



# Alpharetta Presbyterian Church

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## 2023 Annual Report

**Our Mission:** *We are called to be a Christ-centered family of believers committed to growing spiritually, worshipping joyfully, and sharing God's love daily.*

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## **PASTOR'S REPORT**

Dr. Oliver Wagner

The year opened with a deep freeze that caused a burst fire system water pipe to flood the upstairs and downstairs of our educational wing---about 1/3 of our total space. Not a good beginning to 2023! But the year ended on the high notes of a successful "Leap of Faith" stewardship drive, and Advent/Christmas worship that was well-attended, beautiful and inspiring. "Peace on Earth" was the theme. We ended 2023 with gratitude, joy and celebration!

My thanks to everyone whose extra work, flexibility, prayers and understanding allowed us to accommodate ministry needs while we cleaned up from the flood with limited room use. Dayschoolers and their teachers were especially gracious, adapting to new rooms in strange places. Then again, our property, youth and children's staff and ministries, along with ACT1, Centro Familiar, Scouts and many community groups all showed patience, humor and perseverance as they waited and waited for the "all clear" to be sounded in the summer.

The good news is that not only did we learn again that the church "is not a building, but a people," and not only did we learn flexibility and creativity, we also now enjoy beautifully renovated spaces in the gym and educational wing! We are now back in action and populating all of our wonderful square footage, and we are grateful for it. Our property staff and financial leaders are especially to be thanked for handling the heavy lifting of insurance claims, filling dumpsters and moving furniture.

APC's ministries of worship, nurture, service, care and fellowship are vibrant, impactful and growing. It takes us all, and the grace of God, for this to be the case. For this good news and all that we share as a community of faith, I'm most thankful and blessed to be a part.

## **ASSOCIATE PASTOR'S REPORT**

Dr. Beverly Markham, Associate Pastor

One of the biggest highlights of 2023 was a continuing education trip, "In the Steps of Paul," that I took to Turkey and Greece with other clergy women and spiritual directors from around the country. We traveled for one week in Turkey and one week in Greece to historical sites that Paul had visited on his travels. As a woman in the church who has been called into leadership as clergy, I have had to wrestle with modern interpretations of Paul's writings. These modern interpretations that are easy to understand and that limit the roles of women in the church are taught as the one true interpretation. I wanted to take this trip to learn more about Paul in situ. I wanted to gain some compassion for Paul. This trip helped me do both of these things. I learned about Paul and I do have compassion for him and have an even deeper understanding that his teachings cannot be interpreted outside of their context.

I continued to support the Deacons as they offered care and companionship to APC's members in 2023. The congregation voted to reduce the total number of Deacons. We have found that for our population, we do not need 36 Deacons.

During this year, I began support the Membership Committee. We hosted New Member classes, we gave out coffee and donuts at Dayschool drop-off, we hosted a New Member Christmas Party that filled the Wagners' home, and we reached out to members who have not attended for at least a year. This is a small and active committee that is a joy to work with.

I continue to supervise and support Lara Moore, “Ms. Shoes,” as director of the Open Arms ministry. The monthly bowling nights for our regular students as well as students from other local programs and schools are a huge hit. About six students attended the first one, and they have grown to about 30 students. There is a lot of energy in this part of the program. Sunday school continues with fewer students, but as a vital part of the program along with the Open Arms Christmas and Easter programs and Open Arms Sunday in September.

I am excited to go into 2024 with APC. The Deacons, Membership Committee, and Open Arms all have strong leadership who are dedicated to the congregation and to serving God with their gifts and talents. I am grateful to be a part of serving faithfully in this community.

## **CLERK OF SESSION**

Elder Jim Gray

The 2023 Session included twenty-four elders and three installed pastors until June when the Rev. Erin Noh resigned. Session serves as the council for the APC congregation, supporting the congregation as a community of faith, hope, love, and witness through its activities and the elders’ leadership of APC committees.

The Session’s activities in 2023 included eleven Stated Meetings; four Called Meetings (meetings for a special purpose, such as receiving new members); one Annual Meeting of the Corporation and Congregation; one Congregational Meeting (for all APC members) and electing commissioners to four Stated Meetings of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta.

The Elders of the 2023 Session were Ellen Adolph, Jennifer Autian, Jodie Barger, Robert Beal, Dave Berry, Dale Carter, Rich D’Alberto, Tim Deitrich, Tami Drotleff, Drew Ghent, Jim Gray, Joe Hellrung, John Hicks, Jeff Hyde, Teya Khoury, Stephanie Prince, Colette Rhoades, Mary Rogovin, Shannon Ross, Randy Schiltz, Russ Thomas, Steven Wardrup and Katee Whitfield.

## **DIACONATE REPORT**

The Diaconate at APC leads in ministries of sympathy, care, compassion, service and witness. The primary concerns are for the sick, the grieving, the needy and the friendless. In 2023, we had 34 Deacons, including three youth Deacons.

Andrew Bamford and Meredith Brogan served as Deacon Co-Moderators.  
Lindsey Bray was the Deacon representative on the Nominating Committee.  
Dr. Beverly Markham provides leadership and support to the Diaconate.

The work of the Diaconate is segmented into four care teams, each of which focuses on a specific area of service the Deacons deliver to the congregation and community:

---The Compassion and Care team consisted of 9 Deacons and was led by Gladys Cannon. The goal of the Companion Care team is to extend friendship and support to individuals in the church family who are in need or cannot regularly come to church. Members of the team are assigned home-bound members of APC. They made visits, took treats, sent cards, made phone calls, and delivered flowers.

---The Connection and Support team consisted of 8 Deacons and was led by Tom Scarborough. This team works to support the Open Arms Ministry and reaches out to make connections with the outside support groups that use APC's facilities.

---The Service team consisted of 7 Deacons and was led by Betty Lynam. Members of this care team organized and supported memorial services and receptions.

---The Witness and Outreach team consisted of 7 Deacons and was led by Meredith Haslam. This team sends cards for life events. They support families of APC who may be mourning a loss or celebrating an important event. Typical celebrations may include births, baptisms, confirmations, graduations, and weddings.

The Deacons met ten times in 2023. We do not meet in the months of June or December, and we meet jointly with the Session in November to welcome new Elders and Deacons.

