

WESTERN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH & SOCIETY
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2020 ANNUAL REPORT



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Western Presbyterian Church nurtures spiritual growth, joyful fellowship,
meaningful community and global involvement;
worshipping and serving God with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love.*

CTNS Annual Report for 2020

This year was fine when it started; but by March, we had to hire a new teacher for the 3-, 4-, and 5-year-old class. For two weeks everything was great. The children had adapted to the change in teachers and then COVID-19 hit. Since the school matches the school district calendar, when they stopped, we stopped. Thus, ended the 2019-2020 school year. By August it became apparent that the incoming class would be smaller. This is natural considering the worries of parents about schooling safety protocols.

As a result, the teachers and board decided on the best way to keep the children safe. The teachers decided to teach in a bubble. The parents were greeted at their cars and then taken up to the classroom. At the end of the day the children with masks on would be taken one at a time to the cars. No one except the masked teachers were ever in the room with the children. The one class of ten children had a teacher, Mrs. Lisa Perry, and two aides, Mrs. Keri Devlin, and the school director Mrs. Stacy Denniston. The children seemed to adapt to the mask wearing very well. At the end of class all surfaces were sanitized. All toys or art supplies were sanitized for the next time. In the muscle room, all surfaces and railings were sanitized. As a result of their diligence, not one child or teacher fell ill.

There have been many art projects this year for the students. We have been visited by Miss Sheila from the library to tell stories. On some warm days of October and November, chalk drawing was done on the sidewalks. Valentine card exchanges and thanksgiving favorite foods also added to the fun. Our class size will increase in January of 2021 as will the addition of a Mommy and Tot class taught by Cim McFarlane. Prospects for increased enrollment will improve as COVID-19 gets under control. Despite all the rules and restrictions, our teachers have done a wonderful job for the 46th year of this school. The board would like to thank the Session, property committee, and the congregation for their unwavering support.

Our board members are Irene Fadden, the indefatigable treasurer, Tim Maslyn, Joe Perry, Andy Sloan, and Carol Sloan, and last year's outgoing members Betsy Goodwin and Patti Squier.

Sincerely submitted,
Phil Opdycke, Chair

Canal Town Nursery School
2020 Financial Report

Income		Expenses	
Donations	1,753	Donation to WPC	1,250.00
Scholarship	500	Phone	633.18
Tuition	11,001	Payroll	11,312.89
Niagara Candies	200	Payroll Prep	808.16
		Payroll Taxes	2,140.68
		Postage	17.60
		General Operation	208.48
		Office Supplies	518.43
Totals	\$13,454		\$16,889.42

Christian Education Ministry Team Annual Report 2020

Building Faith, Family, and Fellowship. WPC nurtures spiritual growth, joyful fellowship, meaningful community, and global involvement: worshipping and serving God with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love.

The 2020 CE Ministry Team included: Ellen Avery, Pam Hughes (resigned in November 2020), Emily Hunt, Jody Pruitt, and Cim McFarlane, Sunday School Director, as a non-elected member.

We work as a team with the congregation “to tell the story of the love and grace we have received from God, because it is a story we love to tell!”

Prior to COVID-19, Sunday School had over twenty participants weekly working together to learn about God’s word directed by Cim McFarlane. Cim arranges the children by age for each classroom and selects curriculum and teachers. Each Sunday she is present to oversee Sunday School by setting up, aiding if needed and checking the rooms to be sure they are ready for Sunday School and after class for CTNS. Cim is an irreplaceable part of the CE Team keeping the Sunday School program new and interesting with inventiveness and enthusiasm.

During COVID-19, there were 3 children participating in in-person Sunday School, 6 children participating in virtual Sunday School, and 3 teens serving as volunteers (one virtually and two in-person). Cim has shown flexibility and creativity for the COVID-19 times. During the full closure, Cim made and distributed care packages for all the Sunday School families. Before Sunday School reopened, Cim made and distributed Fall Fun Faith packets for Sunday School families that included crafts, devotionals, games, and snacks. Once Sunday School reopened, Cim developed engaging curriculum that can be presented both in-person and virtually. She distributed materials needed for virtual families. Cim has taken a highly active role in weekly Sunday School and shares in the teaching of Sunday School with two other adult Sunday School teachers.

Cim continues to provide leadership for:

- Orchestrating two Children Lead Worship services – providing full scope of planning and executing.
- Planning the making of holiday cards for WPC shut-ins three times a year, Valentine’s Day, Easter, and Christmas – usually a minimum of 20 cards are made.
- The February Break 2020 VBS Day (combined sponsors Palmyra Reformed Church and WPC) was a Pandamania theme. 25 children, 10 teen volunteers, and 6 adults participated. A good time was had by all and the potluck dinner afterwards was well received.
- Church Band – guiding and promoting events, coordinating with conductor for practices, performances.
- Virtual Vacation Bible School’s (combined sponsors Palmyra Reformed Church and WPC) theme was “Lava Lava Island”. We were not able to meet in person this year due to COVID-19, so we held a virtual VBS instead. 22 families participated (a total of 35 children).
- Promoting Camp Whitman – 2 WPC families attended Camp Recreate. 2 WPC families participated in Camp Reimagined.
- Orchestrating the tween and teen socially distant event with Palmyra Reformed Church, a Christmas Escape Room (11 youth participated).

