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ANNUAL REPORT

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We remember with affection those who died:



Richard (Dick) Danielson

Elizabeth (Betty) Greenlee

Jo Ann Haliam (died in 2018, notified in 2020)

Ruth Jurs (died in 2017, notified in 2020)

Tressie Kirkman

Virginia McFann

Nils Roos

Howard Seebach

Eleanor Lorene Stack

James (Jim) Steinhaus

The Wilde Side of Things

Greetings!

Last year in this Annual Report I wrote:

“For surely I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord. “Plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope!” Jeremiah 29:11

Just as we have been looking back and celebrating the great legacy of our church, we also look forward into the year and the future that is before us... Our church is heading towards its 150th year with a sense of purpose, of passion and possibilities.



Who could have imagined then all that would unfold in the year that [last January] was before us?! 2020 proved to be a year like none other – filled with uncertainty, adversity and loss. We have, each one of us, dealt with the short and long-term effects of the pandemic as we have been physically isolated, economically impacted and socially distanced. Life looks different... community looks different... and church has looked different!

Yet through it all – God has had plans for us! 2020 was a year when we as a church adapted to new circumstances and quickly embraced new ways of worshipping and being community with one another. We experimented with different ways of gathering, we were generous in responding to the needs of others and we chose to make sure that our social distance didn't cause us to be relationally distanced!

And while the church adapted – so did you! Our congregation was kind and gracious in embracing [or accepting ☺] the new normal. You all responded faithfully and showed up in ways that allowed us to expand our impact as opposed to cutting our ministry.

We head into 2021 with great confidence in our God for we know that ours is a church family that is strong spiritually, relationally, financially and programmatically. Individually we are thriving and growing in our commitment to Jesus – communally we are strong and expanding the impact we are having on God's behalf.

I am blessed beyond words to be on this journey of faith with you. God does have plans for us and for our future and I am eager to see how God's Spirit will be at work among us, bringing those plans to fruition!

In Christ's Service,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be the name of the author.

Associate Pastor Update

Dear FPCL Family,

What a great year of ministry and service this has been, in spite of the pandemic that has limited our ability to gather in person. I am so thankful to serve God with you as a part of the church and I am humbled and blessed by all of you who have stepped up to provide and care for others in our community in this time of increased need. It has been my pleasure to work with our team of Pastoral Visitors who were commissioned by the congregation last year to care for those in acute need. This past year they have been trained in empathic listening, hospital visitation, selfcare in difficult times, working with people experiencing dementia, and empathic caring with healthy boundaries. They have been first responders, along with our ordained deacons, to those in need, and have enabled us, as a church, to respond in a timely way to many requests for care.



It is my joy to continue as the pastoral liaison to the Board of Deacons, and celebrate their many ministries in the life of the church. I invite you to read their report in detail and celebrate all they have accomplished this year on behalf of our congregation and surrounding community. They also have provided an invaluable ministry of care this year, adding calling of congregants to whatever duties they already had as a deacon, and we are grateful.

Exploring the Word of God with you in Presbyterian Women Leaders Bible Study (open to anyone who would like to come) and from the pulpit is always dear to my heart. This year, like no other, has lifted up the fact that the church is the people of God apart from where they do or do not gather, and I am thankful that we are all members of the Body of Christ in ministry together.

With much love and gratitude for each of you and your love for each other,

Denia Segrest, Associate Pastor

2020 Session Elders

Children's Ministry

Sue Carling

Clerk of Session

Christine Weber

Faith Formation (Adult Education)

Kim Pillon & Pauline Thompson

Hospitality

Ruth Buchanan, Vic Karpenko, Padmini Sokkappa, Mairi Wohlgemuth

Ministry Resources

Don Bartel, Rick Edson & Lynne Lyberger

Mission and Service

Bart Fornfeist and Larry Fried

Nominating

Cathy Griggs

Outreach

Phil Dean & Shari Johnston

Personnel

Linda Taylor

Worship

Ellen Tarwater-Clover & Carey Grassinger

Student & Family Ministry

Brian Geiger, Kate Mullen & Sarah Baer

Session is responsible for the mission and government of the church, and is comprised of installed elders and the pastors. Members of program staff and the Clerk of Session attend session meetings regularly. Elders are elected by the congregation and develop teams of volunteers who work together within their ministry area. Meetings are the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm.

