

# 2022 Annual Report



We are a community striving to welcome all to join us in the journey of growing in our faith, serving with unflinching hope, and sharing the love exemplified in the life of Christ. No matter where you are on this journey of faith, you are welcome here.

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# Greetings from FPC Staff

## Words from Your Pastor

Rev. Tempe' Lee Fussell

Dear Friends and Members of FPC,

Time passes in surprising ways, leading us to years where we cannot believe our age or to events that feel different with each transition of life. And every passing person teaches us new things. As I enter this transition into retirement I have learned in this last pastorate that I have never aged out of finding and growing through new mentors. Here at FPC I have continued to grow and learn. For example, I never suspected that my last years of pastoring would have a 'Covid interruption' and that Facebook, Zooming and You Tube would have a vital place in ministry. Mission and Service Team has continued to expand my understanding of being God's hands and feet in the world. The session has shown me that just when I expect folks to be too busy, too retired, too stretched, too at risk... they have said "Yes", and they have been willing to be there as Christ's body. In this pastorate I have had mentors of literature, prayer, pottery, weaving, commitment, and many disciplines of our faith. You have kept me young.

My time here has shown me new models of ministry that will be fertile ground for ministries with new leaders for FPC. I went to seminary in 1978 and then straight into parish ministry, therefore I've had 45 years of student and installed pastorates. Yet so many here have brought up innovative ideas at our meetings. Many of my elder peers have shown fresh invigoration for pursuing God's will. Your mentorship has assured me that my retirement will not be without meaning. Your mentorship convinces me that the future of this church will find continued ways to grow in faith, ever relevant ways to serve with hope and new ways to share God's love. For all I have learned and for all those who have allowed mutual love, I am deeply grateful.

*Yours in Christ, Tempe'*

## Words from your Music Director

**Frank Armato**

My annual report is only based on 5 months since that's how long I've been here. There are several different areas that have been exciting and challenging for me, although when you enjoy your work, is it still work? Some people might not know, realize or remember that the organ was a very expensive purchase and has four separate types of organs in it. One of them is an orchestral setting with very accurate sounding instruments that you would hear in an actual orchestra. There's also 2 other organs with a slightly different flavor of sound to be explored. French Romantic and Baroque for different applications. American Classic is the standard one heard in traditional churches. The orchestra setting still has me captivated. I haven't finished with that one yet. The Clavinova keyboard has another use altogether with piano and strings played through the sound system. Of course, the Yamaha acoustic is a good piano in itself.

We raised \$5,400 for the Carenet December concert. It was a lot of planning and work, but very satisfying, especially all the cookies at the end. (When I was a kid my Mom gave me the nickname "Cookie" and one restaurant in town calls me "the cookie monster"). Kidding aside, I do take it seriously to choose music that people want to hear, when they want to hear it and how they want to hear it. It should keep your attention always and be applicable to the event and atmosphere. The congregation or audience shouldn't be bored. The Glory to God Hymnal, that we use, has a lot of good music. Many people have said that they're glad that I have the position of music director but I have to say right back at you, I'm so glad to be here working with music and people who value music. It's not as common as it should be. I look forward to this year of more good quality music and people participating and responding. Thank you for all the encouraging words and comments throughout these four months. Please continue your valued input. It really provides inspiration and especially direction as to which way to continue or not. I really appreciate all the cards and gifts this season. It does mean a lot and makes a job not a job. A special thanks to the members of the choir for your support and willingness to do things differently than you have, and to go on from here, to work with me as I work with you!

*Frank*

## **Words from your Office Coordinator**

**Kathy Cruz Guzman**

As 2022 arrived, the church office was busy again, scheduling meetings for the congregational teams and making reservations for outside groups to utilize Tartan Hall again. Our bulletins are still being mailed to select congregational members and emailed also on Fridays. Pastor Tempe' has dedicated a back page for the church calendar and church events. My bookkeeping work is very organized with the help of the accurate and timely info sent to me from the congregational teams. Preparing for the Session meetings each month has been simplified as each team sends their minutes to me via email and much paper information has been condensed. We are a well-oiled machine in the office as this year comes to a close. Thanks to all for making 2022 a wonderful year with your generosity towards me. I am truly blessed as I love my job! Looking forward to 2023!

*Kathy*

## **Words from your Clerk of the Session and Church Treasurer**

**Brenda Kraft**

The Clerk of Session has the responsibility of recording minutes of regular and called session meetings, congregational meetings, keeping records of membership, baptisms, deaths, and marriages, elections and ordination of elders and pastors, and is elected by session to serve. The Clerk also communicates to the session any correspondence received and sent by the church as well as serving as chairman of the Personnel Committee.

We thank Joe Fortunato, Ray Heckeler, and Judy Comer for their service for the last three years. Their dedication to serving the needs of our church and community has been greatly appreciated. We are thankful to have David Dozier, Barbara McInnes, and Victor Keller serving on Session for the coming years.

Toby Tobias, Bo Bohanon, Larry Jelley, and Ernest Wilson went to dwell in their heavenly home. May we continue to grow in faith, serve with hope and share God's love throughout our church and community.

*Brenda*

# Ministry Teams

## Congregational Care & Outreach

**2022 Members:** Sandy Geary, Linda Keenum, Doris Munday, Ruth Tower, Martha Blakeney, Brenda Kraft, Jim McInnes, Ann Dishman, Jim Geary, Neal Keenum, Ned Kraft, Chuck Dishman, Debby Heckeler, Kathy Key, Barbara McInnes, Judy Comer (chair)

**FPC Mission:** Share God's Love.

**Meetings:** As needed

**Submitted by:** Judy Comer

The theme for 2022 is SUSTAINABILITY. Many of us consider the word sustainable chiefly to be a scientific word and an environmental term. And certainly it is, but it is also connected to much more than our physical surroundings.