Under the leadership of the CE Team:

- Children Light the Candles and Ring the Bell each Sunday (prior to COVID 19)
- Thirteen dedicated WPC members continued to provide childcare during the 10:00 am worship hour (prior to COVID 19)
- Provided Children's time, the last Sunday of each month (prior to COVID 19)
- Provided occasional mutigenerational activities for coffee hour (prior to COVID 19)
- Worked with pastor on Confirmation - 3 youth confirmed in 2020.
- During November and December, the CE team sent out youth made cards to every member of the congregation.
- Presented gifts to graduating seniors – four seniors were presented in 2020.
- Presented Bibles to second graders – 2 were presented in 2020 (one more was eligible that we have not been able to touch base with yet)
- Turquoise Table Book Study for adults
- Campaigned to promote Sunday School through Facebook, Snail mail, Emails, and sign boards.
- Helped Deacons to deliver Holiday Cards to Shut-ins (prior to COVID 19)
- Cim initiated and coordinated with Rayvon for the youth to Sing in worship.
- Cim initiated and coordinated with Sue Petura and Patti Squier to play Chimes in worship.

The team works to provide Christian education, leadership and mission opportunities for both adults and children in a loving and caring way – “Together let us tell the story of the love and grace we have received from God, because it is a story we love to tell!”

Respectfully Submitted by Emily Hunt – Christian Education Team Chair

“Living waters for a thirsty world.” Isaiah 44:3

The Deacons Ministry Team Annual Report for 2020

The Deacons Ministry Team for 2020 consisted of Sandy McMEnamin, Chairperson, Sara Bush, Fred Coffman, Terry Goodwin, Esther Hargrave, Randy Kennard, Sylvia Lyon, Linda Pulcini, and Nancy Talma.

It was certainly a different year than we expected. After mid-March, our lives changed and have yet to get back to some kind of “normal.”

However:

Prayers - As Deacons, one thing that remained constant was our prayer ministry. We continued to take prayer requests and to offer daily prayers for those in need. Even though we have not had a church service bulletin, the updated prayer list was e-mailed out to the congregation each week.

Cards and Notes – Birthday and anniversary cards were sent out each month to church members. Also, each month note cards including a bible verse were sent out to 20-24 shut-ins and others who could use some cheer.

Special Cards – The Sunday School children made special cards for us to distribute for Valentine’s Day and Christmas. For Christmas this year, we included in the card a special crocheted angel made by Anita Adams. Special thanks to Cim for getting card supplies out to the Sunday School children that could not come to church to allow them to make the cards at home. They were beautiful.

Visits – We have missed so much being able to make in-person visits. We have tried to keep connected through phone calls and cards where possible. We have also been working with Pastor Kyle on communications.

Flowers – We usually have more flowers to distribute throughout the year from the church service, funerals, etc. This year, we have not had many but did deliver 15 poinsettias to the shut-ins following Christmas.

We pray that 2021 will be better and that we will continue to serve our congregation with love, compassion, energy, and creativity.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra McMEnamin
Chairperson

**Deacons Ministry Team
Treasurer's Report 2020**

Balance on Hand January 1, 2020	\$1,495.86
Deposits for Year	<u>182.00</u>
Total	\$1,677.86

Disbursements

Cards, Monthly Notes, Postage, Labels	\$ 364.60
Communion Supplies	13.94
Funeral Flowers	50.00
These Days Devotionals	99.20
Family Promise	100.00
Bank Charges	<u>24.00</u>
Total	\$ 651.74

Balance on Hand January 1, 2021	\$ 1,026.12
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**Respectfully Submitted,
Sandra McMenamin
Treasurer**

Fellowship Team Annual Report for 2020

Team members: Terry and Val Gendron, Ray Marr, Jacob McFarlane, Sue Pringle, Norm Underwood - Chairperson

Like many others, the Fellowship Committee has had a rough year in 2020. We lost valuable, long time member Deb Trombino.

We held an "undecorating" group activity in January for Epiphany.

We have not been able to do any of our scheduled social activities since the Sweets and Treats in February.

Instead of our usual Western Horizons potluck celebration of 50-year members in October, we had their names on the video screen for the month of November. Thank you, Irene. We also sent cards to the members thanking them and acknowledging their years of service.

We did put some decorations in the hallway for Advent.

Thanks to the team and all the congregation for their patience and support during this trying time. We truly hope for a more productive and socially active 2021!

Norm Underwood - Chairperson

Finance Team Year – End Report For 2020

For 2020, Western Presbyterian Church continued full financial support for our ongoing programs in Worship, Christian Education, and generous Mission Outreach to both local and extended global communities while maintaining our operating budget.

The source of funds for the church that is shown below underscores the importance of member donations. Without the faithful and generous contributions of our members, the important work of our church would not be able to continue. In 2020, there were 132 active members who donated \$93,599.00 for the operation of WPC. This amount represents 54.5 % of the church's total receipts. A sincere thank you to everyone. Also, in addition, our endowment funds provided 40 % (\$69,873.50) for the operation of our church. The balance of 5.5% or \$7,501.00 came from special events, other donations, and groups.

