



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF STILLWATER

## 2021 ANNUAL REPORT



## LETTER FROM LEAH

*And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.*

-Romans 5:5

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ, my friends and partners in the gospel. Many of us entered 2021 expecting that it would be significantly easier, at least in some ways, than 2020. Well.

Hope may sound like a strange word on which to land at the start of 2022, when we have so many pressing questions: How do we continue to live in pandemic times, and when will it get better? How do we reduce our consumption of the world's resources and prepare for more volatility in our climate, locally and globally? "Where do we go from here?" is the question Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. asked of a hurting nation toward the end of his life, and it remains a salient question for our times.

What a powerful statement of faith to say that hope does not put us to shame. As people of faith, we are not wrong to have good and certain hope in these days! We can hope because God loves us and shares that love so generously with us and through us. I have seen this hope made real as you have manifested Christ's love and grace with one another, with our community, and toward our world in 2021. We connected with our neighbors in new ways with the opening of our Little Free Pantry, a 24-hour lifeline of food and critical items for anyone in need. We connected with one another across the nation with an amazing number of participants in the online *Enneagram Journey* series. We gathered around real tables again (coffee is a start!) with Table Talk as our Stewardship & Finance leadership led us in exploring *A Future with Hope*. With part of a gift from longtime church member Leone List, over 30 of our children and youth accepted the *Pay-It-Forward Challenge*, inspiring us with their connections through generosity, making a difference in the lives of people near and far.

At a recent Session meeting, one of our Elders commented, "I've never been more excited or proud to be part of this congregation than I am right now." We are growing into that Matthew 25 Vision, of being a faith community alive, aware, and responsive to the ways that we can be part of good news for others, especially those who have been without hope of a community that sees them as a respected, valued, and beloved part of it.

May you feel God's love poured into your heart this coming year. Our hope-filled response to the world makes a difference within the church and beyond.

In Christ,



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### Session

*John Gelder, Clerk*  
*Cathy Fairbanks (Treasurer)*

#### 2021

*Kay Burns*  
*Casey Campbell*  
*Lyle Eastman*  
*Thad Leffingwell*  
*Courtney Savage*  
*Kathy Thomas*  
*Karsen Riley (young adult)*

#### 2022

*Judi Baker*  
*Nancy Beckstrom*  
*David Conway*  
*John Mark Day*  
*Ashley Kirven-Bobier*  
*Erin Petrotta*

#### 2023

*Jean Aresco*  
*Kiah Butcher*  
*Gerrit Cuperus*  
*Charlie Johnson*  
*Rusty Rex*  
*Jill Stoutzenberger*

# ADMINISTRATIVE & PROFESSIONAL STAFF



Rev. Dr. Leah R. Hrachovec  
*Pastor*



Mary Beth Garoffolo  
*Finance Assistant*



Rev. Jenny Hardin  
*Associate Pastor*



Kelly McCarley  
*Older Adult Coordinator*



Jenna Campbell  
*Director of Children & Youth Ministry*



Vickie Foust  
*Building Supervisor*



Magdalena Vinson  
*Church Administrator*



Mike Flowers  
*Custodian*



Rev. Verne Arens  
*Parish Associate*



Rebecca te Velde  
*Organist/Director of Music*

## PERSONNEL UPDATE

- FPC was again blessed with full staffing of all full-time positions throughout 2021. We are so appreciative of the leadership and service that our staff provide to support the members and missions of our church.
- We approved a sabbatical leave during the summer months for our Director of Music, Rebecca te Velde, that had to be postponed in 2020.
- Our committee made several adjustments to covid-related policies as we adapted to the changing dynamics of the pandemic, and appreciate our staff's compliance with all policies that helped keep everyone safe.
- We increased pay for our part-time childcare workers mid-year, and recommended adjustments to the 2022 budget to make sure all of our part-time positions paid at least \$10/hour.

*Personnel Committee members: Thad Leffingwell (chair), John Mark Day, Kiah Butcher, Dennis Ferrell*

## COVID RESPONSE TASK FORCE

Created in March 2020, the COVID Response Task Force continued to operate through the whole of 2021 in response to local infection rates, guidance from the city and federal authorities, and our desire to continue in our common life together as fully and as safely as possible. The COVID Response Task Force is made up of two Session members, one Deacon, one Trustee, and one at-large member. The Task Force met regularly throughout the year along with staff to guide changes to our worship, in-person ministry offerings, availability of space for outside groups, and communication between groups to enable ministries and outreach to continue safely.

The COVID Response Task Force continues into 2022 with its appointed work. Members in 2021: Jim Ansley, Andrea Arquitt, Thad Leffingwell, Kirk Mittelstet, Becky Schlaiss, and staff.

## STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

The members of the Stewardship & Finance committee are deeply moved by the faithfulness of the congregation in their generous giving: fulfilling annual pledges to the mission of the church, giving over and above as they were able, rising to meet special offerings and needs, as well as people's good stewardship of daily life. This year we explored the theme of *A Future with Hope* (Jeremiah 29:11), inspired by the prophet's valuable message that speaks to these challenging times. Recognizing the importance of simply sharing conversation across a table with each other again, the committee hosted a fall series of *Table Talk* discussions based on the questions in the book *Kitchen Table Giving* by William Enright.

We also recommended to Session that a Gifts Group be formed to make recommendations to Session when undesignated legacy/estate gifts are given to the church. Further, the committee asked Session to form a Task Force for 2022 that will look at larger trends and patterns of giving at FPC to understand how we may best continue to provide and encourage strong financial and physical support for Christ's mission through our congregation into the next generations.

*Stewardship/Finance Committee members: Casey Campbell (chair), Anne & Ken Belanus, Kiah & Joshua Butcher, Tammy Wasson, Cathy Fairbanks (Treasurer), Leah Hrachovec (staff)*

### Expense Categories

**Worship** : This includes a portion of clergy and support staff's salary & benefits, a portion of stewardship & finance, office & trustee expenses, and all of music staff's salary & benefits and worship and music expenses.

**Nurture** : This includes a portion of clergy, UKIRK assistant & support staff's salary and benefits, a portion of stewardship & finance, office and trustee expenses and all of Director of Children and Youth's salary & benefits and educational program expenses.

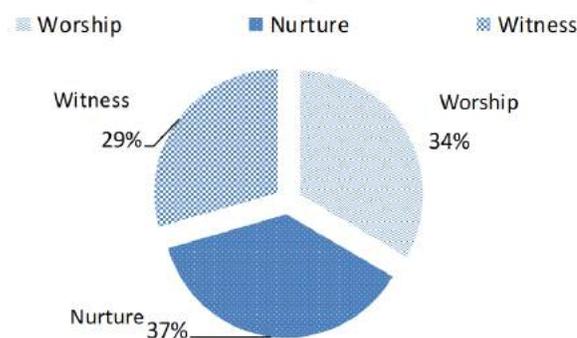
**Witness** : This includes a portion of clergy, UKIRK assistant and support staff's salary and benefits, a portion of stewardship & finance, office and trustee expenses and all of mission and Deacon's expenses.