The following prayer touches on this concept.

**PRAYER:** Dear God, some ideas like sustainability seem to come from a different world than the world of faith. (We) know that everything is connected, and everything matters to You, but the words we use sometimes divide our lives into God things and other things.

**(Source: [www.theologyofwork.org/the-high-calling/daily-reflection/sustainability](http://www.theologyofwork.org/the-high-calling/daily-reflection/sustainability).)**

What is the definition of the verb, **sustainable**? The Merriam-Webster online dictionary offers several meanings. Sustainability is the process of:

- Giving support or relief
- Supplying sustenance, to nourish
- Keeping up,
- Supporting the weight of

Sustainable describes a practice that meets present needs without jeopardizing the ability to meet future needs. It may be a recent buzzword, but the concept was emphasized long ago in the Bible. From the beginning, God commissioned man to “tend and keep” his environment (**Genesis 2:15**). It may be a new concept even in our own culture, but at its essence, it is an awareness of future generations. We want to be good stewards of the resources given to us—ecological, economic, educational, and spiritual.

**(Source: [www.theologyofwork.org](http://www.theologyofwork.org))**

Congregational Care and Outreach team members and other worship teams believe that we have a charge, a mission to help, to lead and to support the Church and the community in various ways. We are grateful that we have returned to a sense of normalcy after emerging from the limitations of the Covid pandemic. This year has been more productive and fruitful in a number of ways.

**PROJECTS:** *We have described at the end of each project the various expenditures from our annual budget and occasional donations.*

**Prayer Partners.** Through this email system, we share information from our Church family on illnesses, surgeries, emergencies or special events such as the birth of a grandchild. To join this chain, you need an email platform that will accept large-group communications. You can phone a “sign me up” request to Kathy Guzman in the Church Office (524.3119) or email [churchofficefpc@frontier.com](mailto:churchofficefpc@frontier.com). You can email your interest to Judy Comer [comerj1049@gmail.com](mailto:comerj1049@gmail.com) or by text at 828.421.5127. Please send your prayer requests to Judy through the same email or text. Congregants may ask for prayers on behalf of family members, friends, and community colleagues, or themselves. From January 2022 until December 2022, the Partners email system accommodated a little more than 110 original requests. Update messages are not counted. **(No budget funds.)**

**Family directory.** We rely on our Church Windows membership software as the basis for the annual Church Family Directory. In June 2022, the information team published an updated version of the Directory. Kathy Guzman, FPC Office Coordinator, is a vital contributor to this project, Congregants are asked to advise the Church Office if their contact information changes. **(Budget dollars from several accounts fund the software subscription costs, paper, ink cartridges and other duplication costs.)**

**Communication and care for the congregation, the homebound, seasonal members, those living out-of-state and the community.**

- A. The objective of “staying close” is addressed through making phone calls, mailing bulletins, and birthday and other greeting cards. Doris Munday and Ruth Tower continue to mail birthday cards. Kathy Key regularly sends greeting cards to others in the church.
- B. Delivering seasonal treat bags, some meals, and visiting the homebound are other functions. Pastor Tempe’ regularly visits those currently living in a care center.

- C. Helping other teams and groups--Chef Jim McInnes and other volunteers host fellowship events for FPC and the community. (For example, the Easter sunrise breakfast, Thanksgiving Community Meal, the July 4<sup>th</sup> picnic that was revitalized this year, offering cups of hot chocolate at the December Winter Wonderland, etc.)
- D. Supporting bereaved families by holding receptions after memorial services and funerals.
- E. Managing supplies in the kitchen and adjacent pantry areas.

***(Budget funds cover postage, copier expenses, cards, food, paper and plastic products, etc.)***

### **Outreach**

*Outreach is a function shared by a number of teams, associates and volunteers:*

- A. Jim Geary and some trainees tried to video and “stream” morning services in the first half of the year. However, the practice was cancelled because of technical difficulties. Research proved that our “Nielsen” ratings did not warrant continuing! However Jim does continue to post a weekly Video Blog from the pastor.
- B. Our Church web site <https://www.fpcwnc.org> and Facebook pages have been coordinated by Debbie Heckeler and Jim Geary. The web site connects visitors with the Pastor’s Corner, calendars of events, maps, history and other important news. It serves as the introduction to FPC for members, newcomers and out-of-town people.
- C. The Church web site also links Internet users with the Women of the Church and the Men of the Church. The Women’s group meets regularly for study and planning to support various worthy causes, individuals in need and women’s activities affiliated with the WNC Presbytery. The Men operate in a similar fashion, offering men and visitors the chance for study, fellowship and to provide community assistance.

***(Budget funds cover postage, copier expenses, some food, paper and plastic products, etc.)***

**Matthew 25:40** “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’”



## Mission and Service

**2022 Members:** Gail Lehman, Brenda Kraft, Patsy Clinton, Ray and Debby Heckeler, Cecelia and Griff Morgan, Royce Browder, Neil Keenum, Tempe' Fussell, and Nancy Browder (chair)

**Mission:** Serve with Hope

**Meetings:** 4:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month.

**Submitted by:** Nancy Browder

2022 was another challenging year, with Covid still impacting our operation as it has for the past two years. However, we trust in God's guidance as we strive to "serve with Hope." Our dedicated, talented M&S team members feel deeply their call to mission and service and pledge to be daring as we answer Christ's call. Our focus has been varied, beginning with using the parables to help us focus then moving ahead as we felt God was directing us. We are always looking for new team members who feel service is their call. Join us for a meeting to see if you might want to join with us in showing God's love to others.

