

The First Presbyterian Church

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

**~ 156th Annual Meeting ~**

*Presenting the:*

*2022 Annual Report*

9:45 AM

Sunday, January 29, 2023

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**

**156th ANNUAL REPORT for the year 2022**

**9:45AM, Sunday, January 29, 2023**

**CALL FOR THE MEETING**

“The 156th Annual Meeting of the Congregation/Corporation of the First Presbyterian Church, Gardner, Kansas, is called for the 29th day of January in the year of our Lord 2023, 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 156th Annual Meeting of the First Presbyterian Church, Gardner, Kansas:

**Members present: \_\_\_\_**

**Visitors present: \_\_\_\_**

**Moderator present: \_\_\_\_**

**Others present: \_\_\_\_**

**Name and capacity: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**Total present: \_\_\_\_**

**OPENING PRAYER (Unison)**

O Most Gracious and Loving Father, look upon us with favor and guide us by your Spirit as we gather together. By your grace, knit us together into the perfect unity of Christ’s Body, that we may each yield to our purpose and calling. Help us to serve you as one, in the joy of your salvation, the meekness of Christ’s Spirit, and the fullness of your love, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Nominating Committee voting on Members

* The following have agreed to serve on the 2023 Nominating Committee: Larry Atwater, Carl Frahme, Alice Rollf, Robyn Tropansky, and Paula Waters.

1. Pastor’s Term of Call for 2023

**Annual Report – Pastor – Kimby Young – 2022**

The annual report for the church is a public record of the year past. Throughout you will read of programs, people, numbers, events, opportunities, mission, and ministry. This congregation is filled with good people seeking to do God’s will. That service is reflected in a million different ways as you share your gifts and offer your hearts to God. Thank you each for your contributions of time, talent, prayer, care and money. Thank you all for gathering to be the church of Jesus Christ here in our corner of Gardner.

The annual report is also intended to encourage hope for the future. It is a time to pause and think about what we do and why we do it. It is a chance to refocus on God’s will for our lives together. Are we living into God’s call for us as a congregation? What are we doing well? What might need to change as we look to the future? In all things and at all times, let us give praise to God.

Your session has been working to understand the diverse and changing needs of this congregation in our changing world. We acknowledge a wonderful heritage and want to build on all that is good to create a sustainable future for this congregation. We realize that our members have different opinions and expectations. As session makes decisions to move forward, we need your help. Session wants to understand ideas, needs and interests of congregation members and friends. We want to listen to each other as we clarify who we are in the community and who we are called to be as a church serving Jesus Christ.

To aid in that listening, we are planning a series of congregational conversations. We seek to gather different perspectives, to understand what members think, feel, and experience about the church. We want to hear what members need in our church experience – what is done well and what we need to improve. We want to explore mission ideas and willingness to serve. We want to share our hopes for the future of our congregation and steps that might move us forward together. We also want you to listen to each other, share fellowship and imagine together where God is leading us as God’s beloved people of First Presbyterian Church of Gardner.

You are invited to join us for any or all of these conversations. These will be about once a month at different times and on different days with different topics at each gathering. The first three congregational gatherings will also include a potluck. Join us for food, fellowship and conversation on Sunday, February 26, 6 p.m.; Saturday, March 26, at 5 p.m. and Saturday, April 29 at 5 p.m. Together we will listen to God and to each other as we seek to follow Jesus Christ into the future by God’s grace.

**2022 Annual Report of Session**

This past year presented difficult challenges for our session with all the pandemic unknowns, various restrictions about the ability for our congregation to worship together in service and for session members to meet as a group. However, the Session met in eleven stated meetings and three specially called congregational meetings requiring action. Our meetings were held with some members in person and others using virtual with members calling in and using Zoom to host the electronic meeting. The Session consist of twelve voting 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 10, 2022, the following members elected to serve in the following positions for 2022: Elder Sandy Rieger 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 on four pillars – Mission, Worship, Discipleship and Finance and Operations. Three Elders and other members of the congregation volunteer to lead each pillar serving on the various committees

**Class of 2022 Class of 2023 Class 2024**

Worship Vera Beach Karl Allen Seth Cooper

Discipleship Linda Wolf Amber Hildreth Mitch McSwane

Mission Karen Elliott Larry Atwater Tracy McCabe

Finance & Operations Sandy Rieger Laura Gourley David Sinclair

Clerk of Session Ron Crabbs

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper celebrated thirteen times during the year.