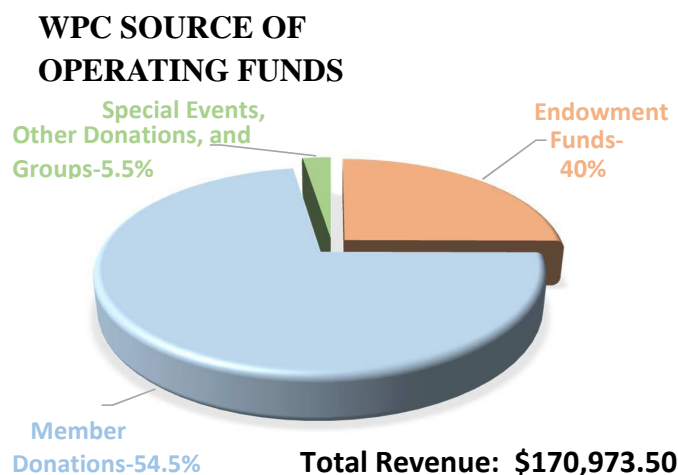
The year 2020 was not without its financial challenges. We lost too many of our faithful seniors that were called home to be with the Lord, leaving a large financial and support gap to fill. We moved the cost of snow plowing from property to Exterior Edifice and utilities from property to Interior Edifice. By moving these 2 items, it reduced operations by approx. \$7,000.00 dollars and as you can see, we still had a deficit of \$13,727.11, but please notice, when you look at the 2020 final report of Receipts and Expenditures, the receipts canceled the deficit and gave us a \$16,093.50 surplus to our budget. This was due to increased giving from individuals, WPC Women's Assoc., and all the WPC teams watching their expenses. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. But as you can see going into the year 2021, our budget has a deficit of \$50,205.17 at this time. This is mainly due to loss of pledges (rec'd. \$38,380.00 vs \$93,599.00 budgeted for 2021).

With our membership and pledges declining every year, we must find ways to get pledges and members back to WPC. Our session is working on this currently.

In a year which we saw COVID-19, increasing volatility and challenges in the financial markets, our financial investment management company, Howe and Rusling, professionally allocated and diversified our endowments to provide our portfolio capital to help fund the church operations as well as maintain and make improvements to the edifice interior and exterior.

The Finance team took a big hit this year by losing Dick Kirchhoff and resignations of Jerry Kelly, Mike Semans, and Irene Fadden. That left Eric Chapman Treasurer, Val Gendron Bookkeeper, Bill Bush, Peter Fadden, Kyle Delhagen Exo., and myself.

Respectfully Submitted,
William C. Hassler
Chairman, Finance Team



Mission & Social Concerns Team Annual Report 2020

The Mission and Social Concerns Team: Irene Fadden, Chairperson, Edie Chapman, Sally Chase, Ruth Dantz, Jonnie Fontaine, Rena Haigh, Cassie Hughes, and Jan Taylor.

Western Presbyterian is a mission-oriented church. We believe it is important that everyone has enough to eat. Feeding the Hungry continues to be a mission of WPC, and we hope that in time every family will have enough money for food and housing so that no one goes to sleep hungry or sleeps in their car or on a friend's couch or in an apartment with no heat because of poverty.

\$9,470.00 was given to ministries in the community, county, Presbytery, nation, and world.

\$541 was received and passed on with One Great Hour of Sharing offering.

Volunteers from WPC delivered Weekend Wellness to school children every week and continued delivering them even during the pandemic. \$500 was given to support this effort. See separate report.

Covid-19 did not stop the Food Pantry. Rather than families coming into the food pantry, food was packed by volunteers inside the pantry and taken out to the families with minimal contact. WPC continued to generously give food and money to the Food Pantry. During Advent, we brought in household and personal supplies for the Food Pantry.

In the spring, Covid-19 stopped Family Promise for about a month. Then with apartments in Savannah, families were once again served. Although volunteers were not needed to host at the church, we did take groceries to the families for 3 weeks in the summer. \$1,500 was given to Family Promise from Mission and Social Concerns Team. Hopefully, we will be able to host at WPC again this summer.

The Good Neighbor Fund received \$2,538.70 to be used for heat, electricity, rent, and other needs. John and Wilma have administered the Good Neighbor Fund for several years. We thank them for their service. In 2021, the Good Neighbor Fund will be administered by Grace House when it reopens in the spring. See separate report.

The Meals on Wheels program in Wayne County received \$400 for its program of bringing meals to senior citizens.

Several international ministries were supported by WPC in 2020. The Qholaqhoe Mountain Project received \$250. Kenya Covid-19 support for Kongasis School received \$500 from the Team and \$100 from members of the congregation. Healthy Ninos in Honduras received \$300 which will provide clean water to 10 families. Rena Haigh gave one week to go to Healthy Ninos in Honduras and took many health products, school supplies, and small toys donated by the congregation. Randy Kennard went to Mexico and visited the churches we partnered with in Chetumal, Quintana Roo, Mexico. She took many Bible verse gifts created by the congregation to share with past friends in Mexico. \$500 was received by Clint McCoy Feeding Center for its ministry in Malawi.

\$2,512.20 was given to the Presbytery of Geneva which was used to fund Camp Whitman and session-approved mission projects, such as Family Promise, Baby Food Project, Community Gardens, Senior Care Programs, Free Meals, and emergency funding.

