

WESTERN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH & SOCIETY
PALMYRA, NY
2022 ANNUAL REPORT



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

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We are Christ-centered, Nurturing, Caring, Welcoming, and Generous.
Western Presbyterian Church nurtures spiritual growth, joyful fellowship,
meaningful community and global involvement,
worshipping and serving God with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love.*

Canal Town Nursey School Annual Report 2022

Canal Town Nursery School finally ended its triumphant existence in August. In January, our class of three-year olds was busy and building socialization skills. They learned songs, their colors, where to sit, how to walk in a straight line, how to listen and how to work in groups. During the winter, activities in the muscle room were joyful and nearly riotous in skill races. The class size was only twelve. Mommy and Tot numbers were even reduced this year.

When the open house was offered in March, only four families signed up. We as a board were surprised. Despite numerous attempts at communications, flyers, and message boards, no more families signed up.

Graduation was a wonderful event. Nearly the entire bottom of the church pews was filled with parents and grandparents. They then went outside for family pictures and ice cream.

On a positive note, the second annual summer camp was very successful with an average of 12 campers for each of the two weeks.

Following graduation, the board became aware that the previous instructors would not be returning. As a result, a determined effort of searching for candidates and interviews occurred. Sadly no one was found. As we moved into August without a teacher or aide and only four students signed up with no expressed interest appearing, the board made the awful decision to close the school. The other pressure came from the financial responsibility to pay the teachers and director a fair wage. As per New York State Law, prices had to rise and with the decreasing population demographics, we would not survive the opening.

But there is always hope and the CE Committee is committed to helping the youth of Palmyra. New and interceding things are stirring. The Board of Directors would like to thank the session for their understanding and Irene Fadden and Phil Opdycke for straightening out all the final finances. \$217 in scholarship funds were left in the checking account. We decided to give the funds back to the Rotary Club for scholarships.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip R. Opdycke, Chair

Christian Education Ministry Team Annual Report 2022

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

The CE team of 2022 consisted of Ellen Avery, Emily Hunt (Chairperson), Cim McFarlane (Sunday School Director, as a non-elected member) and Jody Pruitt. We work as a team with the congregation “to tell the story of love and grace we have received from God, because it is a story we love to tell!”

2022 was a year that seemed a little more normal. We had in-person Sunday School with weekly attendance ranging from 3-8 children, with 1 teen teacher and 2 adult teachers. We continue to use a multi-age class with children ranging from ages 3-13. Teachers are using a curriculum for multi-age classes called Growing in Grace and Gratitude. For the 2022-2023 school year, the youth arranged their own space. They chose the furniture, layout, and included a snack and coffee/hot chocolate bar.

Cim continues to provide leadership for:

- Attending Sunday School each week, prepping the classroom before class and cleaning up the classroom after class.
- Selecting curriculum for Sunday School.
- Selecting and organizing Sunday School teachers.
- Orchestrating three Children-Lead Worship services (Epiphany, Pentecost, and post-VBS)- providing full scope of planning and executing.
- Sent a back-to-school video to all Sunday School and VBS families.
- Planning the making of holiday cards for WPC shut-ins, residents of the ARC home, and WPC college students for Valentine’s Day, Easter, and Christmas (a minimum of 40 cards are made).
- Summer Vacation Bible School (combined sponsors with Palmyra Reformed Church)- 2022’s theme was Weird Animals. Children made crafts, played games, listened to Bible stories, and sang lots of songs. 42 children attended and 22 adults and teens volunteered.
- Promoting Camp Whitman- 4 WPC youth, 1 WPC adult attended camp in the summer of 2022.
- Orchestrating the Palm Sunday Parade.
- Orchestrating the youth group event with the PRC- Winter Holiday Festival of Lights in December. WPC youth attended and enjoyed the light display and wagon ride. Pizza was enjoyed at church afterwards.

- Promoting Presbyterian Youth Triennium which turned into All Roads Lead to Watson for local Presbyterian youth at Painted Post.
- Orchestrating the children's chimes with Patti Squire and Jacob McFarlane for the 2022 Epiphany service.
- Taking an administrative role with the Canal Town Nursery School Facebook page. Sent out preschool age family activities.

