

Morrisville Presbyterian Church



Annual Report April 2021 - June 2022

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Pastor's Letter

Grounded in the grace of God, we are a vibrant Christian community, disciples of all ages, gathered for worship and nurture, scattered to serve and to love.

My dearest friends,

When I last contributed to our annual report I was recounting the days from March 2020 - March 2021, when the most common phrase we uttered was, "we've never done it this way before." While that phrase has continued to be needed into much of 2021 and even into 2022, as we've navigated life amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, I am so grateful that MPC has remained steadfast in its commitment to our mission and ministry together and it continues to be a great privilege to be your pastor.



Without question, it has been 18 months (March 2021 - Present) full of change and transition. Some of that change has been obvious and expected as we've returned to the building and navigated planned staff and leadership transitions. Other changes have caught us off guard or taken place very suddenly as we had to shift with the changing landscape of the pandemic and hold our plans loosely. Nevertheless, in the midst of the change, many of you have stepped up to provide additional support and leadership and I am deeply grateful for the ways you have served so faithfully. These 18 months have been far easier because of your faithful commitment to our life together, and I want to extend to you my deep thanks.

As I mentioned previously, in these past 18 months we have navigated a great deal of staff and leadership transition, and have said goodbye to staff members we dearly loved. In May of 2021, we said goodbye to both Rich Drabb, who retired from his long time position as property manager, and to Molly Ramsey who had been our pastoral intern since September of 2019. In July of 2021, we said goodbye to Diane Toner, who had been our faithful administrative assistant for over six years. In addition, in the summer of 2022, we said goodbye to Christine Reed, who had been our Nursery Coordinator for several years. Each of these departures have been deeply felt, and each of these people have been dearly missed in the life of MPC. Thankfully, however, the Personnel Committee had substantial time to plan for these transitions, allowing them to happen seamlessly and with little to no interruption in the daily life of the church.

Dave Sterling joined the staff as our new property manager in the spring of 2021, and in the fall, we welcomed Nicole Brice as our new administrative assistant and Yun Kang as our new principal organist. In the summer of 2022, Nicole Brice also took on the role of nursery coordinator, and this fall we will welcome Tori Paquette, a new pastoral intern from Princeton Seminary. It has certainly been a season of change and transition, and yet, I have regularly taken note of what a remarkable season it has been as well. Each day I am grateful for the giftedness and collaboration of this new staff that has taken shape, and I continue to give thanks for a Personnel Committee that has seen this church through it all. So much of their work is

thankless and happens behind the scenes, but they have been an ongoing source of support for me and for our entire staff in the midst of an unprecedented pandemic and an extraordinary amount of change. When you have a moment, please thank Personnel Committee Chair, Patrick Gilbride, as well as the Personnel Committee members who have served faithfully throughout each of these staff transitions: Erin Aronson, Beth Curtiss, Bill Hughes, DeeAnn Martin, and Tony Zazzu. While several of them have rolled off the committee in the past six months, I give particular thanks for the support they provided for our church and have provided to me, time and again. Alongside these staff transitions, we also extended our heartfelt thanks to Ron Workman who stepped down from his post as clerk of session after 24 years of faithful service, and we welcomed Ruling Elder Lisa Zazzu as our new clerk of session.

Amidst all this change, there are also things that have remained constant and steadfast. The vast majority of our ministries and missions have remained fully functional in spite of the changing landscape of the pandemic. We have continued to provide vibrant, weekly worship and give thanks for the gift of our faithful choir and livestream team each week. And we give thanks that despite all the circumstances that have surrounded us these past 18 months, we have continued to welcome new friends into the life and ministry of MPC; through worship, Bible study, education, baptism, confirmation, and new member classes, some of which have taken place entirely online.

Your church leadership boards have also remained steadfast in their commitment to our life together. Your Deacons have continued to serve our church family so faithfully both on Sunday mornings and throughout the year. And they have led the entire church in efforts to care for our neighbors in the immediate area through our Backpack Drive, Angel Tree, etc.

Your Trustees continue to take excellent care of our finances and facilities, and are in the process of securing plans for a major renovation to our Memorial Garden that will make it more accessible and more welcoming for both fellowship and worship opportunities.

Your Session continues to be a gift to the entire congregation through their faithful leadership and efforts to discern where God is moving in our life together. Not only has this Session borne the responsibility of navigating the difficult realities of COVID-19 in the life of our congregation, but they have done so with faithfulness and a courage of conviction that has moved me at every turn. They care deeply for this church family, and that has been evident in every difficult conversation they have endured and every difficult decision they have made. None of this has been easy, but it has been a gift to see their faithfulness to one another and to our life together as they have sought to discern what is best for MPC. They have been aided in that work through the incredibly faithful work of our COVID-19 Task Force, a group that continues to serve the church at the pleasure of the Session. When you see them, please be sure to thank the following individuals who have served on that Task Force since spring of 2020: Drew Hunger (Chair), AK Rosenbaum, Nancy Stoner, Ron Workman, and Alex Lester-Abdalla. Though some of these folks have begun to roll off this task force, they are all recipients of my deep gratitude and I know yours as well. Current Elders, Mark Schnurr (new Chairperson) and Elizabeth Dugan have joined the work of this group and I hope you will continue to express your gratitude for these folks who are so willing to give their time and energy for the sake of our safety and well-being in our life together.

As we journey into another fall together at MPC, I am especially excited to see what God has in store. Not only do we feel like we're finally able to plan again after two and a half years of holding everything loosely, but your Session has also begun to ask harder questions about who we are and who we feel God is calling us to be. Alongside all the other business of the church, in the past six months the Session has intentionally begun to engage questions about our connection to Morrisville. Who are our neighbors in Morrisville? How is God calling us to be more connected to the community in which we reside? And how can we enter into a season of listening and learning in an effort to answer these questions? It's exciting stuff! And as is often the case, I imagine the Spirit has more in store for us than we can even imagine or fathom.

