# Clemmons Presbyterian Church Believing, Belonging, Becoming and Branching Out

# ANNUAL REPORT



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## **Clemmons Presbyterian Church**

Clemmons Presbyterian is a congregation seeking to be faithful to Scripture and responsive to God's Spirit, living out our calling as disciples in every aspect of our daily lives. We hope that we are no more "Christian" in worship than we are at work, at school, at home or at play.

We welcome into our family men, women, teenagers, boys and girls from a wide variety of locations, backgrounds, interests, concerns and commitments. Out of our diversity we search for unity through our worship, service and fellowship. As a Christian community, we commit ourselves to one another as we seek to be faithful to God through our lives of faith and action.

Clemmons Presbyterian Church is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA), the church which came into being through the reunion of the old Northern and Southern Presbyterian Churches in 1983. We are one of 137 churches that make up Salem Presbytery, one of the five Presbyteries in the state. Through our denomination and Presbytery we offer a Presbyterian witness to Christ and the grace of God in North Carolina, the mid-Atlantic and around the world.

We are led and governed by a Session (board) of 15 Elders elected by the members. The congregation attracts members from a three county area, all united in their desire to serve God and their neighbors in the Presbyterian tradition within a vibrant and growing community of faith.

## We are a community serving God by:

**Believing** – Deepening our spiritual lives through excellence in worship and faith formation.

**Belonging** – Intentionally offering a warm and caring environment to communicate and share Christ's love.

**Becoming** – Providing opportunities for active participation in expanding programs for all stages of life and Christian growth.

**Branching Out** – Witnessing to Christ's saving grace through mission, outreach and invitation.



# Clerk of Session Report

## **New Members**

Marilyn Bosley	Lia Brown	Elizabeth Felderman	Rod Felderman
Evan Frisby	Sheri Frisby	Will Hedrick	Brennen Klinger
Bryce McPherson	Jesslynn Ratzlaff	Nathan Ratzlaff	Tracy Ratzlaff
Choloe Schram	Austin Shofner	Tate Smith	Rachel Warren

## **Baptisms**

Caroline Baucom	Trey Casey	Luna Darst	Otis Eales
Henry Frisby	Sheri Frisby	Isla Oakley	Nathan Ratzlaff
Tracy Ratzlaff	Chole Schram	Austin Shofner	Brooklyn Tulbert

#### **Deaths**

Chris Sparrow	Charlie Kausch	Ernie Kiger	Jeanne Aronson
Ulysee Roope	Bob Nicol	Ashlee Smith	

## **Transfers**

Justin Blizard	Bryan Link	Leanne Link	Jackson Link
Emma Link			

#### **Moved to Inactive or Non-Resident Rolls**

Mary Adams	John Cosgrove	David McConnell	Tim Harris
Kraig Ault	Laura Hannah	Ellen-Louise	Joey McGowan
		McConnell	
Patrick Bohannon	Matt Hannah	Jenny McCoy	Scott Sheldon
Alyssa Brown	Dana Hind	Michael McCoy	Erin Sheldon
Jon Clark	Amy Jones	Sarah McCoy	Amy Sheldon
Shelby Clark	James Jones	Stephen McCoy	Ben Sheldon
Jonathan Clark	Lindsay Jones	Tony Sarro	Candace Aldridge
Matthew Clark	Amanda Juhasz	Robin Allison	
Barbara Clay	Steve Juhasz	Jessica Taft	
Carina Cloete	Miriam Karapetian	Emily Thompson	
Laurence Cloete	Steve Karapetian	Chantelle Whiteside	
Martin Cloete	Jeff Martin	Elizabeth Holloway	
Alison Cosgrove	Tracey Martin	Kim Harris	

# Administration/Communication

The goal of the Administration/Communications Committee is to open and maintain lines of communication between the community, visitors, friends, members, and groups of the congregation. The committee is responsible for maintaining the website, publishing the weekly Highlights, email and the monthly newsletter.

