



The First Presbyterian Church

In the heart of Gardner since 1866 ~ Serving from the heart of God

~ 155TH ANNUAL MEETING ~

Presenting the:

2021 Annual Report

10:00 AM

Sunday, February 6, 2022

It is the mission of First Presbyterian Church of Gardner to become the hands and feet of Jesus, as we worship together as believers, grow in the word of God, and serve Him in our community and world. Our congregation is biblically-based and committed to fellowship, prayer, outreach, and sharing Jesus Christ.

Our vision is to glorify God by being a warm, caring, and loving church to members, as well as newcomers, and to others in the community, through outreach to people of different ages and faith history.

**THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Gardner, Kansas**

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION/CORPORATION
155th ANNUAL REPORT for the year 2021
10AM, Sunday, February 6, 2022**

CALL FOR THE MEETING

“The 155th Annual Meeting of the Congregation/Corporation of the First Presbyterian Church, Gardner, Kansas, is called for the 6th day of February in the year of our Lord 2022, to transact such business as may be brought to the floor of that meeting.”

The hour and time have arrived.

Ron Crabbs,
Clerk of Session

THE ENUMERATION OF ATTENDANCE

The following is the official count of the attendance at the 155th Annual Meeting of the First Presbyterian Church, Gardner, Kansas:

Members present: _____

Visitors present: _____

Moderator present: _____

Others present: _____

Name and capacity: _____

Total present: _____

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

O Most Gracious and Loving Father, who by Thy Spirit has called us into the fellowship of Thy Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ: look upon us with Thy favor and guide us by Thy Providence and Spirit as we gather together to conduct such business as may come before us this morning. By Thy grace, knit us together into the perfect unity of Christ’s Body, that we may each yield to our purpose and calling and serve Thee as one, in the joy of Thy salvation, the meekness of Christ’s Spirit, and the fullness of Thy love, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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2021 ANNUAL REPORT – PASTOR - KIMBY YOUNG

It is very hard to “measure” a year like this last one. It was not the disaster of 2020 with cancelled services and limited contact. But it was certainly not our normal year in the life of the church. How do we measure a year like this one just ended?

This thought reminds me of the song “Seasons of Love” from the Broadway musical “Rent.” The song begins, “525,600 minutes, 525,000 moments so dear. 525,600 minutes - how do you measure, measure a year?” It’s an excellent question. The singers go on to suggest that we could measure a year “In daylights, in sunsets, in midnights, in cups of coffee. In inches, in miles, in laughter, in strife.” As the song deepens the lyrics suggest we could measure a year “In truths that she learned, or in times that he cried. In bridges he burned, or the way that she died.” The final answer of the song is that, of course, we must measure a year or a life, not in minutes, but in love. We must measure love to see how far we have grown in God’s grace. But then how do you measure love?

At church, how do we measure the year just passed. In 525,600 minutes. In over a hundred worship services, in over a thousand communion cups, in how many thousands or millions of prayers. In songs we have sung, in musical instruments played, in Bible study classes, in meetings we have met by zoom or in person, in potlucks or PYF brunches. More profoundly – in baptisms, in weddings, in funerals. In items donated to the food pantry. In renovation of a building for Joy Closet. In volunteer hours shared. In community built. In care created. In love – the love of God and love of other people. In love – truly. We measure in love.

On a personal note. I have colleagues in ministry across the country who are dropping like flies – quitting, burning out, giving up, losing faith. Churches are closing. It has been a hard year for so many people world wide. People have become fearful, angry, bitter and destructive. People are breaking. I have heard horror stories about churches and pastors falling apart.

But not here. Thank you. Thank you each and every one. For your support, your energy, your compassion, your contributions, your love. For checking on me and checking in on others. For offering yourselves and doing your part. For pitching in and understanding challenges. For offering new ideas and approaches. For being flexible with all the changes and demands (even if you aren’t happy about it). Thank you all. Thank you for love.

How do we measure a year in the life of our church? 525,600 minutes. Measure in love. May we continue to be blessed, aware of God’s presence as we follow Jesus Christ, serving others in the seasons of love ahead.