\$89.10 was used by the Synod to support mission.

CTNS received \$200 for support of their funding which is in jeopardy this year due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The children in the class can act like kids: socializing, playing, and learning.

The residents of the ARC home received gift cards in December.

Volunteers picked up and brought lunches to the Palmyra Library, so children could grab and go with a lunch during the summer of a pandemic.

Thank you to everyone who has participated in any way to help those in need.

Matthew 25 ³⁴ ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger, and you invited me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes, and you clothed me, I was sick, and you looked after me, I was in prison, and you came to visit me.’ And in response to their questions, they were told, ⁴⁰ whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

Good Neighbor Fund – 2020 Annual Report

If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? I John 3:17

The Mission/Social Concerns Team of the Western Presbyterian Church has been the overseers of the Good Neighbor Fund since its reorganization in October 2015. The following volunteers have each given many hours to this program in the past year:

Coordinator:	John Cook
Interviewer:	Mary Ann Holden
Office Assistant:	Kathy Barr
Treasurer:	Wilma Redman

January – December 2020

Balance on Hand 1/1/20 \$ 3,958.55

Donations Received: \$12,498.77

Amount Disbursed: \$14,145.59

Balance on Hand 12/31/20 \$ 2,311.73

Families Assisted: 32 # Adults: 48 # Children: 55

Declined: 3

We are grateful for the services of our volunteers and the generosity of area churches, service organizations, and individuals. We are especially grateful for the caring support Kathy Barr provides in phone screening the applicants and helping them fill out their applications. We have also cooperated with the St. Katharine Drexel Social Ministry Fund in Macedon, The King's Daughters in Palmyra, and The Salvation Army to augment what we are able to provide.

We ask for your prayers and ongoing support throughout the coming year as we determine how best to serve our neighbors in the post-pandemic time.

Thank you for your generous support of the Good Neighbor Fund throughout 2020. Your generosity is appreciated!

WEEKEND WELLNESS 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink” Matthew 25:35

The Mission/Social Concerns Team continues to partner with the Palmyra-Macedon Central School District to ensure that our young children will not go hungry over the weekend.

During the 2019-20 school year 43% of students in the Palmyra Macedon Central School District were eligible for free or reduced-price lunches. When these children are not in school on weekends, they may have less food than they need. This can result in a weaker immune system, increased hospitalization, lower IQ, shorter attention span, and lower academic achievement. The “Weekend Wellness” program helps to fill that need and ensure our children’s continued growth and development.

We continue to purchase pre-packed bags of food from Food Link monthly. This eliminates the need for volunteers to purchase and pack the food bags and is more cost effective. For the 2020-21 school year, these bags are free to us since the USDA is reimbursing Food Link due to COVID 19.

Each week that school is in session, one team of our volunteers delivers the food to each of the four schools in the Pal-Mac school district. Teams are: (1) Edie Chapman & Sue Leonard, (2) Joan & Lloyd Durfey and Jan & Dave Taylor, (3) Ruth & Don Dantz, (4) John Cook & Wilma Redman, (5) Randy & Steve Kennard. With the onset of COVID 19, several of our volunteers needed to stay quarantined due to health issues. Starting in September 2020, members of the Pal-Mac Rotary Club have volunteered their services to help with loading & deliveries. We greatly appreciate their assistance.

During the 2019-2020 school year, we delivered 5,190 bags of food at a cost of \$13,312.50. From September thru December of the 2020-2021 school year, we have delivered 761 bags.

We are grateful for the financial support we received this year from A.E.Y. Enterprises, Inc, Bullis Fund, Palmyra-Macedon Rotary Foundation Inc., The Palmyra King’s Daughters, Inc., United Way of Wayne County, Western Presbyterian Church, and several caring individuals.

Nominating Committee Report 2020

December 27, 2020
Nominating Committee

Sandy McMEnamin has completed her term as Chairman of the Deacon Ministry Team. Randy Kennard has volunteered to fill that position for a 3-year term commencing in 2021. Elders James McFarlane and Norm Underwood have completed a three-year term, their first, and have welcomed the opportunity to serve a second three-year term.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Pringle
Nominating Committee

Western Presbyterian Church: Property Ministry Team Annual Report 2020

Your 2020 Property Team Members

Don Dantz	John Dobson	Steve Kennard
Gary LaBerge	James McFarlane	Phil Opdycke
Dave Pinkney		

Purview of the Property Team

“...I have consecrated this house which you have built by putting My name there forever, and My eyes and My heart will be there perpetually.” I Kings 9:3

The property team is responsible for ensuring the safety and well-being of all who use our facility. We maintain and sustain our tangible assets in a way that protects people and contents, keeps pace with changing needs, and furthers the longevity of our building and grounds in service to God.

Our oversight alternates between short-term and long-term needs. Tactically, we manage routine maintenance and repairs. Strategically, we consider the replacement and upgrading of systems as an investment for greater cost effectiveness, capacity, safety, performance, or lifespan.

Approved and Actual Budget

2020		2019		2018	
Approved	Actual	Approved	Actual	Approved	Actual
\$5.6k	\$2.8k**	\$5.6k	\$2.3k*	\$5.6k	\$4.8k

*Thru October.

**Thru December 10, 2020

Significant Activities and Notes

Safety

Frequent replacement of fluorescent lights throughout the facility.