### **Budgetary Summary:**

Our annual budget allows to serve both local, national, and international programs. Through our budget, the church regularly supports CareNet, Guatemala Children's Scholarship and the Guatemala Partnership, Black Mountain Home for Children and matching funds for CareNet and Black Mountain fund raisers. We also have a line item for emergency funds such as gas cards, transit passes etc. Details of the budget can be seen in the 2022 Operating Budget contained in this report.

The Mission Opportunities portion of the budget allowed us to provide assistance to Smoky Mountain Harm Reduction, Habitat for Humanity, REACH of Macon County, World Central Kitchen, This Child Here, Doctors without Borders, Graham Memorial Presbyterian Church (flooding in Kentucky) and Kid's Place. Donations were made to Presbyterian Disaster Relief for flooding in various parts of the United States and for Ukraine. In addition, we also designated \$500 for the purchase of "period products" to be distributed to local charities and in some local schools.

Fund Raisers: Still affected by COVID, we were not able to hold the Black Mountain concert in August but through church donations and the \$1000 match from our

budget, \$3,325 was sent to Black Mountain Children's Home. In December, Frank Armato, the new music director, did perform a beautiful and inspiring piano concert to benefit CareNet. The concert raised \$5,408.75, including the \$1,000.00 match. In coordination with the concert, the "CareNet Christmas Tree" was placed in the Sanctuary for our food and supplies collection. Because we couldn't have the regular "Souper Bowl" luncheon, Patsy Clinton directed a "Gilligan's Island" skit presented in church Feb. 6. \$840.00 was raised for Presbytery Hunger Program through this effort.

Our Dollars for Mission is a bi-monthly emphasis where we offer monetary donations for two months at a time and often collect corresponding physical donations to benefit that organization. In 2022, this congregational effort benefitted the following agencies: Habitat for Humanity, \$497; Reach, \$802; Ukraine Missions, \$1500 (including a donation from Mission Ops: MANNA, \$634; School Supply Closet, \$672; Guatemala Mission Trip, \$2255 plus \$500 from Mission Ops: Care Net Utility Assistance, \$546. Two regular Mission offerings by the Presbyterian church are collected: Joy Gift, \$608 and One Great Hour of Sharing, \$507. Also, a total of \$903.17 was donated to Daily Change during the year.

### **Highlights:**

Sharing the Journey: Royce Browder and Tempe' continue our "Sharing the Journey," a support group for caretakers of their loved ones with dementia. Many previous members have returned and about six new members have been added to the group. This time together allows the participants to share their own challenges and also to understand they are not alone in their struggles. "Sharing the Journey" is open to anyone who may benefit from these group discussions.

For our special Christmas Project, we collected gifts for four students at Union School. Names were placed on the giving tree in the lobby and four giant boxes were filled to the brim for these children giving them a brighter Christmas. We continue a relationship with Union School and will continue to help as they request.

Because of Covid, we decided to serve the Community Thanksgiving Meal as we did last year, giving out lunches (turkey, dressing, sweet potatoes, green beans and dessert) under the tent on the street. This meal was supervised by Jim McInnes, our faithful chef and many dedicated volunteer workers. Over 550 people were served. Leftover food was given to Smoky Mountain Harm Reduction. This is an annual event with hard working participants from within the church and volunteers from outside the church.

One of the ongoing projects within the committee is working to have the sales tax removed from “period products.” While foods and medicine are seen as necessities and are not taxed, we feel these products are also absolute necessities and should not be taxed. These items are expensive so removing the tax would help make them more affordable for low-income families. We met with our State Representative, Karl Gillespie about our concerns to see if he can help change the laws in North Carolina. We did purchase and distribute \$500 worth of “period products” to area schools and charities.

**Looking ahead to 2023:** We will continue to work to serve those in need around the world. Although COVID is still in the picture, we will be open and creative in discovering new ways to “serve with hope” and we pray for God’s guidance and wisdom in all endeavors. We all continue on this journey remembering “when you have done it to one of the least of these my brothers, you have done it to me.”

## Christian Education

**2022 Members:** Gail Barrett, Susan Blaydes, Royce Browder, Beverly Linton, Kathy Maps, Melissa McClure, Doris Munday, Tempe’ Fussell, and Sara Wood, (chair)

**Mission:** To grow in Faith

**Meetings:** 9:45 a.m. on the second Thursday of each month in M2 as needed.

**Submitted by:** Sara Wood

The goal of Christian Education for 2022 was to involve more people and provide additional opportunities in CE.

The Friday Bible Study group continues their journey through the Scriptures and spent the year looking at the Wisdom Literature of the Bible.

Sunday School explored a variety of different topics (The Beatitudes, Apostles’ Creed, Conversations in Genesis, and others) with at least ten different teacher/facilitators. Regular attendance grew to almost double what it was at the beginning of the year.

The tiny library was begun in May, and dedicated in honor of Martha Rainer, and provides wholesome reading to the community. Books are changed on a weekly basis and the number of users has steadily increased.

The Book Club resumed in the Spring after a long recess for Covid. The group continues to look at short stories written by Ron Rash, a local author.