The Open Arms Ministry has flourished under the leadership of its new director, Lara Wagner Moore. Ms. Shoes, as she's known to her students, instituted quarterly bowling nights for our regular students as well as students from other local programs and schools. This has been a huge success and has been a welcome to welcome new families to Open Arms and to APC. The Sunday morning classes have continued as well as the Open Arms Easter and Christmas services and Open Arms Sunday in September.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Elder Katee Whitfield, Elder Shannon Ross

### Staff:

Director of Children's Ministry: Kristin Hicks (Jan. 2023-May 2023)/ Ashley Stevens (August 2023-December 2023)

Administrative Assistant to Children and Youth: Kari Minnich (Jan. 2023-April 2023)/ Susan Baur (June 2023-Dec. 2023)

Cherub Choir Director: Karen Cornell, Assistant Music Director (Children's Choir): Riley Hogan

**Committee Members:** Kate McChesney, Jodee Stevens, Kim Hoey, Katee Whitfield, Jim Cash, Shannon Ross

**Sunday School:** In 2023 there were two Sunday school classes plus nursery offered in both spring and fall. Classes were divided by age group from preschool through 5th grade. We used Sparkhouse Whirl lectionary curriculum for ages PreK – 2nd grade and for grades 3rd – 5<sup>th</sup> in the spring. We taught from *Deep Blue Kids' Bible* in the fall. During summer, we used Compassion curriculum for one combined K-5 class, plus nursery. We utilized 21 teachers throughout the school year with 4 teachers teaching each week. All Sunday school teachers and volunteers were approved by Session. Youth/Child Safety Training (taught by the church staff online), and background checks were completed prior to the start of weekly Sunday school classes and again as needed. This training and background checks are required every three years, and the training is held several times a year to ensure compliance.

**Kids in Worship:** Children's Ministry, in coordination with Lionheart volunteers, provided worship bags that contained crafts and activities for children to use during worship services.

**Worship and Sacraments Class:** Six 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grade children attended. The class was taught by the Director of Children's Ministry and a parent volunteer each week for 6 weeks. The children learned how worship works and how to follow the order of worship. At the conclusion of class, the children participated in communion together.

**Nursery:** The use of an outside agency for staffing continues to be successful. We continue to have 1-2 children in the nursery at the 9:30 am hour, and 3-5 during the 11:00 am hour.

**Children's Choir:** Children's Choir, led by Riley Hogan, met almost weekly in the children's choir room after the Sunday School hour and before the 11 AM worship. The children's choir performed multiple times throughout the year including the Children's Ash Wednesday service. Attendance varied from five to ten children per week.

**Cherub Choir:** Cherub Choir is directed by Karen Cornell. This is a preschool choir for ages three - Kindergarten children held from 10:20-10:55 am. Attendance varied from three to eight children a week. Cherubs sang several times in worship, including Mother's Day.

**Vacation Bible School:** We held VBS July 10-14. We limited the number of attendees to 100 and had 30-40 volunteers. Our theme was *Hero Hotline* from Cokesbury. Many families from the church and community attended.

**Club 45:** This monthly youth group for children in 4th and 5th grades met during the school year and was well attended with 8-12 students per week with a variety of "tween" topics and activities including lessons and fun and fellowship-building activities and a meal.

#### **Special Events and Family Centered Worship:**

In December, we partnered with Youth Ministry to hold an intergenerational **Advent Fair**. A journey through the Christmas story, complete with crafts, activities, and actors, was conducted. Children were given passports to take along on the journey as they completed the various activities. Dessert was also offered.

**Easter Egg Hunt:** Approximately 50 from the church and community attended. Of note, the weather was exceptionally chilly, which likely kept many away that day. The eggs were scattered empty to remind them of the surprise of the empty tomb. The children then traded their eggs for toys and candy. A bounce house was also part of the festivities.

**Blessing of the Backpacks:** Blessing of the Backpacks was held during the 9:30 and 11:00am services on August 6. Children and teachers were invited to come forward with their backpacks to receive backpack tags and device stickers. A litany of prayer was done to bless the beginning of the school year.

The **Children's Sunday** service was held this year on October 15 and centered around the theme in the book, *This I Know: Seeing God in the World He Made*, by Clay Anderson. Children led the entire service. Seventeen children participated. Children's Choir and Cherub Choir also helped lead the service.

**Children's Christmas Pageant:** The Children's Christmas Pageant was held during the 9:30am service on December 10 with 25-30 children participating and 8-10 volunteers. Children's Choir and Cherub Choir sang together for this service.

**Children's Christmas Eve Service:** Our 3:30 pm family Christmas Eve service continues to be a popular choice for our young families. We had members read scripture which told the story of Christ's birth. Members ranged in age from children to young adult. Each year we have many visitors attending, including several from the APC Dayschool. The Children's Choir sang and several Chancel Choir members led the hymns. Flame-free candles were used during the candlelight song during this service. Afterward, families and children gathered in Fellowship Hall for cookies and to celebrate the birth of Christ.

**5th Grade Breakfast:** We held a fifth-grade breakfast for students who are bridging from Children's Ministry to Youth Ministry. Special commemorative gifts were given to these children.

## DAYSCHOOL

### Advisory Board:

Wendy Curl (Dayschool Director), Alison Trizzino, (Assistant Director) Ellen Adolph (President, Elder), Molly Hathy (Vice President), Mary Shevlin (Treasurer), Susan Burkett, Whitney Swindle (PTO Liaison), Senior Pastor Oliver Wagner

APC Dayschool finished the 2022-2023 calendar year with enthusiasm and accomplishment. Among the highlights of the year was the successful completion of the school year amidst a bevy of flood repairs and renovations that caused the relocation of 9 classrooms, staff, and students. As well, much shared space and numerous school resources and materials were lost to the December 2022 flood. There cannot be enough said of the cooperative and persevering spirit among the staff, Dayschool family, and APC community at large that brought them through to May when especially celebratory year end parties and graduation were held.