In January we began the onboarding process with The Computer Guys. They worked numerous hours working on the 8 computers at the church. Checking for viruses, updating Windows, ran and installed malware and spyware software and fixed issues on two computers that were slowing down. They suggested we replace the finance computer due to age, etc. and other items that we took into consideration. Every three months they will go through each computer to check that the above services are still working properly. Computer Guys are available to troubleshoot issues anytime we need them.

In the spring, we signed with AT&T to install fiber optic internet and phone service. Thanks to our office manager Ben Wallace, we are saving about \$50.00 a month. Every week we worked on getting and keeping our services on line. Thanks to Dan Zacharias and Jim Register it seems to be going smoothly.

In May we went back to in-person worship and still had big numbers from people watching on YouTube. Then Jodi's computer got struck by lightning and we had to replace it. And other replacement parts had to be purchased due to age. We are hoping to replace the remaining computers with solid state drives in 2022. And also act on the replacement of the Finance Computer. As you can see, 2021 has been the year of computers at CPC.

As I bet you will understand our computer budget line was spent, so when we were told we really needed to replace the Finance Computer we ask the Memorial Committee for some help, they replied generously and the computer was ordered.

We welcomed Kaylee Hilston on board as our new youth director, but she happens to be wonderful on the computers. She stepped up while Ben was out and helped us keep things going in the office. As you all know Ben Wallace, our fffice administrator, had a liver transplant in August. We thank our God for the donor and for Ben's recovery.

Jude Lee left us in the summer and was replaced by Megan Johnson who seems a natural in the position of Administrative Assistant.

All of the work that our committee has completed has been with the able assistance of Ben, Kaylee and now Megan. They have gotten the office running smoothly again after a few blips this summer. Thank you!

We also used a variety of communication services to try and keep the congregation updated on the latest rules pertaining to in-person worship or where to view the online service. Our text service, Flocknote, was used many times to remind members about upcoming events while our traditional forms of communication – Highlights and monthly newsletter – continued to provide information on everything happening at CPC.

All of these successes wouldn't be possible without the dedicated people who work in our church office. Ben Wallace is a jack-of-all-trades who keeps everything flowing smoothly while Megan Johnson continues oversees the front office and provides a welcoming environment to visitors and members who call on the phone or stop by in person.

At the conclusion of 2021 the work of the Administration/Communication committee is being moved into the church office and the Session members are transferring to re-institute the New Member and Outreach Committee of CPC.

Respectfully Submitted, Jane Ring

## Christian Education

The Christian Education ministry creates opportunities for all members and friends of Clemmons Presbyterian Church to grow in their spiritual journey. Christian Education encourages a thinking, nurturing climate for a lifelong, challenging biblical inquiry into the Presbyterian/Reformed perspective of the Christian life.

As the church reopened, the Christian Education Committee had a lot of work to do after holding most classes online through most of 2020 and into the spring of 2021. We also lost a very beloved Christian Education Director, Wendy Duncan. Luckily we gained Kaylee Hilston as our Youth Director who has also increased her time at the church to help lead Christian Education activities in our church. During this time a new Christian Education Committee was also formed: Jenny McPherson, Kaylee Hilston, Jodi Lingan, Bill Hoyle, Bridgette Holoman, Christy Sherman, Amanda Klinger, Faye Tedder, Bobbie Calgaro, Stephen Klinger, Shannon Spencer. Reverend Jodi Lingan's guidance was pivotal in pulling things together for a successful year in Christian Education!

#### **Children's Worship:**

This fall we started having Children's Worship again. Children's worship is for children K through 5th grade. At the present time, they continue to meet together in the Children's Worship area across from the Nursery. The curriculum they are using is called "Feasting on the Word." On special Sundays, like baptisms and communion, children will be worshiping with their families during the entire service.

#### **Sunday School**

Adult Sunday school classes, Confirmation, and classes for children through high school offered learning and fellowship.