## Worship and The Arts

**2022 Members:** Frank Armato, Kathy Maps, Royce Browder, John Duncan, Dennis Dalgleish, Tempe' Fussell (chair)

**Team Mission:** Providing worship to enliven the giving, serving, and sharing of our Faith, Hope and Love.

**Meeting time:** 1st Thursday of the month at 1:00 pm. as needed.

**Submitted by:** Tempe' Fussell

2022 was a year of using all our resources. We have met in the sanctuary to allow space for all, and this has been the desire of most for health and safety. It is the hope that we will be able to return to the Chapel for worship in 2023. Our Beloved Church Musician Anne Tauber had retired and several of our church members were unable to come to the church to continue with our liturgical art workshops. The church year found many wood and fabric pieces worth reusing to accentuate our Church Seasons.

We are blessed to have many who consistently lead in worship. We have nine faithful lay readers. Three ordained retired pastors regularly assist with communion and two preach when needed. Liturgists dependably pour water, light candles, and operate the sound system. In addition, this year Frank Armato joined our church staff. Frank is well known in our community for his incredible piano talents. In addition, he helped to restore our organ to its original full usage. Every worship service is a recital to God. Frank continued our practice of an annual concert in December featuring his own works and raised a significant amount to help our local food distribution agency, Care-Net. The choir is back up front, and they are well appreciated after the necessarily imposed 'Covid-Sabbatical.'

During 2022 we filmed our worship services. Jim Geary faithfully filmed every Sunday. Various people assisted in the filming but there were constant issues with on-line streaming. After keeping an eye on the numbers who were watching, we decided that recording the service was not a crucial ministry for our members. However, in the summer Jim began filming Tempe' as she did a "Video Blog". The short video was most often related to the lectionary reading for that Sunday. I have given background information to those who were in worship and a connection with those who were unable to attend.

## Our Special Services

Ash Wednesday was composed of short meditations every 15 minutes for an hour in the middle of the day. In 2023 we will return to an evening Ash Wednesday Service.

Maundy Thursday continues to be an agape meal with foods compatible to the communion elements being served around the same table. It served as a reenactment of the Last Supper of Christ.

Good Friday is a participation in the ecumenical 7 last words of Christ that is held annually at our neighboring United Methodist Church.

Easter begins with the other three churches on our street meeting in the UMC cemetery for 7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service. It is followed by Easter breakfast in our Tartan Hall. As people come to attend Sunday School and Worship, flowers are brought from home to adorn the cross in front of our church.

Kirkin' O the Tartans returned in 'full pipes' on Father's Day as we annually represent the community in highlighting the Scottish roots of many in our community.

Stewardship Season includes two Sundays: one devoted to the celebration of time and talent and another Sunday highlighting the gifts of our treasure. In 2022 both Sundays had personal stories of giving by several of our members. Following those Sundays is a time of commitment where people bring offerings and/or pledges forward on "Dedication Sunday."

Christmas Eve includes the stories and carols of the occasion, communion, special music, and handheld candlelight.

In 2022, Christmas Day was a joyful worship including: hot drinks, donuts and a skit based on Henry Van Dyke's work, The Other Wise Man.

Every Sunday at FPC is a special opportunity to celebrate through worship the joys of our members, of our community, and of our world. Every Sabbath is a poignant opportunity to share in the sorrows of our members, community, and our world. The expressions of our mutual praises and anxieties are more sincere and fuller through including our Creator in our everyday contentment and concerns.

# Congregational Care & Outreach

## Presbyterian Women

### **Officers:**

President: Barbara McInnes

Treasurer: Gail Barrett

Historian: Pat Mesta

**Meetings:** 2:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month.

**Submitted by:** Barbara McInnes

The Deborah Circle supports The Presbyterian Women of our denomination. We include in our meeting a Bible study. This year it is focused on the Sabbath. We have a time of prayers for members and church concerns and give thanks for the good things that have happened in our lives. We meet the second Tuesday of each month at 2:00 p.m.

We support our projects with personal donations of our members and fundraisers.

We keep a blessing box which we use for bestowing blessings on those that have need of a little sunshine.

One of our charitable activities this last year included a Micro loans program to women in Guatemala in partnership with the PW and western NC Presbytery. The Micro Loan project helps women in Guatemala to start a variety of different types of small businesses. These women are given a mentor and must network with a small group of micro loan recipients. They receive business education in their business of choice along with basic best practice, nutrition education. Each loan has to be repaid and is invested in the next woman to qualify. Each woman is given a prayer partner.

Other activities would include:

1. Christmas gifts to 6 persons at Macon for Progress with member donations.
2. Easter cheer from the blessing fund.
3. Memorial Garden clean up Donation of time and energy.
4. Feminine hygiene products with Service and Mission team, from the blessing box.
5. Birthday cake kits with the Service and Mission Care team for the CareNet project for those in need in Macon County, with member donations.
6. We consider our greatest project is to Share God's love with each other by supporting each other with prayer, listening and laughter.

Please come and join us.

# Congregational Care & Outreach

## Presbyterian Men

### **Officers:**

President- Ned Kraft  
Vice-President-Neal Keenum  
Secretary-Ray Heckeler  
Treasurer- Russ Rankin

**Mission:** To help support homeless veterans in our community by partnering with the Asheville-Buncombe Community Christian Ministry (ABCCM).

**Meetings:** 10:00 a.m. on the first Wednesday of each month.

**Submitted by:** Ned Kraft

We continue to engage in the ministry of Jesus Christ and the mission of the First Presbyterian Church, Franklin, NC as we grow in Faith, serve with Hope, share God's Love.

No homeless Veteran is ever turned away by ABCCM and they work to ensure that every Veteran is restored through healing, stability, equipping them with life-skills, education and jobs that lead to permanent housing. Our first opportunity to raise funds for ABCCM was the Streets of Franklin Association Heritage Festival. We were able to participate in two additional festivals in Franklin and one in Sylva.