2021 ANNUAL REPORT OF SESSION

This past year presented some very difficult challenges for our session with all of the pandemic unknowns, various restrictions regarding the ability for our congregation to worship together in service and for session members to meet as a group. However, the Session met in 12 stated meetings and 3 specially called congregation meetings requiring action. Our meetings were conducted virtually with members calling in and using Zoom to host the electronic meeting. The Session is comprised of twelve members plus the pastor who serves as moderator. Ron Crabbs serves as Clerk of Session. The Session overall responsibility is for the spiritual welfare as well as the financial and programmatic operations of the Church. On January 11, 2021, the following were elected to serve in the following positions for 2021: Elder Mike McGuire was elected President of the Corporation, Elder Ron Crabbs elected as Clerk of Session and Secretary of the Corporation and Elder Wayne Rollf elected as Treasurer. The Session organizational structure is built using four pillars – Mission, Worship, Discipleship and Finance and Operations. Each pillar is led by 3 Elders and additional members of the congregation volunteer to serve on the various committees:

	Class of 2021	Class of 2022	Class 2023
Worship	Paula Waters	Vera Beach	Karla Allen
Discipleship	Amber Cornell	Linda Wolf	Amber Hildreth
Mission	Jo Lynn Clark	Karen Elliott	Larry Atwater
Finance & Operations	Mike McGuire	Sandy Rieger	Laura Gourley
Clerk of Session	Ron Crabbs		

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated 12 times during the year.

The 154th Annual meeting of the Congregation was held on Sunday, January 31, 2021 with members in fellowship and electronically by ZOOM.

Our session minutes were not read this year due to the virus and social distancing.

We extend a special thank you to our third year Elders Paula Waters, Amber Cornell, Jo Lynn Clark and Mike McGuire for sharing their time and talents dedicated to serving God and congregation over the past three years.

We appreciate the service of the returning Elders and welcome those newly installed as the class of 2024, Seth Cooper, Tracy McCabe, Mitch McSwane and David Sinclair.

We are very fortunate and appreciative to have an outstanding group of people dedicated to serving on the Board of Deacons, Administrative Assistant, Treasurer, Musical Director and staff, Youth Directors and Custodians all going above and beyond to provide outstanding administrative, service and operational support to our church... Well Done,

This has been another difficult year with the pandemic and the many challenges it presented. However, through it all we were blessed to have Rev. Dr. Kimby Young as our pastor, spiritual leader and moderator of our session. She was required to make some difficult decisions such as when and how to conduct services while maintaining social distancing, how to stay connected with members of the congregation, funerals, hospital calls, ZOOM meetings, recording messages for internet access, newsletters and the list goes on. Through it all, she stayed positive and focused on providing encouragement sharing God's love during this pandemic. We appreciate your Leadership, Love and Support of the congregation.

Ron Crabbs, Clerk of Session and Secretary of the Corporation

2021 CLERK OF SESSION'S STATISTICAL REPORT

MEMBERSHIP

Membership on December 31, 2020187

Additions:

Profession of Faith.....	
Reaffirmation.....	0
Transfer of Membership.....	0
Restored to Active Rolls.....	0
TOTAL ADDITIONS.....	0

Sub-Total after Additions.....187

Losses:

Dismissals by Transfer.....	0
Death.....	4
Other Losses.....	1
TOTAL LOSSES.....	5

Membership on December 31, 2021.....182

OTHER STATISTICS

Baptisms:

Persons 17 and under.....	2
Adult.....	0
TOTAL BAPTISMS.....	2

Weddings:

Members.....	2
Non-Members.....	0
TOTAL WEDDINGS.....	2

Funerals:

Member.....	4
Inactive Member.....	0
Non-Member.....	0
TOTAL FUNERALS.....	4

2021 FINANCE & OPERATIONS PILLAR ANNUAL REPORT

The Finance and Operations Pillar consists of Finance, Building and Grounds, Personnel, IT and Memorial. 2021 was a busy year for this pillar, especially as we were involved in many of the discussions leading up to the purchase of the new building for the Joy Closet.

The Finance committee meets monthly to review the Church Finances. This includes reviewing the check register, Balance Sheet and Income and Expense Statements for both the month and year to date along with preparation and periodic review of the annual budget. This pillar also reviews any other financial business brought to the Church throughout the year for approval prior to being presented to Session.