Additional Highlights include:

- Successful 2023-2024 registration using the school portal “Our School Hangout.” Registration yielded **record enrollment** for the upcoming year. (Registration filled 16 classes representing 180 students and several waitlists.)
- Two successful weeks of summer camp took place during June, one the week of 6/5/23 and the other 6/19/23.
- During the calendar year, 24 positions were filled.
- During July, Personnel Committee member Rick D’Alberto met with Wendy and Ellen to compile information for a Comprehensive Dayschool Salary Administration program. This program would enable the Director to provide a compensation program that is marketplace competitive, establishes job levels based on responsibilities, skill, and education, quantifies compensation costs for budgeting, and is easily administered. (This program is similar to what is utilized for APC church staff.) The Dayschool Board unanimously approved this to be implemented for the 2023-2024 school year.
- The Dayschool completed its fiscal year at the end of July, allowing for the benevolence contribution of \$76,000 to APC.
- Based upon the growth and expansion of Dayschool enrollment and programs, the Personnel Committee and board members recommended the addition of an Assistant Director to the Dayschool administration structure. The board unanimously approved this for the 2023-2024 school year, and Alison Trizzino was named Assistant Director. This structure also includes an Administrative Assistant position that supports both the Director, Assistant Director, and classrooms as needed.
- The 2023-2024 school year enjoyed a successful kickoff with 190 students, 36 teachers, and 3 administrative staff members in nearly new facilities.
- Plans are underway for the creation of an outdoor learning space. While paid for through Dayschool funds, this will be something utilized by APC and outside groups who enjoy the use of Alpharetta Presbyterian Church.
- The parent community, PAC, is thriving. Numerous well-attended events have been held throughout the fall and holiday weeks. Fundraising events have been very well supported to date as well. Current PAC leadership is being handed over to Maddy Post effective January 2024.

As a ministry of Alpharetta Presbyterian Church, APC Dayschool is clearly a strong, shining star. Its impact as a nurturing program within a Christian environment exemplifying strong academic standards benefits all connected to APC; most especially the students and families of the Dayschool.

## FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Elder Jodie Barger, Elder Colette Rhoades

**Committee members and advisers:** Melody Cookson, Dot Van Dyke, Deb D’Alberto, and Ted Lynam

**Staff support:** Katie Millican

### **SUNDAY MORNING HOSPITALITY:**

Hospitality Volunteers: Ann Bogda, Margy Culver, Wendy Curl, Nancy Hathy, Katie Millican, Heather Wagner, Bob Cookson, Melody Cookson, Barb Denney, Fran Mosher, Colette Rhoades, Deb D’Alberto, Carolyn Dillion, Jess Mizenko, Dot Van Dyke, Gladys Cannon, Jodie Barger, Valerie Fulkerson, Sue Nelson, Travis Hyde and Mike Womack

Each Sunday, a team of volunteers provides complimentary brunch food to be enjoyed by visitors and church members. Each team has about 4 – 5 volunteers assigned to a specific week. Reimbursements for food costs are offered through the Fellowship budget, though most team members choose to not submit receipts. The Fellowship Committee enacted this hospitality time in 2021 and it’s been very popular on Sunday mornings, offering a fabulous opportunity for worshipers from both worship services to interact and enjoy fellowship. Since it’s not a sit-down meal, people are encouraged to just stop by, grab a quick bite and chat with a variety of people.

### **SPECIAL EVENTS:**

Bingo: In February, a Valentines Dinner & Bingo was offered for an intergenerational good time. Chef Jeff cooked the dinner and Fellowship partnered with the Dayschool for assistance on decorations. Prize donations were solicited from the congregation and extra prizes were purchased. Due to the flood, we were only able to use half of Fellowship Hall, so it was “cozy” but still worked. We placed the food line and prize tables in the lobby/church office hallway. We did not charge for the dinner, but we did ask for RSVPs due to limited space. There were about 65 participants.

Reception for Confirmands: In April, lemonade and cookies were offered in Fellowship Hall to celebrate the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmands following the 11am worship service.

Mother’s Day Brunch: In May, the men of the church helped serve brunch during our hospitality time between services. Expanded food offerings were ordered (platters from Publix catering) and fresh flowers were added to make the event special for both Youth Sunday and Mother’s Day.

New Social Group—Freebirds: In July, Fellowship launched a new social group, “Freebirds,” for the empty nester demographic. We met for live music in July, music bingo in August, and team trivia (Freebirds vs. the Young Adults) in October. Participation was between 15-26 for each gathering and we look forward to continuing with monthly trivia or similar in 2024. Group leader is Katie Millican.

Travel Talk with Pastor Beverly: On July 19, a Wednesday night Greek-themed dinner was provided at no cost. Dr. Beverly Markham talked about and showed photos from about her recent trip to Greece and Turkey, following “In the Footsteps of Paul” with other pastors. There were 50-60 attendees.

Kick Off Sunday Picnic: In August, we welcomed everyone back with a Potluck Picnic in Fellowship Hall and the patio after the 11am service. Fellowship provided fried chicken, mac n’ cheese, baked beans and tea/lemonade while church members signed up to bring side dishes and desserts. We did not charge for the meal. Over 100 people attended.

Swing Dance Classes: On Tuesday nights in September, Fellowship hosted Social Dance lessons in Fellowship Hall. Daniel McKemey taught the East Coast Swing. There were about 15 attendees.

World Communion Sunday Lunch: On the first Sunday in October, APC and Centro Familiar Cristiano partnered for a 10:30am outdoor World Communion Sunday worship service. A complimentary luncheon of soups, breads and desserts

was offered in Fellowship Hall after the service. Centro provided one of the soups and Chef Jeff prepared the others. Over 100 people attended.

Christmas Cookie Exchange: On December 10, Christmas Cookie Exchange and over 50 families participated. Bakers provide 24 cookies. The Fellowship Committee provides a box for participants to take a variety of cookies home. The Cookie Exchange is held during the Hospitality Hour following the 9:30am Children's Christmas Pageant.

Christmas Lunch: On December 17, a Christmas sit-down lunch was offered at no charge following the 11am Christmas Music Service. There were over 150 attendees, a larger crowd than usual due to the popularity of Handel's "Messiah." The committee hired Chef Jeff to provide all the food and cleanup allowing our volunteers to enjoy the season. Fellowship was in charge of setting up the room and providing drinks and extra desserts.

#### **KITCHEN / FELLOWSHIP HALL:**

--The Fellowship Committee and staff liaison Katie Millican continued to be very involved with the oversight of APC's kitchen and Fellowship Hall in 2023 while we were between property managers and dealing with the disruption caused by the flood. Chef Doug's retirement during the pandemic left a large hole with no one being in the kitchen regularly to manage supplies and keep things neat and organized. Fellowship has been filling this hole which takes a great deal of time and effort. Once the flood restoration work was complete, Katie cleaned out and re-organized the Fellowship Hall closet and worked with Whiz Kids volunteers to clean out their supplies as well.

--New photography exhibits in Fellowship Hall in 2023 included: "A Summer's Day" nature/summer photos paired with a Mary Oliver poem; "Around the World" travel photos submitted by APC members; "Christmas Around the World" scenes and notes of holiday celebrations in different countries. Katie curates these quarterly exhibits which add color to Fellowship Hall and serve as a good talking point for visitors/members on Sunday mornings.