#### **Before the Service at 9:00 AM Adult Classes**

- This class uses the *Present Word* curriculum to study the "Uniform Bible Lessons". Strong Bible foundations and lively discussion characterize this class. This class meets in room 206 and on Zoom.
- The Seeds of Faith class studies the basics of the Christian and Presbyterian faith. It is a class for all ages and anyone interested in learning more about what we profess to believe and how we go about being the church. This class meets in the Fellowship Hall and on Zoom.

#### After the Service at 11:00 AM Children and Youth Classes

- Children 4 through 5th grade meet in Room 101 following worship and will be using the "Dig In" curriculum.
- 6th-8th graders will meet in Room 105 following worship and will be using the "Follow Me" curriculum.
- 9th-12th graders will meet in the GOOTH room in the 100 building following worship and will be using the "Follow Me" curriculum.
- Parents of children and youth are invited to meet in the Fellowship Hall for some coffee and fellowship during this time.

#### **Nursery**

Child care also started back when the church reopened which has allowed families with small children to worship with us in person again.

#### Saturday Yoga

Yoga resumed in the fellowship hall and via Zoom on Saturdays. We've been very fortunate to have Felicia Stewart Hoyle teach the classes.

#### **Women's Bible Study**

Char Holloway has led the Women's Bible Study at 10 AM on Thursdays in the fellowship hall. She has found many interesting topics for her Women's groups.

#### **Special Events**

- Vacation Bible School was held in person this year! Children participated in *Wilderness Escape Where God Guides and Provides* June 28th through July 1st.
- We celebrated backpack Sunday this school year with El Buen Pastor. We had a great time worshiping together and blessing our children as they started the 2021-22 school year.
- Rally Day was held on September 12th. Participants could play games and tables with information offered attendees a look at different class options offered throughout the fall.
- The Advent Workshop was held on Sunday, November 21st at 11 AM. There were approximately 15 children at the event with their families. Everyone had a great time! Faye Tedder represented the stewardship committee and CE by having the children make bird seed pine cones. Paper grocery bags for families to take home to fill up for food donations. Advent Wreaths were made by Bobbie Calgaro. Marissa Blizard helped the children with crafts. Jenny McPherson helped the kids make Christmas Angel ornaments. All children were also able to make door hangers with the nativity scene and brought home the Jesse Tree Family Activity.
- It has been a delight to see our children back in church and our Christmas celebrations renewed. On December 22nd, we had 19 children and youth participate in our Christmas Pageant. It was great to see everyone have fun safely together this Christmas!

Respectfully Submitted, Jenny McPherson

# Congregational Care

The Congregational Care Committee is responsible for identifying and meeting the needs of the members of the church, caring for them in a kind and loving manner. Many subcommittees are involved which ultimately includes all the members of the church.

2021 proved to be another challenging year with the ups and downs of COVID. With Dr. Hoyle on Sabbatical during the summer, we had the wonderful guidance of Pastor Jodi Lingan. Thank you to her.

The Prayer Shawls group continued to meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the Month. The CPC grads were sent care packages this year. Martha Ministry and the casserole ministry was put to good use several times. The Medical equipment Closet was accessed by members of our congregation as well as the community.

The New Member and Evangelism committee has had a name change. It will now be called the New Member and Outreach committee. Four new families joined the church this year. The Session has decided that this committee needs to have its own Elder. Next year it will be led by Jane Ring and Dianne Hightower and will no longer be under Congregational Care.

We hope to continue to be able to provide ride sharing and at home communion and visitation. The heath and safety of everyone is so important.

Respectfully submitted, Pat Luckett and Susan Preston

# Fellowship

The Fellowship Ministry provides opportunities for members and visitors to Belong and Become as they share Christ's love in community with one another. We strive to bring people together by strengthening individual, group, and intergenerational connections while having fun. Most often we bring people together through shared meals, shared interests, and special events.