Please find below a brief summary of the Finances:

2020 Income:	\$296,376.60
2020 Expenses:	<u>\$280,163.74</u>
Net Income:	\$ 16,212.86

Financial Highlights include:

- Completed application for the Payroll Protection Program (from 2020)
- Purchase of the new Joy Closet building (using only proceeds from the Joy Closet)
- Completed a full review of the bookkeeping funds managed in PowerChurch by Wayne Rollf
- Changed phone and internet service to Spectrum for faster internet at a cost savings
- Special fund established for the sanctuary sound and lighting systems. A down-payment was made to purchase equipment and secure an installation slot in 2022.
- Prepared the 2022 Budget

If you are interested in reviewing the Income and Expense Statement for 2021 or the 2022 Approved Budget, they are available upon request.

Thank you to everyone who serves on the Finance & Operations Pillar for their service throughout the year.

See supplemental reports on the next page(s) for sub committees of the pillar.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike McGuire
Sandy Rieger
Laura Gourley

2021 PERSONNEL ANNUAL REPORT

No changes in staff in 2021. Session approved increases for all staff for the 2022 budget. Many positions had not seen an increase in several years.

2021 BUILDING & GROUNDS ANNUAL REPORT

Building & Grounds Projects 2021

1. Removed large trees and stumps west of Fellowship Hall.
2. Painted all stucco on main church building and west windows on Fellowship Hall.
3. Crack filled sealed north parking lot.
4. Outside lights repaired.
5. Stained storage shed.
6. Set up maintenance/service contract on Heating and Cooling equipment.
7. Set up mowing contract and snow removal.

Respectfully Submitted by

Phil Lenahan

2021 MEMORIAL COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

The Memorial Committee (under the Finance and Operations Pillar) has established guidelines for using Memorial Funds in honor or memory of a loved one. A group category or a specific item from a wish list may be selected; or the Memorial Committee will decide how to use funds.

If you would like further information, or to designate memorial funds for a purchase, please contact Rev. Young or a committee member.

We did not meet often in 2021, but a few Items were discussed and/or purchased in early 2021 with memorial funds:

In the Works: Technology, sound & lighting upgrades, sound booth remodel, Church wording on North & West sides of building.

Completed: New banners for Lent season.

Please contact Lois if you would be willing to serve on this committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Barber - Chair, Wayne Rollf-Treasurer, Karl Allen, Tom Corwin, Paula Waters, Linda Wolf, Marilyn Wolf

2021 DISCIPLESHIP PILLAR ANNUAL REPORT

We struggled again this year with discipleship ministries, unable to have in person gatherings. Several of our plans were cancelled by Covid surges and precautions. Families were stressed and overwhelmed. We took a step back to relieve pressure on families. Flexibility and adjustment were key this year.

The highlights of the past year for the Discipleship Committee were:

NURSERY - Allison Perry continued to provide childcare weekly in the nursery on Sunday mornings. Her consistent, kind presence and care is appreciated. She makes every child feel welcome and loved.

Sunday School

Sunday School for children and youth did not meet all year. In conversation with parents, the comfort level was not there for gathering in a small room without masks. Many families of small children are still not attending worship.

We reorganized the Sunday School age groupings based on current membership and potential. We will offer 3 classes - preschool-first grade, elementary and 7th-12th. The last quarter of the year we were searching for teachers to begin 2022. We have one lead teacher in each room. We are still looking for co-leaders in every classroom.

Adult Sunday School

Seekers and Servants class led by Paula Waters and Alice Rollf met weekly throughout the year with a consistent and faithful group of students. They started the year with "Wait and See." This fall they studied Jonah.

PYF – Presbyterian Youth Fellowship

PYF had a good year. See the report from Dave Rollf, Youth Director. Dave and Cindy's faithful leadership is appreciated, especially during these very difficult times.

Traveling Day Camp

TDC returned in June with an extremely successful camp. Thanks to the leadership of Kim and Karen Liu, Robin Tropansky and Marsha Cooper. Heartland Center made several changes because of Covid. One change was a reduction in numbers per group which lowered our numbers as a whole from 2019, the last time TDC was held in Gardner. We also changed from hot lunch to bring your own lunch because of Covid concerns. Children were outside as much as possible, even in an extremely hot week. Our leaders did a masterful job of adjusting and making it a fun experience for all.

New Member Classes

Though we have had some consistent visitors, we did not have a membership class in 2021. We hope next year will be an improvement.