The 155th Annual meeting of the Congregation conducted on Sunday, February 6, 2022, with members in fellowship and electronically by Zoom.

Presbytery did not schedule a reading of our session minutes due to the virus and social distancing.

We wish to extend a special thank you to our third year Elders…Vera Beach and Sandy Rieger who have served for six years, Linda Wolf and Karen Elliott completing three years and returning for three more years. We appreciate your untiring devotion and dedication to services. We appreciate the service and dedication of the returning Elders Class 2023 and 2024. We welcome those newly installed as the class of 2025 – Linda Wolf, Karen Elliott, Davis Tropansky and Randy Rieger.

We are truly 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,

A special thank you to Rev. Dr. Kimby Young, our pastor for having the courage and commitment to lead us through another year with the pandemic. She faced many challenges trying to schedule services while continuing to support social distancing, connecting with members of the congregation, funerals, hospital visits/calls, ZOOM meetings, newsletters and issues with internet conductivity. Through it all, she stayed positive and spiritually uplifting while sharing God’s mercy and love. We greatly appreciate her Leadership, Love and Support to our congregation.

Ron Crabbs, Clerk of Session and Secretary of the Corporation

**2022 CLERK OF SESSION’S Annual statistical report**

**MEMBERSHIP**

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

**Additions:**

Profession of Faith………………………….. 3

Reaffirmation……………………………….. 1

Transfer of Membership……………………. 0

Restored to Active Rolls……………………. 0

TOTAL ADDITIONS……………………… 4

**Sub-Total after Additions………………………………....................................186**

**Losses:**

Dismissals by Transfer……………………… 0

Death………………………………............. 9

Other Losses……………………………….. 0

TOTAL LOSSES………………………….. 9

**Membership on December 31, 2022……………………………........................177**

**OTHER STATISTICS**

**Baptisms:**

Persons 17 and under………………………. 5

Adult………………………………............... 1

TOTAL BAPTISMS……………………….. 6

**Weddings:**

Members………………………………......... 0

Non-Members……………………………… 1

TOTAL WEDDINGS……………………… 1

**Funerals:**

Member……………………………….......... 8

Inactive Member……………………………. 1

Non-Member……………………………….. 0

TOTAL FUNERALS……………………… 9

**2022 Finance and Operations Annual Report**

The Finance and Operations Pillar consists of Finance, Building and Grounds, Personnel, IT and Memorial. 2022 was a busy year for this pillar. Please find below a summary of each of these areas.

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 and the annual budget. This subcommittee 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:

2022 Income: $297,293.91

2022 Expenses: $298,741.47

**Net Loss: ($ 1,447.56)**

The sound system project exceeded donations by $11,839.74. The unfunded balance of the project was paid from the building fund.

If you are interested in reviewing the Income and Expense Statement for 2022 or the 2023 Approved Budget, they are available upon request.

The Building and Grounds subcommittee completed several updates and repairs. They include (but are not limited) to the following:

* Snow removal and lawn care was done by Maximum Lawn Care of Gardner
* North parking lot resealed
* Grounds landscape cleaned up
* Sound booth expanded in the Sanctuary
* New sound and lighting system installed in the Sanctuary
* Carpets cleaned in Fellowship Hall and Narthex and hall

Fortunately for our church, Personnel was stable for the year. The personnel subcommittee is made up of the third- and second-year reigning Elders.

Thank you to everyone who serves on the Congregational Life Pillar for their service throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Gourley

Dave Sinclair

Sandy Rieger

**2022 Discipleship Pillar Annual Report**

January – June:

* Began organizing Sunday School to start on Feb. 13, 2022
* PYF Winter Retreat and Winter Jam concert
* Traveling Day Camp confirmed for the 3rd week of June
* Ideas to think about: Oliver to use old EPIC room for a children’s theater and drama activities, Dean to start a children’s choir
* Senior Recognition on May 15, 2022
* TDC was a success: 45 campers, 5 adult helpers, 8 junior helpers, 4 story time helpers, 5 volunteers for breakfast and 5 volunteers for dinner

July – December:

* PYF canoe trip, July 10 – 13th
* Sunday School reconvened September 11 (2 groups: potty trained to 2nd grade, 3rd – 7th grades, no EPIC or high school classes
* Trunk or Treat was a success, joint event for Mission and Discipleship Pillars
* PYF fundraiser breakfast in October
* TDC was confirmed for June 17 – 21, 2023
* PYF 2023 summer trip will be going to Columbia, South Carolina
* Decided to finish Sunday School for 2022 – 23 program year on Sunday, May 7th