Replacing failed light assemblies on either side of the door from the main parking lot.

Replacing failed flood light on north-west corner of building with more energy efficient option and preparing for replacement of north-east light.

Signs were placed at the entrances and in the bathrooms to remind people what to do to minimize spread of Covid-19.

Maintenance and Repair

General ongoing clean up and space use – Fellowship hall closet, basement under Narthex.

Checked condition of roof and cleaned debris from some areas while cleaning gutters to prevent further roof leaks.

Installed improved insulation block for vent fan at north end of sanctuary attic in attempt to reduce ceiling paint issues above the organ.

Repainted and sealed the brick work above the basement stairs on the east side of the sanctuary. Should reduce/eliminate the peeling paint on inside of the east wall of the sanctuary.

Sanctuary ceiling hole was repaired, and bill sent to appropriate agency for insurance payment.

Organ had some issues with blower system motor controls tripping. On last visit, Parsons did find an issue with the blower that could have caused motor control issue. Will continue to monitor and replace components as needed.

Main parking lot was sealed and re-stripped.

Grounds

Yard clean-up: We maintained the grounds throughout the year by periodic trimming and tidying.

Facility Investment

Audio-Visual system: Still have a few glitches with video dropping after several visits by vendor but have found work arounds.

Internet Service: Will probably still need improved internet service for better quality and use of alternate streaming services, but last estimated cost increase was \$100/month. Trying to find alternatives.

Financial Secretary Office: Helped select updated computer so Financial Secretary could work remotely during this time of Covid-19. Have had some issues with remote access to the church in the last month and still need to diagnose and solve the issue.

Administration

Documentation: Continuing to work on instructions for the use of the new AV system to have options for basic operation for simple recording, and for more involved streaming with multiple camera view changes.

Labeling: As other projects are completed and cleaned, we are labeling power outlets and lines with appropriate power panel and breaker. Also adding to computerized drawings of our facility so future members have accurate and up to date documentation on facility assets.

Sign-in sheet: In 2017 we implemented a process where visitors sign in and out on a sheet outside the office. This helps track vendor time and other visitor traffic. Works well so far and allows us to verify time charged by vendors. Also helps with contact tracing, given the current Covid-19 issue.

Billing audits: Working with snowplowing service to provide more timely billing for better budgeting.

Utilities: Worked with Marathon Energy to get back on a fixed rate plan for gas usage.

Facility Usage

The table below captures usage requests from the form available in the office. Some forms request multiple assets. Many forms are generated by other teams to ensure facility usage is on church calendar. These are for usage of the church that started in 2019. Some forms request multiple dates.

	2020: 11 requests	2019: 40 requests	2018: 26 requests
Sanctuary*	1 (Select Choir)	2 (Select Choir, VBS)	2
FSH	9	30	20
Kitchen	7	19	10
Other	6 (classrooms upstairs, muscle room)	23 (east lawn, classrooms upstairs, muscle room, parlor)	4 (east lawn, classrooms upstairs)
Tables & Chairs	0	4 (T=30, C=160)	5 (T=25, C=120)
Microphone/AV	0	3	N/A

* Sanctuary use approved by Session. Does not include weddings, approved outside the building use form.

Many requests were cancelled when church building was closed due to Covid-19 Pandemic in March.

Worship Team Annual Report 2020

Members: Sue Leonard-Chair, Courtney Marr-Vice-Chair, Joan Durfey, Mary Beth LaBerge, Alicia Lynch, Sharon Marr, and Linda Williamson

The primary responsibility of the Worship Team is to assist Pastor Kyle with anything related to our worship services. We find volunteers for ushering, serving communion, and lay readers. We ensure that the pews are stocked with the items that are necessary for our congregation and visitors. We provide special themed services, activities, and coffee hours based on perceived interests of the congregation.

On February 2nd, we hosted a special coffee hour for Super Bowl Sunday Sundaes. Everyone seemed to enjoy fellowship while building and eating ice cream sundaes.

In preparation for a special worship and activity on Ash Wednesday, Kyle suggested that we hunt down large clear vases, bare branches, stones, sand, and moss. On the evening of February 26th, Ash Wednesday, members of the congregation met in Fellowship Hall and listened to readings and scriptures while assembling the pieces including written prayers to create vases representing the wilderness. It was a different type of worship that was meaningful and inspiring. The completed vases were used in the sanctuary as decoration for the season of Lent.

At our March 10th meeting with Kyle, we made our plans for Holy Week, not realizing that our plans would be cut short. Later that week, Session wisely voted to suspend in-person worship due to the COVID-19 virus. There was no in-person worship at church for six months.

From mid-March until September 20th, we worshipped together via Face Book Live and You Tube and with a lovely in-person service in the park. During the summer, the Worship Team worked with Session to determine the needed steps for safe worship, whenever we would be allowed to worship in our sanctuary. The team and Session referred to the requirements and recommendations of the state as well as suggestions by the Presbytery and other churches, and then applied it to our own layout. We then worked with the Property Team to prepare the sanctuary and the rest of the ground level for folks coming back to church. Since September 20th, there has continued to be worship at church, and online for those who feel that they should not return yet.