Under the leadership of the CE Team:

- Co-hosted two Bible Trivia Nights with the Fellowship Team.
- Worked at the Canal Town Days water table in front of WPC.
- Passed out candy and a worship invitation to over 500 youth at the Trick or Treat on Main Street event.
- Presented gifts to graduating seniors- presented to two seniors in 2022.
- Presented 2nd grade Bibles to two 2nd graders in 2022.
- With the help of Reverend Nancy J. Farrell, we commissioned 3 Sunday School teachers in 2022.
- Provided two cover letters for the WPC newsletter, the Spire.
- Hosted coffee hour.
- Provided an intergenerational Fall Fun Fest activity after 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 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 2022

The Deacons Ministry Team of 2022 consisted of Sara Bush, Patricia Dlugosh, Esther Hargrave, Randy Kennard (Chairperson), Sylvia Lyon, Sandy McMenamin, and Nancy Talma, with Linda Pulcini as a prayerful supporter.

Our committee sadly lost one member early this year, Fred Coffman. However, we gained a prayer warrior, Patty Dlugosh. We treasure the gifts Fred has brought to the Deacons and now welcome the gifts that Patty will share. We are blessed with both of these amazing members. Come 2023 we have another faithful prayer warrior that will be stepping down, Esther Hargrave. She will create a significant hole in our team. We will miss her humor as well as her faithful caring and power packed prayers.

The Deacon's team is slowly resuming active outreach in person as we all learn how to function in a post pandemic world where versions of Covid still are present. Thus, we struggle with the role of being there for our congregation while still offering distance to keep all safe. It is forever healing to know that an increase in personal visits is possible. Some nursing homes are still requiring Covid testing prior to entering. When we visit, we plan accordingly.

We continue to humbly minister to our congregation in the following ways:

Prayer – By naming those in need and sharing their struggles up to the Lord in prayer is the most important honor we have in serving our faith community. The act of praying is taken very seriously as we wear the responsibility of carrying those in need in our hearts. Weekly the names of those are listed in the church bulletin so that others can join their prayers with ours. Believing in the power of prayer is a grace-filled gift that we can offer. Those listed and those kept confidential are held dearly. We welcome all that join with us to lift all up in pray-full awareness to God those who are broken in body or spirit.

Cards and Notes – Whether it is through cards of encouragement, or celebrating of birthdays and anniversaries, cards are the mainstay of our outreach. We include Biblical scriptures along with a personal uplifting message. It is important that folks know we carry them in our hearts and prayers, that they are not alone. There are an identified group of recipients that receive monthly cards and wishes to reinforce them that we walk with them. This year we sent out over 650 cards/letters.

Visits – This year we have not increased our in-person visits that much due to continued constraints at nursing homes to ensure the safety of their residence. However, we have had a few more visit that were realized in 2021, about 84. Along with visits, we have remained in contact with those in need in our faith community via phone. One concern is that when folks are less visible, we are less aware of their needs. We are ever vigilant to be there as much as is possible.

Communion – There has been a transition in the sharing of the elements during communion. In April we changed from serving pre-packaged elements to offering the elements in the small disposable plastic cups. The bread is cut and placed in cups as well to mitigate any spreading of germs. (The pre-packaged containers pose to be a challenge in opening.) How we obtain the count for who has received communion has changed. Previously we used the Covid sign-in sheets to count who partook in communion. Now that we are reverting to a pre-covid protocol, we are counting the actual cups used. Those on zoom are not included in the counts.

Flowers – Easter lilies, Christmas poinsettias along with flowers from other sources have been presented and delivered to congregants throughout the year.

Special Cards – We are so very thankful to our Sunday School children and leaders who have made cards for us to send to shut-ins and those of special needs. They graciously created unique cards for Valentine’s Day, Easter, and Christmas. We have had many glowing statements of appreciation for these unique cards. The Deacons also appreciate the time, talent and energy given to this effort.

2022 As of April, Counts taken from remaining elements during serving					
Month	Visits	Phone Calls	Cards sent and Email outreach	Communion Served	Communion Date
January	11	3	55	29	16-Jan-22
February	0	6	39	37	13-Feb-22
March	3	9	38	42	13-Mar-22
April	4	5	50	72*	17-Apr-22
May	5	10	39	39*	8-May-22
June	4	17	56	0	
July	5	17	56	31*	10-Jul-22
August	6	13	65	31	8/14/2022
September	7	8	61	38	9/11/2022
October	12	15	62	22	10/9/2022
November	4	9	53	34	11/20/2022
December	3	11	84	83	12/24/2022
Year to Date	64	123	658	316	

18 Easter Lily delivered
2 floral arrangements delivered
No communion served
8 flowers delivered from C.Lane wedding
3 flowers from Berges memorial
16 Pointsettias delivered w/ angels

* communions are now served with passing out the elements in a cup of juice and another for bread

Funeral Service Support – While there has not been a pastor to officiate over funerals, it has been the responsibility of the Deacon’s to find a pastor to care for these important events. We have worked closely with the worship committee to identify pastors to assist with funerals. The worship committee has graciously assisted in identifying the organist for these funerals and memorial services.