Moderator of Session *Pastor Steve Wilde*

2020 Board of Deacons

Calling/Visiting

Judy Thompson

Chariots of Care

Pamela Eckert

Extended Communion

Karen Vied

Flowers

Jill Grandfield

Giving Tree

Roger Marley

Martha Ministry

Vic Karpenko

Medical Equipment Loan/Exchange

Dale Jones

Memorial Receptions

Rose Marie Bartel, Kathy DeRego & Susan Frey

Moderator

Sal Tompkins

Pastoral Care

Joy Fischer, Carrie McAbee & Jane Nebo

Prayer Chain

Linda Alexander

Secretary

Barbara Coffey

Treasurer

Sherry McCarthy

Vice Moderator

Kim Salch

Student Ministry & Involvement

Natalie Geiger & Morgan Frazer

Board of Deacons Report

The Board of Deacons functions under the authority and supervision of the Session and is described in the Presbyterian Book of Order as “The Ministry of Compassion and Service.” At FPCL, the Deacons are charged primarily with providing direct ministries of caring for members and friends of our church community and the larger community. It is with joy that this group of dedicated sisters and brothers in Christ has continued on-going ministries of support to our church family.

Pastor Denia Segrest organized volunteers as “visiting friends” to be paired with an individual who has been housebound and Deacons continue to participate in this program. This falls under the Congregational Care Network that is currently underway. Throughout this year, the Deacons have explored ways to make members and friends aware and comfortable in accessing the caring ministries. The challenge is often that our community is blessed with individuals who are exceedingly generous and giving, but are frequently reluctant to be recipients in times of need. Connecting individuals with support is often accomplished confidentially through our pastors or through friends who help form a bridge. The Deacons are appreciative of the opportunity to serve and for those who form these bridges.

Despite the shelter-in-Place orders, Deacons have been able to maintain normal levels of services provided in previous years.

- **Memorial Services:** is one exception, where we were unable to do a work-around.
- **Prayer chain:** Has not missed a beat, sending weekly notes of concern about those who contacted the church asking for special prayers and support.
- **Chariots of Care:** With a small group of volunteers and Deacons have been able to transport people to hospitals or doctor’s offices.
- **Pastoral Care & Visiting & Calling:** Deacons in both groups continue to maintain contact via phone call or cards and to refer people to available services.
- **Martha Ministries:** Have provided healthy, home-cooked meals to 64 members of our congregation during times of stress.
- **Giving Tree:** went viral this year and the Congregation was notified by emails, phone calls or in-person about the need for donations & gift items.
- **Medical Equipment:** Was catalogued and a list of available equipment and how to access it will distributed shortly via the E-newsletter and other ways.
- **Extended Communion:** Like Pastoral care was unable to perform in person communion, but phone calls and cards were sent.
- **Flowers:** No Sanctuary flowers, but we were able to revive the tradition of placing a red rose in the Sanctuary during services announcing the birth of a newborn to parents or Grandparents who are members of our Church.

Respectfully Submitted, Sal Tompkins, Moderator of Deacons

Board of Deacons Funds *Buildings and Grounds*



As part of our Congregational Care responsibility, Deacons partnered with Hope Hospice to bring Five Wishes - a nationally recognized Webinar on the thoughtful planning for end of life and Advanced Health Directive. It was well-received by the 33 members who participated.

We also distributed gift cards to 14 families in need of emergency assistance. We used allocated funds to help fire victims, pay utility bills, rent or food to keep people going. Deacons continue to work behind the scenes to serve each other and to be the heart & hands of our church community.