And there have been many changes in our music department. Our beloved Rayvon Moore and Sue Petura are now living elsewhere. Rayvon is now in Kansas and Sue is in North Carolina. It was a blessing to have them with us while we did! And another blessing is the addition of two more organists. Joining Jack Moak, we now have Elijah Malach and Pieter VerHow. Welcome aboard! And a special thank you to Dave Taylor and Christy Modaffari who provided recorded solos during this time of “no singing”.

There are other notes of thanks that need to be stated:

- Our audio/visual technology guys, James McFarlane, Phil Opdycke, Steve Kennard, and Lou Callerame have assisted in the delivering of the online worship and the visuals for the sanctuary worship. We appreciated what you did for us before, and this year it has been invaluable.
- In addition to her usual duties, Kathy Barr has been mailing out weekly copies of Kyle's sermons to those who do not do the in-person or online worship. Many of these folks have expressed their gratitude for her efforts.
- The following ushers quickly volunteered to take temperatures and guide folks into the building and sanctuary when we started back at church on 9/20 and have continued in the effort: Janet Manktelow, Sue Pringle, Sharon and Courtney Marr, Joan and Lloyd Durfey, Gary and Mary Beth LaBerge, Jody Pruitt, and Jan Taylor.
- Pastor Kyle has improvised and found ways to keep us worshipping and fellowshiping together even when we could not meet in person. For Sunday worship, he has been the pastor, lay reader, guitarist, and singer. In addition, he has prepared daily devotionals, Thursday night prayer Zooms, Coffee and Contemplation, Visio Divina, and multiple book studies.
- If my memory has failed me, and I have not mentioned you here, please forgive me. And please know that the contribution that you have made was needed and we are truly grateful.

In summary this has been a year of surprises, concerns, and sacrifices. But it has also been a year of cooperation and shared purpose. Although it has been a season of time apart, it has also been a season when the efforts of many have kept us worshipping together.

Respectfully submitted by Sue Leonard

“To be used of God. Is there anything more encouraging, more fulfilling? Perhaps not, but there is something more basic: to meet with God. To linger in His presence, to shut out the noise of the city and, in quietness, give Him the praise He deserves. Before we engage ourselves in His work, let's meet Him in His word...in prayer...in worship.” --Chuck Swindoll

Church Statistics- Report of the Clerk

Active Membership as of January 1, 2020 **127**

Additions

By Profession of Faith, Restoration, Reaffirmation

By Certificate of Transfer

Other-moved from inactive back to active

1

Total Additions

1

Losses

By Certificate of transfer

1

By Death

8

By Removal to Inactive Roll

13

By Removal from Rolls

13

Total Losses

22

Total Active Membership as of December 31, 2020

106

Session Members Serving in 2021

Irene Fadden

William Hassler

Emily Hunt

Randy Kennard

Sue Leonard

James McFarlane

Norman Underwood

Philip Opdycke-Presbytery Delegate

Eric Chapman-Treasurer

Janet Manktelow- Clerk

Head of Corporation- William Hassler

Annual Report, 2020

Rev. Kyle Delhagen, Pastor

This past year has, without a doubt, been the most challenging one most of us can remember. We wandered in the wilderness, we became unraveled in most areas of life, yet we refused to stop being those who dream. We gained a new vocabulary, with terms like “online meetings,” and “Zoom fatigue” entering our everyday parlance. We struggled through trying national issues, issues which we continue to grapple with. We sought to continue to serve the neediest among us.

Sometimes we succeeded grandly. Other times we fell flat. Through it all though, we remembered that God is God, and God has never left our side.

Just about one year ago, I began planning for a rapidly approaching Lent, utilizing resources from A Sanctified Art on the theme of “Wilderness.” Just how prescient that theme would turn out to be is not lost on me. When we were forced to close our building due to the pandemic, we were in the middle of this series. It truly felt as though we had been thrust into the wilderness.

Following Easter, we again turned to A Sanctified Art, and focused our attention on the theme of “Unraveled.” While this worship series was not designed with a global pandemic and national civil rights protests in mind, it became extremely relevant to everything we were experiencing. The threads of our lives had become frayed, and it was important to acknowledge and sit with that disruption.

And yet... one of the things I found myself saying quite a bit in the latter half of the year was, “it’s important to find the silver linings.” This isn’t quite a “always look on the sunny side” optimism. Rather, what I have meant by saying this is, while it is very important to acknowledge the pain, suffering, and hardship we are all enduring, we should also look for new things God is doing and creating in our midst, in spite of - or because of - the suffering.

For example: our online worshipping has allowed people from all over the country to “pop in” to worship with us. More importantly, as many in our congregation are not comfortable returning to physical

worship, our online presence has enabled them to continue to worship with us, while remaining safely at home.

Another example: our separation from one another, being unable to embrace or even shake hands has, I suspect, given us a greater appreciation for that time when we will finally be able to sing together, fellowship together, and do so in a way that does not risk our health or the health of the vulnerable in our midst.

The struggles we encountered did not just touch on the pandemic, however. Our nation was further fragmented by yet more violence perpetrated upon communities of color, an issue that has proven fractious not only nation-wide, but in our congregation as well. We are in, what is known in theological circles as, as *status confessionis*. What this means is that the truth of the gospel is quite literally at stake. The most obvious examples of this from the 20th century were for the German church pre-World War II, and then later, in the 1980's in South Africa during apartheid. Each of these resulted in the documents we know, respectively as, the Barmen Declaration and the Belhar Confession. If the Church universal (and our church as one congregation) remains silent on these issues of justice, can we call ourselves faithful disciples of Jesus Christ?