My friends, it is a privilege to continue to serve in a church that so deeply values our witness to God's faithfulness, compassion, mercy, love, justice, and peace in the world, and I am grateful to be serving in ministry alongside each of you. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to our life together. I can't wait to see what God will do with us and through us and among us in the year to come!

With abiding hope for our life together,
Rachel



Associate Pastor for Lifelong Faith Formation & Mission

Alex Lester-Abdalla

Dear Priesthood of All Believers,

Momentum. That's the word. People can gain momentum—like when two children send their youngest sibling down a steep hill in a grocery cart. People can also lose momentum—like when a parent catches said child right after being pushed down the hill and then turns to the older siblings with a glare that says, “What on earth were you thinking!”

Churches are learning that we can also gain and lose momentum. The pandemic threw the emergency brake against any momentum that we had coming into 2020. While our church legs were ready to go on mission trips and retreats, the pandemic yelled, “Stop!” While our church arms were ready to serve in the Food Center, Clothing Center, and all the other ministries of the church, the pandemic said, “Don't get too close!” While our church's heads and hearts wanted to be together in the classroom, in Fellowship Hall, and in the sanctuary, the pandemic said, “Not now!” Due to the pandemic, our church body had lost the ability to gather, worship, and nurture in the ways our muscle memory had built up for decades. In short, we lost momentum—momentum that will take years to rebuild.

And that is what we have been doing. Your church family has been building momentum. One member by one member we have been building on the memory of what has been done before and combining it with the miracles we found in our response to the pandemic. Teachers returned to their classrooms. Students gathered for Bible study. Youth worked in West Virginia. Confirmants shared their statements of faith and joined the church. The Food Center gave groceries by the curbside. The Clothing Center reopened and raised thousands of dollars. And the Book Distribution expanded from carts to a market in the parking lot. Building momentum is challenging, and that challenge will not go away after one year. But day by day, week by week, month by month, and year by year we will start to see the ball continue to grow larger and move faster down this hill of ministry all in the hope of landing squarely as God's peaceful and loving kingdom here in Morrisville.

So I hope you will join us in our adventure as we are listening to the Spirit's movement and building the momentum at MPC. Sunday School classes of all ages will return to in-person learning this fall and there is a spot for you to grow in faith as a teacher or a student. Adult retreats, young adult gatherings, and fellowship hours are returning so we can take a deep breath and enjoy life with one another. Youth Club will continue to gather for games, comradery, and service as we seek to create a space where young people can thrive. Our session is discerning how our church can be a better neighbor in Morrisville, as we build on the wonderful work of our Centers and our relationship with Ivins Outreach ministry. I give great thanks for the countless hours of Sunday School teachers preparing lessons, for parents who believe in the importance of faith formation for their children, for the ushers who create a safe



and welcoming space in our sanctuary, for our volunteers who build houses with Habitat or make sure folks in Trenton find food. For indeed the momentum is building. Thanks be to God.

Grace and Peace,
Alex



Minister of Visitation Reverend Jack McAnlis

The pandemic continued to present many challenges for pastoring to members of MPC. Options for providing ongoing care remain even if face-to-face visits are not always possible. And it is still important that I, along with every member of the congregation, and nation, do everything we can to slow the spread of COVID-19.

During the year, there were anywhere from twelve to twenty members of MPC living, permanently or temporarily, in nursing homes and rehabilitation centers. Many of them had a hospital stay prior to a move requiring additional care before returning home. Regular visits at all of these stages are possible as long as medical protocols are followed. That usually means wearing a mask which often creates an obstacle for good communication. Besides members who were in various medical and retirement facilities, MPC has several other members living on their own or with help from family and friends who may need a call from time to time. All-in-all, the effort of visitation is worth it to let members of our church community know that the grace of Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit is present.



So, during the past year, my ministry included:

- Continuing to keep in touch with many people with telephone calls, emails, voicemail, and sending cards and letters, and being available to their family members.
- Maintaining the “MPC Prayer List.” This is a list of nearly 200 people of the congregation and community who have requested prayers for themselves and others who need prayer and are placed on the list at the request of a family member, friend, or one of the ministers. This list (often updated every week) is emailed to about forty church members who use the list during their personal devotions. It is also used weekly by members who gather after the Brown Bag Bible Study and offer prayers of intercession for people on the list.
- Providing worship leadership and preaching when requested.
- Attending the “Brown Bag Bible Study” every week via Zoom, providing leadership when called upon.
- Officiating at funerals for members of the church and community.
- Providing committees of the church and Deacons with a list of members and friends of MPC with whom we want to keep in contact.
- Sitting with the Stewardship Committee and assisting as needed.
- Teaching a multi-week Adult Education class on the Reformation and Presbyterianism in the United States

I continue to give thanks for the members of Congregational Ministries Committee and the Deacons, who make regular and concrete contacts with members of MPC. Their efforts show some of the compassionate sides of our congregation. May we all continue to serve and love one another in the name of Jesus, the Christ.

The Peace of Christ be with you all,
The Reverend Jack McAnlis



Clerk's Report

The composition of the Congregation and the Session

<u>Race</u>	<u>Congregation</u>	<u>Session</u>
Asian	1	0
African-American	5	0
Hispanic	1	0
Native-American	0	0
White	367	14
All Other	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	374	14
<u>Age</u>		
25 & Under	13%	0%
26-40	9%	7%
41-55	9%	36%
56-70	35%	50%
Over 70	34%	7%
<u>Sex</u>		
Male	39%	50%
Female	61%	50%

Report to the General Assembly

Membership, January 1, 2021 **382**

Additions

Adult Profession of Faith, Reaffirmation & Restoration	9
Transfer from Other Churches	4
Confirmation Class	<u>0</u>
Total	13

Losses

By Deaths	13
By Transfer to Other Churches	1
Other Session Removals	7
Total	<u>21</u>

Membership, December 31, 2021 **374**

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Zazzu, Clerk of Session

COVID-19 Task Force

Summary

The COVID-19 pandemic remained present in our community from early 2020 through mid-year 2022. Vaccines became available in early 2021, and booster shots came available in late 2021. MPC's early protective measures for attendees in the sanctuary have been relaxed as area vaccination rates have greatly increased and hospitalizations have decreased.