During the first months of 2021, the Covid-19 pandemic and subsequent restrictions challenged us to provide outdoor only fellowship opportunities. As covid restrictions and conditions eased we were able to bring events inside with masks and social distancing.

Fellowship planned, organized, and staffed the following events during 2021:

#### **Coffee & Doughnuts**

Held after service the second Sunday of each month, this program provided a time for refreshment and fellowship with members and guests.

#### **Souper Bowl of Caring**

In conjunction with the GOOTH Souper Bowl of Caring Food Drive for the Clemmons Food Pantry and Storehouse for Jesus, Fellowship served soup and bread to members of the congregation via a drive thru event.

#### **Easter Egg Hunt**

In conjunction with Christian Education, Fellowship helped coordinate the annual Easter Egg Hunt for our children and friends.

#### **Hot Cross Buns & Lemonade**

To celebrate Easter and the re-opening of in person church services, Fellowship passed out hot cross buns and lemonade between church services.

#### **Special Receptions and Luncheons**

Throughout the year Fellowship hosted various receptions and events including: Bill's Sabbatical Send Off Reception, Cookies and Lemonade for El Buen Pastor, Graduation Luncheon for CPC graduates, Reception for new Interim Presbyter, and a Farewell Reception for Jodi.

#### **Summer Family Movie Series**

This was a new event this year featuring family movies.

#### **CPC Family Reunion**

Held outside under the porte cochere, the CPC family celebrated Bill's return from sabbatical with a family reunion meal provided by Fellowship.

#### **Crop Walk/Fall Festival**

In conjunction with the GOOTH/Missions Crop Walk, Fellowship sponsored a Fall Festival featuring an ice cream truck vendor, and vintage carnival games provided by elders and their ministry teams.

#### **Sunday Lunches**

A take off from our Wednesday night meal program, the Sunday Lunch program provided lunch after service the first Sunday of each month allowing adults and children to share a meal.

Also included under the Fellowship Ministry are groups who meet with a shared interest. These groups meet independently and have their own leadership. Due to Covid some of these groups are not currently meeting. Groups included are:

**Empty Nesters:** An active group of older adults.

Men's Breakfast: Men of the church who get together once a month for breakfast and a devotional.

**CPC Golf:** Members of the church who enjoy playing golf.

**Bread Breakers:** Groups of 6-8 who gather once a month for dinner. Many thanks to all the loyal kitchen helpers, volunteers, Special Events team, and leaders who helped plan, organize, and staff events.

Respectfully submitted, Mindie Russell

## Finance

The Finance Committee is pleased to report that we have a surplus of revenues over expenses for 2021. The surplus is due to many factors, including recognition of PPP forgiveness, one-time unpledged giving, and some members paying 2022 pledges in 2021. We expect the surplus to be a one-time surplus. On the downside we had some unbudgeted expenses including roof repairs. We covered those expenses with funds previously designated for building maintenance.

During 2021, we made 4 unscheduled principal payments to our building loan that reduced principal by over \$160,000 and brought our loan balance below \$700,000 on a \$2.5 Million expansion (the Fellowship Hall). We project the loan to be at or below \$500,000 by the time the current building campaign ends in 2023, giving the church a very realistic chance to pay off the loan with only one more 3-year campaign.

Over the summer, the Finance Committee reviewed our current cash flow and the Church's ability to fill our openings for Associate Pastor and Director of Christian Education and we were confident that we could immediately fill one of the roles. We suggested that the Church could be better served by hiring candidates with diverse skillsets allowing us to cross-train and consolidate roles.

This year included the resignation of the Clemmons Presbyterian Church Bookkeeper, Inessa Sarkisov, who after 18 dedicated years of service tendered her resignation in the face of an ongoing illness. Our rising chair, Lora Crowley helped bridge the gap for the remainder of the year, and through some additional research and effort, she was able to clean up some balance sheet and reconciliation issues and improve the timeliness of reporting. We are cross-training current church personnel to assist with the ongoing bookkeeping for the church.