Respectfully Submitted
Discipleship Committee

2021 MISSION PILLAR ANNUAL MEETING

Mission Elders:

Class of 2021 - Jo Lynn Clark
Class of 2022 - Karen Elliott
Class of 2023 - Larry Atwater

Members from Congregation

Poppy Zurcher
Cindy Rollf
Laura Gourley
Carl Frahme
Sharon Frahme
Tracy McCabe

The work of the Mission Pillar is to seek new missions and outreach opportunities locally, nationally, and internationally. For 2021 this included a mission of outreach to our members and community who were isolated while quarantined for protection against COVID-19 and the variants.

Souper Bowl of Caring Collection on Super Bowl Sunday – February

We joined millions of young people from across the nation in support of this fundraiser to end hunger. “Souper Bowl of Caring” works to mobilize those looking to fight hunger and poverty around the time of the Super Bowl football game. The congregation brought food items and/or financial contribution designated to "Souper Bowl of Caring." Donations went to the Johnson County Multi-Service Center of Gardner.

Valentine’s Day Mission: February

Love God and Love People. We prepared over 40 boxes for church families who were not able to attend church. Following worship services, the congregation in attendance wrote notes of encouragement and love. The boxes were filled with valentine cards, homemade candies and cookies.

Love People in the community; We delivered 3 large platters of goodies to first responders at the Gardner police station, and two fire houses

Blessing bakers - February

A list of "Blessing Bakers" was gathered for special events and needs. This is a list of people we can call or email at a moment’s notice to get an assortment of baked goods for a funeral, reception, or special event. The first event was the Valentine’s Day baking.

JoCo Parade – August

Revive The Church Alive!! For the Johnson County Fair Parade, the First Presbyterian Church float was decorated with purple and white flowers, along with a 7-foot cross. The Praise Band sang beautifully as the float cruised the parade route. The singers, walkers, riders and watchers wore t-shirts that represented our many outreach programs: Joy Closet, Heartland Summer Camp, Youth Group and 1st Presbyterian church.

Meadowbrook Worship – November

During November our church was responsible for leading worship at Meadowbrook. The Worship was each Sunday starting at 3pm. As a safety precaution we took a small group of church members who were vaccinated musicians and readers of scriptures. They brought music, fellowship, and the word of God to the Meadowbrook residents.

Operation Christmas Child - Pack a Box: November

Cindy Rollf provided empty OCC boxes for the congregation to pack. There were bins filled with toys and other items to use from the Joy Closet. Approximately 40 Boxes were filled.

Joy offering: December

This denominational offering is received around Christmas Eve and provides critical financial support to retired Church workers (pastors, missionaries, musicians, and educators) and their families. Joy envelopes were provided to the congregation.

Children's Christmas Project: December

Gardner City Hall provided a list of children in Gardner in need of gifts for the holiday. The congregation adopted 10 children with 5 gifts per child. Gifts and gift cards were delivered to the First Baptist Church for distribution to the families.

Stephen Ministry:

Stephen Ministers are lay congregation members trained to provide one-to-one care to those experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or relocation. We have three members trained for the Stephen Ministry. Kimby Young, Poppy Zurcher and Karen Elliott.

Respectfully submitted,
Jo Lynn Clark

2021 WORSHIP PILLAR ANNUAL REPORT

Pillar Members for 2021:

Elders:	Paula Waters, Vera Beach, Karl Allen
Deacon:	Karen Liu
Music:	Dean Faulk, Alice Rollf, Robyn Forkner
Sanctuary Support:	Paula Waters, Karl Allen, Karen Elliott
Decorations:	Robyn McGuire, Robyn Forkner, Oliver Schwab
Technical:	Kim Liu, Bob Zurcher, Davis Tropansky (video)

Responsibilities:

- Obtain monthly ushers and weekly worship assistants for the year and provide training.
- Obtain communion servers
- Keep the sanctuary in order
- Decorate the church for different seasons;
- Provide music and technical support for worship services
- Provide technical support at events. Such as funerals and weddings

Summary of the year 2021:

We are in our second year of COVID so we followed the protocol that was in place for the year 2019-2020. The people on our pillar were diligent in following the protocol and very supportive. We were able to continue with providing ushers, worship assistants, every week. We have gone to using four ushers and not six. We also met in person, but zoom was also available.