Detail

On March 22, 2021, the Session approved the Task Force's recommendation to reopen the sanctuary on April 18, 2021, which had been closed since November 10, 2020. The protective actions of wearing masks, social distancing through every other pew being used, and ventilating areas through open windows and air circulation, continued to be used. In order to avoid violating the social distancing requirements in the sanctuary, signups for worship were initiated.

In late spring 2021, the Delta variant of the coronavirus arrived in our community. The protective actions at the church and the increasing number of congregants getting vaccinated provided effective protection against this variant.

Attendance during worship service in the sanctuary was fully accommodated by the social distancing protective actions in place so signups for attendance were eliminated.

In early fall 2021, congregants had the opportunity to get booster shots of the vaccine, as the effectiveness of the original vaccine began to wane.

In late December, the highly-transmissible Omicron variant of the coronavirus arrived in the community, and the Session approved the Task Force's recommendation to close the sanctuary again because of the rapidly-growing number of cases in our community.

In January, the Session approved the Task Force's recommendation that the sanctuary be reopened beginning on February 6, 2022. The recommendation was based on improving metrics associated with rapidly-declining cases of the Omicron variant.

On February 25, 2022, the CDC issued new guidance on community COVID-19 levels and its impact on indoor wearing of masks. The CDC classified Bucks County at a YELLOW/MEDIUM community risk level, and then on March 3, 2022, the CDC reclassified Bucks County at a GREEN/LOW community risk level. Per the CDC guidance, the wearing of masks indoors could be optional.

The Session approved the Task Force's recommendations and major changes to the Plan to Address COVID-19 at MPC. This was communicated to the congregation on March 10, 2022. The changes made were the following:

- The wearing of masks became optional in all areas of the church.
- Masks should continue to be worn by all who take care of and closely talk to children under 5 years old, e.g., teachers and monitors, and pastors during Time for Young Disciples.
- Social distancing barriers can be removed in the sanctuary.
- Passing of the peace should be continued with sign language.
- Communion by intinction should be resumed.

- Food consumption indoors should be permitted.
- Room occupancy limits should be removed.
- Fans and all five air filtration units should continue in operation when the sanctuary is being used, but windows need not be cracked open when weather doesn't permit.
- Anyone who wears a mask should not be made uncomfortable by others for wearing a mask.
- Groups meeting in the church can determine whether people in the group desire all to wear masks.

Submitted by Drew Hunger on behalf of the COVID-19 Task Force.

Board of Trustees

The Trustees oversee the corporate matters of MPC such as finances, investments, insurance policies and maintaining the building and grounds. All nine Trustees are corporation directors and four of us are its officers. Our primary committees are Finance, and Building & Grounds. Our members also serve on Session's Church Nominating, Memorial Fund, Personnel, and Stewardship committees, and throughout the year we have a representative attend Session meetings to update the Elders about our activities.

In addition to managing MPC's finances and investments throughout the year, the Finance Committee also accomplished the following projects:

1. To assist the organization when offered various types of gifts/donations, a Gift Policy was drafted and approved by both the Trustees and Session. Although most gifts are monetary and free of any terms of use, occasionally donations come with stipulations and/or restrictions which we may feel are too onerous to accept. In addition, we occasionally are offered non-monetary gifts which we may not have use for and may be unable to easily dispose of. Having a formal policy to address the process we should follow to determine whether gifts offered to MPC are appropriate to accept should be beneficial to the church in the future.
2. A thorough review of historical records of the Birks and Roberts Scholarship Endowments was performed which clarified when the original gifts were received, the original donors, the background of the people the monies were donated in memory of, the original gift endowment amounts, and the related scholarship terms. It was determined that the 1968 Birks endowment gifts totaled \$24,346 cumulatively; while the 1987 Roberts endowment totaled \$25,000. Due to their somewhat restrictive scholarship terms (Birks for ministry only but open to non-MPC members; Roberts for ministry or medical scholarships but only for MPC members) and stock market gains over the years, the balances of both these endowments had grown considerably. The Finance Committee's recommendation was approved in May 2022 by both the Trustees and Session to transfer all excess gains over and above the original endowment amounts from the respective endowment fund to the corresponding temporarily restricted scholarship fund. By doing so, approximately \$51K of Birks

Endowment monies and \$25K of Roberts Endowment monies were transferred to temporarily restricted scholarship funds for use in providing far higher Birks/Roberts scholarships in the future.

3. While researching the Birks/Roberts endowment history, the Counseling Endowment Fund history was also researched where it was determined that there never was any permanent restriction placed on the principal of these monies. As a result, with Trustee and Session approval, the entire Counseling fund balance of approximately \$70K was transferred from an Endowment Fund to a temporarily restricted fund with Session to address how best to utilize these monies for Counseling purposes.

Since the last Annual Report, the work of maintaining, coordinating use, and improving the buildings and grounds of MPC continued through transitions and the challenges of the pandemic.

Our long-term Property Manager, Rich Drabb retired in May 2021. While we still see Rich, we wish him well in this new phase of his life. We are most fortunate to have David Sterling as our new property manager. Dave had about six weeks of transition time with Rich and has been handling things ever since.



As the pandemic required adjustments in rules, Dave remained at the center, managing building usage by all the MPC groups, our tenants, and the many others that use the building. In addition to managing and doing the regular maintenance, Dave has managed several projects.

