleased and extremely grateful we found an alternate solution. When all other pledged meal packing events had cancelled, MPC successfully executed the packing of 15,120 meals.

As a local answer to our previous involvement with Samaritan's Purse, we continued for our third year with our own Christmas Shoebox Project. A dedicated troupe of volunteers purchased, packaged and wrapped the children's gift boxes and allowed Christ's love to be shared with the Medina and Wayne County's Head Start Children. 326 boxes (&125 bags for Early Head Start kids) brought joy to preschoolers whose families were struggling before COVID and even more so now.

Residual sales from the 2019 Dried Soup Project, marketed under Presbyterian Provisions, provided additional support of the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

Sadly, the Advent Dark Chocolate Pecan Clusters candy production and sales, which traditionally has funded our summer meal packing event, had to be cancelled. However, we did manage to salvage a small percentage of sales through Henry's creative and successful "Do-it-Yourself Candy Making Kits." When we return to normal operations, we hope to offer a DIY kit as an additional purchase option.

The initial monetary foundation has been amassed and an operational plan has been formulated for a compelling, new mission to provide low interest auto loans in our community. We expect this new outreach program to be up and running in 2021.

Because "mission" encompasses the whole body of the church, many projects listed below are piloted by other MPC groups and committees (e.g., Deacons, Christian Education, Kitchen Crew, Presbyterian Women and MPC Youth Groups, including Kids Own Worship). Once again, it has been our privilege to be part of such an active, generous and mission-oriented

church body dedicated to the service of others in the name of our Lord Jesus, the Christ. We are so blessed.

***“Our love of Jesus compels us to help others in need.”***

**FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS:**

- Compassion International (Christian Education: Adult Sunday School & Kids Own Worship)
- Cups Cafe (local Medina teen refuge “serving up hope”)
- Mask Crusaders - coalition of seamstresses producing masks for front-line pandemic workers
- Medina Personal Care Pantry
- Feeding Medina County
- Medina Community Services (Deacons supported)
- Open M Ministries (an Akron mission)
- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
- Presbytery of the Western Reserve
- Varied assistance of individuals within the community (Pastor Benevolence, Deacon and Mission funds)
- Rise Against Hunger 2020 Meal Packing Event
- 2020 Christmas Shoe Box Project for Head Start

**HANDS-ON PARTICIPATION:**

- Compassion International Car Wash
- VBS Food Drive for Haven of Rest Ministries
- Deacons’ Easter Dinner Drive
- Deacons’ “Adopt-A-Turkey” Dinner Drive
- Medina Personal Care Pantry
- Coat Drive, Meal Preparation, Serving and Worshiping with North Church (our sister church in Cleveland). Unfortunately, this was cut short by North Church in March due to the pandemic.
- Rise Against Hunger 2020 Meal Packing Event
- 2020 Christmas Shoebox Program for Head Start

Pam Stec

Chair, Mission Leadership Team 2020

## **Stewardship**

Committee: Dave Foltz, Ed Hiteshue, KC Howell, Doug Skilskyj, Ron Vlcek

Thank you to everyone for contributing to the spiritual growth of our church. For 2020, despite extraordinary circumstances, all giving, including pledge, non-pledge, loose offering and other income totaled approximately \$200,400.

A big thank you to the counters for their dedication throughout 2020. Special thanks to Doug Skilskyj and Ed Hiteshue who have been the main counters during the pandemic period.

Karen Jenkins retired from the Treasurer's position in 2020 and Dave Foltz was elected by Session as her replacement.

Thanks to some large generous contributions, Medina Presbyterian Church retired the mortgage on the Family Live Center Loan early, saving substantial interest.

Medina Presbyterian Church applied for, and was approved for, a Payroll Protection Program loan used to continue wages during the pandemic shutdown. MPC spent all of the monies on payroll and payroll expenses and the loan has been forgiven.