We had the Town proclaim the second week in September as "Help Homeless Veterans Week." We placed 72 collection containers in area businesses.

Due to the ongoing pandemic, we were unsure about the amount of money that we hoped to raise in 2021. However, through the very generous support of our community, local businesses, visitors and our own church members, we were able to make a donation to ABCCM in the amount of \$9,500.00.

# Support Teams

## Property Team

**2022 Members:** Jerry Blaydes, Susan Blaydes, Jim Geary, Ray Heckeler, Neal Keenum, Ned Kraft, Jim McInnes, Lew Mesta, Griff Morgan and Russ Rankin (chair)

**Mission:** To obtain or furnish any necessary maintenance, repairs, and upgrades to the church properties required to facilitate an environment conducive to the mission of the church, to grow in faith, serve with hope, and share God's love through abundant fellowship.

**Meetings:** 10:00 am on the second Tuesday of the month.

**Submitted by:** Russ Rankin

This year started out with a transfer of team leadership in the middle of a major renovation that had been in the planning for the past year, the installation of new floor covering in Tartan Hall. This was followed up with the installation of new advanced sound system equipment, relocation of existing speakers and the addition of new sound baffles for improved acoustics in the hall by volunteers from the church family along with the application of a fresh coat of paint throughout the hall. These renovations to Tartan Hall required a draw of about \$13,150 from the Property reserve fund.

Following this long overdue renovation, it seemed as if the team was confronted with one major maintenance expense after another for the balance of the year:

- A. After a costly sewer line backup at the Manse, it was determined that the line was deteriorated to the point that it needed to be completely replaced. Cost, \$7,350.
- B. After taking bids on a new roof over Tartan Hall a contract was signed for removal of the 33-year-old shingles and installation of a new roof. Cost, \$15,600.
- C. The EPDM membrane flat roof over the office and hall area was inspected and the seams were repaired at a fraction of the cost quoted by a local roofing company. With the correct preventative maintenance program this should not be a problem for some time. Cost, \$300.
- D. The urinal located in the men's restroom of Tartan Hall was not flushing properly (due to age) and was causing an unsanitary condition. The unit was replaced at a cost of \$827.



- E. In July we received a letter from the Town of Franklin informing us that the church would have to install a backflow preventer valve on our water line or face a \$1000/day fine. After receiving several bids, this work was contracted out at a cost of \$2,139.
  
- F. Next, we were faced with the fact that we have a total of 11 HVAC units ranging in age from 12 to 33 years and some of these units are starting to be a real maintenance problem. The team determined that the oldest units servicing the most critical areas should be the first to be replaced before we are faced with a costly series of breakdowns. The unit servicing the offices and the unit servicing the major portion of Tartan Hall were the two units that were chosen for replacement this year. The low bid for this work was \$19,824. About the time that this work was to start we had a breakdown of the unit servicing Fellowship Hall. It was nonrepairable and required immediate attention in order to maintain continued use of the area. That unit was replaced at a cost of \$10,200.
  
- G. In December when we were experiencing some unusually heavy rains, the sump pump that keeps our basement from flooding, decided to quit working (due to age) and had to be replaced at a cost of \$295.

In all we encountered nearly \$70,000 of expenses charged to the Property Reserve Fund this year many of which were unanticipated. Let us hope that 2023 is a better year.

Several workdays were scheduled this past year during which volunteers from the congregation worked on landscape improvements that add to the aesthetic beauty of the property.

In closing the team would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest member, Victor Keller, a recently ordained elder who will be joining us in 2023 and bringing his expertise in property management to the team.

## Finance & Stewardship

**2022 Members:** Neal Keenum, Joe Fortunato, Pastor Tempe' Fussell, Brenda Kraft-Financial Secretary, Cheryl Keller, Lew Mesta, and Ann Blake (chair)

**MISSION:** To manage FPC funds and investments while encouraging stewardship among our church family.

**Meetings:** The third Monday of the month at 10:00am.

**Submitted by:** Ann Blake, Team Chair

Our church family continues to support the financial needs of our church during a difficult economic climate. There have been many expenses this year, mostly due to our aging building and manse. Our deposits have been handled by the Church Treasurer following established financial practices. Your Finance Team continues to look for new ways to add funds to the church. As of July, 2022, the Finance team presented to the session the proposal to move our investments from Fidelity to Edward Jones. The move was successfully made. Then in November of 2022, the finance team approved moving our savings account from First Citizens to Edward Jones Money Market account which is earning more interest.

Our support teams have worked diligently to monitor our church finances while continuing with the church mission of taking care of our neighbors and the upkeep of the church property. Our members and friends have been faithful in their giving to allow us to meet our budget needs.

We welcome new elder, David Dozier, to our team in 2023. Any church member that is interested on moving FPC forward financially during the coming year is welcome to join our team.

We will continue to trust that we will be able to support the needs of the church and community in 2023.