- Two new air purifier units are in place in the sanctuary, in addition to those previously installed in the first floor ventilation system and portable units.
- Exterior lighting has been improved in many places around the building and in the parking lot.
- The Education Wing bathroom upgrades were completed.
- The concrete steps leading to the Communication Center and the Education Wing were resurfaced and new railings added.
- The asphalt areas of the parking lot and roads were sealed.
- A new crepe myrtle tree was planted in honor of Nancy Barron near the Education Wing sidewalk and the parking lot.
- The tree inside the MPC Nursery School playground was removed due to exposed roots causing a hazard.
- WiFi cabling has been reworked and additional access points added.
- Drainage issue on the exterior wall of the Clothing Center was addressed.

Special thanks to Larry Low for continuing to work on Building and Grounds after leaving the Board of Trustees.

In addition to the routine matters above, we have been planning a major upgrade of the Memorial Garden. This will be a multi-faceted project overseen by an ad hoc committee of Pastor Rachel Rhodes, Seth McHenry, and Larry Low.

Our Memorial Garden was designed in 1989 and construction commenced shortly after. The project was funded by numerous member donors. The goal was to improve the general appearance of the area and offer final resting places for those who wish to be interred on church property. After over thirty years, the plantings have become overgrown, the pavers have deteriorated, and there is no access for those with mobility limitations. In addition to addressing those concerns, we are exploring the ability to add a larger gathering area to better accommodate services and events. Our primary goals are as follows:



- Create a more welcoming and accessible site with the addition of an entry ramp from the north narthex exit door to the Memorial Garden.
- Design the hard surface area to be easily accessible to those using wheelchairs and walking aids.
- Remedy all drainage issues in the area.
- Move the brick sundial out of the Garden and beyond the extended area to a site to be determined.
- Remove many of the overgrown plantings and replace with more compact varieties.
- Remove and replace the existing pavers with new larger pavers that embrace mold- and moss-resistant technologies.
- Extend the paver hard surface area to the distance of the sanctuary north chancel exit door.
- Keep the area beyond the paver surface open outward onto the lawn toward Pennsylvania Avenue.
- Add a small parking area off of Chapel Drive to accommodate vehicles transporting those with mobility issues.
- Protect and preserve the large red oak tree planted in the center of the Garden in memory of Army Warrant Officer William Breece Jr., who lost his life in the Vietnam War in 1968.

We have engaged the landscape design firm CF Land to develop a plan that embraces all of our goals. Please be assured persons in their final resting places will not be disturbed.

Future projects in the pipeline include upgrading the security system with multiple cameras and improving the lighting in our parking lot. Our work is accomplished with the constant support of Senior Pastor Rachel Rhodes and Property Manager David Sterling. We appreciate all that they do.

Submitted by Clark Martin on behalf of the Trustees.

MPC Financial Summary

	<u>12 Months Ended December 31, 2021</u>	<u>12 Months Ended December 31, 2020</u>
OPERATING REVENUE		
Pledges	\$474,879	\$457,763
Plate	18,516	14,784
Per Capita	3,785	4,190
Special Offerings	4,720	3,244
Building Rent/Usage	25,420	21,403
Investment Income	108,776	75,048
All Other	12,780	20,430
Total Operating Revenue	648,876	596,862
EXPENSES		
Ministry	204,044	197,185
Building and Grounds	173,840	150,159
Admin and Finance	76,233	69,735
Benevolence	60,736	55,288
Child & Family	965	2,512
Communications & Evangelism	15,906	12,986
Congregational Ministries	12,555	13,243
Educational Ministry	1,070	2,170
Music Ministry	52,551	46,917
Personnel	1,765	2,522
Stewardship	4,390	2,959
Worship Programs	3,128	3,152
Young Adult Ministry	0	204
Youth Ministry	3,166	3,761
Total Operating Expense	608,349	562,793
OPERATING EXCESS/ (SHORTFALL)	\$40,527	\$34,069
EXTRAORDINARY OTHER INCOME		
Bequests	2,932	2,952
Restricted Gifts	121,497	0
Unrestricted Gifts	0	28,648
Paycheck Protection Program Proceeds	0	73,125
EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSE		
Major Projects	36,120	31,352
Benevolences on Extraordinary Income	17,158	19,422
NET EXCESS/ (SHORTFALL)	\$111,678	\$88,019

Note: The above includes all MPC activity with the exception of the Food Center, Memorials Fund, Deacons Fund, Presbyterian Women, Nursery School, and Ivins Outreach Center, all of whose records are maintained by separate treasurers. See their individual reports.

2021 MPC INVESTMENT SUMMARY BY FUND

	Balance		2021 Activity					Balance
	12/31/2020		Donations	Interest/Dividends	Market Gains/(Losses)	Transfers	Withdrawals	12/31/2021
PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED ENDOWMENTS:								
Partlow Endowment	\$1,263,911			\$36,304	\$222,912	(\$309,600)		\$1,213,527
Birks Scholarship Endowment	71,186			2,456	14,119	(2,456)		\$85,305
Roberts Scholarship Endowment	48,126			1,661	9,546	(1,661)		\$57,672
Wende Stover Memorial Garden Endowment	0		8,753	151	868	(151)		\$9,621
TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED FUNDS:								
Partlow Capital Improvement Fund	850,592			35,580	167,926	283,900	(30,001)	\$1,307,997
Counseling Fund	67,120			2,316	13,312	(2,316)		\$80,432
Women's Retreat	58,672			1,327	(1,987)			\$58,012
Pastor Housing Fund	40,482			916	(1,371)			\$40,027
Donation for Pastor Discretion	0		82,392	932	(1,395)			\$81,929
Music Fund	0		20,598	155	(232)		(6,931)	\$13,590
Garden Care	7,531			171	(255)			\$7,447
Wende Stover Memorial Garden	0				(3)	151		\$148
Children & Youth Bible and Crosses/Christian Ed	10,623			240	(359)			\$10,504
Youth in Mission	6,791			154	(230)			\$6,715
Youth Club	14,722			332	(498)			\$14,556
Scholarship Funds:								
Birks	9,596			206	(349)	2,456	(1,000)	\$10,909
Roberts	5,090			115	(201)	1,661		\$6,665
C. Burgess	3,403			77	(116)			\$3,364
Patti Jane Reeves	15,307			346	(518)			\$15,135
McClanen	4,774		860	117	(176)			\$5,575
Borden	2,896			43	(64)		(2,000)	\$875
New Wilmington/Pastor Continuing Ed	5,186			117	(175)			\$5,128
UNRESTRICTED:								
General Reserve	1,126,510			25,015	(37,483)	28,016	(66,637)	\$1,075,421
TOTALS	\$3,612,518		\$112,603	\$108,731	\$383,271	\$0	(\$106,569)	\$4,110,554