--A new, 7.5-ft pre-lit Christmas tree was purchased for Fellowship Hall in 2023 (the previous, donated tree was damaged and unusable).

#### **GROUPS (represented by Fellowship):**

- **ACT1 THEATER:** In 2023, ACT1 produced the following shows: Vera Stark (Feb, at the Alpharetta Arts Center); Shakespeare's Hamlet (April, outdoors at Brooke Street Park); Big Fish (June, at APC); 12 Angry Jurors (Sept, at APC); She Loves Me (Dec, at APC).
- **ALLSTARS:** This group for older adults met monthly (Feb-May, Sept-Dec) for potluck lunches and guest speakers. Guests/topics included Dana AbuGhazaleh, Scam Avoidance, humorist Don Jordan, Southern Winds Concert Band, Aisha Brooks-Johnson (Greater Atlanta Presbytery), Vicki Johnson (advocating for seniors in GA Legislature), Milton High School Chorus, Christmas dinner and ornament exchange. Group leaders are the Hogans, the Moriartys, and the Conways.
- **APC BOOK CLUB:** These readers met on Monday evenings 11 times this year for lively discussions on a wide variety of books. This group remains a good entry point for church visitors who want to meet new people. Group leader is Katie Millican.
- **MEN'S SOFTBALL:** APC's men's softball team had a great year playing in Alpharetta's Rec League at North Park on Thursday nights in the spring and fall. New players joined the team this year and they made the fall playoffs. Coach is Eldon Prince.
- **NEW--FREEBIRDS:** In July, Fellowship launched a new social group, "Freebirds," for the empty nester demographic. They met for live music in July, music bingo in August, and team trivia (Freebirds vs. the Young Adults) in October. Participation was enthusiastic with between 15-26 for each gathering. Group leader is Katie Millican.
- **PRAYER SHAWL** – These knitters continue to meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday from 11am-12pm in the lower church lobby to knit blankets, shawls and baby items to share with members of the congregation. Group leader is Mary Rogovin.
- **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN** – There are 4 circles with about 10-12 women per circle that meet once a month for nine months. The women studied "Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight, by Carol M.



Bechtel in 2022-2023 and the 2023-2024 study is “Sacred Encounters by Olive Mahabir which studied the encounters of Jesus in Luke and Acts. PW Moderator is Lynn Reiman.

- **TIRED PARENTS CLUB**—Parents of Club 45 and Youth Group kids (and any other parents who wish to attend) gather for dinner and fellowship usually one Sunday per month in downtown Alpharetta while their kids are at church activities. Leaders are Deanna Womack and Stacie Holloway.

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Elder Jeffrey Hyde, Elder Bob Cookson

The Membership Committee of Alpharetta Presbyterian Church conducted many activities in 2023 focused on attracting, connecting, and nurturing members. Active in this committee were Elders Jeff Hyde and Bob Cookson, Pastoral Liaison Dr. Beverly Markham, and committee members: Lee Jones, Lee Porter, Sabine Genet, Margy Culver, Kevin Isom, and Alyssa Darby. The work done by the committee falls into several areas which is summarized below:

### New member attraction and connection

- A new visitor follow-up process was initiated with committee members calling frequent visitors to engage and encourage them to attend new member classes and join APC
- New member classes were conducted on 1/22, 4/30, 8/27, and 11/12
  - These classes resulted in 25 new family units and their associated children
  - All new members are actively engaged with APC
- The committee showed appreciation to 2022 new members at a Christmas Party at Ollie and Heather Wagner’s home with over 50 people in attendance
- Coffee, donuts, and church activity flyers were shared with Dayschool parents during morning carpool 3 times during the year
- A new “All Are Welcome” banner was developed for display to indicate our church’s acceptance of all people
- Committee members assisted in the activities for the Alpharetta Christmas Tree lighting on November 18 – water bottles with APC-branded stickers were given to visitors parking at the church

### Congregation engagement and involvement

- Bring a Friend Sunday was conducted on 9/17
- A Ministry Fair was also conducted on 9/17 which was well-attended
- Began a process to identify and connect with members who have become less active over the past two years in an effort to reconnect them to worship and activities at APC

### Congregational service/nurturing

- Rainbow pins were placed in several places in our building to foster understanding that truly “All Are Welcome” here
- A new process of engaging inactive members was begun with a letter sent by the committee Elders to those members that had not attended in over 1 year. Follow up calls by committee members were then made in hopes of getting them to return to active membership
- Worked with Session and staff to communicate clearly on the APC website and social media that our denomination and congregation accept all people to worship, lead, and be active in the work of the church

## MISSION COMMITTEE

Elder Randy Schiltz, Elder Tami Drotleff

**La Gonave Haiti Partners:** APC sends continued financial support to pay teacher salaries on the island, allowing school to continue, thus a hot meal for the students. Our contributions do not ever pass through the mainland's corrupt banking system and go straight to La Gonave for Healthcare, Education, and Infrastructure. Continued terrible unrest has prevented most travel to the mainland, resulting in an increase in poverty, basic goods, fuel, kidnapping for ransom, and other problems arising from the unrest. APC will return to La Gonave once the violence and political unrest cease. Our sister community, Ticotelette, is finishing up construction on a new church, waiting on windows and stucco to finish.

**The Drake House:** APC supported TDH financially through our annual budget for the thirteenth year. The unit was vacated in March and prepared for a new family the same month. Inventory was taken in the unit and new linens including sheets, comforters and towels were placed in both bedrooms. The kitchen was restocked with some new pans and additional items and a gift basket and note were left for the new family. Then the unit stood empty until the end of August while The Drake House vetted families. In August, a mother and two children, aged 18 years and 12 years moved into the unit. The children attend public school in Sandy Springs. They have received housing, social services support, job coaching and financial skills training. Families were able to access the food pantry weekly. The mother obtained full time employment and was granted an extension on her stay past the 90 days. APC provided gift certificates and a gift basket at Christmas. Also, APC participates in Miss Mary's Ice Cream Crankin' as a fundraising sponsor. Christina Appen, Toni Raabe and Polly Hyatt are the advocates for the unit and check in frequently with the mother.

**Memorial Drive Ministries:** Still active, with Dr. Beverly Markham on the Board. Dale Carter is our Mission Committee representative.

**Family Promise:** APC hosted families for four weeks across three sessions. For context, APC hosted 11 weeks in 2021, and 5 weeks in 2022. APC, in addition to being an important FP partner, is a gathering point for the community coming together for common good, as Alpharetta Rotary, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. James UMC, the Young Men's Service League, and Little League Baseball, along with APC members cooked, slept, decorated, and did laundry during our host weeks. Finally, APC was able to update sleeping rooms for families with donations from the congregation, and provided incremental support for FP's summer programs.