# First Presbyterian Church of Franklin

## 2022 FPC Budget vs. Actuals

January - December 2022

	Total	
	Actual	Budget
<b>Revenue</b>		
<b>1-000 INCOME</b>		
1-001 Envelope Offering	148,400.00	156,508.00
1-002 Plate Offering	9,178.00	6,000.00
1-003 Interest	7.87	
1-004 Sales Tax Refund	1,220.01	500.00
1-005 Use of Building Income	7,070.00	3,750.00
<b>Total 1-000 INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 165,875.88</b>	<b>\$ 166,758.00</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 165,875.88</b>	<b>\$ 166,758.00</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$ 165,875.88</b>	<b>\$ 166,758.00</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>		
<b>2-000 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION</b>		
2-001 CE Expenses	235.06	300.00
<b>Total 2-000 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION</b>	<b>\$ 235.06</b>	<b>\$ 300.00</b>
<b>3-000 CC &amp; O</b>		
<b>3-001 CONGREGATIONAL CARE</b>		
3-002 Food Purchases	25.16	100.00
3-003 Homebound Gifts		250.00
3-004 Kitchen Supplies		100.00
3-005 Hospitality Expenses	360.73	300.00
3-006 Misc. Expenses	20.00	50.00
<b>Total 3-001 CONGREGATIONAL CARE</b>	<b>\$ 405.89</b>	<b>\$ 800.00</b>
<b>3-100 OUTREACH</b>		
3-101 Misc Outreach Expense	207.60	500.00
<b>Total 3-100 OUTREACH</b>	<b>\$ 207.60</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>
<b>Total 3-000 CC &amp; O</b>	<b>\$ 613.49</b>	<b>\$ 1,300.00</b>

<b>4-000 FINANCE</b>		
<b>4-100 INSURANCE</b>		
4-101 Auto Insurance	500.36	505.00
4-102 Multi-Peril Insurance	9,945.50	9,409.00
<b>Total 4-100 INSURANCE</b>	<b>\$ 10,445.86</b>	<b>\$ 9,914.00</b>
<b>4-200 OFFICE</b>		
4-201 Copier Contract	1,705.52	1,725.00
4-202 Ink & Toner	239.46	200.00
4-203 Misc. Expenses	93.30	50.00
4-204 Office Supplies	271.88	275.00
4-205 Paper	108.21	250.00
4-206 Postage	669.84	600.00
4-207a Sales Tax Macon County 6.75%	889.37	
4-207b Sales Tax - Macon Cty Food - 2%	1.44	
4-207c Sales tax 7%	607.49	
<b>Total 4-200 OFFICE</b>	<b>\$ 4,586.51</b>	<b>\$ 3,100.00</b>
<b>4-300 TECHNOLOGY</b>		
4-301 Software & Support	2,053.98	1,950.00
<b>Total 4-300 TECHNOLOGY</b>	<b>\$ 2,053.98</b>	<b>\$ 1,950.00</b>
<b>4-400 TELEPHONE EXPENSES</b>		
4-402 Phone Service	1,854.31	1,625.00
4-403 Phone Tree	798.10	425.00
<b>Total 4-400 TELEPHONE EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 2,652.41</b>	<b>\$ 2,050.00</b>
<b>4-500 PRESBYTERY OPERATIONS</b>		
4-501 Unified Giving	900.00	850.00
<b>Total 4-500 PRESBYTERY OPERATIONS</b>	<b>\$ 900.00</b>	<b>\$ 850.00</b>
<b>4-600 PERSONNEL</b>		
<b>4-600A CONTRACT LABOR</b>		
4-601 Custodial Services	7,879.50	8,034.00
4-602 Financial Services	5,500.08	5,500.00
<b>Total 4-600A CONTRACT LABOR</b>	<b>\$ 13,379.58</b>	<b>\$ 13,534.00</b>

<b>4-600B PASTOR</b>		
4-603 BOP Dues - TF	15,070.08	15,071.00
4-604 Auto Allowance	821.34	3,675.00
4-605 Continuing Ed - TF	1,350.00	1,350.00
4-606 SECA-TF	2,988.00	2,988.00
4-607 Pastor Salary	35,044.04	30,044.00
<b>Total 4-600B PASTOR</b>	<b>\$ 55,273.46</b>	<b>\$ 53,128.00</b>
<b>4-600C STAFF</b>	0.00	
4-608 Music Director	20,263.36	20,020.00
4-609 Office Coordinator	27,323.68	26,823.00
<b>Total 4-600C STAFF</b>	<b>\$ 47,587.04</b>	<b>\$ 46,843.00</b>
<b>4-600D PAYROLL EXPENSES</b>		
4-610 Employer Payroll Taxes	2,086.16	3,640.00
4-612 Workers Comp Ins.	646.00	649.00
Medicare Taxes	1,554.25	
<b>Total 4-600D PAYROLL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 4,286.41</b>	<b>\$ 4,289.00</b>
<b>Total 4-600 PERSONNEL</b>	<b>\$ 120,526.49</b>	<b>\$ 117,794.00</b>
<b>Total 4-000 FINANCE</b>	<b>\$ 141,165.25</b>	<b>\$ 135,658.00</b>
<b>5-000 MISSION &amp; SERVICE</b>		
5-001 CareNet	1,600.00	1,600.00
5-002 Emergency Relief Fund	1,150.00	1,150.00
5-003 Guatemala Childrens Scholarship	2,000.00	2,000.00
5-004 Guatemala Partnership	300.00	300.00
5-005 Matching Funds	2,000.00	2,000.00
5-506 Supplies		150.00
5-507 Mission Opportunities	4,000.00	4,000.00
5-508 Presb. Home for Children	1,300.00	1,300.00
<b>Total 5-000 MISSION &amp; SERVICE</b>	<b>\$ 12,350.00</b>	<b>\$ 12,500.00</b>
<b>6-000 PROPERTY</b>		
<b>6-100 BUS OPERATIONS</b>		
6-101 Bus Expense	66.86	125.00
<b>Total 6-100 BUS OPERATIONS</b>	<b>\$ 66.86</b>	<b>\$ 125.00</b>