For 2023:

* Recruiting Sunday School helpers
* Youth Pastor/Education Director wanted
* Sunday School will begin September 10, 2023

**2022 Worship Pillar Annual Report**

**2022 Worship Pillar Members:**

**Elders: Vera Beach, Karl Allen, Seth Cooper**

**Music, Dean Faulk, Alice Rollf, Robyn Forkner**

**Sanctuary Support: Paula Waters, Karl Allen, Karen Elliott, Lois Barber**

**Decorations, Robyn Forkner**, assisted byRobyn McGuire, Oliver Schwab

**Tech: Kim Liu**, assisted by Davis Tropansky (video)

**Responsibilities:**

* Obtain monthly ushers, worship assistants, and provide training
* Obtain communion servers
* Keep sanctuary in order
* Decorate church for different seasons.
* Provide music and technical support for worship services
* Provide technical support at events, such as funerals and weddings

The primary purpose of Worship Pillar is to assist in providing a worship experience that helps each member of the congregation grow closer to God. Worship should be inspiring to the people who attend, either in person or through media, and be inviting to those who enter our sanctuary for the first time. All should feel welcome and know God’s presence.

During 2022, we were able to monitor and adjust the COVID protocol, according to the conditions in our area, and have been able to return to passing the offering plate in First Service and providing communion through passing the tray, intinction, or individual portion. With health precautions in mind, the congregation is urged to be careful and to adjust according to their needs in order to prevent the spread of newer forms of COVID, RSV, or seasonal flu. Services are held in person or are available online later in the day.

Our lighting and sound were updated this year through personnel from A to Z Theatrical Supply. The renovation was fairly extensive in that it took both time and involved the expansion of the sound booth as well as training on the new sound board. The project involved installation of equipment above the ceiling of the sanctuary so was took more time and expense than originally thought. However, the resulting equipment should successfully serve the needs of the congregation.

Our church is fortunate to have a music program that includes organ and piano music, a praise band, bell choir, and a chancel choir. We are grateful that Kimby works with Dean to select music that is appropriate for the liturgical season and the sermon topic. We thank them for their consideration in helping us worship through both word and music.

Our thanks go to Alice Rollf and Robyn Forkner for providing organ and piano music that richly enhances our worship. The power and majesty of instrumental music create a rich setting to prepare our hearts for God’s word.

Our thanks go to Dean for his leadership and to the Praise Team for their contributions of time and talent. They led the congregation with nine songs that were new to Praise Band and a count of 93 individual songs this year, bringing them to an accumulated total of 244 songs.

The Bell Choir and the Chancel Choir both have worked hard to prepare for worship. A Cantata for the Easter season was presented at the beginning of Holy Week, “God With Us: A Worship Experience for all Seasons,” and the Christmas Cantata, “The Thrill of Hope.” Our thanks to the members of both choirs for their time and dedication to our church service.

Our thanks to the members of Worship Pillar, some who have served for several years, and have given of their time and knowledge. Your dedication is appreciated. We have gradually returned to meeting in person but have maintained a Zoom connection which has helped members attend who otherwise might have to miss due to travel for jobs, family, and other responsibilities.

Lastly, we appreciate the spiritual guidance given by Kimby who has led us even when times are difficult. From the “I Am…” statements of Jesus to “40 Days of Prayer,” she provides inspiration and wisdom and extends God’s grace.

Respectfully submitted,

Vera Beach, 2022 Worship Pillar Moderator.

**2022 Mission Pillar Annual Report**

**Mission Elders:**

Karen Elliott, 2022

Larry Atwater, 2023

Tracy McCabe, 2024

**Presbyterian Women:**  Sharon Frahme

**Presbyterian Men:**  Carl Frahme

**Members-at-large:** Cindy Rollf, Laura Gourley

**Challenges for 2022:**  As we experienced the decline in COV, the pillar members had to decide what activities and events should be planned. Pillar meetings were held by zoom and in person as appropriate for the month.

**Positives:** Pillar members were involved and willing to plan and carry out any activity or event.

**Activities Supported:** Souper Bowl and Traveling Day Camp were two activities the pillar provided assistance and support. Johnson County Fair Parade was canceled due to road construction.