\$300

Five Wishes webinar donation

\$3,193

Crisis Assistance

\$400

Fire Victims

As of December 31, 2019 the Deacons' Fund balance was **\$8,254**

Respectfully Submitted,

Sherry McCarthy, Board of Deacons Treasurer

Elder: Don Bartel

Staff Liaison: Jane Ackley

Although 2020 proved to be a challenging year with Shelter in Place orders, Buildings and Grounds team managed to oversee projects on FPCL's campus.

Some of the projects completed:

- All Annual, Bi-Annual & Quarterly maintenance was performed throughout campus as dictated by CA codes.
- A Cell Dialer was installed as the second form of dial out communication for the fire alarm.
- Coordinated old sanctuary cross to be cut smaller for placement on Chapel Wall.
- Used remaining wood from the cross to make smaller crosses and hand out to the congregation in celebration of our 150th anniversary.
- Checked and changed out alarm batteries as needed.
- Replaced the kitchen swing door.
- Replaced burnt out lights throughout campus.

Respectfully Submitted,

Don Bartel, Ministry Resources Elder, B&G

*" Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms".
1 Peter 4:10 New International Version (NIV)*

Children, Student & Family Ministry

Children & Family Ministry

At the beginning of 2020 we invited children to try out a new music group! We had a few fun gatherings and then the year changed quite a bit. 2020 called for some creativity when it came to ministry and we have continued to stay connected with our families in several ways. Last spring families helped to retell Bible stories in creative and fun ways by sending us video clips to share. Although VB Camp did not look the way we had planned we distributed VB Camp kits for families so they could enjoy all of the fun projects, games, and Bible lessons at home.

In October, we invited families to come by the church for an October Bash walk-thru and drive-up. Kids were encouraged to come in costume to pick up treat bags, DIY at-home pumpkin kits, and do a fun scavenger hunt downtown. In the fall we distributed "Beatitude Challenge Bags" for kids to experience the Beatitudes in ways that connected them to needs of others. Children wrote cards for family members who might have been lonely, painted rocks to spread joy around town, and made scarves and blessing bags for those experiencing homelessness. This was a great way for children to connect what they were learning about the beatitudes to real life situations.

In December, we mailed out special advent envelopes for children to discover advent. We hosted the Livermore Lights event for the entire church during which time we invited everyone to come to the church for a bag of treats, hot chocolate, and a map of great Christmas light spots around town. It was so nice to see so many people stop by the church!

Student Ministry

January 2020 started out with a fun game night at the church! In February we had a great pancake breakfast for students on Sunday morning; a favorite for them.

The last several months we stayed connected with students in many different ways. Sunday afternoons via Zoom This time was filled with playing games, checking-in, and doing a short lesson on faith. In efforts to not "over-Zoom" students we tried other ways to connect. We celebrated our graduates from middle & high school and college by delivering lawn signs; we have sent out several "care packages"; created "FPCL Eats" where we dropped off favorite fast food to students and had front yard check-ins; hosted a gingerbread building contest, checked-in with college students and sent them Christmas care packages.

Students found ways to help support the church through volunteering in worship. Whether it has been behind the scenes on the tech team or Lay Reading on Sunday mornings it has been great to see students take an active role in volunteering. We look forward to being in person once again and having more opportunities to learn, play, and volunteer together.



Respectfully Submitted,

*Brie Johnson,
Director of Children, Student & Family Ministry*

Connections Ministry

Coordinator of Connections Ministry: Kim Salch
 Staff Liaison: Pastor Steve Wilde
 Elders: Ruth Buchanan, Vic Karpenko, Padmini Sokkappa,
 Mauri Wohlgemuth



The **Connection Ministry Team** supports programming of the Deacons, Hospitality Committee, Faith Formation, Life Groups, Congregational Care and the Welcome Team (Next Step).

In 2020, we supported teams via ZOOM gatherings/meetings, collection and delivery to food pantries and others in need in our Livermore Community. Cards are sent, phone calls are made and “front porch” visits continue (when Covid protocols allow).

Life Groups are a focus this year. We have 12 ongoing groups and new groups forming for 2021.