Note: The above represents all MPC Investments with the exception of those of the Food Center, Memorials Fund, Deacons Fund, Presbyterian Women, Nursery School and Vins Outreach Center, all of whose records are maintained by separate Treasurers. See their separate reports.

Note: The above funds with longer-term time horizons were invested primarily in stock mutual funds which realized large market gains in 2021 as the stock market did very well; however, funds with shorter-term time horizons were invested primarily in bond mutual funds which incurred small losses in 2021.

INVESTMENT FUND DESCRIPTIONS

Permanently Restricted Endowments - monies in these funds are assets subject to donor-imposed legal restrictions requiring the principal to be maintained permanently by the Church. Generally, the donors of these assets permit the Church to use part or all of the income earned on related investments for specific purposes.

1. Partlow Endowment - Hilda Partlow bequeathed MPC \$1,236,000 in 2012-14 requiring the principal amount remain untouched with only earnings on the original gift allowed to be spent. Interest and dividend income is transferred annually to our Unrestricted General Reserve account for use in funding regular church activities. Market gains on the Endowment are periodically transferred to the Temporarily Restricted Partlow fund. If the Partlow Endowment fund balance falls below the original \$1,236 MM gift amount, no transfers will take place until market gains return the fund to an amount in excess of the original gift.
2. Birks Scholarship Endowment - William James Birks was a strong Christian who actively encouraged youth to enter the ministry. Shortly after Birks died in 1968, his mother started donating monies to MPC to fund an endowment in her son's name for use by the church in awarding scholarships to youth interested in entering the ministry. Prior to her death in 1982, she donated a total of \$24,346 to the endowment. Earnings from this fund are transferred annually to a temporarily restricted Birks scholarship fund, which awards ministerial scholarships to qualified candidates.
3. Roberts Scholarship Endowment - Mary Carver Roberts, an MPC member, passed away in 1983. A few years later, her sister, Ella Carver Duke, donated \$25,000 to MPC for the creation of a scholarship endowment in her sister's name; the earnings of which are to be used for scholarships to MPC members who are interested in careers in either the ministry or medical fields. These earnings are transferred annually to a temporarily restricted Roberts scholarship fund for use in awarding the scholarships.
4. Wendt Stover Memorial Garden Endowment - in 2021, the Stover family donated \$8,500 for the establishment of an endowment fund in the memory of Wendt Stover, the earnings of which are to be utilized for the maintenance of Wendt's garden. Earnings from this endowment account are transferred annually to the temporarily restricted Stover Memorial Garden fund for use in maintaining Wendt's garden.

Temporarily Restricted Funds - monies in these funds are assets subject to donor-imposed restrictions that may or will be met either by actions of the Church or the passage of time. Temporarily restricted assets consist primarily of contributions and related investment income which are used for the purposes specified by the terms of the original gift.

1. Partlow Capital Improvement Fund - consists of cumulative market gains from the Partlow Endowment Fund transferred periodically into this fund. Session has designated these monies for use as an MPC Capital Improvement Fund with distributions used to fund Major Capital Projects. Monies in this fund have recently been used to pay for, among many other capital projects, the \$168,000 cost of resurfacing the church parking lot in 2017 and the \$150,000 cost of plumbing repairs & asbestos remediation in the Education wing, furnace replacement and bathroom renovations in 2018.

2. Counseling Fund - in the early 1970's MPC received \$20,000 from the Schreyer Foundation for use in providing Counseling services to the MV community. However, little of these monies were actually ever dispensed. Over time, the fund grew substantially due to stock market gains. Although classified as permanently restricted monies for the last 15-20 years, after much research it was determined that these monies were never permanently restricted. So in June 2022 Session agreed these monies should be re-classified from Permanently Restricted to Temporarily Restricted funds. The attached spreadsheet of MPC investments has reclassified the Counseling monies to the Temp Restricted bucket with the expectation that Session will address how these monies can be most effectively utilized for Counseling purposes in the future.

3. Womens Retreat - memorial gift in the name of Dot Scheideman, for use in partially funding Womens Retreats.
4. Pastor Housing Fund - these monies were generated via the sale of MPC manuses and were designated by Session for use in assisting new incoming MPC pastors with housing assistance (loans) during their time at MPC.