With the conclusion of the stewardship campaign, the Finance Committee projects a 2022 budget similar to 2021. The 2022 budget was approved by Session on January 25, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted, Lora Crowley

## Missions

#### **Missions Statement**

The responsibility of the Mission Committee is to lead the congregation in living out the ministries of Jesus Christ and to oversee the expenditure of budgeted funds, promote the four denominational special offerings (One Great Hour of Sharing, Pentecost, Peace & Global Witness, and Christmas Joy), 2 Cents-a-Meal and Christmas Eve offerings, as well as other opportunities in which we can share our resources. Through the newsletter, bulletin, Highlights, and "Minute for Missions," we keep the congregation up-to-date with "mission" opportunities in the denomination and our community. We participate internationally with work trips to Mexico and sponsor John McCall, our partner in mission who is serving in Taiwan.

The Mission Committee meets the second Tuesday of each month for 60-90 minutes. Members fulfill the duties of the committee and provide leadership in events that interest them. We welcome volunteers for mission projects. Leadership of a mission project does not require membership in the committee.

Due to the pandemic, there have been activities put on hold and we are looking forward to beginning them again. Some of these are: the Wake Forest University Presbyterian Students meals; preparation of disaster buckets, school, and hygiene kits; senior care ministry (led by Tom King); overnight stays at Samaritan Ministry (coordinated by Russ Vroom).

#### **2022 Missions Committee Members:**

Helen Lynde, Lora Crowley, Emily Lovell, David Barnes, Patti Sturdy, Tony Stovall, Dave Markley, Diane Hightower, Allison Rhyne, Tom King, Russ Vroom, Bill Hoyle Co-Moderators: Emily Lovell and Dave Markley

#### Some of the Highlights for 2021 include:

- Meals provided for volunteers at the Community Care Medical Clinic. At this free clinic professional health care workers see patients in the late afternoon and evening. CPC is one the churches that provides meals to them on a regular and ongoing basis so that they can stop in the break room for a quick meal for and not have to leave the facility for dinner thereby increasing the number of patients they can see during a given evening.
- The church participated in building a Habitat for Humanity house in July in Forsyth County. As part of our commitment to the Matthew 25 denominational initiative, we plan to increase our commitment to Habitat as a step in eliminating systemic poverty. Contact Steve Lowder for more information.
- Mission has an ongoing grocery cart collection for canned and dry goods, as well as paper products. The collection is divided between the Clemmons Food Pantry and Storehouse for Jesus (Davie County), providing assistance to each agency on alternate months.
- Our Special Lenten Project suggested "giving something" for Lent. During Lent, donations were requested for 4 community agencies.

Samaritan Ministries – a carload of canned tuna and chicken Storehouse for Jesus — 2,776 baby diapers/526 rolls of toilet paper Clemmons Food Pantry – 286.5 pounds of pasta and cereal Children's Hope Alliance – 100 jump ropes/oodles of chalk

- The Crop Hunger Walk, jointly sponsored by the Mission Committee and Gooth, raised funds to feed the hungry at home and abroad. Local funds benefitted Crisis Control Ministry and Sunnyside Ministries. Our walk raised \$2506.30.
- The Mexico Mission Trip is coordinated through Hebron USA is a weeklong trip. The 2021 trip was July 10-18, 2021. We sent 4 members with the group that built two homes in the village of Matzam in Chiapas. The church assists with registration and expenses. Contact Lora Crowley for more information.