Date	Funerals	Officiating	Funeral Home	Formate
3/16/2022	Madelyn Jagger	Rev. Dr. Nancy Farrell	Yost	Funeral
5/14/2022	Rose Prober	Pastor Carol Wilson	Murphy	Funeral
5/28/2022	Paul Dlugosh	Rev. Gail Connor	Yost	Funeral
6/18/2022	Andrew Sloan	Dr. Robert R. Ike	Yost	Memorial
10/8/2022	John Berges	Rev. Fred Coffman	Helweg Rowling	Memorial

Funding – Due to the change in how the offertory is managed during worship, there are minimal deacons’ donations. Previously we have managed to run the needs for the committee with donations. This year, there were more expenses than there were donations. For this reason, as a committee, we voted to request a line item on the church budget going forward. We struggled with this action. We wanted to honor the historic leadership of the deacons, Barb and Gene Bucknam. However, it is more important to ensure that the services that our committee offers continue seamlessly. We are looking to cover the postage, communion cups and devotionals expenses through the line-item in the budget.

The Deacons will be there for those in our church and community with prayer and support. We are only as strong as our church is. We are forever thankful for the prayers that all the congregants offer along with ours to care for one and all.

Respectfully submitted,
Randy Kennard - Chairperson

**Deacons Ministry Team
Treasurer's Report 2022**

Balance on Hand January 1, 2022	\$ 708.57
Deposits for Year	<u>398.56</u>
Total	\$1,107.13

Disbursements

Cards, Monthly Notes, Postage	\$ 436.05
Communion Cups	79.34
These Days Devotionals	89.25
Christmas Angel Gifts	<u>131.55</u>
Total	\$ 736.19

Balance on Hand January 1, 2023	\$ 370.94
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**Respectfully Submitted,
Sandra McMenamin
Treasurer**

Fellowship Ministry Team

Year End Report for 2022

Fellowship, like a lot of other groups, had a slow start to the year. Unfortunately, we had another year without our world famous "Sweets and Treats" event.

We did manage to sponsor two new events this year which will hopefully become a tradition at WPC. We held a Faith Paint event thanks to help from Randy Kennard. In March, we also had our first ever Bible Trivia night with help from the Christian Education Team. Special thanks go to Emily Hunt and James McFarlane.

Our plans for a picnic in June were sidelined thanks to Covid. However, we did manage to hold a "Welcome Back to Church" picnic in September. We had a group of guests from the local ARC home. This may be the time frame for the picnic in future years.

We had a family baseball event in Newark, and we appreciate Ray Marr for organizing it.

We held another Bible Trivia night in October and acknowledged the help of Emily Hunt and the Christian Education Team once again. We also held our Western Horizons potluck brunch when we honor our longtime members of 50+ years of service to WPC.

In November we had the "Hanging of the Greens" coffee hour where members got to visit over coffee and cookies while helping to decorate the Fellowship Hall.

The members of the Fellowship Team are looking forward to hosting many more events next year. A new addition will be our "Fifth Sunday" potluck. This will be where we hold a pot lunch on the fifth Sunday of the month. Those extra Sundays will occur in January, April, July, October, and (maybe) December in 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

The Fellowship Team:

Roxanne Dobson, Terry & Val Gendron, Ray Marr, Sue Pringle, and Norm Underwood,
Chairperson

You're welcome to come join us!

Finance Team – Year End Report For 2022

For 2022, in another year without a full time Minister, we at Western Presbyterian Church never missed a beat and 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. A special thank you goes out to Sue Leonard and the worship team for suppling some of the best pulpit supply ministers there are. 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 2022 there were approximately 85 active members who donated \$83,911.00 for the operation of WPC. This amount represents 51.5 % of the church's total receipts. A sincere thank you to each and every one. Also in addition, our endowment funds provided 46.5 % (\$76,377.00) for the operation of our church. The balance of 2% or \$5,200.00 came from other donations & per capita.

The year 2022 was not without its financial challenges. We lost too many of our faithful seniors that were called home to be with the Lord or moved away leaving a large financial and support gap to fill. We still take the cost of snow plowing out of the Exterior Edifice account and utilities from Interior Edifice account. By moving these 2 items, it reduced operations by approximately \$7,000.00 dollars. Please notice, when you look at the 2022 final report of Receipts and Expenditures, the receipts cancelled the deficit and gave us a \$83,931.00 surplus to our budget (which would have been used to pay an Interim or full-time minister). This was due to increased giving from individuals, WPC Women's Association, all the WPC teams watching their expenses and not having a full-time minister. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH.