**North Fulton Community Charities (Fiscal Year 2023):** APC continues to give financially to NFCC to so that it can continue to provide good services and items to the citizens of north Fulton County. The food pantry and the thrift shop both provide quality items at reduced pricing for people who really need the help. Most of the NFCC drives that APC supported were held in the second half of the calendar year, including the warm coat drive and the Thanksgiving Food Program, both held simultaneously in November. Also, the educational wing of NFCC continues to provide help to individuals in areas such as obtaining GED certification, financial planning courses, second language courses, income tax preparation assistance, etc. APC continues to collect food items year-round for both NFCC and The Place of Forsyth. "Food for All" items are collected in bins in the Fellowship Hall and transported to these charities by volunteers.

**Habitat Aid Initiative:** HAI completed a donor trip to Kenya in July, 2023 with 14 travelers who witnessed HAI's projects and programs in the region. APC shared financial support during 2023 which helped with the following projects described by HAI's founder Walter Dean: "We continued our support of the Munyanza Health Center with funding for salaries and medication for the pharmacy. In addition, we provided food security and school uniforms for the orphans at Ekolomani Child Rescue Center. In addition to the ongoing support of the health center and orphanage, the projects to be completed in 2024 include a new dining hall for Khwisero Girl's Secondary School in addition to two water points in the community. Our farming initiative continues as we plow the fields for many of the families within the area. Our next donor trip to Kenya has been scheduled for June/July, 2024."

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Elder Ellen Adolph, Elder Jim Gray

**Committee Members:** Ellen Adolph (chair), Jim Gray (vice-chair), Lindsay Bray (Deacon representative), Natalie Bamford, Susan Burkett, Norma Capone, Tom Gould and Senior Pastor Ollie Wagner.

-Work on our committee began early in the spring as we met to nominate a replacement for Rich D’Alberto who was unable to complete his term. (While Rich served under Personnel, the need was for Stewardship.) The committee agreed upon Dale Carter, and Tom contacted him. Dale’s name was placed before Session and approved during a special June meeting.

-Prior to our first full committee meeting, during late August, Ellen coordinated with Ollie to confirm positions and committees. Katie Millican was asked to update a bulletin insert for “at large” nominations by the congregation to be used during services in September, and Ellen reached out to current Session members, church staff, and “often present” volunteers for their suggestions of possible nominees.

-Our first committee meeting took place the evening of August 28. Work began that week contacting potential Elder and Deacon candidates. We met next via Zoom September 11, October 2, and October 16 as we continued to make contacts and narrowed down the number of positions needed to be filled.

-During the October 26 session meeting, the following slate of candidates was presented to session to approve to present to the congregation:

Class of 2026 Elder Nominees: Woody Cannon, Arthur Colby, Candace Davis, Beth Hudson, Polly Hyatt, Allison Liu, Tyler Moore, Derek Scheidt and Jack Brogan (Youth)

Class of 2026 Deacon Nominees: Sally Caudle, Carolyn Dillon, Chuck and Barbara Ghent, Sue Nelson, Katie Swinford, and Eric Dummer (Youth) (Carolyn Dillon had agreed to serve but made a decision to move out of state closer to family.)

Two remaining Deacon positions were filled during the following week prior to the November 5 congregational meeting. Cyndi Franklin and Jeffrey Jackson agreed to serve.

Nominating Committee Members for 2024:

Jim Gray, (chair) Elder to be named by Ollie (Vice chair) Gladys Cannon, Pam Heydinger, Jeff Hyde, Kevin Isom and a Deacon representative (to be determined early 2024.)

## PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Elder Rich D’Alberto, Elder Joe Hellrung

The personnel committee works to support the work of APC’s staff so they can effectively serve the congregation and further its mission. The committee met monthly through the year.

**Committee members are:** Joe Hellrung (chair); Beth Hudson, Valerie Fulkerson, Greg Raabe, Ted Lynam, Rob Vacko, Salpi Adrouny and Jim Cash. Ollie Wagner served as staff-support to the committee. Melissa Schmitz completed her term of service on our committee and we appreciate all she has done to help. She continues to serve on the Personnel

Committee of our Presbytery. Committee chair Rich D’Alberto stepped down from Session after effectively and faithfully leading our committee for several years. We thank them both!

Last year the committee helped organize and conduct annual performance reviews for staff. The committee was pleased to assure that all staff were given pay increases and Christmas bonuses. Staff appreciation events including a staff trip to the Atlanta Aquarium and special meals were also provided. As we had staff change and turnover, the committee conducted exit interviews, updated job descriptions and formed search committees as needed.

Associate Pastor Erin Noh completed her years of service with APC in the Spring as she prepared to begin graduate studies in the fall. We celebrated Erin’s ministry with us and thank her for her years of service as she makes this move. Seminary student and APC member Dana AbuGhazaleh increased her hours as our “Ministry Associate” to assist us in needed areas of worship leadership, adult education and pastoral care.

Kristin Hicks, Director of Children’s Ministry and Kari Minnich, Administrative Assistant for Youth and Children’s Ministry both stepped down from their positions after many years of excellent and faithful service. Our committee helped to find and fill those roles by adding to our staff: Susan Bauer, Administrative Assistant for Youth and Children’s Ministry, who began her work in June; Ashley Stevens, Director of Children’s Ministry, who began her work in August. Both positions are part-time employees.

After Property Manager Tyler Moore resigned to take a new position, we tried a job share between two part-time property managers. After several months, the committee went back to a full-time position and hired Jason Brandt the new Property Manager and he began his work in August. Tim Chisolm remained as an Assistant on a part-time basis. William Jones, a young adult APC member, was brought onto staff (part-time) to assist with flooding recovery and other property and IT needs. He helped us tremendously as a lead coordinator in getting the renovation work done and then back into the building. Liz Jones also assisted with flooding inventory and was our summer children’s ministry intern. Liz successfully directed our summer VBS.

The committee revised and keeps updated APC’s Personnel Manual and Salary Administration Program, which this year was also developed for and implemented by APC Dayschool. We invite the congregation’s continued prayers and support for our work, amazing staff and shared ministry.

## PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Elder Steve Wardrup, Elder Dave Berry

**Committee Members:** Tyler Moore, David Neal, Bob Cookson, Tim Deitrich, Tim Hathy, Diane King, Ted Lynam, Valerie Fulkerson, and Eric Dummer

**Staff support:** Ollie Wagner, Laura Moore, Wendy Curl, Jason Brandt, Katie Millican, Tim Chisholm, William Jones, Daniel McKemey, and Church Office Staff.

During the 4th week of December 2022, APC suffered a burst water pipe (sprinkler system) in the storage area behind the Gym. This resulted in extensive damage to many rooms on the second floor and rooms on the first floor (in particular Dayschool areas). This resulted in Daychool having to relocate classrooms to the Fellowship Hall, Theater, Garden Room and Daybreak Room. Thanks to the efforts of APC staff and members, ServePro, and All Restoration, APC was able to

return to normal activities by the start of summer. A special thanks to Tim Chisholm and William Jones for their leadership during this time.

This past year has been a challenge for APC and the Property Committee in terms of hiring a full-time on-site Property Manager. A committee was formed that included Rich D'Alberto, Wendy Curl, Dave Berry, Ted Lynam and Steven Wardrup. As a result of this search, interviews (Zoom and in-person) and follow-up with APC staff, Tim Chisholm and Drew Thomas were hired as Property Managers. Drew Thomas was hired on a part-time basis but had to take a leave of absence. Tim Chisholm and William Jones increased their availability to cover the duties of Property Manager in the short run. In June, Jason Brandt was hired as a full time Property Manager. Tim Chisholm will continue to be available on a part-time basis and William Jones on an as-needed basis.

APC continued to support a very active Dayschool with approximately 200 students and 40 staff.

APC groups and classes: Children's Ministry (8 classes), Youth Ministry (5 classes), Small Groups & Adult Classes (30+). Outside groups using the facilities included: Family Promise, Centro Familiar, ACT 1, Boy/Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Focus and Fragile Kids, Windward Men Bible Study, Lionheart, Toastmasters (2), Alpharetta Community Chorus, North Fulton School of Music, Private piano recitals (4-5 times per year), Orpheus Men's Ensemble, Primrose Graduation, St.Aidan's Choir Retreat, and others.

#### **Regular Activities:**

Monthly Property Meetings & Minutes

Monthly meeting report to Session and attendance

Opening & closing of facilities on Sundays

Review & approval of invoices

Development of initial Property Budget

Monitoring Property expenditures

Assist with Property Workdays (Spring/Fall)

Upgrade the facilities and grounds to keep the church property a safe and inviting place to worship, meet and learn.

AND MORE

#### **2023 Accomplishments:**

Completion of APC restoration from burst pipe in December 2022

Property Workday (April and November)

Tree Replacement (2) from sidewalk project

Intercom System – Dayschool

Replacement of pads and breath bags for defibrillators

Improvements to the Memorial Garden

Security Cameras Large Playground

Insulation added to upstairs offices

Re-design of front parking area to increase # of parking spaces

Improvements to Fire Dry System (replacement of Air Compressor System) and alarm system

APC flowerpots (Lionheart-water)

APC Building Entry Access Cards (reduction of unused and lost access cards)

Development of APC room usage plan

Development of new payment plan for APC Host/Audio System for events.

Ministry Fair

#### **Projects Moved to 2024**

Roof Replacement  
 Front Roof Soffit Repair  
 Fountain and Garden Room Flooring  
 Boy Scout Project (Ryder Boyd) – New Outdoor Podium  
 Dayschool Outdoor Classroom  
 Parking Lot Striping  
 New Carpet for Theater  
 2nd Fire Marshal Inspection (scheduled for 1/11)  
 Construction of shed for Tina and storage  
 Removal of old sidewalk and new sidewalk addition (westside of church)  
 Completion of Lionheart projects (storage shed (scheduled for 3/18) and deck work tent)  
 Elevator Inspection filed with Office of Insurance and Safety Commissioner-Date Requested for  
 January or ASAP/ DATE TBD by Inspectors

## **SPIRITUAL GROWTH COMMITTEE**

Elder Mary Rogovin, Elder Russ Thomas

**Committee:** Dale Carter, Polly Hyatt, Deanna Womack

**Staff Support:** Rev. Erin Noh (through mid-April), Rev. Dr. Ollie Wagner

APC's Spiritual Growth Ministry offered a number of regularly scheduled classes and special events for participants to enhance their Christian growth through knowledge and understanding of the Bible and of issues of faith. With the flood recovery in the first half of 2023, we continued all of our small group meetings, shifting in-person meetings out of classrooms into Fellowship Hall. We were happy to resume in-person meetings in classrooms in the fall. For the 2023-24 class year, we added a Disciple class and a Sunday morning small group. We now have three Disciple classes, two Sunday morning small groups, and several more groups meeting throughout the week. The portable Zoom cart we purchased in 2022 was well-used throughout the church; in December, we purchased new video equipment for our main classroom and will be installing it in early 2024.

### **Special Classes/Events in 2023:**

- Reclaiming Sabbath (January Series): Dr. Ryan Bonfiglio, who teaches Old Testament at Emory's Candler School of Theology and serves as the Director of The Candler Foundry, presented a three-part series offering an in-depth exploration of the biblical concept of Sabbath. We considered the purpose, place, and practice of Sabbath in faith formation and the Christian life and came to understand the ancient practice of Sabbath keeping as more than just a good idea for managing busyness. We discovered Sabbath as both a disruptive and daring invitation to think differently about holiness, our schedules, the pace of our lives, and when (not just where) we encounter God.
- Remembered by God (March Series): Rev. Dr. Beverly Markham, Associate Pastor at APC, led a three-part series exploring scripture to discover what it means to be remembered by God, what scripture tells us about our responsibility for remembering, and how hearing one another's personal stories is a theological act that affirms we are indeed remembered by God.
- Sharing My Story (May): Alli Neal, Member and Revved Up Kids' founder, shared her personal story of walking in faith to fulfill God's call, and the incredible miracles and blessings that accompanied the call.
- What Kind of Christianity (August/September Series): Dr. William Yoo, Associate Professor of American Religious and Cultural History at Columbia Theological Seminary and author of *"What Kind of Christianity: A History of Slavery and Anti-Black Racism in the Presbyterian Church"* led a two-part series sharing his motivations for writing the book and his

current research on Christianity, church life, race, nationalism, and politics in U.S. History. Through class discussion, Dr. Yoo showed us how a deeper engagement with history can lead us to more faithful and effective ministries.

## STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Elder Robert Beal, Elder Dale Carter

**Members:** Gordon Hagler, Rob Vacko (Treasurer), Ollie Wagner (Pastor) Laura Moore (Office/Finance Manager) Beth Hudson, Jan Hughey, Patrick Liu, Scott Doll, Tim Dietrich, Robert Beal.

2023 started in the aftermath of a December cold snap that resulted in frozen & burst water lines, flooding in the Dayschool and educational wing, and huge disruptions to our normal operating procedures. Once again the staff and congregation displayed their resiliency and commitment by rising to the challenge to “build back better.” With help from our insurance company, clean up partners, contractors, and volunteers, the rebuild process was completed by summer and has put APC on solid ground for the future.

2023 saw increased attendance and “in-person” use of all church facilities as we moved past the COVID experience and flood episode. We also upgraded AV technology for enhanced livestreaming of Sunday worship services, zoom options for all kinds of church & committee meetings, and increases in on-line giving options for members.

The year started with an increased revenue budget driven by increased member pledges and contributions from the Dayschool. Expenses were also forecast to increase and were complicated by the rebuilding process after the flood. The result was that to achieve a balanced budget, a slight operating loss was anticipated. The final budget results appear on the 2023 budget report.

Mortgage debt was amortized as scheduled and no new term debt was taken on by the church in 2023. The 2024 budget will be finalized in February by the Session.

Stewardship met with Dayschool staff and board members to discuss their results, budget, and growth plans. We congratulated them on their operating results and offered aid to ensure their continued success. The Dayschool was able to adapt to the challenges created by the flooding of their occupied space and continue their growth and service delivery without missing a beat. Discussions between Stewardship and Dayschool representatives to achieve a mutually agreed upon written policies & procedures document to ensure continuity of operations is continuing. Plans are to get such an agreement in place in 2024.

Stewardship assisted the endowment committee in reorganizing and formalizing reporting procedures. Endowment will report separately on specific results. All financial accounts previously with Vanguard were moved to Schwab.

A successful canvassing of our 2022 financial accounts and procedures was conducted by volunteers from the congregation at a substantial cost savings to the church. That report will be finalized and submitted to Session and Presbytery for approval.

Under the leadership of Dale Carter and his team, a successful Commitment & Pledge Campaign for 2024 is wrapping up. They will report results separately.

**ALPHARETTA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**2024 BUDGET**  
Prepared for Session & Congregational Meeting

	<b>2023 Budget</b>	<b>2023 Actual</b>	<b>2024 Budget</b>
<b>Revenue</b>			
Pledged receipts	\$ 960,000	\$ 997,954	\$ 1,000,000
Non-pledged receipts	153,000	146,891	150,000
Special offerings	6,000	11,668	6,000
Dayschool benevolence	63,000	74,500	78,600
Other income	86,200	75,686	98,900
Use of Reserves	45,000	0	34,000
<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 1,313,200</b>	<b>\$ 1,306,699</b>	<b>\$ 1,367,500</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Personnel	\$ 746,200	\$ 735,943	\$ 785,500
General expenses	83,817	95,814	84,300
Mortgage	48,852	48,849	48,852
Deacons and Session	8,150	4,244	9,870
Property - maintenance	123,161	112,338	124,700
Property - supplies	9,000	8,653	10,000
Property - utilities	96,000	94,923	98,000
Children's ministry	35,815	29,071	30,815
Youth/YA ministry	10,100	9,392	12,400
Spiritual growth	4,600	3,934	4,600
Fellowship	3,000	1,766	2,350
Kitchen	11,220	5,490	12,824
Membership	3,000	1,335	3,300
Presbytery (and per capita)	46,210	46,210	43,142
Special offerings	6,000	11,668	6,000
Missions	53,700	53,698	53,700
Commitment	4,525	3,352	4,525
Worship - supplies	6,550	4,890	16,422
Worship - music	11,500	10,753	13,000
Security	1,000	1,675	1,500
Communications	800	1,250	1,700
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 1,313,200</b>	<b>\$ 1,285,248</b>	<b>\$ 1,367,500</b>
<b>SURPLUS</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 21,451</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>



## WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Elder Jennifer Autian, Elder Katherine Heyen

The Worship Committee of Alpharetta Presbyterian Church oversees all worship-related activities and functions of the church, including planning and implementation of these activities, and assisting the pastoral and music leadership staff in these processes. These include core weekly worship services with scripture-based pastoral messages, participation in sacred music, communal prayer, as well as scheduled communion, and baptisms. Special worship activities such as weddings, funerals, and memorial services are also overseen by the committee, as well as the planning and implementation of special seasons and times of worship, such as Lenten/Easter services and Advent/Christmas services. The committee also oversees other traditional elements of worship, such as liturgy, sanctuary preparation, acolyte functions, ushering, sound and lighting, flowers, and sanctuary garden planning and maintenance.

The following are some special highlights in which the committee and its membership have been involved in concert with other church members and leadership during 2023:

- The church continues to livestream one service every Sunday, and there is a solid base of worshipers who enjoy the livestream service.
- In January, Worship Committee and Session approved communion by means of intinction and passing the peace to our weekly services (with the no-touch option for those not wishing to shake hands). We also restored singing “Surely it is God with no hand holding at the end of select services.
- First Aid kits were updated, and AED Batteries replace as well as improved signage in the halls directing to the AED locations.
- Lent was celebrated through March and April starting with Ash Wednesday Drive-In morning ashes, children’s pancake dinner/family service, and evening worship, then culminating with Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday soup and bread dinner and communion service, and three Easter services – sunrise, 9:30am, and 11am.
- The new task force for Sunday Contemporary Worship hired a consultant Nathan Swensen-Rheinhold. With his help, the church conducted a congregation wide survey to better determine our strengths, areas of improvement, and to better define what we wanted as a new Contemporary Worship Service. The task force completed their evaluation, and a new group was formed to organize the new worship service to be named EPIC. The EPIC service will be held at 5:30pm the last Sunday of each month.
- In October the church celebrated World Communion Sunday with Centro Familiar for the third year, in an outdoor 10:30am service, including music from both congregations. Fellowship continued after the service with a shared lunch. The service and fellowship were well attended and should continue.
- In December, three large LED tv screens were installed in the sanctuary. They will be used during the EPIC services and will slowly be incorporated into regular Sunday services.
- The Advent season was beautiful and included the Children’s Pageant, Christmas Music Service, and four services on Christmas Eve. The four services were a Children’s Service with participation of APC Dayschool, two traditional candlelight services (5&7pm), and the final 11pm candlelight service with communion. All were well attended.
- On the final Sunday of 2023, we observed Epiphany and had ACT1 enhance the service with the arrival of the wise men who followed the star to the manger.