The Technical committee were busy getting bids to install a much needed sound and lightening system. We signed a contract with the company "A to Z".

The installing of the sound and lightening system should begin the first of the year of 2022.

Dean started practicing with the Bell Choir and the Chancel Choir in September and had first performance of Bells in October and the Chancel Choir began in the 8:45 worship service in October. The Chancel Choir held a Christmas Cantata on Sunday, December 19, 2021. The Chancel Choir and the Bell Choir performed on Christmas Eve.

The second service continued with the contemporary music at 11:00 a.m. and remained very active. The Praise Band continued being faithful and lending their gifts in leading the service.

We wish to thank all who served on the Worship Pillar and their perseverance and faithfulness. A big "Thank you" to Rev. Kmiby Young for her guidance and setting the example of Christian love! John Forkner stepped up big time in doing the check in at the computer and helping in training of the ushers! Thank You, John! We have a very successful year considering obstacles that were in place, but we will continue to move forward.

Again, thanks to everyone and that includes the congregation for all their support! God Bless You All!

**Respectfully Submitted,
Paula Waters, 2021 Worship Pillar moderator**

2021 NOMINATING COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Current members:

Session – Karen Elliott, Larry Atwater

Deacons - Joyce Scarlett

Congregation at large – Marilyn Wolf, Carl Frahme, Kim Allen, Jo Lynn Clark, Lynn Moldrup

The committee met from July to December. Because of covid, people were more reluctant to commit. The committee thanks everyone who considered serving as an officer. Thank you to those who agreed to serve.

Eventually all positions were filled.

Elders for class of 2024:

1. Seth Cooper (worship)
2. Tracy McCabe (mission)
3. Dave Sinclair (finance and operations)
4. Mitch McSwane (discipleship)

Deacons for class of 2024:

1. Shirley Harley
2. John Kunkel
3. Susan Rushing
4. Barbara Sue Sweetwood
5. Carl Frahme

Nominating Committee:

A total of 7 people serve on the committee -

(One year term – can repeat)

Session – Larry Atwater, Linda Wolf

Deacons - Lynn Moldrup

5 members from the Congregation at large who need to be elected at this annual meeting

– Karen Elliott, Carl Frahme, Paula Waters, Joyce Scarlett, Alice Rollf.

Respectfully submitted by

Karen Elliott

2021 MUSIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL REPORT

Music Ministries had a challenging yet Wonderful 2021. The Praise Band was able to continue leading music the entire year. Many thanks go out to Mick Dean, Tom Dean, Karen Elliott, Nancy Falkner, Jason Hopper, Bea Judah, Doug Judah, Jason Smith, and Oliver Schwab for their unwavering love for our Lord and dedication to His service. The Praise Band helped to lead music not only inside but on occasion several outside services during the summer and early autumn months. Special thank you to Doug, Tom, Mick, and Jason Smith for sharing their experience and knowledge of sound systems and set up for these events.

The Mixed Choir had challenges. Starting the year off with an abridged Easter presentation there was still the uncertainty for the remainder of the year. Many members of the choir willingly offered their voices to provide special music for the 8:45 service. Thank you to Karl Allen, Rhonda Atwater, Shana Devlin, Ella Falkner, Nancy Falkner, Carl Frahme, Chesley Jones, John Kunkel, Susan Rushing, and Oliver Schwab.

As the year progressed it was with Great Joy that the Mixed Choir and the Bell Choirs were both able to start again in September. Praise to the Lord for all those who returned to reform the groups. It was a wonderful feeling to hear the choirs once again in our worship service. I commend all the members of both choirs for their service to our Lord in a time where everything is uncertain as to what will happen next. The Bell Choir had a little slower start as many members were involved in other activities. Thank you to all the members of the Bell Choir for your patience with each other and the assurance that we would be able to present to the congregation again soon.

The year ended on a wonderful note with the Christmas Cantata followed up by an Awesome Christmas Eve service presented by both choirs. What a wonderful way to end the year on such a high note.

I want to give Special Thanks to Alice Rollf for her service to our Lord through her gift of playing the organ. Alice spends countless hours preparing and selecting music for our Sunday morning services and occasionally special music. All out of love for God and her Church.