- The Mission Committee undertook a study of the Matthew 25 Initiative of the PC (USA). This Initiative calls all of us to actively engage in our communities and the world, so our faith comes alive and we discover new ways to be fearless and purposeful disciples. The Initiative asks that congregations commit to one or more of the three areas of focus: building congregational vitality; dismantling structural racism; eradicating systematic poverty. The Committee presented a motion to Session to accept the eradicating systematic poverty focus. Session approved the motion. For more information: go to pcusa.org/matthew25.
- Under the leadership of Sam Boger, CPC conducted 6 successful American Red Cross blood drives. The drives collected 381 units.
- The Giving Tree (sometimes called Angel Tree) was again a wonderful success. This year we sponsored 32 children through Big Brothers/Big Sisters and provided gift cards for the Children's Hope Alliance. Patti Sturdy and Allison Rhyne Eales led the Angel Tree efforts.
- The Refugee Good Neighbor Response Team was formed in conjunction with World Relief in 2017. The team is led by Felicia Hoyle. Members and friends of CPC continued to provide support to two refugee families from Eritrea. We helped navigate the challenges of Covid when there were positive tests and symptoms (negative tests) helping to assure medical care, quarantining and communication with work and schools. Assisting in communication with schools for the children has been especially important and we have provided professional tutoring as the challenges became too great. We helped in providing documentation and facilitated meetings for the Green Card process for one family and were able to provide a new stove for the other! While participation with the Clemmons Presbyterian congregation is not possible (opportunities, Covid and work schedules) the families are very grateful as we walk alongside them.
- Christmas Eve Offering, designated for the Family Services Center Women's and Children's Shelter, was \$1345.14.
- The Interfaith Alliance of Clemmons and Lewisville (IACL) increased their activity in 2021 and CPC will continue to be active. The most significant event was the restarting of the school mentoring program. In conjunction with Big Brothers/Big Sisters (BBBS) the program offers one-on-one mentoring with students at Frank Morgan and Ward Elementary Schools.

For the immediate future the program remains a pilot program. CPC has three volunteers acting as mentors. IACL continues recruiting efforts to increase the numbers of mentors. The other continuing action is the providing school supplies, hygiene, and anxiety support items to school counselors. In one donation drive this fall, CPC collected 130 lips balms for West Forsyth High School. For a book drive to support the Morgan Elementary Christmas Party at Peace Haven Mobile Home Park, CPC provided 120 books. We anticipate that CPC will remain an active participant in 2022.

#### **Benevolence Supported Through Salem Presbytery:**

•	Salem Presbytery	\$22,300
•	Winston-Salem Campus Ministry	\$1,000
•	Theological Education Fund	\$1,500
•	John McCall (Taiwan Partner)	\$3,000

#### **Local and International Benevolence:**

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•	Crisis Control	\$2,500	
•	SECU Family House	\$1,500	
•	CareNet Counseling	\$1,000	
•	Samaritan Ministries	\$2,500	
•	A Storehouse for Jesus	\$3,000	
•	Clemmons Food Pantry	\$3,000	
•	Senior Services	\$1,500	
•	El Buen Pastor	\$3,444	
•	Medical Benevolence—Haiti	\$1,500	
•	Massanetta Refugee Program	\$3,000	
•	Montreat Conference Center	\$300	
•	Presbyterian Giving Catalog	\$500	
•	Wheels for Hope	\$1,000	
•	Children's Hope Alliance	\$2,000	
•	Community Care Clinic (Clinico)	\$1,000	
•	Clinico Meals	\$500	
•	World Relief	\$1,000	
•	Presbyterian Disaster Relief	\$5,000	
•	Hebron USA/Chiapas, Mexico clinic	\$500	
•	Calvary Prison Ministry	\$1,000	
•	Living Water for the World	\$1,500	
•	Young Adult Volunteer	\$1,000	

Anyone needing further information please contact a member of the Missions Committee. We welcome your participation on this committee.