<b>6-200 CAMPUS</b>		
6-201 Building Maintenance	2,083.76	2,000.00
6-202 Electrical - Campus	3,519.69	2,000.00
6-203 Garbage - Campus	168.00	150.00
6-204 Landscaping	1,075.64	800.00
6-205 Maintenance Equipment	753.80	1,000.00
6-206 Maintenance Supplies	1,337.90	500.00
6-207 Natural Gas	1,671.18	1,400.00
6-208 Water & Sewer	1,407.00	1,030.00
<b>Total 6-200 CAMPUS</b>	<b>\$ 12,016.97</b>	<b>\$ 8,880.00</b>
<b>6-300 MANSE</b>		
6-301 Electrical - Manse	866.25	1,120.00
6-302 Maintenance - Manse	1,415.00	2,065.00
6-303 Natural Gas - Manse	1,055.59	340.00
6-304 Water & Sewer - Manse	489.58	500.00
<b>Total 6-300 MANSE</b>	<b>\$ 3,826.42</b>	<b>\$ 4,025.00</b>
<b>6-400 MEMORIAL GARDENS</b>		
6-401 Maintenance - Mem. Gardens	0.00	700.00
6-402 Water & Sewer - Mem. Gardens		270.00
<b>Total 6-400 MEMORIAL GARDENS</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 970.00</b>
<b>Total 6-000 PROPERTY</b>	<b>\$ 15,910.25</b>	<b>\$ 14,000.00</b>
<b>7-000 WORSHIP &amp; THE ARTS</b>		
7-001 Flowers	93.72	100.00
7-002 Guest Minister	500.00	750.00
7-003 Guest Musician	750.00	750.00
7-004 Instrument Repair & Tuning	120.00	800.00
7-005 Sheet Music	55.69	350.00
7-006 Worship Supplies	247.13	250.00
<b>Total 7-000 WORSHIP &amp; THE ARTS</b>	<b>\$ 1,766.54</b>	<b>\$ 3,000.00</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 172,040.59</b>	<b>\$ 166,758.00</b>
<b>Net Operating Revenue</b>	<b>-\$ 6,164.71</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>Other Expenditures</b>		
Reconciliation Discrepancies	0.00	
<b>Total Other Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>Net Other Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>Net Revenue</b>	<b>-\$ 6,164.71</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>

# First Presbyterian Church of Franklin

## 2022 Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2022

	Total
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Bank Accounts</b>	
A-101 First Citizens Checking	13,124.82
A-103 Petty Cash	50.00
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>	<b>\$ 13,174.82</b>
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>	
Accounts Receivable (A/R)	325.00
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	<b>\$ 325.00</b>
<b>Other Current Assets</b>	
A-105 Edward Jones	170,687.01
A-106 Edward Jones Money Market	7,540.57
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<b>\$ 178,227.58</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$ 191,727.40</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 191,727.40</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
<b>Accounts Payable</b>	
L-101 Accounts Payable (A/P)	715.58
<b>Total Accounts Payable</b>	<b>\$ 715.58</b>
<b>Credit Cards</b>	
L-102 United Community Bank CC	0.00
<b>Total Credit Cards</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>	
L-103 Building Security Deposits	700.00
L-105 Memorial Garden Plaques	0.00
L-106 Federal Withholding Payable	1,604.13
L-108 NC Wthholding Taxes	413.00
L-110 Payroll Liabilities	0.00
NC Unemployment Tax	0.00
<b>Total L-110 Payroll Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>

North Carolina Department of Revenue Payable	0.00
Out Of Scope Agency Payable	0.00
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 2,717.13</b>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 3,432.71</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 3,432.71</b>
<b>Equity</b>	
<b>A-104 Designated Funds</b>	
A-104A DF - Annual Contributions	0.00
A-104B DF-Dollars for Missions	3,205.00
A-104B1 Elementary School Dollars	-672.00
<b>Total A-104B DF-Dollars for Missions</b>	<b>\$ 2,533.00</b>
A-104C In and Out	0.00
A-104D DF - Liturgical Arts	994.66
A-104E DF - Memorial Gardens	0.00
A-104E1 DF Perpetual Care Funds	6,336.00
A-104E2 DF Property Maintenance	6,193.88
<b>Total A-104E DF - Memorial Gardens</b>	<b>\$ 12,529.88</b>
A-104F DF - Music	2,491.68
A-104G DF - Pastor's Discretionary	1,022.30
A-104H DF - Property Reserve	5,138.06
A-104I DF - Special Offering	608.00
A-104J DF - Thanksgiving	13,330.08
<b>Total A-104 Designated Funds</b>	<b>\$ 38,647.66</b>
Opening Balance Equity	142,650.92
Retained Earnings	40,338.86
Unrealized Gains Losses	-27,178.04
Net Revenue	-6,164.71
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$ 188,294.69</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 191,727.40</b>



# First Presbyterian Church of Franklin

## 2023 Budget

	<b>2023 Approved Budget</b>
<b>1-000 INCOME</b>	
<b>1-001 Envelope Offering</b>	158,986.00
<b>1-002 Plate Offering</b>	10,000.00
<b>1-003 Interest</b>	300.00
<b>1-004 Sales Tax Refund</b>	2,000.00
<b>1-005 Use of Building Income</b>	10,000.00
<b>Total 1-000 INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 181,286.00</b>
<b>2-000 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION</b>	
<b>2-001 CE Expenses</b>	300.00
<b>Total 2-000 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION</b>	<b>\$ 300.00</b>
<b>3-000 CC &amp; O</b>	
<b>3-001 CONGREGATIONAL CARE</b>	
<b>3-002 Food Purchases</b>	100.00
<b>3-003 Homebound Gifts</b>	250.00
<b>3-004 Kitchen Supplies</b>	100.00
<b>3-005 Hospitality Expenses</b>	300.00
<b>3-006 Misc. Expenses</b>	50.00
<b>Total 3-001 CONGREGATIONAL CARE</b>	<b>\$ 800.00</b>
<b>3-100 OUTREACH</b>	
<b>3-101 Misc Outreach Expense</b>	500.00
<b>Total 3-100 OUTREACH</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>
<b>Total 3-000 CC &amp; O</b>	<b>\$ 1,300.00</b>
<b>4-000 FINANCE</b>	
<b>4-100 INSURANCE</b>	
<b>4-101 Auto Insurance</b>	525.00
<b>4-102 Multi-Peril Insurance</b>	11,555.00
<b>Total 4-100 INSURANCE</b>	<b>\$ 12,080.00</b>