## 2021 BUDGET SUMMARY

INCOME	2021 Budget	2021 Actual
Congregational Giving	638,603	676,117
Other Income	29,635	60,498**
Carryover/Budget Equity	0	0
<b>Income Totals:</b>	<b>668,238</b>	<b>736,615</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Personnel-Pastor	120,744	119,259
Personnel-Associate Pastor	72,045	70,733
Personnel-Director Children & Youth	63,590	63,180
Personnel-Church Administrator	42,489	43,943
Personnel-Office & Finc. Asst.	40,305	40,879
Personnel-Music Staff	43,167	43,217
Personnel-Music Support	11,000	9,952
Personnel-University Support	1,900	—
Personnel-Children Ministry Support	8,840	6,619
Personnel-Youth Ministry Support	6,625	7,000
Personnel-Other Part-time Staff	7,571	3,949
Personnel-Common Expenses	24,980	18,565
Stewardship, Finance & Session	3,800	4,784
World Mission & Denom. Affairs	31,342	31,006
Worship & Music	8,637	8,077
Communications & Connecting	7,664	7,177
University Ministry	2,500	1,917
Children Ministry	5,075	3,196
Youth Ministry	4,075	2,273
Fellowship & Family Ministry	1,800	1,215
Adult Ministry	2,955	2,210
Common Ed Ministry	1,950	1,577
Office	22,250	22,842
Deacons	21,500	21,500
Trustees	166,278	169,587
<b>Expense Totals:</b>	<b>\$723,112</b>	<b>\$704,957</b>

\*\* includes \$26,605 gain on market value of Texas Presbyterian Investment Account.

### First Presbyterian Church 2021 Actual Expenses



# CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

## Communications & Connecting

The Communications & Connecting Committee oversees the online, print, visual, and radio communications of the church, facilitates New Member classes, and looks for ways to connect members, visitors, and community members to Christ and to one another through life at FPC. We continued our work with prospective and new members even as we faced complications and challenges of pandemic. The spring session of First Steps: a Series for New Members was held via Zoom, and an in-person session was held in the fall. We completed the distribution of the 2019 Church Directory to members with home deliveries. We formed a plan to update the FPC website in 2022, as our current platform will no longer be supported by our web provider within the year. We were able to continue training this year with Christen Kinard through the Synod of the Sun, who helped us to strategically focus our efforts to better meet the needs of our members and visitors during the pandemic. Our congregation grieved the loss of 7 members and one active non-member who died this year and 4 others who transferred their memberships. We celebrate the 13 new members who joined us in 2021.

*Committee members: Kiah Butcher (co-chair), Jill Stoutzenberger (co-chair), Kay Burns, Leah Hrachovec (staff)*

## Presbyterian Women

PW/Circle met in the Fellowship Hall on the second Wednesday of the month during February-June and September-December for Bible Study and fellowship. Rev. Leah Hrachovec led the women in finishing the 2020-2021 Horizons Bible Study, "Into the Light: Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament" (Feb.-June) and began the 2021-2022 Horizons Bible Study, "What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus" (Sept.-Dec.).

In January PW provided flowers for the communion table in remembrance of the women of the church who had died in 2020.

Using the PW Allene Brown Funds, PW allotted \$2,000 to help with the cost of providing family meals and receptions following funeral and memorial services. They also purchased a new Vulcan Heating Cabinet for the Fellowship Hall kitchen at a cost of \$2,390.

The women provided non-perishable and perishable food items for five Afghan refugee families who will be located

and housed in Stillwater. They also purchased five \$50 gift cards for the families to use at the Himalayan Market.

A highlight of 2021 was the presentation to Andrea Arquitt as an Honorary Life Member of Presbyterian Women.

During 2021 PW gave the following donations for the support of mission and ministry of PW:

Churchwide PW	\$400
Synod of the Sun PW	\$200
Church Women United	\$100
Thank Offering	\$376.00
Blanket Sunday	\$814.91
Least Coin	\$177.34

*PW Officers: Mary McKinley, Moderator; Lynda Tyrl, Vice-Moderator; Rosetta Silver, Secretary; Andrea Arquitt, Treasurer; Nancy Franklin, Luncheon Chair; Madaline Harding, Hospitality.*

## Second Mile Sewing

2021 was another busy year for Second Mile Sewing. Other projects included:

- ⇒ 15 singers' masks for the Chancel Choir.
- ⇒ 36 prayer shawls knitted/crocheted and blessed
- ⇒ Face masks, face masks, face masks. Through the diligent work of our Second Mile Sewing Group, more than 2,000 face masks, including specialized singers' masks, have been made for FPC, Wings of Hope, Esperanza de Vida, and SMC.
- ⇒ Bibs for nursing home residents (15)
- ⇒ Baby blankets, receiving blankets, and burp cloths for two new babies
- ⇒ New canvas backing for the Living Nativity set pieces

2021 was definitely a challenging and rewarding year in sewing. Giving thanks for the willing hands and loving hearts of our members.





## Fellowship

During this, another COVID year, the Fellowship & Family Committee met on Zoom. We sponsored an Easter scavenger hunt and provided coloring pages for children of the congregation. We also held a poetry writing workshop in April for National Poetry Month via Zoom. Five people participated. Our homebound members received May Baskets filled with useful items provided by Jean Aresco and Belinda Bruner.

In the summer we held a family movie night in the FPC Courtyard with about 25 in attendance! Fall gave us another chance to gather outdoors and we collaborated with the University Ministry to hold our second annual FPC Block Party complete with hamburgers, sides, and delicious desserts. Members

of the Esperanza de Vida congregation joined the celebration. Code Shirley once again provided musical entertainment for this wonderful community event. The committee also provided to-go meals and children's bags for A Night in Bethlehem.

Other fellowship opportunities for adults include:

- The Couple Checkup that began with a relationships assessment and discussion led by Associate Pastor Jenny Hardin and transitioned into a monthly gathering.
- Faith on Tap: a monthly gathering where participants discuss current events, faith, and other timely topics. At the beginning of 2021, the gatherings took place on Zoom

and over the summer/into the fall the group gathered outdoors at Zannotti's in downtown Stillwater.

- Dine with Nine returned with some large group outdoor gatherings including an evening of music at the Botanic Gardens at OSU with Code Shirley (May), a fall gathering at the Botanic Gardens at OSU with hot cider and picnic dinners, and the annual Dine with Nine Christmas Ball around the firepit in the Riley's backyard.