5. Donation for Pastor Discretion - Gift provided to MPC in 2021; to be used at the discretion of the Sr Pastor.
6. Music Fund - Gift to MPC in 2021 for use by the Music Director to fund special music or musical events.
7. Garden Care - for use in maintaining MPC Memorial gardens.
8. Wendt Stover Memorial Garden - income from the Stover Endowment above to be used to maintain Wendt's Garden (at the base of the stairway leading from the education wing to the parking lot). In absence of a need to fund the upkeep of the Garden, annual interest is to be provided to the MPC Food Center.
9. Children & Youth Bible and Crosses - for use in purchasing children & youth bibles, crosses for new confirmands and/or other Christian Education purchases.
10. Youth in Mission - monies for use in the annual YIM trip or programs.
11. Youth Club - monies for Youth Club activities.
12. Birks Scholarship Fund - as noted above, these monies are from the earnings of the Birks Endowment Fund (see above) and are to be used for scholarships to youth interested in pursuing careers in the ministry. Available to men and women. MPC membership is not a requirement.
13. Roberts Scholarship Fund - as noted above, these monies are from the earnings of the Roberts Endowment Fund and are to be used for scholarships to MPC members interested in pursuing careers in either the ministry or medical fields.
14. Burgess Scholarship - memorial gift for Clara Burgess received in the late 1940's. Gift to be used for need based scholarships; generally \$500/year.
15. Patti Jane Reeves Scholarship - memorial gift received in 2010 for scholarships to MPC members exhibiting academic excellence, community service and commitment to MPC. Scholarship awards are generally the greater of \$500/yr or 5% of the fund corpus.
16. McClanen Scholarship - memorial gift received in 1970's. Endowment held by the Presbyterian Foundation with earnings sent to MPC quarterly. Endowment earnings to be used for scholarships in memory of Don McClanen, founder of Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Don's parent's were MPC members. Endowment earnings to be used for scholarships for need based students.
17. Borden Scholarship - memorial gift for Helen Borden received in early 2010's. Gift to be used for scholarships for need based students.
18. New Wilmington Scholarship - 1981 gift from Dr. & Mrs. James Grey for scholarships to the New Wilmington (PA) Missionary Conference or for similar missionary conferences or for pastor continuing education.

Unrestricted:

1. General Reserve - monies available for any church related purpose.

Stewardship Committee

It has been a joyful year to serve on MPC’s Stewardship Committee as this congregation has reminded us time and time again, through your generosity, of God’s great provision. Thank you!

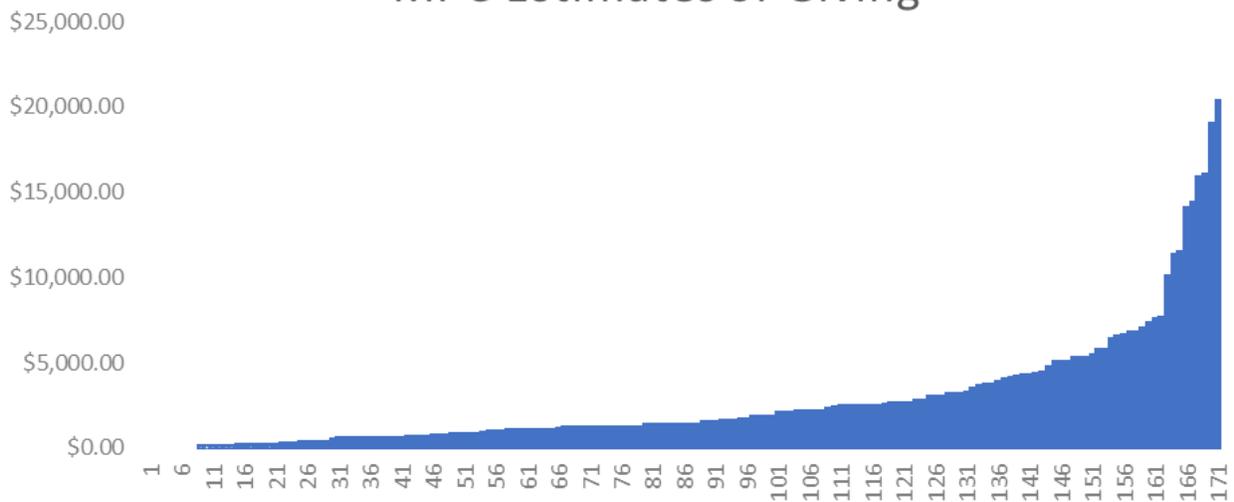


What you have done as the church:

Calendar 2021 saw our highest level of pledge giving since 2013! 2021 pledge giving reached \$472K, which is more than \$25K above budget (\$445K). Thanks be to God! For 2022, we have continued the positive trend, budgeting \$470K. At mid-year, we are right on budget. For 2022, 35 percent of members increased their pledge. 4 percent of members doubled their pledge. Nearly 100 percent of members who joined MPC in the last three years

pledged. The average pledge increased by over \$200. **171 Estimates of Giving were received for 2022. Pledges ranged from \$0 to \$21,000, with the average pledge of almost \$2,700. Thank you for being part of this incredible movement.**

MPC Estimates of Giving



Stewardship by MPC members goes far beyond pledged giving. We want to acknowledge in this report the support of the Ukraine Relief Fund, Youth in Mission to West Virginia, the Deacons Backpack Drive, the Food Center, and so many other offshoots of stewardship that are thriving because of you.

What we have done as the committee:

Stewardship Committee continues to elevate communications about giving to the church and other causes throughout the year, not just during “Stewardship Season.” This took shape as: fall and spring video series featuring members, “Why MPC,” and "Stewardship Journeys," a Per-Capita campaign that resulted in ~\$4K budget favorability for Per-Capita giving, launching mobile giving through the Vanco Mobile app, and other creative posts and email blasts updating the congregation on financial giving to MPC.

We give thanks that MPC can share the love and charity of Jesus Christ throughout the world and, with your help, will continue to do so into the future.

Faithfully submitted: Caroline Thompson, Rev. Rachel Rhodes, Rev. Jack McAnlis, Bill Hughes, Drew Hunger, Wendy McCleskey, Matt Bausher

Board of Deacons (BOD)

Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act.
1 Proverbs 2:27

Throughout a year which continued to bring challenges, the Morrisville Presbyterian Church Board of Deacons continued its commitment to serve both our beloved church and its surrounding community.

In the early months of 2022, our regular responsibilities were starting to return, including monthly Fellowship Hour during the summer, ushering at services, and Monday night food packing for the Food Center. Additionally, the Deacons purchased critically needed medical supplies, first aid kits and video supplies which both updated and enhanced our church equipment.