Respectfully Submitted, Emily Lovell

## Personnel

2021 Personnel Committee: Mary McElwee and Susan Allred co-Moderators, Ted Pugh, Anne Lowder, Tiffany Gardner-Robinson, and Char Holloway

#### Accomplishments:

- Formed the Sabbatical Committee
- Hired Jodi Lingan to serve as Interim Pastor during Bill's sabbatical
- Worked with staff to cover Ben Wallace's duties while he was on medical leave
- Hired Megan Johnson to replace Jude Lee
- Moved Kaylee Hilston to full-time Director of Youth and Christian Eduction
- Conducted exit interviews with Wendy Duncan and Jude Lee
- Worked with the Finance Committee to fulfill bookkeeping functions during Inessa Sarkisov's medical leave and resignation and to reassign bookkeeping duties to Megan Johnson and Ben Wallace upon Inessa's resignation
- Assisted in the hiring of Leigh Wisner as part-time Parish Associate
- Completed the 2022 budget preparation

Respectfully Submitted, Mary McElwee

# **Property**

- Clemmons Presbyterian Church has four main buildings, the oldest of which is more than sixty years old. There are continually issues related to keeping our property functioning, as with any building. It is the responsibility of the Property committee to recognize and repair those in order to maintain our campus for the use of our members.
- The 200 building carpets were cleaned, and a heat pump for the 200 building was replaced.

- All lights in the 100 and 200 buildings were replaced with LED's, which will save us money on future energy cost and reduce our carbon footprint. Mike Blizard donated the lights. Outside lights in the parking lots (that we own, vs. lease from Duke Energy) were also replaced with LED's, as well as those that shine on the outside of the Sanctuary.
- The children's playhouse was demolished, being deemed unsafe due to glass windows and other issues. It was replaced with two new playhouses.
- Hostas, two maple trees, hibiscus, and black-eyed susans were planted around the campus.
- Al Russell and his crew poured concrete in the parking lot behind the 100 building, putting a permanent repair on the trench that was cut to replace a water pipe several years ago.
- Back flow prevention devices are now required on all water lines and it was discovered that there is not one installed on the 100 building water line. That is currently being addressed.
- Spring and fall work days were held to "spruce up" our campus. The inside of the church was cleaned, and mulch was distributed.
- Viewing windows were installed in the doors of Ben's and Kaylee's offices.
- The fire department water connection had to be replaced, at a substantial cost.
- The Sanctuary was reroofed, fifteen years ahead of it's expected life, due to poor workmanship when it was installed. This should prevent any more water streaks visible inside. At the same time, the entire roof was inspected and repairs made where necessary. Fascia boards on the old Sanctuary were replaced also.
- The outside lights have always been on manual timers, these were replaced by photo cells, so now the lights are only burning when needed.
- There was a lot of rotted wood around the 200 building dormers. A team led by Bob Geyer replaced the wood with PVC boards and repainted everything on the roof.
- A PTAC unit (HVAC) in the GOOTH room malfunctioned but was repaired under warranty.
- A leaking toilet in the 100 building caused our water bill to spike, so it was repaired.
- We continue to provide safe-to-use disinfectant, made every two weeks, to the nursery area.
- The children's toilet in the 100 building was rebuilt by Rod Felderman.

- The keybox installed by the rear entrance of the 200 building is working out well. In the future, Property will not be giving out keys to new Elders, since all areas can be accessed through this one key.
- After battling connectivity issues with the wireless connection for the Fellowship Hall, HVAC controls Jim Register, Rod Felderman and Ben Wallace were able to run wiring and hardwire the connection eliminating the issue.
- A drainage issue outside of the playground entrance to the 200 building was corrected after AT&T located a hidden/buried drain while running fiber optic internet to the church.
- Roger Hartsfield repaired the outside choir door, it was rotted at the bottom.
- A new sign was placed on the playground fencing, indicating that the playground is open for all to enjoy.

Respectfully Submitted, Steve Lowder, Moderator

# Worship

Our Worship Committee with guidance from our Session initiated mandatory masking, physical distancing and other measures to protect our church membership. As local infections increased we stopped in-person church worship and skilled church members Dan Zacharias and Jim Register along with several other church members willing to become skilled in audio/video functions put our church "on the air" via the internet and more explicitly YouTube. Within weeks our Sunday Worship Services and some other events were broadcast worldwide in high definition television video. After time limited in-person worship returned from time to time for a limited number of CPC church members.