*Fellowship & Family Committee members: Jean Aresco (co-chair), Belinda Bruner (co-chair), Cheryl Blosser, Josh Butcher, Nat Cooper, Gerrit Cuperus, Kathy Essmiller, Abbey Hardin, Georgia Wessel, Jenny Hardin (staff)*

## TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees addressed and oversaw the completion of several projects involving the property of First Presbyterian Church. Mike Woods was elected as the Chair, Billy McCollom as Vice-Chair, and Dennis Ferrell as Secretary. Andrea Arquitt was elected to the nominating committee. Tammy Wasson was elected to the Preschool Board. Dennis Ferrell was the columbarium point of contact. The year began with addressing a requirement from our insurance company, Insurance Board, concerning water sensors. We installed a set of sensors with monitoring that Insurance Board paid for. There was one alarm from these sensors after they were installed due to a small overflow in the preschool area late at night. That issue was not major and did not cause any damage, but it was reassuring that the system works as expected.

Early in 2021 pipes burst in the Preschool. This was during the record freeze in February that impacted communities nationwide. The event was caught early and, although messy, serious damage was avoided. Repairs came quickly and within days the Preschool was open. Insurance covered most of the expenses.

A new chiller for the Fellowship Hall was installed. The total cost was \$28,000 coming from the Long-Term Capital account. This is an investment many members of our congregation do not see. This important equipment allows us to meet comfortably in the heat of the summer and works efficiently with our cooling system.

The Trustees note that about 75% of our annual allocated budget is directed toward three items: custodial services, utilities, and insurance. We are monitoring and evaluating all three of these line items.

There are three Leone List Gift projects that the Trustees are overseeing and are in varying stages of completion.

- \* Fellowship Hall Audio/Visual upgrades have been completed. The system is working nearly as expected with a few issues that will need to be addressed in a future project. There is now centralized and simplified controls of the video inputs and outputs.
- \* The flooring in the Sanctuary project will be completed in February 2022 with no planned disruptions to Sunday worship. The areas receiving new flooring are under the pews, in front of the chancel, below the bell

choir loft, and in the columbarium. The Trustees and Worship and Music committee discussed desired outcomes for this project.

- \* The canopy over of the sidewalk in the courtyard was placed on hold due to the 40% increase in steel prices resulting from the economic disruptions from the pandemic. We are continuing to explore options as we move forward.

The FPC Reuter Organ was repaired and cleaned. This organ is a treasure for our Church. We learned the value of the organ is estimated to be \$750,000. We are evaluating our insurance coverage for our organ and for the entire Church. Toward the end of 2021, all lights in the Sanctuary were replaced with LED bulbs (burns cooler and uses less electricity) and non-functional lights in the parking lot were repaired/replaced to enhance safety.

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation and the City of Stillwater revealed plans to improve the traffic flow of State Highway 51 between Western and Perkins road. The Trustees have discussed and sent information to ODOT and the engineers for the project noting individual concerns we have about the block of Highway 51 that we occupy.

*Board of Trustees: Mike Woods (chair), Billy McCollom (vice-chair), Dennis Ferrell (secretary), Andrea Arquitt, Virginia Charter, Tammy Wasson, Charlie Johnson (Session Liaison), Leah Hrachovec (staff)*



## STEPHEN MINISTRY

2021 Stephen Ministers were Mary Emmet, Gary Franklin, Ken McCarley, Mary McKinley, Ava Osborn, Denise Rex, and Danny Vaughan. As the COVID 19 pandemic continued to affect lives in 2021, hurting individuals were still in need of care. These Stephen Ministers continued to provide trained, supervised, confidential care to their care receivers in a variety of safe, mutually-agreed upon ways, either in person or over Zoom, Face Time, or the telephone. Stephen Ministers' supervision and continuing education meetings were all held over Zoom.

Stephen Minister Linda Good completed online Stephen Leader Bridge Training in the spring, offered by the national Stephen Ministry organization. Upon completion, she was commissioned as a Stephen Leader on May 30 and joins Leah Hrachovec, Carolyn Caldwell, Kay

Stewart, and Linda Burks on the FPC Stephen Leader team. Linda Burks, Carolyn, Kay and Linda Good provided continuing education and supervision of our FPC Stephen Ministers, and also are helping train the new Stephen Ministers in our community. Having another Stephen Leader has also enabled the team to more frequently publicize this important mission at FPC. Our goal is that as individuals hear a call to use their God-given gifts to serve as a Stephen Minister, or as individuals find they have a need for care, all will consider what Stephen Ministry might mean for them.

After a year's absence (thanks to COVID 19), Stephen Minister Training began being offered in person beginning in October. Training sessions are being held at six participating Stillwater churches currently. Fourteen individuals from five of the participating churches are being trained,

including Anne Belanus, Debby Schoenecke, and Ellen Ingram from our congregation. Training is scheduled for completion in March 2022. We are grateful that these three individuals have responded to the call of being a Stephen Minister and pray that others in our congregation who might be hearing a similar call from Christ consider Stephen Minister training in fall 2022.



*'Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me shall never die."'*



## MEMBERSHIP

13 new members  
7 deaths  
2 baptisms

December 2021 membership  
519

## IN MEMORIAM

K. Cohlmia  
Janet Cole  
Veta Jo Fenimore  
Polly Harrison  
Dick Heath  
Iris McPherson  
Diane Newlin\*  
James Williams

*\*active non-member*

## MEMBERSHIP MILESTONES BY YEAR

Dewey Clapp (45)	Beverly Gumm (47)	Lynn Osborn (48)	Larry Perkins (53)	Allan McCrary (63)
Peggy Gibbs (45)	Bonny Mullen (47)	Karen Culton (49)	Suzanne Coyne (54)	Robert Culton (64)
Kyle King (45)	Paul Mullen (47)	Judith Dobson (49)	Lee Rutledge (54)	Norman Durham (64)
Denise Rex (45)	Dick Shawley (47)	Margie Keener (50)	Susan Worthington (54)	Evelyn Johnson (65)
Rusty Rex (45)	Cynthia Shawley (47)	Marvin Keener (50)	Rebecca Bair (56)	Robert Kerns (65)
Carol Trapp (45)	Dorothy Spivey (47)	Andrea Arquitt (51)	Rita Breuninger (56)	Marilyn Heath (66)
Jim Trapp (45)	Kay Stewart (47)	Ed Arquitt (51)	Rick Dearing (56)	Anne Thomas (66)
Lisa Baldwin (46)	Connie Stiegler (47)	Edwin Koeppe (51)	Kay Enmeier (56)	Owen Thomas (66)
Darlene Batchelder (46)	Barb Henderson (48)	Allen Murphy (52)	David Smith (56)	Louise Bellatti (72)
Nancy Greer (46)	Bob Henderson (48)	Janna Murphy (52)	Catsy Gunn (57)	Mary Thomas (73)
Kevin Grove (46)	Ken McKinley (48)	Bettie Todd (52)	Jim Gunn (57)	
David Silver (46)	Mary McKinley (48)	Susie Glasscock (53)	Sydney Reding (57)	
Rosetta Silver (46)	Kirk Mittelstet (48)	Cathy Grove (53)	Mary Frye (59)	
Cathy Fairbanks (47)	Madelyn Mittelstet (48)	Pauline Kopecky (53)	Judy Jones (61)	
Steve Fairbanks (47)	Ava Osborn (48)	Beverly Perkins (53)	Lynda Williams (61)	