<b>4-200 OFFICE</b>	
4-201 Copier Contract	1,750.00
4-202 Ink & Toner	200.00
4-203 Misc. Expenses	50.00
4-204 Office Supplies	275.00
4-205 Paper	250.00
4-206 Postage	650.00
4-207a Sales Tax Macon County 6.75%	
4-207c Sales tax 7%	
<b>Total 4-200 OFFICE</b>	<b>\$ 3,175.00</b>
<b>4-300 TECHNOLOGY</b>	
4-301 Software & Support	1,950.00
<b>Total 4-300 TECHNOLOGY</b>	<b>\$ 1,950.00</b>
<b>4-400 TELEPHONE EXPENSES</b>	
4-402 Phone Service	1,800.00
4-403 Phone Tree	425.00
<b>Total 4-400 TELEPHONE EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 2,225.00</b>
<b>4-500 PRESBYTERY OPERATIONS</b>	
4-501 Unified Giving	950.00
<b>Total 4-500 PRESBYTERY OPERATIONS</b>	<b>\$ 950.00</b>
<b>4-600 PERSONNEL</b>	
<b>4-600A CONTRACT LABOR</b>	
4-602 Financial Services	5,500.00
<b>Total 4-600A CONTRACT LABOR</b>	<b>\$ 5,500.00</b>
<b>4-600B PASTOR</b>	
4-603 BOP Dues - TF	15,071.00
4-604 Auto Allowance	3,675.00
4-605 Continuing Ed - TF	1,350.00
4-606 SECA-TF	2,988.00
4-607 Pastor Salary	30,044.00
<b>Total 4-600B PASTOR</b>	<b>\$ 53,128.00</b>
<b>4-600C STAFF</b>	
4-608 Music Director	20,000.00
4-609 Office Coordinator	27,628.00
<b>Total 4-600C STAFF</b>	<b>\$ 47,628.00</b>

<b>4-600D PAYROLL EXPENSES</b>	
4-610 Employer Payroll Taxes	3,650.00
4-612 Workers Comp Ins.	650.00
Medicare Taxes	
<b>Total 4-600D PAYROLL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 4,300.00</b>
<b>Total 4-600 PERSONNEL</b>	<b>\$ 110,556.00</b>
<b>Total 4-000 FINANCE</b>	<b>\$ 130,936.00</b>
<b>5-000 MISSION &amp; SERVICE</b>	
5-001 CareNet	1,600.00
5-002 Emergency Relief Fund	1,150.00
5-003 Guatemala Childrens Scholarship	2,000.00
5-004 Guatemala Partnership	300.00
5-005 Matching Funds	2,000.00
5-506 Supplies	150.00
5-507 Mission Opportunities	5,050.00
5-508 Presb. Home for Children	1,300.00
<b>Total 5-000 MISSION &amp; SERVICE</b>	<b>\$ 13,550.00</b>
<b>6-000 PROPERTY</b>	
<b>6-100 BUS OPERATIONS</b>	
6-101 Bus Expense	125.00
<b>Total 6-100 BUS OPERATIONS</b>	<b>\$ 125.00</b>
<b>6-200 CAMPUS</b>	
6-201 Building Maintenance	3,000.00
6-202 Electrical - Campus	2,700.00
6-203 Garbage - Campus	175.00
6-204 Landscaping	800.00
6-205 Maintenance Equipment	800.00
6-206 Maintenance Supplies	1,400.00
6-207 Natural Gas	2,300.00
6-208 Water & Sewer	1,500.00
6-209 Custodial Services	14,000.00
<b>Total 6-200 CAMPUS</b>	<b>\$ 26,675.00</b>

<b>6-300 MANSE</b>	
6-301 Electrical - Manse	950.00
6-302 Maintenance - Manse	2,060.00
6-303 Natural Gas - Manse	390.00
6-304 Water & Sewer - Manse	450.00
<b>Total 6-300 MANSE</b>	<b>\$ 3,850.00</b>
<b>6-400 MEMORIAL GARDENS</b>	
6-401 Maintenance - Mem . Gardens	250.00
6-402 Water & Sewer - Mem . Gardens	250.00
<b>Total 6-400 MEMORIAL GARDENS</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>
<b>Total 6-000 PROPERTY</b>	<b>\$ 31,150.00</b>
<b>7-000 WORSHIP &amp; THE ARTS</b>	
7-001 Flowers	100.00
7-002 Guest Minister	1,000.00
7-003 Guest Musician	600.00
7-004 Instrument Repair & Tuning	500.00
7-005 Sheet Music	350.00
7-006 Worship Supplies	250.00
7-007 Cont. Ed/Seminar	1,250.00
<b>Total 7-000 WORSHIP &amp; THE ARTS</b>	<b>\$ 4,050.00</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 181,286.00</b>