Respectfully Submitted, *Kim Salch, Coordinator of Connections Ministry*

Culinary Angels

Lisa McNaney, Culinary Angels Founder/Owner, Staff Liaison: Jane Ackley, Pastor Steve Wilde
 Elder: Sue Carling

Culinary Angels’ mission is to provide organic, healthy meals to people going through a serious health challenge.

2020 was a challenging year for our volunteer organization, Covid-19 pandemic forced many changes to our culinary process, deliveries and funding. We were back in the kitchen in May, securing access covered under the county’s essential food provider program and very quickly developed multiple Covid-19 protocols.

Monthly meal count averaged 148 meals covered by 79 deliveries. We delivered 429 meals to Livermore residents, 356 to Pleasanton and just shy of 100 meals to Dublin.

The 2020 fundraising campaign, Now You’re Cooking with Culinary Angels, was inspired by the times, a fun competition, Zoom guests, music, auction items and a raffle. The Culinary Angels were blessed with grants from the Pleasanton North Rotary and the Rotary club of Livermore. Lisa McNaney received the Diablo Magazine 2020 Threads of Hope award, and the KPIX Jefferson award, along with multiple newspaper articles in papers throughout the Tri-Valley.

In November we celebrated our 4 year anniversary, and have served over 5300 meals.

At the close of the year, we were offered the opportunity to utilize a newly constructed commercial kitchen at Irby Ranch in Pleasanton. This opportunity would support our drive to reach a greater number of recipients. This decision was bitter sweet, we needed to grow but that meant leaving the FPCL kitchen. We thank FPCL for their years of contribution and support. We feel blessed to be on this healing journey with each and every recipient.

Respectfully Submitted, *Lisa McNaney Founder, Executive Director Culinary Angels*

Faith Formation

Elders: Kim Pillon & Pauline Thompson
Staff Liaison: Pastor Steve Wilde

We began 2020 with a team meeting in early January, talking about plans for the coming year. We also discussed an upcoming leadership meeting to be held on January 25. That leadership meeting did take place, but by March, 2020, Covid-19 was beginning. Soon plans for future team meetings and in-person events were put on hold.

One positive note involves life groups which are continuing to meet, mostly with the help of Zoom. There are currently 12 life groups with more being planned.

We did welcome to our team a new elder, Kim Pillon, and though these are not normal times, we are very happy to have her on board.

Let's hope that the pandemic will wind down soon and we can again enjoy meeting together and planning new faith formation activities.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pauline Thompson & Kim Pillon,
Faith Formation Elders

Funds Team

Chair: Sherry McCarthy
Elders: Don Bartel, Lynne Lyberger
Staff Liaison: Jane Ackley, Danielle Hayes,
Pastor Steve Wilde
Funds Team: Linda Alexander, Fred Car-
rington, Jan Sancrant, Antony Selvaraj

2020 donations received in memory of:

- Sally Bystroff
- Howard Seebach
- Dick Danielson
- Tressie Kirkman
- Jim Steinhaus
- Betty Greenlee
- Lorene Stack

During this past year the Funds Committee has continued to meet via Zoom to review our funds and discuss possibilities for when we are back on campus.

For most of us, our relationship with our church is often the longest lasting commitment in our lives. With that in mind, we are working to create a clearer outline of legacy giving and ways to support FPCL.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sherry McCarthy, Chair

Hospitality Team

Elders: Ruth Buchanan, Vic Karpenko, Padmini Sökkappa, Mairi Wohlgermuth
 Staff Liaison: Kim Salch

Hospitality Committee is: New Members, Congregational Life, Coffee Hour Fellowship and special affiliation with Connections Ministry (Welcome) and Presbykates

Prior to the shelter in place order due to Covid 19, we had the following gatherings:

- Served Coffee Hour after both services each Sunday January 5th through March 5th.
- Hosted a special event on Sunday February 2nd during the second coffee hour, to Celebrate Jeff Throop's Birthday. It was a wonderful fun time.
- On February 26th (thanks to Vic Karpenko for organizing and making the soup) we organized and served the Ash Wednesday Soup Supper. Many thanks to the volunteers who set up and cleaned up before the service began.