Thank You to Robyn Forkner for her service playing the piano for the choir, special music solos, and even offering special music herself.

Our church is blessed with so much musical talent. I am grateful to be a part of this ministry. So much love and dedication through music makes the struggles of life around us just a little bit easier. As we forge forward to 2022 there will be more music to inspire our hearts and minds to continue our service to our Lord. Great is Thy Faithfulness can be seen in all our members of this ministry.

In God's Love and Service,

Dean Faulk

2021 PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN ANNUAL REPORT

2021 Presbyterian Women Officers:

- Moderator: Jo Lynn Clark
- Co-Moderator: Kim Allen
- Secretary: Lynn Moldrup
- Treasury: Sandy Rieger
- Program Studies: Paula Waters, Alice Rollf
- Mission: Sharon Frahme
- Local Services (Kitchen): Debbie Pickell
- Involvement and Action: Shana Devlin, Susan Rushing

Nomination Committee:

Class of 2021: Vera Beach, Joyce Scarlett

Class of 2022: Judy Lenahan, Tina Fraser

Accomplishments for 2021:

The Presbyterian Women Committee Team continue to take precautions to prevent the spread of COVID. We found innovative ways to gather for fellowship, study, and services. We continued to nurture faith, support the mission and build inclusive, caring community of women.

The committee decided to cancel the following events:

Spring Brunch – May

Ladies Night - November

The following events the Committee Team hosted effectively meeting the CDC protocols.

Birthday Offering:

Presbyterian Women, their families and the congregation generously contributed through their Birthday Offering gifts to help chosen recipients find real solutions for projects related to health, education, economic development and needs for women and children.

Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday: March 7, 2021

In 2021 we celebrated “God Disrupts Us with Love.” We honored women who work for transformative changes and seek to end poverty and injustice. We gave thanks for their persistence, their witness, their words, their actions.

Spring Bible Study – Wait and See: March 11 – May 27, 2021

A Six-Session Study on Waiting Well by Wendy Pope. Hosted by Paula Waters and Alice Rollf. Approximately 15 women attended either in person or by Zoom.

Prayer Shawl Ministry – April 10, 2021

May God’s grace be upon this shawl.....

Poppy Zurcher hosted two prayer shawl workshops one at her home and one during the Wednesday morning fellowship. They learned how to use a loom to finger crochet and shared their completed shawls.

Ladies Retreat – Pricilla Shirer Conference in Wichita, Ks: August 21, 2021

Paula Waters and Alice Rollf hosted a pre-retreat fellowship on 8/7/21. Approximately 12 ladies attended. Going Beyond Live with Priscilla Shirer & Worship with Anthony Evans. Learn to study God’s Word for yourself. Sixteen ladies attended the retreat.

Fall Bible Study – If You Want to Walk on Water You’ve Got to Get Out of the Boat. September 23 – October 28, 2021

A Six-Session Study by John Ortberg. Hosted by Paula Watters and Alice Rollf.
Approximately 15 women attended either in person or by Zoom.

Ladies Fall Gathering: October 9, 2021

Alice Rollf hosted the fall gathering at her home. The brunch was attended by approximately 10 ladies.

PW Thank Offering: November 21, 2021

Twelve projects were selected for funding by the Creative Ministries Offering Committee of Presbyterian Women. Nine of these projects serve people in the United States and three are international. In keeping with the Thank Offering bylaws, more than 40 percent of the selected projects are related to health ministries.

Christmas Luncheon: December 4, 2021

The Committee Team hosted a Christmas luncheon with a variety of salads and a white elephant gift exchange. The PW Moderator led the installation of the 2022 officers and thanked the retiring officers for their wonderful service from 2020 thru 2021. Approximately 25 ladies attended.

Nominating Committee:

Joyce Scarlett and Vera Beach in 2021 served their final year on the Nominating Committee. Tina Fraser and Judy Lenahan will serve their first year of a 2-year term in 2022.

Women’s Fellowship Circle:

The Women’s Fellowship was able to meet four times in 2021, to enjoy fellowship and devotions on the first Wednesday morning of the month. They were able to collect more than \$1,668.00 for SafeHome. In April of 2021 items were packed and delivered by Sharon Frahme, Pat Rankin, Esther Seim, Carl Frahme and Harvey Seim. We want to thank Pat Rankin for all the wonderful cloth bags she has made for SafeHome. She thinks she has made more than 400 bags. This group is opened to all women of the church. They continued their Mission support and service projects of lap robes, tote bags and safe home items.