There seems to be "light at the end of the tunnel" as more and more countries abroad and several US states are opening up as infections are subsiding and the usual virus variants have become less harmful. Our prayer is that we return to inperson worship without masks as year 2022 continues.

The Worship Committee is actually the Worship and Music Committee with a few constant leaders as well as over 20 other volunteers who accomplish the following missions:

- 1. Providing a comfortable environment in which to worship.
- 2. Providing and scheduling member volunteers for ushering, greeting, providing and serving Communion.

- 3. Providing the musical needs of the worship community. To this end, the Committee has oversight for the Chancel Choir, Son Risers, Youth and Adult Handbells, the Youth Choir, Music Makers and Joyful Noise Choirs. We have excellent leaders for all of these groups under the overall direction of Choir Director Brittany Darst.
- 4. Providing flowers and flower arrangements managed by our flower coordinator.
- 5. Providing coordination and support for weddings and funerals. (Susan Pugh/Don Baker)
- 6. Clean up and preparation of the Sanctuary before and after Sunday and special services.

Our Committee currently needs a flower and a sanctuary preparation coordinator as those positions recently became available due to health issues of the volunteers. Former committee moderator Bev Sanford currently assigns ushers, greeters and Communion preparation teams in coordination with head usher captain Kevin Sherwood. Special church decorating for Advent/Christmas, Easter and Pentecost services is led by Detlef Badorrek and involves several other volunteers. Brent Eaton is in his third year as committee moderator and elder Syd Cunningham has begun moderator training in this first year of his three year appointment.

In His Service, Brent Eaton

# Youth Ministry (GOOTH)

We all know that 2021, just like 2020, was a challenging year for all of us. However, the resiliency of our youth at CPC continues to shine through!

2021 started with the arrival of our fearless (though hobbling) leader! Kaylee Hilston stepped into the life of our youth. Her fresh and determined perspective was/is a breath of fresh air for all of us! Though we did not change anything per se, it was a year for the youth to get to know her and vice versa.

The first month (January) of GOOTH was by Zoom out of necessity, but as soon as in-person gatherings were allowed, the year really took off! In February we did our annual Souper Bowl of Caring in conjunction with the Fellowship Committee. We collected approximately 800 pounds of food that went to local food banks.

March brought with it a fabulous Youth Sunday Online service. The rest of Spring included many activities like hiking at Hanging Rock State Park, Blessing of the Animals, Softgolf at Tanglewood, Confirmation Sunday and our Graduation Luncheon in June.

Though we were not able to go to Massanetta with the Middle Schoolers, July included successful weeks at the Cross Mission Trip and then the Montreat Youth Conference in Black Mountain. Also during the summer, Kaylee hosted the weekly GOOTH Eats at various restaurants in Clemmons. This activity continued into the fall as a twice a month midweek gathering of food/fellowship for the GOOTH that were able to attend.

Fall 2021 included movie night, a wellness workshop with Kathy Hedrick, a spirituality workshop with Sam McNoldy, a trip to the Carolina Classic Fair, Crop Walk/Fall Festival, Gobbler Gonanza (complete with crafts and Thanksgiving Chinese cuisine), Angel Tree shopping and Christmas parties!

As co-moderator of the Youth Council for 2021, I would like to give special thanks to our Youth Council members: Kirsten Williford, Sam McNoldy (note taker extraordinaire), Stan Clarkson, Kathy Hedrick (co-moderator) and Kaylee Hilston. Also, we could not even have a GOOTH Program without our awesome advisors: Brittany McGowan, Jonathan Cain and Sam McNoldy!

If you have a passion for helping our youth as a Youth Council committee member or as an Advisor, please contact Kaylee Hilston or Kathy Hedrick. It really does take a village!!!!

Respectfully Submitted, Art Blackwood and Kathy Hedrick



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