Submitted by Dave Foltz  
Chair, Finance Committee

### **End of Year Balances**

General Fund Checking Account	\$56,812
Savings Account	\$10,013
Money Market Account	\$50,682
Online Giving Holding Account (transferred regularly to General Fund Checking)	\$10,110

## **2021 Budget**

### **Income**

Envelope Offerings—Pledged & non-Pledged	\$189,500
Loose Offerings	\$500
Per-capital Donations	\$3,000
Sunday School/Compassion Donations	\$200
Building Rental—Viaquest	\$7,200

### **Investment Income**

WR Savings Interest	\$1
Money Market Dividends	\$27
<b>Total Investment Income</b>	<b>\$28</b>

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<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$200,428</b>
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### **Expenses**

Personnel	\$137,153
Administrative	\$3,500
Worship & Music	\$3,975
Mission	\$10,000
Christian Education	\$2,150
Evangelism & Fellowship	\$1,300
Building & Grounds	\$33,000
Stewardship	\$8,505

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<b>Total Expense Budget</b>	<b>\$199,583</b>
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## **Endowment Fund**

The Endowment Fund currently has an undesignated fund and a fund designated for Christian Education.

The money is invested in a mutual fund which makes investment decisions consistent with the social-witness principles of the General Assembly, PC(USA).

As of September 30, the latest statement received, the fund has 125.59 shares.

On September 30, the fund balances were:

Undesignated Fund	\$6,752.68
Christian education Fund	\$7,137.68

Contributions to MPC's Endowment Fund are welcome at any time.

Please direct any questions about the Endowment Fund, how it operates or how you might participate, to me or any member of the committee. Members are Chris Day, Melissa Pearce and Jim Stalker.

Respectfully submitted,  
KC Howell



## **Nominating Committee**

The nominating committee met September 1, 2020 and communicated frequently to discuss the slate of candidates for Elders and Board of Deacons for the class of 2023. The following candidates were nominated and subsequently elected at the Congregational Meeting held October 25, 2020. Ordination and Installation of officers was also held on October 25, 2020 following the elections.

### Class of 2023 Elders:

Sherry Bair (1<sup>st</sup> term)  
Jennifer Hiteshue (2<sup>nd</sup> term)  
Pam Stec (2<sup>nd</sup> term)

### Class of 2023 Deacons:

Kathy Foltz (1<sup>st</sup> term)  
Anne Gates (1<sup>st</sup> term)  
Rebecca Coste (1<sup>st</sup> term)

### The 2021 Nominating Committee At-Large Members from the Congregation are:

Donna Gray  
Jim Stalker  
Diane Thomas  
Kate Biter

### Appointed Members:

TBD – Deacon Representative  
Shari Cartwright– Session Representative and 2021 Committee Chair  
Stephen Gates—Session Representative

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on January 24, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elder Kate Biter

## **Presbyterian Women**

On the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of most months, 10-12 members of the evening PW group met at 7:00 pm to study and discuss the book '*Adventurous Prayer*' by Patsy Clairmont. Beginning in March, the meetings were held via Zoom in order to take all safety precautions due to the global pandemic. Devotions and facilitation of the chapter discussion are provided by PW members on a rotating basis. Monthly refreshments and the 'least coin' collection typically received each meeting had to be suspended.

Also, Esther Circle meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 10:00 am to study "God's Promise - I Am With You", by Amy Poling Sutherlun. 8-10 members continued their lively discussions to share God's word via Zoom. Esther Circle has also invested in the "Fellowship of the Least Coin at Fifty", a book celebrating the legacy of the founders / leaders of the FLC over the last 50 years. Stories are shared at each meeting.

The morning gathering is led by Beth Ramsey while the evening meetings are co-led by Barb Conrad and Jennifer Hiteshue.

In addition to the book studies and chapter discussions, the members assisted the Hospitality Committee throughout the first quarter of 2020 prior to the pandemic. Also, the following activities were coordinated with contributions and support from both circles:

### Winter:

- Church beautification-holiday greens were hung for the holidays & later removed on the exterior of the building.
- A winter dinner meeting and fellowship was held at Thyme2 restaurant in connection to Medina's Ice Festival. All women of the church were invited for fellowship and conversation.
- A milk & cookie bar was provided in conjunction with the viewing of the Mr. Rogers movie in February.