Our Services:

- PW Mitten Tree – Winter clothing delivered to Nike Elementary, Gardner Elementary and Grand Star Elementary
- Baby Blankets for new mothers.
- Lap robes and tote bags for residents in care facilities.
- Food pantry and Community Family Support Services.
- Safe Home – tote bags and toiletry items for women and children.
- Operation Christmas Child Shoebox program
- Mayor’s Christmas Children’s program

Respectfully submitted by,

Jo Lynn Clark, Moderator

2021 PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP ANNUAL REPORT

2021 was once again a challenging year for youth ministry. The pandemic continued through the year which limited attendance and opportunities. We were able to meet in person most of the year, but restrictions reduced energy, focus, and excitement. For the first time in memory, we were not able to hold our annual winter retreat at Heartland Center. This is a springboard event that helps motivate the group through the spring. The absence of the event was felt, but we overcame. We were also unable to host fundraising events with the congregation which have always served as fellowship opportunities for everyone. Again, we felt the effect of change, but pressed on. The congregation and community continued to support the ministry and mission of the group even without the tangibles. These tough years are a blessing and curse. While we miss what we could be doing, it has served as a lesson as to what God is doing.

This summer we were blessed with the opportunity to travel on our summer mission trip. Our team was small, but God's purpose in it was served. Four youth and two adults traveled to Copperhill, Tennessee with TEAMeffort for a week in July. We were partnered with a group from Knoxville, Tennessee and another from Columbia, South Carolina for our service project which was located just south of the state line in Blue Ridge, Georgia. We made great friends as we worked together to improve the living conditions for a resident, known only to us as Sandra. We went hiking, rafting, horseback riding, and played paintball. We enjoyed every minute of our time in fellowship over nine days, six states, and almost 2000 miles.

For the first time in many years the PYF did not graduate any seniors. This created a leadership void as there were also no active juniors. With no upperclassmen, the younger kids had to step up. They had to work a little harder to make the group their own and to redefine what it will be. At least half of our active youth are not from our congregation. This shows that our kids are good at inviting friends and that we have something to offer. Unfortunately, it also shows that our congregation must work on reaching families with children and youth.

As 2021 comes to an end, we must look forward. We look forward to opportunities that we refuse to pass up. We look forward to adventures that lie ahead. Most of all we look forward to how God will work through this group. How will He use us to minister to those we call family? How will He use us reach out to those who don't yet know this family of faith and bring them in? How will He use us to serve His people within the walls of the church and those that may never step inside? Our group is anxious for God to answer these questions in 2022 and beyond.

The PYF would like to thank the congregation for their continued, very generous support. We are so excited to back to hosting our church-wide events. Having a great turnout this fall for what was our first brunch since the pandemic was inspirational on many levels. I truly believe that God means for us to be together. We ask for your prayers and encouragement as we embark on another year of youth ministry.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dave Rollf
Youth Advisor

2021 DEACONS REPORT

Communion

Covid prevented regular communion preparation. We are still serving touch free prepackaged communion cups.

Cards Project

The Deacons shared the process of sending cards to all on the church list on birthdays, anniversaries, Christmas, and to offer get well, thinking-of-you, and sympathy wishes.

Funeral Meals

We resumed offering funeral meals in June and were able to provide hospitality to several families. Thank you to all who served or contributed food.

Congregational Service

We were not able to host any congregational gatherings because of Covid.

Respectfully submitter,

Sandy Nellor – Moderator

2021 JOY CLOSET ANNUAL REPORT

JOY Closet is a non-profit sponsored by First Presbyterian Church of Gardner which provides clothing, bedding, and shoes for individuals and families in need. The thrift store is open to the public and is served by donations from the community, sales to the public at thrift store prices, and by the service of volunteers from our congregation and individuals and church groups from across the community.

Voucher Report: *In 2021, JOY Closet was able to help 658 families in need with merchandise valued at \$22,988.* This statistic represents the heart of what JOY Closet does. JOY Closet vouchers are available through local churches, area law enforcement agencies, social service agencies, and all of the schools in the following districts: Gardner-Edgerton, Wellsville, and Baldwin. This system allows those families to shop at their convenience during store hours.