# WORSHIP & MUSIC

## FPC Music Ministry

The **Chancel Choir** rehearsed in the sanctuary for the first time in late February after a time as the “Courtyard Choir” during the pandemic. Easter Sunday, the choir sang in worship for the first time since Mar. 8, 2020, offering anthems and service music from the front of the nave with trumpet obligato. In August, we could finally sing from the choir loft again with accompaniment. Since May of 2020, we have bid farewell to one quarter of the choir family due to graduations, moves, and retirements, but since late October most of the remaining active choir family has been reunited. **Choral Scholars** continue serving as cantors for 8:30 worship, choir section leaders, and leaders of SpiritLink singing.

Some fall musical highlights in worship:

- Reformation Sunday with choir, trumpets, flute and bagpipes
- Lessons and Carols services on Advent II with choir, flute and clarinet
- Christmas Eve Family Service: youth instrumentalists and vocalists; Brandon Bowman, soloist/guitar/trumpet
- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service: flute, violin, cello and harpsichord prelude; Chancel Choir; Lucy Newlin, soloist

## Contemporary and Digital Music

**Coordinator** Brandon Bowman joined the music staff in January, bringing vocal, guitar, keyboard, trumpet and percussion talents to his work with children and youth, and to our worship one Sunday each month.

**Anniversaries:** 2021 marked Rebecca te Velde’s 30<sup>th</sup> year as FPC organist, and the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our pipe organ’s dedication. Thanks to the gifts of many over the past decade, and to a timely gift from the Allene Rife Brown Foundation, the organ was renovated and enhanced in August by the Reuter Pipe Organ Company. It acquired new keyboards and Trompette pipes, refurbished pedals, and internal mechanical upgrades. To celebrate, Becky presented an in-person Anniversary Recital on October 24, and also compiled a documentary “History of the Organ at FPC”. To hear the recital online, and to read about

the organ’s history and recent renovation, visit the **FPC Website Music/Organ** page. The **Soli Deo Gloria Concert Series** page also features a Mini-Recital that OSU piano student Blake Hillgoss recorded last spring on the Kawai grand piano in Fellowship Hall. Also, please visit the FPC YouTube channel for playlists for *Soli Deo Gloria*, Courtyard Choir, and A Little Monday Music (YouTube>First Presbyterian Church Stillwater, OK>Playlists).

Thanks to the generosity of the congregation and staff, Rebecca te Velde was granted a sabbatical leave during the summer. The guest organist was David Hughes (Tulsa) and pianist Marilyn King also played several services. Choral Scholars and Brandon Bowman supplied vocal leadership and special music. With deep gratitude, Rebecca was able to travel and tackle projects, including composing a commissioned organ piece and, with colleague David Blackwell (U.K.), producing a “PipeTalk” video for OrganFest 2021, the “virtual” convention of the American Guild of Organists.

*Committee members: David Conway (co-chair), Ashley Kirven-Bobier (co-chair), Nate Ingram, Leah Hrachovec (staff), Jenny Hardin (staff), Rebecca te Velde (staff)*



## Music Staff

- ◇ Rebecca te Velde *Director of Music/Organist*
- ◇ Brandon Bowman *Digital & Contemporary Music Coordinator*
- ◇ Amanda Barber *Choral Scholar*
- ◇ MaryEllen Bush (fall) *Choral Scholar*
- ◇ Lexi Ferguson (spring) *Choral Scholar*
- ◇ Megan Flores *Choral Scholar*
- ◇ Analisa Gallegos (fall) *Choral Scholar*
- ◇ Sam Markmiller (fall) *Choral Scholar*
- ◇ Jack Moffatt *Choral Scholar*





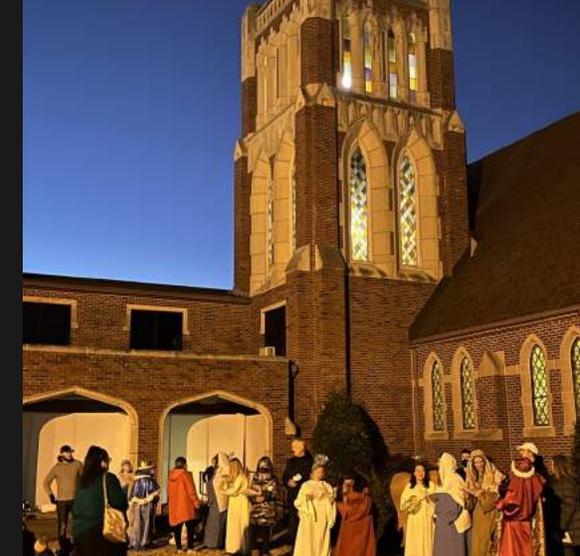
Worship in 2021 began much like it was in 2020 with virtual worship only using Facebook. In an effort to enhance the virtual worship, members of the worship and music committee participated in an online workshop by Christen Kinard. This workshop was designed to promote ideas and practices on virtual worship; several ideas were adopted for our Facebook broadcasts. As COVID 19 began to wane the approval to begin in person worship came in small steps. In person worship was limited as every other pew was closed to seating; masks were required, as well as social distancing. Singing was slowly reintroduced into the service with the full choir, as well as congregational singing. Communion was introduced using prepackaged communion sets containing a wafer and juice. Later in 2021, the pews were no longer restricted and the ropes were removed allowing more in person attendance; however, the Facebook option for virtual worship continued to be popular to many individuals and it continues to have a steady following. In August, the 8:30 service resumed.

You may have noticed some new banners in the Sanctuary this year on the chancel and in the choir loft, the latter thanks to a generous donation. Worship in Fellowship Hall posed several issues, mainly the virtual worship for those on Facebook. Attempts were made to broadcast the services, but there were problems with the lack of a proper camera, and audio feeds were spotty due to internet problems. The Worship and Music committee decided to delay future worship services in Fellowship Hall until a reliable platform for virtual services is available.

Worship has again been very different this year with COVID 19, but we are slowly returning to worshipping as we remember it. Our congregation remains strong in faith and spirit with a deep commitment to worship God, regardless of situations that we confront.

Peace of Christ to all from the Worship & Music Committee!