The Deacons continued to participate in weekly food packing to support the Food Center at MPC.

Deacons sponsored a backpack initiative for the Food Center, ultimately providing fifty backpacks filled with supplies for local high school students in Morrisville, Bensalem, and Bristol as they prepared for the 2021-2022 school year.



The Deacons have continued to undergo training to understand new responsibilities and protocols for ushers as the pandemic continues, helping to provide a safe environment for those who worship inside the building.

The Deacons maintained the delivery of flowers at Christmas to our shut-ins, the initiative having a wonderful impact in helping church members feel connected even when we are apart, and these are most appreciated by the recipients.

The Deacons with resolve and commitment, masked up and moved the holiday food packing to outside. In many ways, the continuation of our holiday food basket program presented our greatest challenge. Using the church parking lot as our staging, packing and distribution area, we successfully intertwined safety protocols into the task and joyfully welcomed Junior Deacons and other youth to our efforts. In fact, due to a greater need, we expanded our distribution to ninety-six bags - a significant 33 percent increase over past events – and maintained this level for the year.

In times of both normalcy and crisis, the Deacons will continue to support our congregation and broader community. In the words of one Deacon, "I am most proud of the Christian spirit of the Board of Deacons. The group is humble, kind and compassionate, always seeking to serve those in need and in the midst of life challenges."

We wish to thank all at MPC who have supported, led and joined us in our ministry throughout this tumultuous time, and look forward to both seeing you and resuming many of our other traditional responsibilities in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Garcia, Moderator, with Fran Akelewicz, Co-moderator, and Andy Beidler, Donna Damiani, John Damiani, Heidi Dous, Karen Hill, Beth Keys, Kathy Larkin, Jim Levan, Ruth Levan, Tracy Massey, Cindy Moskow, Lori Newman, Joy Rees, Patti Sheffer, Tom Smith, Tim Stover, Tim Yost, Jennifer Jones, Bill Miller, Eric Moyer-Harrington, Christy Stephenson, and Wendy Yazujian

Memorial Fund Committee

The Memorial Fund Committee receives donations made to the church in memory of church members and other friends of the church. We evaluate and act upon requests, made primarily by the Trustees and Session Committees, to disperse the funds to organizations within the church. Members of the Committee are Clerk of Session Lisa Zazzu, Church Treasurer Gary Ward and Trustee Clark Martin.

Donations during the period of January 1, 2021 through July 31, 2022 were \$20,406 and disbursements were \$6,387 primarily to the music program. The balance in the Fund at the end of the period was \$51,350.

Submitted by Lisa Zazzu on behalf of the Memorial Fund Committee.

Presbyterian Women (PW)

All women of MPC are considered members of Presbyterian Women. PW has changed over the years but we continue to adapt and strive to fulfill the goals of PW: nurturing the faith of all women, supporting mission, working toward justice and peace, and witnessing the promise of Christ. A core group of dedicated board members has met on an as-needed basis to work toward these goals. This is done through raising money to distribute to missions in need and supporting circle meetings and activities.

Circles returned to meeting in person this program year, mixing in the occasional Zoom meeting. Deborah Circle (fifteen women) met on the second Monday of the month at noon and this past year hosted a variety of speakers, enjoyed the fellowship of a lunch out, and donated to mission. Rebecca Circle (thirty-two women) met on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 pm and shared devotions, prayers of joy and concerns, hosted speakers and had a “field trip” to Snipes Farm. The yearly pledge drive was held in the fall and due to the generosity of our members, \$3,400.00 was distributed to many worthy groups such as Bucks County Opportunity Council, Ivins Outreach Center, Adopt South African Preschool, CASA of Mercer County, feminine hygiene product donation to the Food Center at MPC, camp scholarships to Snipes Farm and Education Center, MPC Youth in Mission and the MPC Deacon Backpack Drive.



PW Board members: Beth Curtiss, Nancy Kernan, Marion Rea, DeeAnn Martin, Carol Evans

Personnel Committee

The 2021-22 program year has been an exciting one for Personnel as we worked hard to support a return to normalcy, a return to full staff, a return to the office and some transition on our committee.

After a busy summer 2021 of resume reading, interviews and offer letters, for the first time in many, many years, we are at full staff! Thanks be to God! In May of last year, we welcomed Dave Sterling as our new property manager, following the retirement of Rich Drabb. After 1-2 months of training, Dave was quickly flying solo. He has been a welcome addition to the staff and is working closely with the Trustees. Dave brings a deep faith in Jesus to everything he does and is a calming presence when dealing with crisis.

In mid-August, after Diane Toner retired, we hired Nicole Brice as our administrative assistant. Nicole had a variety of experiences in her career, including time in the Disney Corporation. We are always appreciative for the cheerful bits of “pixie dust” that Nicole brings to the office each day. We are also appreciative of Nicole’s willingness to take on the added responsibility as nursery coordinator starting this past May.

Finally, in September, we were excited to welcome Yun Kang as our new principal organist, filling a position that had been open for many years. Yun has been excited to worship with us and share her musical gifts in glory to God. These gifts include her two talented children who have also graced us with their skills on violin and cello.

To support the recruiting of new staff members, as well as to ensure we are compensating our staff fairly and competitively, we completed a compensation benchmark study in the summer of 2021 with other churches in the Eastern US. After analysis and discussion among our committee and review with the Finance Committee and Session, we executed compensation adjustments to the staff to reflect Cost of Living adjustments due to global inflation and the Benchmark study which revealed certain positions as being below market for our region. We are thankful for the budget support to include these important cost increases.

Blessed with a full staff and declining COVID cases, we made a joyful return to the office in September of last year. The office is once again open Monday through Thursday. Nicole and Dave are in the office every day. Alex and Rachel are there most days, when not on pastoral visits. Laurie, Tim, Damon, Bill and Jack are in the office as needed.