**Presbyterian Women:**  The ladies provided knitted hats, prayer shawls and baby blankets to various members of the congregation and community. A major project for them was Treat for Teachers, providing treats for the Gardner Edgerton School District schools. Details of these activities will be found in the Presbyterian Women Annual Report.

**Mission Pillar Events:**

Game Day, August 20, approximately 25 people attending

Trunk or Treat, October 30, approximately 200 + participants in the outdoor activities, 19 vehicles shared treats and 100 + people enjoyed chili and soup in fellowship hall.

Operation Christmas Child, 84 boxes were packed and sent.

Children’s Christmas Project: Two families with a total of 5 children received 25-30 gifts (5-6 each). This number is down from last year as the City of Gardner had fewer requests.

**Stephen Ministries:** Due to COV this program was not started. Hopefully the program will begin/resume in 2023. Another leader needs to be trained before the program begins. Interested persons should contact Kimby or Karen.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Elliott

**2022 Music Ministries Annual Report**

Music Ministries had a Great year as things have started to return to a somewhat “Normal” world. Our church is still blessed by The Praise Band leading music for the second service. 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 and dedication to our Lord. The Praise Band members graciously offered their talents to the Mixed Choir for both Cantatas this year. I am so grateful for each band member and praise singer for the blessing they are to me, our church, and the Lord.

In addition to presenting anthems each week, the Mixed Choir presented two complete cantatas this year; God with Us presented at Easter and The Thrill of Hope presented for Christmas. Both were very successful in bringing God’s message to our congregation. Many members of the choir willingly offered their voices or instruments to provide special music for the 8:45 service throughout the summer months. Thank you to Rhonda Atwater, Shana Devlin, Ella Falkner, Nancy Falkner, Robyn Forkner, Chesley Jones, Alice Rollf and Oliver Schwab for their willingness to share.

The Bell Choir continued to rehearse and present when they could. Members struggled with outside schedules that at times were very full. But their continued dedication to our church and bell choir allowed them to participate as they could. The bell choir lost three members this year as Anton Jakstrand returned to Sweden and Riccardo Ripa returned to Italy at the end of their exchange years. Ella Falkner enrolled at Kansas University to attend school. I thank each of them for their generous contribution and service to our Lord and Church.

As the fall approached, the Mixed Choir and the Bell Choirs were both able resume. The bell choir has welcomed five new members. It is always so fulling and such a blessing to hear the choirs again. I commend all the members of both choirs for their service to our Lord.

The year ended on a wonderful note with fabulous Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services in which many members of the Music Ministry willingly shared their talents. It was such a blessing to end our year in such glorious fashion.

Special Thanks to Alice Rollf for her continued service to our Lord playing the organ. Alice prepares music each week and occasionally special music all out of love for God and our Church.

Special Thank You to Robyn Forkner for her dedicated service playing the piano for the choir, special music solos, and even offering special music herself. We are truly blessed to have you as part of our ministry.

I continue to be humbled to be a part of this ministry. God’s love presented through music makes the struggles of life around us just a little bit easier. As 2023 begins there will be more music to inspire our hearts and minds to continue our service to our Lord.

In God’s Love and Service,

Dean Faulk

Director of Music Ministries

**2022 Presbyterian Youth Fellowship Annual Report**

Youth ministry began to return to normal in 2022. However, lingering restrictions, apprehension, and change in societal priorities and commitments were clearly visible. Some members and their families had found new church homes or other things that consumed their time and energy. The Lord encouraged us to continue and to embrace each opportunity. This led to growth, excitement, and renewed energy as the year progressed. Although we don’t know what the future holds for any of us on any given day, we do know that

After the devastating cancelation of the 2021 winter retreat, the PYF went back to camp in 2022 and spent two days learning and growing through our study that was aptly titled “Together”. Having spent so much time apart, the weekend revolved around the fact that God designed us to together with others and to deeply embrace what it means to be part of a family and a family of believers.

We hit the road again in the spring a concert road trip. We ventured to Evansville, Indiana in April to catch Newsboys, Mac Powell, and Danny Gokey’s shows at the Old National Events Center. It was just an overnight trip but we had a good time and enjoyed worshiping with a great crowd. These types of trips have always been popular and important for the PYF and it was meaningful to get back to them after a two year hiatus.

In July it was time once again to return to the Current River in southeastern Missouri. Eight youth and the two leaders spent four days in God’s beautiful creation. We had spectacular weather on all four days of paddling, swimming, singing, camping, and exploring.