Things may not be the same in 2021, but we look forward to celebrating some of these events later in the year.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Ruth Buchanan
 Vic Karpenko
 Padmini Sökkappa
 Mairi Wohlgermuth
 Hospitality Elders*

Ministry Resources

Chair: Rob Couberly

Elders: Don Bartel, Rick Edson & Lynne Lyberger

Rollin Harding

Staff Members: Jane Ackley, Danielle Hayes, Pastor Steve Wilde

The Ministry Resources Team (MRT) began to meet monthly via Zoom due to the COVID restrictions. This team carries on the business of the church which is focused on ensuring that FPCL has the funding and facilities needed to further the church's mission in the service of Jesus Christ. The team strives to ensure funding for programs and special projects through coordination of the annual stewardship drive and through participation of some members in the Funds Committee. The team reviews and discuss FPCL's detailed financial statements with the church's accounting specialist to ensure Session is presented with an accurate financial picture and that, when necessary, financial issues are brought to Session for discussion.

During the annual budgeting process, the team and the church's accounting specialist, analyze how much to budget for revenue in the upcoming year. The team will also make a recommendation on how much Session should hold in reserve for capital projects (e.g. a new roof) and for use as needed as specified by Session.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rob Couberly, Chair

Mission Team

Elders: Bart Fornfeist & Larry Fried, Staff Liaison: Pastor Steve Wilde

FPCL's Mission Team stayed active throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, and thanks to the outstanding generosity of the congregation, we were able to support many mission partners while prioritizing local and national COVID-19 relief.

In total, FPCL gave more than **\$94,000** to more than **31 partners**. Local organizations fighting COVID-19 included Axis Community Health, who provide health care to the uninsured in the Tri-valley. We gave to Open Heart Kitchen, who provide food to the needy in our area, and Tri-Valley Haven, who support women and families in crisis. Although the Livermore Homeless Refuge was not operating during the pandemic for safety reasons, we reached out to the Homeless Refuge leadership and provided \$6,700 in direct support for the homeless in the form of grocery cards, bus tickets, and McDonald's gift cards.

The Mission Team also gave \$7,000 to PC (USA) COVID-19 disaster relief, \$3,000 to wildfire relief, and \$1,000 to hurricane relief. PC (USA) uses this money to support a wide range of short term and long term needs, while supporting Presbyterian congregations in distress. The mission committee donated \$2500 to the PC(USA) Christmas Joy Fund, which supports retired church leaders and young church leaders, and also gave to the Presbytery of San Francisco Peacemaking Fund.

Members of the Refugee Services Committee worked directly with Jewish Family Community Services (JFCS) to help a number of recently arrived families. Mission Committee provided \$5,000 to JFCS to help with their increased needs. Although FPCL members were not able to directly contact families during the pandemic, we found that there were a number of urgent needs. Bicycles were needed for many to reach work and obtain groceries. The Refugee Services Committee provided bicycles with the help of Kids Bike Lane, another FPCL Mission Partner. The Refugee Services Committee donated diapers, cleaning supplies, furniture, and other urgently needed items to JFCS, while conducting a donation drive with the FPCL congregation. The Mission Committee is very proud of the continued generosity of the FPCL members in this time of distress. A complete listing of all 2020 FPCL Mission Partners is given on the next page. We are truly grateful for the many gifts that have allowed us to continue supporting many worthy mission partner organizations, and we look forward to continuing in the future as a church that values mission.