# CHILDREN'S & YOUTH MINISTRY

## Pay It Forward Challenge

Pay It Forward was an opportunity to empower FPC children and youth to make a difference in our community and the world as they experienced the joy of generosity. A total of 31 children and youth participated. Each participant was given \$150 to make an impact in the community and the world.

Participants were encouraged to:

- Learn about the needs in Stillwater and the world
- Listen for God's call to give
- Multiply their gift by inviting others to join in giving
- Give generously
- Share the story

To kick off the Pay It Forward Challenge, participants and their families gathered in September to hear more about the challenge and were inspired by former SHS graduate Claire Grace who now runs her own non-profit.

The Pay It Forward Challenge culminated in the Pay It Forward Celebration in November, where participants led worship and shared their stories of impact and generosity. Many of the participants multiplied the impact of their gift by inviting others into giving with them.

### Pay It Forward Recipients:

- Afghan Family Support - backpacks
- ASL Classes
- Casa Hogar Orphanage - Mexico
- Daddy O's Music
- GLSEN
- The Humane Society of Stillwater
- Little Free Library - Lincoln Alternative School
- The Mango Project - Uganda
- Mission of Hope
- Nature's Vein Wildlife Rescue
- Oklahoma Children's Hospital
- Our Daily Bread
- Payne County Youth Shelter
- Prison Outreach and Water Wells - Ethiopia
- Red Pantry
- RIP Medical Debt
- ShelterBox
- Skyline Elementary Custodian Appreciation
- Stillwater Medical Center Appreciation
- Stillwater Refugee Aid Foundation
- Tiny Paws Kitten Rescue
- Turning Point Ranch
- Westwood Elementary Book Fair

We are grateful for the generous bequest of longtime FPC member Leone List whose gift made this Pay It Forward Challenge possible.

### Racial Wealth Gap Learning Simulation

The Anti-Racism group and our youth group met together several times this year. In the fall, the groups met together to participate in the Racial Wealth Gap Learning Simulation, using materials from Bread for the World. Over 40 youth and adults participated in this interactive simulation which featured 13 governmental policies from the last 140 years. Participants considered the connections between racial equity, hunger, poverty, and wealth.

Participants gathered again the next week to hear from Rep. Trish Ranson on faith and advocacy as discipleship.

### A Night in Bethlehem

Over 200 people from FPC and the community enjoyed an evening to reflect on the Christmas story together. The event was modified due to the pandemic and included several drive-thru stations: a to-go meal and special children's bags prepared by the Fellowship & Family committee, and a drop off of Little Free pantry supplies with the Deacons (the pantry was overflowing with items for our neighbors by the end of the night). Then all enjoyed the Living Nativity presented by our FPC youth on the front lawn. Hot chocolate and apple cider were available, as well as fair trade coffee, chocolates, and hot chocolate for purchase through the Fair Trade Store.

### Sunday School

Sunday school for all ages started the year with virtual Sunday school from January - May. Classes moved to in-person in the fall semester with masks required.

### Easter in a Basket

Children and youth enjoyed the Easter in a Basket materials from Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center which included materials to study the days of Holy Week and create their own Easter baskets. Children and youth gathered on Zoom on Palm Sunday and Easter to explore the Holy Week stories together.

### "Seeing Jesus"

During the fall semester, our children and youth studied the theme of "Seeing Jesus" in SpiritLink and at PYG (Presbyterian Youth Group), taking an in-depth look at Matthew 25 with curriculum written by Jenna Campbell.

## Camp Day

A joint effort between all three presbyteries, Camp Day was held as a time for fun and faith for children and youth across the state of Oklahoma. A total of 40 participants (18 from FPC Stillwater) from across the state gathered at Camp Loughridge in Tulsa for a day of fun and games, archery, canoeing, ropes course, and campfire

### Youth Ministry Assistants

Elijah Ankrom (*fall*)  
Haley Brobston  
Blake Malley (*spring*)

### Children's Ministry Assistant

Carleigh Epperson

### Childcare Coordinator

Erin Lawson



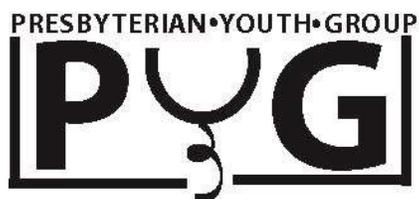
# NURTURE

## Youth

Presbyterian Youth Group met outside in the Courtyard as much as possible this year due to the pandemic. Youth Sunday provided a powerful worship in the spring led by 16 youth on the theme of Journey to Justice. Because an in-person lock-in was not possible due to the pandemic, the youth participated in a virtual lock-in one evening with various creative activities every hour (including a cooking challenge and yoga!). We celebrated the reception of five Confirmands into membership in May.

Summer youth programming included fellowship opportunities of PYG-nics at the OSU Botanic Garden and Taco Tuesdays. New this summer was a PYG book club read of "The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind" led by Leslie Baldwin. Highlights of the fall included the "Seeing Jesus" theme where youth studied hunger, water justice issues, and reflecting on how we can best welcome our new Afghan families in Stillwater.

*Committee members: Mindy Martin (chair - spring), Rusty Rex (chair - fall), Leslie Baldwin, Sandy Cohlmaia, Tim Riley, Courtney Savage, Josh Taylor, Jenna Campbell (staff)*



## Children

During the spring semester, Children and Worship videos were uploaded weekly to [www.fpcfaithfulfamilies.com](http://www.fpcfaithfulfamilies.com) for families to engage in worship together at home. During the fall semester, we were able to start in-person Children and Worship for the first time since March of 2020.

In August, children and their families met at the Boomer Lake splash pad for fun and popsicles at the Children's Ministry Kickoff. Nine third graders received their Bibles in October. Third and fourth graders and their families participated in the Exploring My Bible class (since fourth graders didn't get to do this class in person last year).

Faith Kidnection, our Sunday school for 4-5 year olds came back in-person this fall. Many thanks to Melody Reavis and Dustin Charter for making creative videos for their class each week during the spring semester. After spending the spring on Zoom for Sunday school, SpiritLink (Sunday school for 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders) returned to in-person this fall and children enjoyed an in-depth look of Matthew 25 with activities such as cooking compassionate meals for Deacons to deliver, learning about and stocking the Little Free Pantry, making cards for Guthrie's First United Presbyterian Church's prison ministry, and more.

*Committee members: Melody Reavis (chair - spring), Nancy Beckstrom, Dustin Charter, Lyle Eastman, Shannan Frohock (spring), Pat Gilland (fall), Megan Matthews, Eric Savage (spring), Jenna Campbell (staff)*



## Intergenerational

Our Intergenerational Ministry team spent the first half of the year meeting with various FPC committees, educating them on best practices of intergenerationality and helping them reflect on how their ministries can be more intentionally intergenerational.