And these fraying times have been exacerbated by our physical distance. When we cannot meet with one another face to face, when we engage with one another through keyboards and screens, we lose the common connection we shared in the first place.

So, what is the silver lining here? First, it has taught us that we cannot simply ignore the elephant in the room. When it comes to major issues where justice and righteousness are at stake, we *must* confront them head on. We need to lean into the hard conversations. As messy and difficult and painful as they may be, true healing, true reconciliation will not happen without them. We must approach them with humble hearts, acknowledging that we are all fallen creatures in need of God's love and grace.

Second, we cannot succumb to gossip, rumors, and parking-lot meetings. If we have an issue with something said by the pastor, an elder, or any brother or sister in the congregation, we must follow Jesus' advice in Matthew 18 to go to that person directly. Whispering and gossip are the two surest ways to destroy a community.

Third, we are called to remain in community, united by our love for Christ and one another. What we aren't called to do is, 'take our ball and go home.' This is an unfaithful witness to the gospel, essentially claiming to know better than God. This extends to our current budget deficit of around \$50,000. Withholding pledges may feel like a good way to protest, but ultimately the only thing that does is damage the ministry and mission of our church, something I know none of us desires.

The good news is that this pandemic is nearing its end. The success of a vaccine is a bright light at the end of a very long tunnel. And soon - very soon - we will be able to, all of us, gather together, join hands, and sing the praise of God together once more.

And in this joining, we will be able to knit together our community once again, to be vibrant and stronger than ever, but only if we are guided by gratitude, adaptability, faith, hope, love, compassion, justice, and grace. We will boldly proclaim the love of God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we will use our united talents and resources to bring God's love and grace to our community and our world.

Grace and peace in Christ,
Respectfully submitted,
~Rev. Kyle B. Delhagen

Annual Report Projects and Financials for 2020

Women's Association Financial Report January 1 - December 31, 2020

Receipts

Balance on hand January 1, 2020 \$ 5,589.83

Rummage Sales

RADA Cutlery Sales

Donations \$ 250.00

Least Coin \$ 5.90

Total Receipts \$ 255.90

\$ 5,845.73

Disbursements

Supplies for Memorial Services

Blanket Fund \$ 300.00

WPC Budget \$ 2,500.00

Books "Into the Light" \$ 385.00

Order Checks \$ 50.00

Kitchen and coffee hour supplies \$ 34.58

Total Disbursements \$ 3,269.58

Balance on Hand December 31, 2020 \$ 2,576.15

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Pringle

Treasurer

ANGEL TREE PROJECT

Angel Tree was just like the year 2020 – strange to say the very least. I had anticipated that Angel Tree would get downright overburdened and inundated with requests to the point of exhausting all of reserve Angel Tree funds. This could not have been further from the truth. This year gifts were provided to 58 families with 142 children which is a decrease of over 25% from last year. Some modifications to the procedure were done to make drivers, recipients, and partners medically safer. Instead of deliveries being provided by Lions Club, appointments were scheduled for each family to pick their gifts up at the church. When each family arrived over the course of almost two and a half weeks, they reported in from the parking lot and I hand delivered all packages to their waiting cars. In addition to the locally placed trees at the library, Community Bank, Macedon Town Hall, and Macedon Public Safety, employees from Garlock and JRLON adopted several families. Church members participated heavily too, by getting their angels from one of the other locations, as I felt it would not be worth putting up a tree at WPC due to COVID-19.

The Pal-Mac District Office makes a huge contribution by sending all the letters out to potential families: those families in the free or reduced lunch program.

Many thanks to Garlock for their generous cash contribution again this year; this will go a long way in replenishing our funds for next year. The cash is used to purchase gifts for angels not selected, wrap for each family, and postage. We are truly blessed to live in such a generous and giving community.

And once again, thank you to Kathy Barr for all her help. Thanks to my “personal assistants”, Tom Lynch and Wendi and Sydney Gagliano for their help with the shopping, sorting, and bagging.

As always, if your workplace is somewhere that you think may like to participate in this way next year, please let me know. Even if you and your coworkers are only able to adopt one family – every little bit helps.

If you are interested in helping or would just like more information, contact Alicia Lynch at 585-749-3296 or the church office at 315-597-9171.