In a year which we saw 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.

WPC Finance Team consists of Eric Chapman (Treasurer), Val Gendron (Financial Secretary), Bill Bush, Alicia Lynch, and myself.

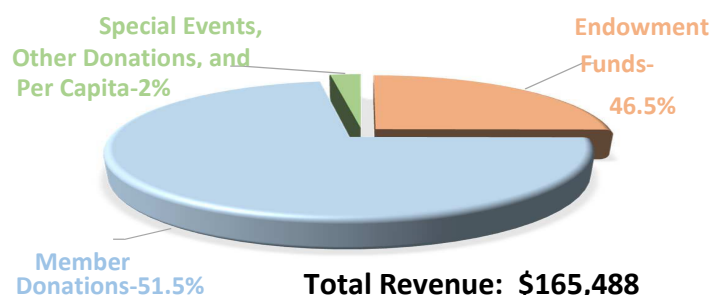
My term (7 yrs.) as Financial Chairperson has come to an end. Our new Financial Chairperson will be Alicia Lynch. Alicia has been a member of WPC for 55 yrs. And been very active in working on every WPC committee at one time or another. For many years she has organized the Angel Tree project and does a fantastic job. We at WPC can be very proud of our Financial Team.

WPC SOURCE OF OPERATING FUNDS

Respectfully Submitted,

William C. Hassler

Chairperson, Finance Team



Mission and Social Concerns Team Annual Report for 2022

During 2022, the Mission and Social Concerns provided opportunities to help end hunger around the world, in the Presbytery, in Wayne Country, and in Palmyra-Macedon Communities. The total budgeted by the Session was \$6,783. Western Presbyterian gave much more to end hunger because of the GENEROSITY of the congregation. Thank you.

WPC supported the **Emergency Food Cupboard** that opened in Fall of 2021. The name on the cupboard says, "Take what you need, Leave what you can." Volunteers brought food to the cupboard throughout the year. The cupboard has been used by those needing food and supported by many in the congregation and community. Irene Fadden took pictures and Edie Chapman posted them on the Palmyra Neighbors Facebook Page and asked for community support for the cupboard. Besides food we put in diapers and pull-ups, incontinence underwear and feminine hygiene products, and lots of toilet paper.

There is a white cabinet on the landing, and it holds food to put in the cupboard as needed. Beside the cabinet are boxes that hold bags of diapers and pull ups. Everyone is welcome to fill the cupboard from the cabinet or with food purchased at the grocery store. We just try not to put out more than 6 rolls of toilet paper or 3 or 4 boxes of cereal at one time. If you don't have a key to the church, Kathy is in the office Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday and she'll let you in to get to the cabinet.

Instead of having a garden, the mission team used a donation from Terry Goodwin to purchase grow bags. Members of the congregation planted, cared for, and harvested the vegetables were put into the Food Cupboard or taken to the Food Pantry. Thank you to all who participated in this mission.

We learned that canned vegetables do freeze at low temperature, despite the salt used in the processing. Cereal is always needed. Some want and need the food cupboard so much that they will clean up broken jars, so it continues. Squirrels are a problem and like with bird feeders, we try to keep them out of the cupboard.

The **Food Pantry** located in Zion Episcopal has volunteers from WPC 3 evenings a month. Anyone wanting to help, should contact Ruth Dantz. Don Dantz orders food from Food Link and is present when the deliveries are made. He would welcome help, so give him a call.

During Advent, the congregation supported the food pantry with a Reverse Advent Calendar. The congregation brought in personal hygiene items, laundry soap, toilet paper, cleaning supplies, and all those things that SNAP benefits don't cover. The Cross Creek church brought items to WPC using the same calendar. Don Dantz, son Tim, and 2 grandsons sorted and packed 27 large boxes and took to the food pantry for the families who use the pantry.

Qholaqhoe Mountain Connections in Lesotho uses the money to provide schooling for children. High school costs \$250 per high school student and many of the families are subsistence farmers and simply can't afford high school. The newsletter reports that on the trip there this fall, there was happiness and pride in the communities despite the difficulties. The communities are seeing success in educating their children. College scholarships are also given by sponsors. If interested in becoming a sponsor for either high school or college or just learn more about the mission, the website is www.qmconnect.org.