In the fall, the team planned and led the first FPC Camp Out at Lake McMurry. Nine families camped out or stayed in their RVs/trailers and more than 50 people participated in the weekend. Highlights included the campfire sing-off and worship, cookout and s'mores, lots of games and fellowship, nature bingo, stand up paddle boards, and an outdoor movie.

### Summer GiFT

Summer GiFT (Generations in Faith Together) moved outside this year to Couch Park for three Sundays in June. Close to 50 children, youth, and adults enjoyed the outdoors with the theme of "ReNew" as we studied the gift of God's good creation through the parable of the Sower. Each week, participants enjoyed a creative telling of the parable, fellowship together, and a variety of stations centered on creation care. Participants received Summer GiFT @ Home ideas (printed on plantable seed paper!) to extend the learning and discovery at home each week.

### Advent GiFT

Children, youth, and adults gathered on the second Sunday of Advent to prepare for Advent and Christmas. Ornaments were created for Stillwater Mobile Meals (ornaments were delivered to Mobile Meals clients) and each household created their own Advent paper chain made up with things for them to Read, Pray, Do, and Play during the Advent season.



# ADULT MINISTRY

The mission of the Adult Ministry Committee is to support the growth of our congregation and outreach to the community. Though 2021 continued to be a challenging year for “in-person” gatherings due to COVID 19, we offered several insightful Bible and book studies as well as various topics of interest to the congregation.



## The January Series 2021

Thanks to Kent Olson for coordinating the January Series from Calvin College (now Calvin University) for the past 6 years. In 2021, First Presbyterian Church did not host a remote site and the series was instead available via home live streaming.

## Sunday Morning Classes

### Feasting on the Word

This Bible study, led by Denise Rex, followed the Revised Common Lectionary. The class is on-going and dives deep into Scripture, asking reflective questions and challenging participants to think in a new way. This class met on Zoom in the spring and in the Upper Room in the fall.

### Decolonizing Wealth

This book study by Edgar Villaneuva, a nationally recognized expert on social justice philanthropy met on Zoom. Led by Associate Pastor Jenny Hardin

### Lenten Class

Based on the book, *Were You There*, by Luke A. Powery, this class was led by Pastor Leah Hrachovec and Associate Pastor Jenny Hardin.

### Matthew 25: A Closer Look

This class included guest speakers from our mission and ministry partners and was facilitated by Associate Pastor Jenny Hardin.

### First Steps

These classes, co-led by Pastor Leah and the Communications & Connecting Committee, provide an introduction to life and faith and First Presbyterian Church.

### Table Talk: A Future With Hope

Facilitated by Stewardship & Finance leadership, this multi-week discussion featured conversations about our church family and how we can support one another and our community.

The Universal Christ by Richard Rohr  
This book study explored what it means to live “in Christ” and was led by Associate Pastor Jenny Hardin and members of the Adult Ministry Committee.

## Other Class/Group Offerings

### Into the Light

This once-a-month Bible study, led by Pastor Leah Hrachovec, explored finding hope through prayers of lament into the spring of 2021.

### Enneagram Journey

Over 60 participants joined in a 12 session study on Zoom of the Enneagram, an ancient personality type system. Led by Sharon Bennett and Jenna Campbell.

### Invitation to Personal Prayer Class

led by Sharon Bennett

### Good Questions, Good Book

A summer Bible Study to discuss interpretations of Bible stories and verses led by Pastor Leah Hrachovec and Associate Pastor Jenny Hardin.

### Lectionary Bible Study

This weekly group gathers to discuss the lectionary readings for the coming Sunday. Led by Pastor Leah Hrachovec and Associate Pastor Jenny Hardin.

### Exodus Bible Study

This class met weekly during the fall via Zoom for an in-depth study of the book of Exodus using Walter Brueggemann’s book, *Delivered Out of Empire*. Led by Associate Pastor Jenny Hardin.

### Antiracism Learning and Accountability Group

Gathering at monthly meetings featuring various speakers from the community and beyond to discuss racism in its many forms and to acknowledge the biases and inequalities between minorities and “white privilege”. This group is led by Kay Stewart and Linda Burks.

## Older Adult Ministries

### Seasoned Adults

Seasoned Adults resumed meetings in February 2021 after many months away due to COVID restrictions. The meetings began with online presentations, and returned to in-person meetings in April. We reached another milestone in July when we were able to resume our evening meals as well. Presentations were on a variety of topics including: Poetry (Belinda Bruner), the Australian Rainforest (Magdalena Vinson), Christians in Honduras (Associate Pastor Jenny Hardin), Recycling Household Waste (Tim Hardin), Stillwater Community Update (Stillwater Chamber of Commerce members), Growing and Cooking with Herbs (Jacqui Savage), and Photo Tour of Hungary and Moroccan Textiles (Miriam Young)

### Coffee and Conversation

In August, we began a new program, “Coffee and Conversation” at the assisted/independent living facilities (Legacy Village, Primrose and Golden Oaks). During these monthly meetings our pastors and staff are able to meet with our parishioners and some new friends for coffee, snacks, and a joyful time together.

*Committee members: Judi Baker (chair), Jenny Bobo, Linda Burks, Kelly & Ken McCarley, Kent Olson, Bill Segall, Jenny Hardin (staff)*



## UNIVERSITY MINISTRY

UKirk is the ministry of First Presbyterian Church to students at Oklahoma State University and NOC-Stillwater and a resource to all college-aged FPC members, regardless of where they're currently at. In 2021, UKirk shifted to a fellowship-based ministry, meeting each week for coffee and conversation, each month for a fellowship meal hosted by a FPC member, and at other special events. We also provided finals care packages at the end of the 2021 spring and fall semesters and hosted end-of-semester gatherings for students. In 2022 we will be looking to continue this for students and provide increased support and regular gatherings for OSU faculty and staff. The University Committee meets on the fourth Friday of the month at 4:00 p.m.

*University Committee: John Mark Day (chair), Ken & Anne Belanus, Belinda Bruner, Gerrit Cuperus, Linda Good, Jenny Hardin (staff)*



## PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL

God is good. 2021 has been good to the Preschool. We have successfully and continuously held school through another year of Covid without any classroom closings in the entire calendar year of 2021. We are currently serving our community of 95 students in 82 families with a staff of 15 teachers, many of whom have degrees and are certified. Our mission continues to be the same: we provide a Christian environment in which children can grow physically, emotionally, socially, aesthetically, intellectually and spiritually that also offers opportunities for parents to learn and grow. The teachers live our mission as they serve as the hands and feet of Jesus to our students and their families! With a small increase in tuition in 2019 and some federal COVID 19 money in 2020, we have been able to give our teachers a small wage increase. This has been a great year for us!



Dana Brown  
Preschool Director



Teachers here are Amanda Sanders-Vann, Autumn Cagle, Cathy Meberg, Carmen Fox, and Kaylie Keen.