Respectfully submitted,
Alicia Lynch
Angel Tree Project

SUMMARY OF WPC FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS 12th month of 2020
Endowments/Operations December 31, 2020

		12/31/2019	12/31/2020	YTD Variance	December Income	YTD Income
Howe & Rusling-Schwab-6217						
Church Endowment #		281,552	276,182	-5,370	583	9,063
Davidson-Pastor Salary		186,797	183,234	-3,563	387	6,014
Milligan Family Fund		126,341	123,931	-2,410	262	4,068
Helen T. Smith Endowment		582,845	571,727	-11,118	1,207	18,762
Mertz Family Fund		19,987	19,606	-381	41	640
Housing Loan Fund		65,144	63,902	-1,242	135	2,099
Operations Total		1,262,666	1,238,582	-24,084	2,615	40,646
ENDOWMENTS - EDIFICE						
Henry W. Griffith Endowment*	Unrst Edif	919,178	901,644	-17,534	1,904	29,591
Davidson - Edifice	Extr Edif	34,053	33,403	-650	71	1,097
Helen T. Cloyd	Extr Edif	42,196	41,391	-805	88	1,358
Walter P. Smith	Extr Edif	209,499	205,502	-3,997	434	6,795
Edifice Total		1,204,926	1,181,940	-22,986	2,497	38,841
Endowment Total		2,467,592	2,420,522	-47,070	5,112	79,487
Micellaneous Funds-Schwab 7897						
Cash Reserve (TRP Spectrum)	Ops	124,331	131,871	7,540	1,318	4,705
Mary Coe Fund (TRP Spectrum)		16,803	17,875	1072	179	638
Organ Fund (TRP Spectrum)		9,540	10,118	578	101	360
Women's Assoc. (TRP Spectrum)		8,290	8,769	479	88	315
EDIFICE-INC-AM CENTURY**		45,700	52,325	6,625	5,514	5,887
EDIFICE-INC-VIRTUSSEIX**		37,257	40,955	3,698	171	1,808
Miscellaneous Funds Total		241,921	261,913	19,992	7,371	13,713
Total Investment Accounts		2,709,568	2,682,435	-27,078	12,483	93,200
				**Dividends reinvested in shares of fund		
Respectfully submitted,				*\$10,00 added to Griffith account of 1/15/2015		
Eric Chapman				\$38,446 Cloyd Fund Transferred to Howe & Rusling		
01/14/2021				\$20,000 added to Church Endowment (Shirley Bassage 5-15-2019)		
#\$25,000 added to Church Endowment (Shirley Bassage 5-15-2019)				\$20,000 added to AM Century & VirtusSeix 4/24/15		
\$60,00 added to TRP Spectrum Cash Reserve 3/24/16						

WESTERN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS
12/31/20

ENDOWMENT FUNDS

<u>Value of Investments</u>	<u>31-Dec-19</u>	<u>12/30/2020</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Operations	1,262,666	1,238,582	-24,084
Edifice	<u>1,204,926</u>	<u>1,181,940</u>	<u>-22,986</u>
TOTAL	2,467,592	2,420,522	-47,070

MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS

	<u>Account Description</u>	<u>9-Jan- 20</u>	<u>1/14/2021</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Value of Checking Accounts		167843	206933	39090
Community Bank Acct. #2862	Checking	52845	59439	6594
Community Bank Acct. #2897	Women's Association	5814	2784	-3030
Community Bank Acct. #2942	Memorial/Edifice (Designated Funds)	100742	135187	34445
Community Bank Acct. #9285	Good Neighbor Fund	4069	1812	-2257
Community Bank Acct. #4102	Chancel Choir	571	571	0
Community Bank Acct. #5919	Weekend Wellness Fund	3802	7140	3338

DESIGNATED FUNDS

(Specific List printed Quarterly)

E. Chapman

1/14/2021

Edifice Exterior Fund
 Edifice Unrestricted Fund
 Memorial Fund
 Other Miscellaneous Funds

Western Presbyterian Church 2021 Budget and 2020 Budget

RECEIPTS	2021	2020 Actual	12/31/20	2020
Operating Income				
Pledges	\$53,630.00		\$93,599.00	\$90,000.00
Loose Offerings	500.00		2,001.00	3,000.00
Per Capita Donations	2,550.00		1,750.00	1,700.00
Other Donations				
Building Usage	0.00		0.00	1,000.00
Women's Association	500.00		2,500.00	1,500.00
CTNS	0.00		1,250.00	3,000.00
Investment Income	69,873.50		69,873.50	69,873.50
 Total Receipts	 \$127,053.50		 \$170,973.50	 \$170,073.50
 EXPENDITURES				
Administrative	\$5,200.00		\$5,134.00	\$5,200.00
Christian Ed	1,200.00		588.00	1,500.00
Finance				
Other	1,350.00		1,356.00	1,350.00
Insurance	2,000.00		1,973.00	2,000.00
Financial Review	0.00		0.00	2,500.00
Fellowship	250.00		0.00	500.00
Personnel - Staff & Taxes	44,834.00		43,541.00	61,036.00
Pastor				
Salary	34,320.00		34,145.00	33,813.00
Housing	17,850.00		18,375.64	17,850.00
Board of Pensions	24,251.00		22,046.00	19,817.00
50% SETA	3,465.67		3,414.00	3,414.45
Auto	4,500.00		203.00	4,500.00
Continuing Ed & Business & Prof	6,000.00		5,521.00	6,000.00
Property				
Other	4,000.00		1,553.00	5,600.00
Sewer & Water	900.00		886.00	1,000.00
Social Concerns & Mission	5,363.00		9,470.00	9,470.00
Worship			74.00	
Pulpit Supply	0.00			750.00
Other	450.00			900.00
Per Capita 132@ \$50 ea.	6,600.00		6,600.00	6,600.00
 Total Expenditures	 \$162,533.67		 \$154,879.64	 \$183,800.45
 NET RECEIPTS/EXPENSES	 (\$35,480.17)		 \$16,093.86	 (\$13,727.11)