In addition to the above amount, we also provide items in emergency situations for families, some who have experienced a fire, a relocation from domestic abuse, and parents who receive foster children who simply arrive with the clothing that they are wearing. Our clothing also goes to Olathe Medical Center for use in their Emergency Room for patients in need and area nursing homes sometimes make specific requests.

Grand Opening and 8th Anniversary

JOY Closet has experienced a milestone year for our organization. Thanks to the congregation of First Presbyterian Church for their sponsorship and approval and with the assistance and approval of Heartland Presbytery, we were able to acquire the property at 975 E Lincoln Lane and renovate it to meet our needs. It has both a large sorting area where we could store out-of-season items and a shopping floor that serves the needs of our growing operation. We were able to celebrate a Grand Opening on October 19, 2021, with a ribbon cutting and special celebration incentives all week. Area businesses participated with free snack items and television news coverage was provided.

Expanded Store Hours We have been able to expand the number of volunteers through the growing interest of the community in seeing the work we have accomplished. With more volunteers, we have been able to expand our hours that we are open. Our present shopping hours are: Monday 10-7, Tuesday 10-7, Wednesday 10-4, Thursday 10-7, and Saturday 10-2. Volunteers are present during those hours and are quite often in the back working when the shopping floor is closed.

The work of JOY Closet represents our church well and reaches out into our community in ways that are greater than what any one person could accomplish. Thank you to our congregation for your continued support and prayer.

JOY Closet 2021 Board: Cindy Rollf, Ginger Crist, Lois Barber, Kim Allen, Vera Beach, Jo Lynn Clark, and Cathy Cochran.

Part B

ITEMS REQUIRING CONGREGATIONAL VOTE

**ELECTION OF CONGREGATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES
TO THE 2022 NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The Following persons have volunteered to serve on the 2022 Nominating Committee:

Karen Elliott

Carl Frahme

Paula Waters

Joyce Scarlett

Alice Rollf

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Terms of Call – 2022

Total Package - \$ 83,969.88

Salary -	24,742.80 (down 193.20)		
403b SRA -	9,000 (up 1800)		
Housing -	25,000		
Total effective salary for calculating taxes and PCUSA	-	\$58,742.80 (up 1606.8)	
Professional expense - auto, CE, etc.		- \$3,000	
Benefits PCUSA required – 37% of income:			
Medical – 25 % -	14,685.70 (up 401.70)		
Death/disability – 1 % -	587.43 (up 16.07)		
Pension – 11% -	6,461.71 (up 176.75)		
Subtotal – 37% -	22,471.95 (up 1331.63)		
Optional Benefits with PCUSA not required			
Dental -	445.56 (up 2.16)		
Vision -	46.68		
Total dues to PCUSA –	-	\$22,227.08 (up 596.68)	
Total expenses for the congregation (up \$2,203.48 from 2021)	-	\$83,969.88	

Other non-financial benefits:

(in keeping with Presbytery’s minimum requirements for minister’s terms of call)

4 weeks vacation (including 4 Sundays)

2 weeks study leave (including 2 Sundays)

Mileage reimbursement rate from the Presbytery is \$.58.5 cents per mile and will be submitted under the professional expense line.

In the box numbers for social security – \$8,987.65 and \$4,493.82.

(15.3% and 7.65% of 1st numbers).

**the IRS mileage rate for 2022 is 58.5 cents per mile.*

Note: The pastor’s compensation does not include the “employer’s matching contribution” social security benefit of 7.65%. Clergy are classified as “self-employed” (not employees) and are responsible for paying the entire social security tax (normally 15.3%). These IRS rules apply only to ordained clergy; all other church staff are classified as employees and receive the regular employer matching contribution social security benefit of 7.65% of 1st numbers and are responsible for paying the other half (normally 7.65%) through payroll (FICA) tax withholding.

For the compensation package outlined above, the social security tax the pastor would be required to pay would usually be \$8,987.65. Regular employees earning a similar salary would pay half of this amount (\$4,493.82) and the other half would be paid by the employer on their behalf. Many employees do not realize that their employers are making these payments on their behalf. Pastors are also subject to state and federal income taxes, local property taxes, personal property taxes, sales tax, etc.