These were just some of our large-scale events. We met most Sunday nights throughout the year for study and fellowship. Weekly gatherings are invaluable to the development of our kids’ faiths.

For the second year in a row, the PYF did not graduate any seniors. Although less than ideal, this fact keeps the existing group together longer with less change. This has also encouraged the younger kids to know each other better and to participate more in discussions and activities.

As 2022 comes to an end, we are looking forward to the new year. Several friends have become regulars and regulars have become standard bearers. The group has grown, although modestly and with unpredictable sustainability. However, nothing inspires a group of kids like a mission trip. As of this report a growing number of PYF kids are committing to a ten-day service adventure in Columbia, South Carolina in 2023. We are looking forward to the experience and sharing it with our families.

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. I continue to believe that God intends for us to be together frequently and meaningfully. We ask for your prayers and encouragement as we embark on another year of youth ministry.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dave Rollf

Youth Advisor

**2022 DEACONS Annual Report**

**Members of the Deacons by Congregational Groupings**

**2022 Officers**

MODERATOR……………………………… Carl Frahme

CO-MODERATOR………………………… open

SECRETARY…………………………………Amy Hittle

NOMINATING COMMITTEE………….. Lynn Moldrup

COMMUNION CO-CHAIR………………. Carl Frahame

COMMUNION CO-CHAIR……………….. Susan Rushing

BREAD MAKER…………………………… Judy Lenahan/Shana Devlin

GRAPE JUICE and CUPS…………………….Kelly Johnson

POLISH SILVER…………………………… Carl Frahme

TELEPHONE SHUT-INS…………………… John Kunkle/Barbara Sue Sweetwood

FUNERAL DINNER CHAIRPERSON……….Debbie Pickell

FUNERAL DINNER CO-CHAIRPERSON…. Judy Lenahan

FUNERAL DINNER VOLUNTEER CALLER…Shirley Harley

**Communion**

Covid prevented regular communion preparation until later in 2022. We served touch free prepackaged communion cups until about October. Since then, we have been having traditional Communion but using gluten-free bread in place of conventional bread.

**Cards Project**

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

**Funeral Meals**

We offered funeral meals on several occasions 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 as many congregational gatherings as we wished because of Covid. The Deacons did provide finger snacks after the Cantata on December 18.

Respectfully submitter: Carl Frahme – Moderator

**2022 Presbyterian Women’s Annual Report**

2022 Presbyterian Officers:

* Moderator: Kim Allen
* Co-Moderator: Lois Barber
* Secretary: Alice Rollf
* Treasurer: Kim Allen
* Program Studies: JoLynn Clark and Lynn Moldrup
* Mission: Karen Elliott
* Local Services (Kitchen): Debbie Pickell and Judy Lenahan
* Involvement and Action: Shana Devlin and Susan Rushing

Nomination Committee:

* Class of 2022-23: Paula Waters & Joyce Scarlett
* Class of 2024-25: Kim Allen & Marsha Cooper

Accomplishments for 2022:

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 6, 2022

This was the first Sunday of Lent; the season of Lent was emphasized with the women reading the Scripture and ushering.

Thinking of our Educators:

The Presbyterian Women recognized all the personnel in the USD 231 district. We made “Thank you Cards” for them and attached a small bag of candy or wildflower seeds.

We delivered to:

* Nike Elementary 70 cards
* Madison Elementary 85 cards
* SunFlower Elementary 62 cards
* Moonlight Elementary 68 cards
* Grandstar Elementary 78 cards
* Edgerton Elementary 44 cards
* Gardner Elementary 67 cards

Spring Bible Study: “Get out of Your Head” by Jenny Allen. It was a study of Philippians. The study started on March 3rd and ended on April 7. The bible study was done in person and on zoom.

Spring Brunch:

Spring Brunch was on April 30th and approximately 66 women attended. Our guest speaker was Poppy Zurcher. We received very positive feedback.

Fall Bible Study was “Becoming Heart Sisters” by Natalie Chambers Snapp. We had 28 women sign up for this study. The study started on September 19th and ended on October 27th.

Ladies fall Gathering November 3, 2022

Everyone brought a salad to share. We had 18 people attend. JoLynn Clark organized and activity for all. We painted rocks and put our favorite bible verse on them.