Respectfully Submitted, *Larry Fried & Bart Fornfeist,*
Mission & Service Elders

2020 Mission Giving

Operating Fund Mission Giving

Aid for Hungry	\$2,450
American Indian Center of Livermore	\$3,000
Arukah House	\$2,000
Axis Community Health	\$4,500
Donaldina Cameron House	\$2,000
International Rescue Committee	\$1,000
Kids Bike Lane	\$4,500
Livermore Schools	\$1,800
Livermore Joint Unified School District	\$1,500
Living Water World Missions	\$4,000
Love Never Fails	\$4,000
Mercy Beyond Borders	\$2,000
Night to Shine	\$5,000
Open Heart Kitchen	\$6,500
Pilgrims of Ibillin	\$2,000
PC USA 2020 COVID Relief	\$7,000
PC USA California Wildfires	\$3,000
PC USA Hurracaine Relief	\$1,000
Presbytery of SF	
Peacemaking	\$1,000
Christmas Joy	\$2,500
Rise Against Hunger	\$500
Seek and Save	\$4,501
Seminary Student Support	\$5,583.66
Shepherd's Gate	\$1,000
Tri-Valley Haven	\$4,000
Tri-Valley Young Life	\$3,000
Reimbursements	\$181.93
Refugee Project/Tri-Valley Task Force	\$5,000
Mission Outreach (N2N, Beans & Rice etc.)	\$1,282.75

Operating Fund Giving Total **\$85,799.34**

Fundraisers

Backpack Project & LVJUSD Nutrition Program	\$3,000
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Designated Gifts from Congregation

Aid for the Hungry	\$4,310.01
Christmas Eve	\$10,270.87
Livermore Homeless Refuge	\$999.01
Primera Iglesia Presbiteriana Hispana	\$11,485

Presbytery Special Offerings:

Christmas Joy	\$575
One Great Hour	\$702
Peacemaking - Presbytery	\$100
Pentecost	\$100

Designated Gifts Total **\$31,541.89**

Total Mission Money Spent

\$117,341.23



Nominating

Elder: Cathy Griggs, Deacon: Kim Salch
 Staff Liaison: Pastor Steve Wilde,
 Nominating Committee: Karen Albertson,
 Rick Edson, and Brie Johnson

The Nominating Team met in 2020 to select nominees for Elders, Deacons, Nominating Team and the Funds Team.

We thank outgoing elders and deacons who have completed their terms of service, congregation members for suggesting names to consider, and all those who prayed about whether to accept a call to leadership.

We appreciated the careful consideration of all those we asked to serve and were pleased to present names at the October congregational meeting of those who felt the call to serve and said, "Yes!" Additional names will be presented at the January Meeting.

The Nominating Team presented the following slate of officers and team members for election:

- Two current Elders were elected to serve a second three year term and three were elected to replace outgoing Elders
- Two Deacons were elected to serve a second three year term and four were elected to replace outgoing Deacons
- Two new members were elected to serve on the Funds Team

Respectfully Submitted,
Cathy Griggs, Chair

Office

Staff: Jane Ackley, Danielle Hayes,
 Michele O'Hair, Jen Wilde
 Church Counters: Linda Alexander, Shirley Couberly, Sherri Moore

2020 was an unprecedented year with the pandemic affecting everybody. I am thankful for the office staff who continue doing a great job with the day to day running of 'all things church' throughout this current situation.

The office closed in March upon orders from the State & CDC, but work did not stop. FPCL has the office infrastructure to be able to work remotely in an effective way.

A new FPCL COVID-19 Campus wide Response and Operating Plan was created and implemented for when staff were able to be back on campus.

A new phone system was installed just prior to Shutdown which proved invaluable. The new system works remotely so staff can answer calls and assist people just as efficiently as if they were in the office.

All staff have access to their files remotely to continue with work.

A new copy machine was installed (prior machine lease ended)

The office began sending an E-newsletter out every other week, keeping people updated on all things Church!

The website was rebuilt/redesigned.

The facility's network was upgraded and is more secure. This was done due to the existing network components reaching 'end of life' status - no more tech support or upgrades were available.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jane Ackley, Director of Church Operations

Outreach Ministry

Elders: Phil Dean, Shari Johnston
 Outreach Team: Linda Alexander, Susan Bond, Ann-Sofie Dean, Larry Fried, Ann Meiers, Alan Throop, Claire Williams

Many of the Outreach activities had to be canceled or curtailed because of the shelter in place in 2020. Our Neighbor2Neighbor special day of service and our popular Rice and Beans events weren't possible.