The Clint McCoy Feeding Center in Mzenga, Malawi was established in 2010 through memorial gifts to honor the legacy of Rev. Clinton A. McCoy. The center provides a warm meal, simple games, and songs to over 80 young children two days a week. The money we send helps feed the children.

Healthy Ninos Honduras – from the newsletter “On a recent visit to the Piedra de Afilar village, Felix was delivering some of the water filtration systems. One of the village leaders approached Felix to express his gratitude, and he made the remarkable comment, *‘The children in the village don’t get sick with diarrhea anymore! They hardly ever have to visit the center for GI problems like they used to.’* WPC sent money to buy 10 water purification buckets. In November, we had a shoe drive, and six boxes of shoes were sent to Honduras for 2023 distribution. This is a special project which Rena Haigh has supported and involved WPC.

ARC Home Residents came to the annual picnic in September. Residents came and were delighted to eat with us. The Sunday School made cards and we delivered them to residents near Valentine’s Day with donuts, at Easter with cookies, and at Christmas with gift cards.

Good Neighbor Fund – In December of 2021 there was a fire in apartments in Macedon. The Good Neighbor Fund was one of the conduits to resettlement of the families. The resettlement went into the spring and John Cook and Wilma Redman played a major part in this project. \$2,000 given by WPC to support the Good Neighbor Fund. The Session applied for and received a grant for the Good Neighbor Fund from Presbytery. The grant was used by the GNF to help families with rent, car repair, heating, etc. At a community carol sing at Zion, a freewill offering was taken for the Good Neighbor Fund.

Meals on Wheels – We continue to support the cost of preparing meals being delivered to senior citizens.

During Lent, the Congregation participated in a donation with a **Caring is Sharing Calendar**. Money was put into a loaf bank and then on Palm Sunday it was collected and given to the Presbytery Hunger Fund for Presbytery Grants to Food Ministries throughout the Presbytery.

One Great Hour of Sharing donation was taken in October to support the PCUSA mission in the US and around the world.

Weekend Wellness was not supported financially this year. Weekend Wellness bags are given to about 70 school-aged children every week. This year, the bags are provided by Food Link at about \$5 less than what it costs Foodlink to provide them. In the 2022-2023 school year, we will need to pay the full cost of the bags of food or work with the food pantry for a way to distribute the food to keep children fed on the weekends. Edie is working with the food pantry, the school, and food link.

Family Promise is currently using an apartment model for serving homeless families, so we have not had families staying at the church since the pandemic began. Family Promise was not funded this year by WPC, but we did provide Monday evening meals, groceries as needed, and hospitality for 4 weeks in 2022. Thank you to all who provided meals, went to the Day Center for meals, and contacted the families.

Good Neighbor Fund – 2022 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
Office Assistant:	Kathy Barr
Treasurer:	Wilma Redman

January – December 2022

Balance on Hand 1/1/22 \$ 2,931.73

Donations Received: \$ 21,186.30

Amount Disbursed: \$ 21,157.89

Balance on Hand 12/31/22 \$ 2,960.14

Families Assisted: 35 # Adults: 45 # Children: 50

Declined: 4

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 and The King's Daughters in Palmyra 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.

Thank you for your support of the Good Neighbor Fund throughout 2022. Your generosity is appreciated!

WEEKEND WELLNESS

2022 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.

Approximately 40% of the students in the in the Palmyra Macedon Central School District are 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-packaged food from Food Link on a monthly basis. This eliminates the need for volunteers to purchase and pack the food bags and is more cost effective. For the 2021-22 school year these bags cost \$3.00 each; we spent \$6,840.00. In September 2022 that cost increased to \$3.50 per bag.

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, (2) Ruth & Don Dantz, (3) Randy & Steve Kennard, and (4) Ray Marr & Terry Gendron. 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 2021-2022 school year, we delivered 2,279 bags of food. From September thru December of the 2022-2023 school year, we have delivered 680 bags.

We are grateful for the financial support we received this year from AEY Enterprises, Inc and Palmyra-Macedon Rotary Foundation Inc.

Western Presbyterian Church: Property Ministry Team Annual Report 2022

Your 2022 Property Team Members

Don Dantz

Steve Kennard

Gary LaBerge

James McFarlane

Phil Opdycke

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

2022		2021		2020	
Approved	Actual	Approved	Actual	Approved	Actual
\$5.6k	\$2.6k*	\$5.6k	\$3k***	\$5.6k	\$2.8k**

*Thru September.

** Thru December 10, 2020

***Thru December 21, 2021

Significant Activities and Notes

Safety

Frequent replacement of fluorescent lights throughout the facility.

Updating fluorescent bulbs to LED bulbs as needed throughout the church continued thru the year.