### Spring:

- Ferns were purchased and planted in planters on the front porch only this year.
- Weeding and trimming trees assistance was provided during Spring and Summer despite the pandemic.

### Summer:

- Secret Sisters were revealed via mail, email or phone call and new Sisters names were drawn with the suggestion that mailing greeting cards and support messages continue in lieu of face to face gifts. All women of the church were invited to participate.

Fall:

- Decorated the front porch for autumn with pumpkins, cornstalks.
- Assisted with Fall clean up outdoors.
- Donated money for children's books for the Head Start Children's shoe box holiday campaign.
- Members also supported the Head Start project with personal donations/support as our selected charity for the holiday season.

*Respectfully submitted by* Barb Conrad and Jennifer Hiteshue, Co-chairs

## **Kitchen Crew**

This has been the leanest income year for the Kitchen Crew since it was formed back in 1991. The Crew was able to serve only one luncheon to the women of the faithful Bridge Club this past year before the mandatory shut down on gatherings. We are looking forward to serving them once again in 2021.

Given the state of affairs with no income, the Kitchen Crew was still able to assist with a \$1000 donation toward the books for the Head Start Shoebox project.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laurel Jordan, Head Cook

## Board of Deacons

CONGREGATION DONATIONS DEP.	Amount		OTHER EXPENSES:	Company	Amount	Reason
1/2/2020	\$ 607.00	(\$110 turkey donation)	1/27/2020	Henry Pearce	\$ 148.90	Super 8 Pilot Gift Card
1/17/2020	\$ 260.00		1/27/2020	Diane Thomas	\$ 1,141.50	Benevolence
1/27/2020	\$ 1,240.00		2/9/2020	Beth McDevitt	\$ 116.14	College VD Boxes
2/25/2020	\$ 530.00		2/13/2020	Medina Hotel	\$ 150.00	Rent Assistance
4/1/2020	\$ 535.00		2/13/2020	Henry Pearce	\$ 477.22	Reimb. Benevolent Fund
4/1/2020	\$ 955.00	For Easter Boxes	2/27/2020	D. Gorilla	\$ 175.00	Rent Assistance
5/6/2020	\$ 1,535.00		3/27/2020	D. Gorilla	\$ 165.00	Rent Assistance
6/2/2020	\$ 440.00		4/11/2020	Buehlers	\$ 1,545.14	Easter Boxes
7/11/2020	\$ 455.00		4/24/2020	Henry Pearce	\$ 1,245.06	Reimb. Benevolent Fund
8/4/2020	\$ 555.00		6/9/2020	Frank Kress	\$ 300.00	Rent Assistance
9/8/2020	\$ 890.00		7/16/2020	Medina Hotel	\$ 160.00	Rent Assistance
10/6/2020	\$ 550.00		8/14/2020	Henry Pearce	\$ 410.00	Reimb. Benevolent Fund
11/13/2020	\$ 580.00		11/21/2020	Buehlers	\$ 3,205.32	Turkey Boxes
12/2/2020	\$ 510.00		12/11/2020	Henry Pearce	\$ 329.70	Reimb. Benevolent Fund
12/2/2020	\$ 2,505.00	For Turkey Boxes				
Acct Bal 12/31/2019	\$ 4,288.08					
Income YTD	\$ 12,147.00					
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 16,435.08</b>					
<b>EXPENSES:</b>	\$ 9,568.98					
Community Center	\$ -					
Other Expenses	\$ -					
Total Expenses YTD	<b>\$ 9,568.98</b>					
<b>Income Minus Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 6,866.10</b>					
<b>Balance as of 12/29/2019</b>	<b>\$ 6,866.10</b>					
Reported by ML Swartz						
Date: 1/3/2021						