Christmas Luncheon December 3, 2022

The Christmas Luncheon was hosted by Poppy Zurcher at her home. Approximately 20 women attended. PW supplied meat and everyone brought a side dish. Poppy fixed all desserts and explained about the various desserts she had prepared. In Greece only dark desserts are eaten before Christmas to symbolize the darkness in the world. On Christmas and afterward, light colored desserts are eaten to symbolize the light if Christ coming into the world. Judy Lenahan led the group in singing several Christmas songs. A white elephant gift exchange was enjoyed by all.

Women’s Fellowship Circle

The Women’s Fellowship Circle meets the 1st Wednesday of every month from March through November. The group enjoy fellowship and devotional time. The women made activities for the children to do in church for Thanksgiving and for back to school.

The services of the Presbyterian Women

* PW Mitten Tree
* Baby blankets for new mothers
* Lap robes for residents in care facilities
* Food pantry and Community Family Support Services
* Operation Christmas Child Shoebox program
* Children’s Christmas program

Respectfully submitted by,

Kim Allen

Moderator

**2022 JOY Closet Annual Report**

JOY Closet is a mission of First Presbyterian Church. Our thrift store recently began our 10th year of providing free vouchers to individuals and families in need of assistance. We serve the Gardner-Edgerton, Wellsville, and Baldwin area school districts and provide free vouchers for families in need. Vouchers are in schools, churches, and area social agencies.

Each year, we have seen increased traffic in our store and have been blessed with increased donations as people learn of our donation center. We have increased the amount of shelving in the building allowing us to save special items by season, so that we can display the best of our contributions. Items that we do not have room for are passed on to Big Brothers Big Sisters, another area non-profit agency, for further distribution.

The number of vouchers honored for free clothing, bedding, and shoes and the monetary value for the past two years is listed below:

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| --- | --- | --- |
| 2021 | 658 | $22,988.05 |
| 2022 | 943 | $42,034.08 |

Some of the ways in which JOY Closet contributes back to the community is to provide clothing, shoes, and bedding as needed for:

* Health Room in the Gardner-Edgerton, Wellsville, and Baldwin districts.
* Olathe Medical Center Emergency Room.
* Assisting a group that delivers warm clothing, blankets, and shoes to the homeless in Kansas City.
* people in need in assisted living centers.
* a program for those in need of baby and toddler items through Argentine Presbyterian Church. We contribute items such as excess strollers, clothing, and baby beds to share with those in need.

JOY Closet is fortunate to have a location that is easily accessible and large enough to suit our needs. Currently, additional awnings and doors are being added to the building as we continue to make it even more serviceable for our needs.

JOY Closet customers this year have had the opportunity to make designated donations at the register to help others. The following donations were collected and sent this year:

$1,425.29 to Ukraine through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

$1,120.61 to Heart to Heart International

$1,252.09 to Gardner Gold Special Olympics

$ 724.04 to Secret Santa

$1,451.07 to Multi Service Center – Gardner

We are grateful to our church for the support we have been given and the ongoing prayers for our ministry. We are blessed with amazing volunteers and plentiful donations. If you haven’t visited us lately, come on in and look around. You just might see a young child with a prized toy that his Dad was able to buy or a young couple that were able to get coats for their children.

It is apparent that God has had a hand in this ministry. May it continue to bless others.

Matthew 25:35-36 NIV

**35**For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, **36**I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

**Part B**

**ITEMS REQUIRING CONGREGATION VOTE**

Terms of Call – 2023

Total Package - $ 87,594.31 (up $3,624.43)

Salary - $26,505.08 (up $1,762.28)

403b SRA - $9,000

Housing - $25,000

Total effective salary for calculating taxes and PCUSA - $60,505.08 (up $1,762.28)

Professional expense - auto, CE, etc. $3,000

Benefits PCUSA required – 39% of income: (increased by PCUSA 2%)

Medical – 27 % - $16,336.37 (up $1,650.27)

Death/disability – 1 % - $605.06

Pension – 11% - $ 6,655.56 (up $176.75)

Subtotal – 37% - ($23,596.99) (up $1,650.67)

Optional Benefits with PCUSA not required

Dental - $445.56 (up $2.16)

Vision - $46.68

Total dues to PCUSA – - $24,089.23 (up $1,650.67)

Total expenses for the congregation (up $2,203.48 from 2021) - $87,594.31 (up $3,624.43)

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 $ .65.5 cents per mile and will be submitted under the professional expense line.

*\*the IRS mileage rate for 2023 is 65.5 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 $9,257.28 Regular employees earning a similar salary would pay half of this amount ($4,628.64) 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.