## BOY SCOUT TROOP 820

Troop 820 had an exciting year in 2021. We were able to resume meetings and outdoor activities much like before COVID 19. Three scouts earned their Eagle Rank this year. Hayden Balfanz, Kaich Neal, and Zane Gailey and two others completed their Eagle projects, a component of earning their Eagle Rank.

Campouts included Lake McMurtry in April, work days at the Pawnee Bill camp site at Will Rogers scout reservation in May and September, and Spook O Ree in October.

In November, Troop 820 hosted a Cub O Ree at Camp Stapley to give local Webelo Cub Scouts an opportunity to see what Scouts BSA would be like when they cross over into the troops.

In August troop scouts and families floated the Illinois River in kayaks, a first time experience for our newer troop members. In December we had a joint Christmas party and court of honor with Pack 3842, giving both units a chance to

get to know one another. We performed as color guard for the Stillwater Christmas parade. We ended the year with a winter camp at Stapley where we performed service to the camp, finished working on the wilderness survival merit badge, and bonding in front of a fire in the lodge.

Service projects performed this year included Wreaths Across America, Relay for Life, and assisting with the American Legion pancake breakfast.

The troop currently has 20 scouts and 19 adult leaders registered. After many years of dedicated service to Troop 820, Warren Lewis retired as scoutmaster in October and has assumed a role on the troop committee. He is succeeded by Bruce Greenshields who was once a youth member of the troop in the 1990s. The troop is doing well and having a great time together and performing service for others in the community.



## NEW VOLUNTEER ACCELERATOR DISCOVERY TOOL

In May, Session approved a team to work with Ministry Architects to develop the Volunteer Accelerator for FPC. Committees spent the summer writing job descriptions for over 140 volunteer positions in the church. In October, the Discovery Tool was introduced to the congregation, a short online survey (replacing the old Time and Talent forms) that matches peoples gifts with the particular needs of our world, the community, and one another. We're thankful to our Volunteer Accelerator team: Larry Caldwell, Claire Leffingwell, and Jenna Campbell (staff resource).

## VOLUNTEER ACCELERATOR DISCOVERY TOOL

## ENDOWMENT

The Endowment Committee oversees the management of the endowment funds.. The total market value of the endowment funds on December 31, 2021 was \$2,032,150, an increase of \$214,693 from one year ago. Funds are invested with New Covenant Trust Company, a division of the Presbyterian Foundation and are invested consistent with the social witness principles adopted by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church USA. Gifts were received and added to the Coleen Murphy Preschool, Joy Smith Music and K. Clapp Deacon's Restricted Principal Accounts. A new account was established for Medical Debt Relief with some funds bequeathed to the church from the estate of Leone List.

Session, families and many other parties were supported by the Endowment Resources during 2021. (Three percent of the 3-year average market value on September 30 each year is made available to support the church, consistent with the restrictions established for the restricted accounts.) 2021 support included:

- Long-term maintenance of FPC facilities from the Unrestricted Endowment and the Bullen CM&I Restricted Endowment
- Pledges to the unified church budget from the Perpetual Pledges Endowment
- Presbyterian Woman luncheons, compassionate meal

- support and a new heating/holding cabinet for the Fellowship Hall kitchen from the A Brown PW Endowment
- Support for the Volunteer Accelerator from the Church Ministries Endowment
- Christmas Joy Offering and the Giving Tree from the Goforth Joy Offering Endowment and the Joy Smith Giving Tree Endowment
- Support for Couples Check-up From the Grimsley Endowment
- The Soli Deo Gloria Music Concert Series from the Joy Smith Music Endowment
- Deacon's crisis assistance from the K. Clapp Deacon's Endowment
- Support for the Presbyterian Preschool Program from the Gumm Preschool, C. Murphy and Darlow Endowments
- Contribution to the refurbishing of the organ from the Sheerar Organ Endowment
- Support for the Stephen Ministry Program from the Stephen Ministry Endowment
- Medical Debt Relief (designated for Oklahoma) from the Medical Debt Relief Endowment

### 2021 Committee Members

*Arletta Webster (Chair), Tim Hardin, Donna Koeppel, Lynn Osborn, Tim Riley, David Conway (Session), Leah Hrachovec (pastor/ex-officio)*

## LOCAL MISSION

### Mission of Hope Life Skills

Each year classes are taught the first and third Wednesday of each month to the clients of Mission of Hope. The classes offered included: Getting a Job, Keeping a Job, Organization, Problem Solving, Maintaining Healthy Body and Environment, Budgeting, and Legal Issues. Unfortunately, this year due to COVID 19, classes were only taught in January, February and March. In lieu of classes, the Deacons provided support through contributions of fresh fruits, cleaning and sanitation supplies, and holiday donations for the clients.

### Community Food Offering

Deacons collected non-perishable food items for Our Daily Bread (ODB) here in Stillwater. Due to COVID 19, Deacons had only one volunteer day this year, assisting clients with shopping and/or storing and organizing food supplies.

### Little Free Pantry

The Little Free Pantry (LFP) was officially opened in late August 2021. Since then it has been stocked by volunteers with non-perishable food items, and it seems to be depleted every few days. The items most frequently taken are single serve items such as fruit cups, Vienna sausages, and Ramen noodles. Also, personal care products such as bar soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste seem to disappear rather quickly. Remarkably, canned vegetables, which are in short supply at Our Daily Bread, have not been consumed. In mid December, three of our youth used their "Pay it Forward" money to add a "Red Pantry" to the LFP. It is stocked with menstrual products. With this being a new addition, we have not yet noticed a pattern of products being consumed. To date, all items have been stocked without using any church funds.

### Saturday Community Brunch

In order to protect our guests and servers and follow the City of Stillwater COVID 19 protocol, every Saturday our brunch teams served take-out meals. From February 6 - December 11, we handed out 3,785 "to-go" bags and 390 children's snack bags.

### Sock Ministry

New socks are one of the most requested clothing items in shelters. Our sock ministry began during the latter half of 2018. New socks are distributed to our Saturday Brunch guests on the first Saturday of each month. Even during the pandemic, we have continued providing socks through our modified brunch process. We are grateful for the brunch volunteers' support of this ministry in making sure that the socks are available

for our guests. During 2021, we provided an average of 45 - 50 pairs of men's, women's, and children's socks on each first Saturday.

### Yearbook/Supplies

The deacons provided 24 Case Logic Z binders to the Stillwater Middle School for those in need. All 24 binders were delivered to the middle school in August. The deacons also purchased 10 yearbooks for students in need at the Stillwater Junior High. The yearbooks were ordered in December and will be distributed upon arrival in the spring for the '21-'22 school year.

### Giving Tree

Congregants purchased and Deacons distributed \$35 gift cards to the following agencies: Mission of Hope (35), Wings of Hope (30), Payne County Youth Services (45), Action (35), and DHS (20).