However there were still things happenings. The many women in Together-in-Service and A-Quilt-of-My-Own were very busy throughout the year. They reached the goal they had set in March to complete 2,000 cloth face masks, plus providing hundreds of hats, scarves, quilts and blankets through several agencies.

Red Barrel donations were gathered in conjunction with events in the courtyard, with the food going to local food banks. Also there were many who answered calls of special needs within our community, and even by responding to help the Primera Iglesia Presbiteriana Hispana church in Oakland.

Respectfully Submitted,

Phil Dean & Shari Johnston, Outreach Elders

Presbyterian Women

Sally Swanson & Barbara Coffey - Co-Moderators, Phyllis Brewer - Secretary, Christine Holsen & Shirley Couberly - Co-Treasurers, Pennie Clouser - Historian, Ann Laye - Mission/World Service, Joy Fischer & Karen Vied - Together In Service/Prayer Shawl Ministry



This year we learned to gather via Zoom and we remained actively committed to the purpose of PW in Bible study, supporting mission, working for justice and peace, and building an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the PCUSA.

Together in Service

- “Alone, we work. Together, we work miracles!”
- **2,000** cloth masks distributed to our medical heroes & essential workers, Tri-Valley communities, FPCL, and our family & friends.
 - **128** baby hats made to Axis Community Health
 - **24** fleece blessing blankets to Seek & Save & Elmhurst Presbyterian Church
 - **12** crochet/knitted blankets to Elmhurst Pres. & Livermore Homeless Refuge (LHR)
 - **27** quilts from “A Quilt of My Own” group to Seek & Save
 - **75** prayer shawls made to warm the hearts of those in need.
 - **100** adult hats, **65** scarves & **85** (new & gently used coats) to LHR & Elmhurst Presbyterian Church

Presbyterian Women

Gift Basket Silent Auction – On January 19, 2020 in Fellowship Hall we raised nearly \$1,200 toward scholarships for the 2021 Women’s Retreat.

Retreat - This year's retreat took place at Enchanted Hills in beautiful Napa from February 21 through the 23rd. Our speaker Debra Avery provided a wonderful program on the theme “Esther On Purpose.” Twenty-five women attended the retreat for fun, fellowship, and bonding.

Gatherings - March 7 – Gathering of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of San Francisco. We hosted a soup luncheon in Fellowship Hall and heard Corinne Quinn describe her participation in the 2019 USA Mission Experience at Finger Lakes Region New York.

December 5 – Zoom into Christmas

This was a joy-filled event with 30 participants sharing treasured ornaments and fond memories. Heart-felt comments include: “a



delightful, meaningful Christmas Gathering,” and “thank you to all who participated and to those who thought creatively of how to unite us.” A special Christmas Cookie Recipe Book was compiled by Pennie Clouser who also delivered them to attendees.

Mission Activities for 2020 - In accordance with our purpose to support the mission of the church worldwide, the following projects were chosen by the PW mission team and reflects both global and local aid.

January	Vision Project	\$229.43
February	Interfaith Sharing Food Pantry	\$189.10
March	Senior Support of Tri-Valley	\$151.00
March	LVJUSD Nurses	\$200.00
May	Living Waters	\$155.00
June	Refugee & Asylum Seekers	\$70.00
July/August	*School Backpack project (Church Wide giving)	
Sept/Oct	Thank Offering	\$300.00
November	LVJUSD Nurses	\$200.00
November	*Blanket Sunday	\$1,285.00
December	*Deacons Fund Giving Tree	

*Amount indicates churchwide giving (excluded in the total)

Total PW Mission Giving **\$ 1,494.53**
 Least Coin Free Will Offerings \$32.21

PW Pays Tribute to the women who passed away in 2020:

Betty Greenlee, Tressie Kirkman,
 Virginia McFann, Carole Pitts, Ann Rivenes,
 Kay Sansorvino, Lorene Stack.
 Each woman was devoted to the purpose
 of Presbyterian Women
 and were much loved in their circles.