Number of 2023 Baptisms: 12 Weddings: 2

#### 2023 APC Worship Committee Subcommittee Chairpersons:

- Ministerial: Ollie Wagner
- Liturgists and Communion: Kelly Vandever
- Ushering: Jennifer Autian
- Music: Drew Bowers, Sam DeCarlo, Riley Schreer
- Weddings: Dawn Bray
- Flower Guild: Laura Vacko (team of Mary Nelson and Mary Busman assist)
- Sound/lighting function: Paul McChesney
- Acolytes: Stacie Holloway
- ACT1 Liaison: Stu Moring
- Memorial Garden: Jan Hughey, Blake Cherrington
- Special Worship (Christmas/Easter) Sanctuary Prep: Valerie Fulkerson (with help from Elizabeth Hughey)
- Emergency Response Team: Florence White
- Funerals: Carolyn Dillon

## YOUTH MINISTRY

Elder John Hicks, Elder Stephanie Prince

Youth Elders Drew Ghent (Mission), Teya Khoury (Youth); Youth Deacons Evan Minnich, Katherine Toumaras

**Committee members and advisers:** John Hicks, Stephanie Prince, Mike Womack, Jerri Temple, Melissa Schmitz, Wendy Seeman, Meredith Brogan, Bart Smith, Jeff Minnich, Derek Scheidt, Russ Thomas, Katherine Thomas, Zoey Wagner, Allison Liu, Candice Davis

**Sunday School teachers:** Middle School – John Hicks, Katherine Thomas, Susan Mueller, Melissa Schmitz, Tim Dietrich. High School – Russ Thomas, Meredith Brogan, Daniel McKemey.

**Staff support:** Daniel McKemey, Kari Minnich, Susan Baur

#### Youth Group:

- In January 2023, Youth Group held an outside play time at Wills Park, Movie Night, and service night to assist with moving supplies affected by the flood back into the gym storage area.
- The youth organized and led the Souper Bowl of Caring offering on Super Bowl Sunday in February and raised over \$1,400 for families in need during the upcoming Costa Rica mission trip.
- To raise needed funds for youth mission activities the youth organized and held a ‘Mad for Plaid’ fundraiser at APC on March 4, 2023. The event raised over \$10,000 for youth mission trips.
- Youth planned and led the online service for Youth Sunday in May. Seniors gave mini sermons for the online service and the in-person service that day.
- In June, the youth participated in a mission trips – International (High School) and Domestic (Middle School). See Summer Mission section below for details.
- We kicked off Fall youth group with outdoor games and fun activities in August.
- A Mental Health & Stress topic night was held in September to discuss stress faced by our youth in today’s world and strategies for coping.
- Youth hosted a well-attended Trunk or Treat for families of the church, day school, and community in October.

- Other youth activities included Tubing in Dahlonega, Frisbee at Wills Park, Lake Lanier outing, Corn Maze and Lock In, a combined youth group night with Northminster Presbyterian, a Christmas party, and assembling care packages for college- aged young adults.

**Sunday School:** Youth Sunday School was held with both the middle school and high school classes using the Sparkhouse Think.Believe.Do and Feasting on the Word curriculum.

**Summer Mission:** Both the middle schoolers and high schoolers each engaged summer mission trips in June 2023, including:

- Middle School: CROSS at Myers Park Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, NC (June 25-30) with 8 youth, 4 adult chaperones where they assisted with ministries in the Charlotte area.
- High School: Liberia, Costa Rica (June 10-16) with 18 youth, 6 adult chaperones. They provided food to families in need and worked on construction projects at the partner church, Vida Abundante (Life Abundant).

**Confirmation Class:** Eight youth and seven mentors participated in the Confirmation Class and joined during the worship service on April 23, 2023. In addition to weekly classes on Sunday afternoon with Pastor Ollie, the Confirmands participated in a Day of Service on February 20 at The Place Forsyth, and attended a Retreat at Lake Lanier on March 18-19. The Confirmands prepared faith statements that were shared at the April Session meeting.

**Young Adults:** APC offered scheduled lunch gatherings after the 11am service for food and fellowship with Young Adults, also known as the 'Ya Ya's.' Fellowship also occurred with joint Trivia nights in Alpharetta with the APC Freebirds (Empty Nester group).

## 2023 Church Statistical Report

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**Membership**

Prior Active Members	749	Adjusted membership	749
<b>Gains</b>		<b>Losses</b>	
Certificate	29	Certificate	11
Youth Professions	8	Deaths	11
Professions & Reaffirmations	17	Deleted for any Other Reason	0
<b>Total Gains</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>Total Losses</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Total Ending Active Members</b>	<b>781</b>		

**Baptisms**

Presented by Others	9	Average Weekly Worship Attendance	204
At Confirmation	1	Friends of the Congregation	60
All Other	2	Ruling Elders on Session	22
		Do you have Deacons?	Yes

**Age Distribution of Active Members**

17 & Under	12	Hearing impairment	10
18 - 25	118	Sight impairment	4
26 - 40	132		
41 - 55	147		
56 - 70	210		
Over 70	162		
<b>Total Age Distribution</b>	<b>781</b>		

**People with Disabilities**

Mobility impairment	8
Other impairment	12

**Gender Distribution**

Women	428
Men	353
Non-Binary	

**Youth in Congregation**

Age 4 and under	54	Middle School (6th – 8th grade)	42
Elementary School (K-5th grade)	59	High School (9th – 12th grade)	64
		<b>Total Youth</b>	<b>219</b>

**Racial Ethnic**

Asian/Pacific Islander/South Asian	10	Native American/Alaska Native/Indigenous	1
Black/African American/African	16	White	725
Middle Eastern/North African	10	Multiracial	7
Hispanic/Latino-a	12		
		<b>Total Racial Ethnic</b>	<b>781</b>

**Budgeted Income** 1,268,200

**Budgeted Expense** 1,313,200

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**Receipts**

Regular Contributions	<b>1,156,513</b>	Bequests	<b>0</b>
Capital Building Fund	<b>474,919</b>	Other Income	<b>12,255</b>
Investment Income	<b>55,516</b>	Subsidy or Aid	<b>0</b>

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**Expenditures**

Local Program	<b>1,173,671</b>	Investment Expenditures	<b>1,803</b>
Local Mission	<b>68,303</b>	Per Capita Apprt	<b>23,105</b>
Capital Expenditures	<b>508,056</b>	Other Mission	<b>20,168</b>