### Compassionate Meals

One of the activities that this ministry provides is a family meal and/or reception in conjunction with a memorial service when the church family experiences the death of a member or friend of the congregation. In 2021, we were able to go back to in-person memorial services by mid-year and a simplified reception/meal policy was implemented for four church families.

### Soup's On: Meal Ministry

The Deacons started a Meals Ministry this year. This ministry came about because of COVID 19 and the concern we had for some of our members being more isolated than normal. We felt that a regular meal and some conversation with a church member would be a good outreach. We contacted several of our members that we felt fell under this category and were able to create online meal sign-ups to serve those that were interested. Members of the church that had expressed a possible strength in food preparation/delivery, then signed up for a date to prepare or deliver a meal. 50+ meals were delivered in 2021.

### Stillwater Pioneer Pantry

This is our third year to partner with the Pioneer Pantry to assist homeless students in Stillwater from PreK-12<sup>th</sup> at all 10 school sites. Through fund raising activities in March and August we were gratified to donate tubs of clothing and basic hygiene items. We also donated \$980 in cash/checks and \$1,075 in gift cards.

### Homebound Ministry

As of December 31, 2021, we will have sent a total of 98 cards to our church

members who are either homebound, or who have experienced an illness or personal loss. We will have sent cards to our homebound members for the following major holidays: Valentine's Day, Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas. We delivered over 100 lilies/poinsettias to church members who were homebound or had a significant life event in 2021.

### Growing Families Ministry

The growing families team prepared and delivered a welcome basket for a newly adopted two-year old girl. Contents were a soft blanket, cute stuffed animal from the Fair Trade store, children's books, and a poem written for Cora and her parents, John Mark Day and Jimmy Oliver

### Board of Deacons

*Jim Ansley, Co-Moderator*  
*Becky Bair, Co-Moderator*

#### 2021

*Becky Bair*  
*Casey Billingsley*  
*Linda Burks*  
*Ben Matthews*  
*Megan Matthews*  
*Pat Razook*  
*Josie Leffingwell (young adult)*

#### 2022

*Jim Ansley*  
*Sandy Cohlmiia*  
*Mary Beth Garoffolo*  
*Tim Hardin*  
*Paula Kendrick*

#### 2022

*Joshua Butcher*  
*Autumn Cagle*  
*Betsy Showalter*  
*Janet Waugh*  
*Stan Waugh*

### Community Use of FPC Space

Many local groups use space at FPC for their weekly or monthly meetings, helping make our facilities truly part of the wider community.

*AA*  
*AlAnon*  
*American Guild of Organists*  
*Church Women United*  
*Depression and Bi-polar Support Alliance*  
*Esperanza de Vida*  
*National Alliance for the Mentally Ill*  
*OSU Parkinson's Exercise Group*  
*Relay for Life*  
*TOPS*  
*Victim's Impact Panel*

## WORLD MISSIONS & DENOMINATIONAL CONCERNS

WMDC supported a variety of ministries this year while continuing to be hampered by the pandemic. We were unable to meet in person this year and many of our plans were changed as we and the world continued to grapple with COVID 19.

- ◇ Amy McCray from Stillwater Cares joined us to discuss the possibility of using our facilities for Getting Ahead classes. We are continuing our conversation with Amy through participation in the current Getting Ahead class and responding as possible to the CharityTracker Assistance Network.
- ◇ Purchased children's books that highlight environmental concerns for the display in the Narthex. The books were selected by the Earth Care Team.
- ◇ Continued our support of Solar Under the Sun with participation on the board and financial contributions. We held a Solar Sunday event on September 19th highlighting the work and accomplishments of Solar Under the Sun.
- ◇ Highlighted and encouraged giving to the four PC(USA) Offerings: One Great of Sharing, Pentecost, Peace and Global Witness, and Christmas Joy.
- ◇ Fair Trade Store opened in November after a long delay due to COVID 19.
- ◇ Summer mission trip was cancelled due to COVID 19 concerns.
- ◇ Met with Deacon Noel Thomas from PC Uganda at our December meeting. Belinda Bruner and Leah joined our committee to welcome Deacon Thomas who is the executive director of Luther Christian Academy, a children's home and school run by PresAID Uganda, the mission arm of the Presbyterian Church in Uganda. He shared information and a short presentation about the school and its mission to serve street children in Uganda.

Financial contributions by World Mission and Denominational Concerns in 2021 included:

- ◇ Theological Education Foundation
- ◇ University of the Ozarks
- ◇ Solar Under the Sun
- ◇ Peru mission co-workers Jed & Jenny Koball and Chenoa Stock & Jose Luis Claire
- ◇ General Assembly Projects
- ◇ Our Daily Bread
- ◇ Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
- ◇ Covenant Network of Presbyterians
- ◇ Presbyterian Hunger Program
- ◇ Leone List gift (\$3000) to support Afghan families arriving in Stillwater beginning in November

*World Missions & Denominational Concerns Committee Members: Kathy Thomas (chair), Julie Bills, Gerrit Cuperus, Steve Fairbanks, Matt Jeffery, Jenny Hardin (staff)*

## STAFF SERVES LARGER CHURCH

Rev. Dr. Leah R. Hrachovec

- **National:** member, Community of Pastors in the PCUSA; member, Friends of NEXT Church PCUSA
- **Presbytery:** chair, Commission on Ministry and Preparation; member, Cimarron Presbytery Solar Under the Sun Task Force; member, Permanent Judicial Commission
- **Community:** member, Stillwater Community United (formerly MLK Day *ad hoc* Planning Committee); moderator, Stillwater Ministerium

Rev. Jenny Hardin

- Served as Chairperson for Committee on Representation, Cimarron Presbytery
- Convened Cimarron Presbytery Racial Justice Discussion Group
- Served as moderator of Session for First United Presbyterian Church in Guthrie, OK
- Served as Chairperson for the Education & Training working group for Synod of the Sun's Network for Dismantling Racism
- Served on Board of Directors of CASA for Kids in Payne and Logan Counties
- Began serving on the Healthy Campus Ministry Subcommittee with UKirk National
- Contributed a submission to "Words for Waiting," an Advent Devotional published by UKirk, in partnership with the Office of Christian Formation

Jenna Campbell

- Member of group assembled by the Oklahoma Presbyterian Network that plans and leads children and youth programming for Oklahoma children and youth
- Wrote article on Intergenerational Ministry for [www.buildfaith.org](http://www.buildfaith.org)
- President, South Central Region of the Association of Presbyterian Church Educators
- Past Moderator and Exam Administrator for the Educator Certification Committee of the PC(USA)
- Member of Presbyterian Youth Triennium Registrar Advisory Team
- Coach/mentor for an Oklahoma Christian educator







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