Respectfully submitted,
 Barbara Coffey and Sally Swanson Co-Moderators

Smart Start Preschool

Owner: Dan Karlsen. Executive & Site Director: Rebecca Hardesty

As you know, 2020 has been a different and challenging year. We continued to offer two scholarships, one full time and one part time, to students who were in need of tuition assistance. Our school had to close down from mid-March through June 1st due to Covid guidelines. The teachers continued to teach online, via Zoom meetings, 2-3 times a week during the time we were closed.



While closed, Dan was able to pay the teachers their full income for 6 weeks. All teachers were offered their jobs back in June when we re-opened.

Due to Covid restrictions, we are required to keep our numbers low to help prevent the spread of Covid and keep students separated. We have been 100% full to the new guidelines since re-opening in June. Once opened we have several new policies and guidelines we adhere to with excessive cleaning of the classrooms and playground. All classrooms and teachers are kept separate and never intermingle.

The carpets get cleaned professionally 5-6 times a year. Repairs were made to the playground area. A new cabinet was installed in C1 as additional storage. Upgrades are minimal this year due to limited revenue since class sizes must remain small.

Respectfully Submitted, *Rebecca Hardesty, Director of Smart Start Preschool*

Veggie Table

This is our 11th year of the Veggie Table but like everything this year it was so different. Instead of bringing our produce to church for all to take and leave a donation for the mortgage fund, people came out to Finn Farm staying socially distanced to pick up their veggies and flowers. This was certainly different than past years but with cooperation of our wonderful volunteers and very supportive friends of church we still were able to make a sizable donation to the principal of the mortgage fund of **\$5,179** for the year, bringing the total to **\$104,093** since the beginning. We have over 20 active volunteers and welcome anyone who would like to join us planting and picking and sharing information about growing.

Thank you all for your support.

Respectfully Submitted, *Wanda Finn, Veggie Table*

Worship Team

Elders: Ellen Tarwater-Clower, Carey Grassinger, Dane Alexander

Staff: Cathy Griggs, Janet Holmes, Pastor Denia Segrest, Pastor Steve Wilde



It has been a very different year for the Worship/Music Team for sure. While the lent banners still hang in place from last March due to the Covid 19 closure of our campus, many changes have occurred around them in the sanctuary as we moved very quickly from in person worship to an online video-streaming of our traditional style service followed by the addition of a new modern service. FPCL is so fortunate to have accomplished this primarily due to offerings of many talented and creative people both inside and outside our church family. The ability reach out with this media to those near and far has been outstanding. Hats off to all involved of which there are too many to mention in this short report! Improvements have and will be ongoing as we prepare to resume in person gatherings.

We are grateful for the continued gifts of our preaching staff as we experienced the many sermon series offered this year. We started out exploring change together with “Yesterday, Today, and Forever”, followed by “He Gathered” only to then find ourselves unable to gather. In online offerings we examined “Walking Our Talk”, “Exit Strategy - From Captivity to Community” before going “Back to School”. During stewardship Sunday’s we were dared to be more open and giving through the “Open Sesame” series followed by the ever popular Beatitudes from the book of Matthew in “Don’t Worry - Be Happy” before concluding the year with “Sleep In Heavenly Peace”.

Along with the staff, we have continued to monitor the Covid guidelines for gathering to ensure the safety of all involved in recording the service are protected. FPCL is grateful to all those who have helped strengthen our Worship experience during these times apart. We look forward to returning to the campus and resuming all the activities that allow us to contribute in sacred and profound ways to each other and the wider community. We continue to welcome and encourage all those interested to join us in a variety of ways: making music, helping with Worship and simply stepping in to help whenever needed and available. We remain committed to both the tangible and intangible ways that God acts in our lives and guides our efforts.

Respectfully Submitted, *Ellen Tarwater-Clower & Carey Grassinger* *Worship Elders*