Maintenance and Repair

Sanctuary furnaces were replaced with new paired units and new thermostats. Furnaces are more efficient than older units and eliminate use of chimney.

The church steeple needs to be repainted. Delay in receiving quotes now has pushed planned repair and repaint to spring/summer of 2023.

Mike Dube (local plaster specialist) has been contacted and plans to assess sanctuary wall and ceiling issues in early 2023.

Found issue with valve placement and function for heating of music room when system was started this year. This also affects the heat in the office. Have secured and approved quote for repairs to start January 2023.

Will have 7 remaining thermostats replaced as part of same project.

Grounds

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

Added slate pieces to front lawn in front of Food cupboard.

Facility Investment

Internet Service: Investigating options for fiber internet and new phone service now that fiber internet has reached the area. Hope to have updates in early 2023.

Eagle Scout candidate from Troop 96 completed shelving/storage update in “Green” room in November 2022.

Administration

Have settled on cleaning service option to help maintain the church after Larry moves on to another phase of “retirement” in the near future.

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.

Continuing relationship with Marathon Energy to stay on fixed rate plans for gas and energy 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.

	2021: 14 requests	2021: 32 requests	2020: 11 requests
Sanctuary*	3 (VBS & CTNS)	1 (VBS)	1 (Select Choir)
FSH	13	25	9
Kitchen	8	10	7
Other	3(classrooms upstairs, muscle room)	13 (classrooms upstairs, muscle room)	6 (classrooms upstairs, muscle room)
Tables & Chairs	0 (T=0, C=0)	4 (T=19, C=113)	0
Microphone/AV	0	1	0

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

We would like to thank Steve Kennard for over 17 years of service on the Property Team. Steve plans to step away from monthly meetings and full-time property activities starting in 2023. He will still be around to help when needed.

WORSHIP TEAM ANNUAL REPORT 2022

“O magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt his name together.” Psalm 34:3

“Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God,
serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.” 1 Peter 4:10

Yes, it is true that our church has been without a pastor for more than a year and a half. But thanks to the willingness and dedication of many volunteers and our core group of pulpit supply leaders, we have continued to worship together every week without exception.

There are so many people who make our worship services happen—our ushers, liturgists, communion elders, organists, bell choir members, instrumental soloists, and members of the congregation who have created and led worship. You know who they are because you see them on their scheduled Sundays.

And there are others who play a significant role, but their work is behind the scenes.

- Courtney Marr creates the slides of the service for our sanctuary screens and for our online worshipers.
- Irene Fadden creates the slides of the announcements that you see on the screens and online.
- Kathy Barr makes sure that we have our complete printed bulletins for every Sunday (and chases down all of the information that is needed!). She does our communications to the congregation, in addition to all of her other duties and requests received.
- James McFarlane isn't exactly behind the scenes since we see him at the back of the sanctuary every Sunday. But he is the guy who makes sure our service is online for the folks at home, and on the screens for those in the sanctuary.

That's a lot of people who make Sunday worship happen. Please take the time to thank them when you see them. Thank them for their willingness to serve week to week, month to month, all year.

This year we have continued to make strides in safely lifting some covid protocols and returning to some treasured worship traditions. Communion elders now serve communion to the seated congregation, instead of little “communion kits” being handed out as folks enter the sanctuary. And we once again stand and SING! Hallelujah! Praise God.

We have also revived a couple of our fun and favorite coffee hours: Super Bowl Sundaes and Thanksgiving Pie Extravaganza.

Our Worship Team members are: Joan Durfey, Mary Beth LaBerge, Sue Leonard (chair), Alicia Lynch, Courtney Marr (vice-chair), Sharon Marr, Carol Sloan, and Linda Williamson. Everyone on the team assists in the various roles already mentioned, and we look forward to serving in 2023.

Church Statistics- Report of the Clerk

Active Membership as of January 1, 2022 **88**

Additions

By Profession of Faith, Restoration, Reaffirmation

By Certificate of Transfer

Other - moved from inactive back to active

Total Additions **0**

Losses

By Certificate of transfer **0**

By Death **2**

By Removal to Inactive Roll **0**

By Removal from Rolls **0**

Total Losses **2**

Total Active Membership as of December 31, 2022 **86**

Session Members Serving in 2022

Irene Fadden

Randy Kennard

Alicia Lynch

Norman Underwood

Emily Hunt

Sue Leonard

James McFarlane

Philip Opdycke-Presbytery Delegate

Eric Chapman-Treasurer

Janet Manktelow- Clerk

Head of Corporation- Alicia Lynch

Annual Report Projects and Financials for 2022

Women's Association Financial Report January 1 - December 31, 2022

Receipts

Balance on hand January 1, 2022		\$ 748.15
Rummage Sales	\$ 1,009.83	
RADA Cutlery Sales	\$ 179.40	
Donations	\$ 895.00	
Least Coin	\$ 19.27	
Bottle Returns	\$ 5.65	
Total Receipts	\$ 2,109.15	
		\$ 2,857.30

Disbursements

Least Coin sent to Presbytery	\$ 19.27
Kitchen and coffee hour supplies	\$ 29.64
RADA Cutlery & supplies, deposit for space at craft sales	\$ 113.50
Total Disbursements	\$ 162.41

Balance on Hand December 31, 2022	\$ 2,694.89
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Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Pringle

Treasurer

ANGEL TREE PROJECT

The Angel Tree program, although slow to start, pretty much returned to normal with the free and reduced lunch program having been reinstated in the schools. The school district graciously sent invitations out to qualifying families which saves this author about six hours of typing, copying, folding, and stuffing. Angel trees are placed at Garlock, JRLON, Palmyra Community Bank, Palmyra Community Library, Macedon Town Hall and at church. Any angel not chosen is shopped for with the funds donated specifically for this program from Garlock, Community Bank (new this year), Palmyra Kings Daughters, the union at Garlock (also new this year), a few church members that are unable to shop and last, but not least, our new partner in this mission -James R. Hickey American Legion Post. The American Legion hosted a toy drive along with their fund-raising efforts and donated seven very large bags of toys as well. Angel Tree is still very much needed and continues to grow - with donations, partners, and an ever-increasing show of community support.

It remains uncertain as to whether a delivery system will be reinstated; for now, the calls to schedule pick-ups seem to be working out just fine. For those of you that might be curious of the numbers being served this year - we had 74 families representing 190 children. Please let me know if you're interested and would like more information.

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia Lynch

Angel Tree Project

SUMMARY OF WPC FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

12th month of 2022

Endowments/Operations

December 31, 2022

Howe & Rusling-Schwab-6217		12/31/2021	12/31/2022	YTD Variance	December Income	YTD Income
Church Endowment #		297,785	277,553	-20,232	667	8,098
Davidson-Pastor Salary		197,507	183,974	-13,533	449	5,368
Milligan Family Fund		133,518	124,445	-9,073	304	3,633
Helen T. Smith Endowment		616,068	574,372	-41,696	1,401	16,757
Mertz Family Fund		21,330	19,187	-1,513	48	579
Housing Loan Fund		68,698	63,933	-4,765	156	1,865
Lois/Francis Daniels-Endowment		162,050	1,500,492	1,338,442	3,660	30,008
Operations Total		1,496,956	2,744,586	1,247,630	6,695	66,308

ENDOWMENTS - EDIFICE

Henry W. Griffith Endowment*	Unrst Edif	971,748	906,500	-65,248	2,211	26,441
Davidson - Edifice	Extr Edif	35,734	33,185	-2,549	81	970
Helen T. Cloyd	Extr Edif	44,321	41,364	-2,957	101	1,206
Walter P. Smith	Extr Edif	221,330	206,268	-15,062	503	6,009
Edifice Total		1,273,133	1,187,317	-85,816	2,896	34,626
Endowment Total		2,770,089	3,931,903	1,161,814	9,591	100,934

Miscellaneous Funds- Schwab 7897

Cash Reserve (TRP Spectrum)	Ops	135,291	217,737	82,446	948	5,772
Mary Co Fund (TRP-Spectrum)		18,339	16,339	-2,000	71	558
Organ Fund (TRP-Spectrum)		10,380	9,250	-1,130	40	315
Women's Assoc (TRP-Spectrum)		8,996	8,044	-952	36	277
EDIFICE-INC-AM Century **		66,199	51,024	-15,175	230	913
EDIFICE-INC-VIRTUSSEIX**		42,546	38,062	-4,484	184	1,978
Miscellaneous Funds Total		281,751	340,456	58,705	1,509	9,813
Total Investment Accounts		3,051,861	4,272,359	1,220,519	11,100	110,747

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Chapman

12/08/2022

#\$25,000 added to Church Endowment (Shirley Bassage 5-15-2019)

\$60,000 added to TRP Spectrum Cash Reserve 3/24/16

Lois/Francis Dniels Endowment 11/1/22 \$90,000 2/1/22 \$500,000 3/1/22 \$500,000 12/1/22 \$409,014 (Total \$1,564,968)

**Dividends reinvested in shares of fund

*\$10,000 added to Griffith account of 1/15/2015

\$38,446 Cloyd Fund Transferred to Howe&Rusling

\$20,000 added to AAM Century & VirtusSeix 4/24/15

WESTERN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

11/30/22

ENDOWMENT FUNDS

<u>Value of Investments</u>	<u>31-Dec-21</u>	<u>11/30/2022</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>%</u>
Operations	1,496,956	\$2,392,966	\$896,010	END 66.38
Edifice	<u>1,273,133</u>	<u>\$1,212,039</u>	<u>-\$61,094</u>	Ed-UnR 25.60
TOTAL	2,770,089	\$3,605,005	\$834,916	Ed-R 8.02

MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS

	<u>Account Description</u>	<u>14-Jan-21</u>	<u>12/7/2022</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Value of Checking Accounts		\$206,362	\$225,353	\$18,991
Community Bank Acct. #2862	Checking	\$59,439	\$93,147	\$33,708
Community Bank Acct. #2897	Women's Association	\$2,784	\$2,838	54
Community Bank Acct. #2942	Memorial/Edifice (Designated Funds)	\$135,187	\$116,917	-\$18,270
Community Bank Acct. #9285	Good Neighbor Fund	\$1,812	\$3,508	\$1,696
Community Bank Acct. #5919	Weekend Wellness Fund	\$7,140	\$8,943	\$1,803

DESIGNATED FUNDS

(Specific List printed Quarterly)

E.Chapman

12/7/2022

Edifice Exterior Fund
Edifice Unrestricted Fund
Memorial Fund
Other Miscellaneous Funds

**Western Presbyterian Church
2023 Budget**

RECEIPTS	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Operating Income		
Pledges	\$65,000.00	\$67,827.00
Loose Offerings	1,500.00	1,500.00
Per Capita Donations	3,700.00	2,850.00
Other Donations		
Building Usage	0.00	0.00
Women's Association	500.00	500.00
CTNS	0.00	2,250.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00
Investment Income	<u>76,377.00</u>	<u>70,000.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$147,077.00	\$144,927.00
EXPENDITURES		
Administrative	\$5,200.00	\$5,200.00
Deacons	\$600.00	\$0.00
Christian Ed	1,200.00	1,200.00
Finance		
Other	1,500.00	1,350.00
Insurance	2,000.00	2,000.00
Fellowship	500.00	250.00
*Personel - Staff & Taxes	63,446.00	58,099.00
Pastor		
Salary <i>APPROX 1/2 YR.</i>	45,000.00	37,500.00
Housing		
Board of Pensions		
50% SETA		
Auto		
Continuing Ed & Business		
Property		
Other	3,000.00	3,000.00
Sewer & Water	1,100.00	900.00
Social Concerns & Mission	6,500.00	6,783.00
Worship	700.00	600.00
Per Capita 88@ \$50 ea.	4,400.00	5,300.00
PNC	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>
Total Expenditures	\$140,146.00	\$127,182.00
NET RECEIPTS/EXPENSES	\$6,931.00	\$17,745.00
*Includes pulpit supply for 26 weeks		

2023 Salaries

Sexton	7516.00
Bookkeeper	8,142.00
Secretary	11,440.00
Sunday School Coordinator	9,712.00
Organist	10,000.00
AVCoordinator	7,800.00
Pulpit Supply	3,770.00
Total	58,380.00

Western Presbyterian Church
Summary of Receipts and Expenditures
Operating and Mission Funds
2022

<u>Category</u>	2022 <u>YTD</u>	2022 <u>Budget</u>	YTD % of <u>Budget</u>
RECEIPTS			
Operating Pledges/Offerings	83,911	69,327	121.04%
Per Capita	1,975	2,850	69.30%
Other Donations	1,642	2,750	59.71%
Income from Investments*	76,377	70,000	109.11%
TOTAL RECEIPTS	163,905	144,927	113.09%
EXPENDITURES			
Session Committees			
Administrative	5,948	5,200	114.38%
Christian Education	1,196	1,200	99.67%
Finance	2,601	3,350	77.64%
Fellowship	163	250	65.20%
Personnel	53,273	95,599	55.73%
Property	4,245	3,900	108.85%
Social Concerns	6,682	6,783	98.51%
Worship	566	600	94.33%
Per Capita	5,300	5,300	100.00%
PNC	0	5,000	0.00%
TOTAL EXPENSE	79,974	127,182	62.88%
NET RECEIPTS/EXPENDITURES	83,931	17,745	