*Property Manager
David Sterling*



*Administrative Assistant
Nicole Brice*



*Principal Organist
Yun Kang*

We recently experienced some transition in our committee as well. We thank Erin Aronson and Beth Curtiss for their years of service on the Personnel Committee as they decided to roll-off this June. I especially want to acknowledge Beth, who served on our committee for more than ten years, several years as chair, and was such a valuable resource to me. Taking their place on the committee, we are thrilled to add Matt Bausher and Kathryn Jervis. These two wonderful additions keep our number at five, including Bill Hughes, Tony Zazzu, and myself. This talented group brings a varied experience from academic and corporate careers as we continue to support the staff and strive to meet the needs of our church.

Respectfully submitted,
Patrick Gilbride, Chair

On behalf of the Personnel Committee: Pastor Rachel Rhodes (Staff Liaison), Matt Bausher Bill Hughes, Kathryn Jervis and Tony Zazzu.

Worship Committee

Thanks be to God for the gift of worshipping together! It is so good to be gathered in our sanctuary, joining our voices in prayer and praise from the pews once again.

Gratitude abounds for our live-streaming technology, those who run it, and the ability to access worship remotely. It has been, and continues to be, a meaningful way for many in our community and beyond to connect spiritually with MPC each and every Sunday. We rejoice in the many ways God continues to add to our MPC family. We are blessed to have welcomed several new members; and to once again gather around the baptismal font. We are thankful for the return of communion. For bread and juice. For gathering around the Lord's Table.

We remember with gratitude our expanded Christmas Eve services. MPC is blessed to have staff willing to assume extra responsibility so we might safely worship in person on that sacred night. We welcomed the Holy Spirit on Pentecost with a cacophony of sound this year. Many thanks to all our foreign language readers. What JOY we feel when familiar texts speak to us in new ways.



Your worship committee members are: Carol Carpenter, Tim Carpenter, Elizabeth Dugan, Luisa Herrera, Nancy Powers, Linda Smigelski, and Pastor Rachel. We recently held a planning retreat offsite at Nassau Presbyterian Church. Our purpose was to discern and plan a new sermon series for Lent 2023. It was a very energizing day for us and fruitful for Pastor Rachel. We hope to do it again and to continue providing meaningful opportunities to bring scripture to life.

Joyfully submitted,
Elizabeth Dugan, Chair

Congregational Ministry Committee (CMC)

The Congregational Ministry Committee continues its role as the caregiver of our MPC family. Our members, Nancy Anderson, Beth Becker, Ann Clements, J'Ann Ellis, Carol Hernandez, Helen Hill, Gail Hunger, Nancy Kernan, Kathy Larkin, Karin McAnlis, Nancy McHenry, Shellie Stoddard, and Lisa Zazzu are busy hosting events and keeping in touch with our church family.

All Church Events

We were excited to return to hosting both the *Grounded in Grace* picnic in September and the *Anniversary Sunday* picnic in November. We prepared boxed lunches and were fortunate to have good weather for both events which were held in Memorial Garden.



Older Adult Events

We hosted an Older Adult Gathering in October under the Portico and in June we hosted a luncheon in Fellowship Hall for our senior members. Both events were a great opportunity for fellowship and to catch up with old friends.



Advent/Lenten Bags

We continued to partner with the Worship and Education Committees to create kits for both Advent and Lent which contained devotionals, mission projects, and pen pal postcards. We tried to keep us all connected while COVID had some feeling uncomfortable attending worship in-person.

CMC stayed connected with members through calls and notes. We coordinated meals for those dealing with illness/injury and births. We provided refreshments at funerals and hosted our first Fellowship Hour since the start of the pandemic on Palm Sunday.

We are thankful to care for our MPC family.

Lisa Zazzu, Congregational Ministry Committee Chair

Educational Ministry Committee (EMC)

There are many adjectives that could be used to describe the collective feelings withing our church family approaching the 2021 fall program year. Anxiety, frustration and exhaustion easily come to mind. But there was also a building sense of optimism and hopefulness that the surges in the pandemic were waning and recent advances in vaccination would allow a return to normalcy. There was tentative desire to return to in-person learning, but the collective decision as to when that was safe and appropriate was a very complex one. And the personal decisions for each individual would vary widely among our volunteers and participants for very valid reasons.

It is with much sincerity that we express our gratitude to the Covid Task Force, Session and pastoral staff for their guidance and direction throughout the year. I am reminded of one particularly helpful piece of advice that Rachel and Alex shared with me on more than one occasion, “to hold things loosely.” It was a reminder to me that it is God who is ultimately in charge and I could not force my vision of “normal” into the education program. There would be a new normal and we would need to try new things and be prepared to adapt as we discovered those things that worked and didn’t work.

Our first reality of the new normal was that class sizes would be smaller than pre-COVID. Based on parent and teacher volunteer input, the class ranges were adjusted to create four classes (Pre-K to K, 1st to 5th, 6th to 7th, 8th to 12th). Preparations for in-person learning for classes through high school began with physically re-arranging our learning spaces to comply with distancing requirements. This literally drove our K to 5th grade class underground to the expanses of Fellowship Hall. Teachers Kathy Foster, Emily Bausher and Caroline Thompson were especially flexible in teaching in such a challenging space that lacked their normal supply cabinets and chalkboards and put them in competition with sound filtering down from the sanctuary above.





Teachers Beth Keys, Lisa Kutch and Gail Flesch of the Pre-K to K class did have the fortune to still meet in their previous classroom. They taught our youngest children while keeping them safely masked as they were not yet eligible for vaccinations.

We were blessed to have teachers Patrick Gilbride with Russell McCleskey (High School Seminar) and Dave Massey with Elizabeth Lester-Abdalla (6th & 7th Quest) prepare and faithfully teach lessons through weeks when class attendance would vary widely. It was a joy to sit in on some of those classes and realize that faith formation was still alive and well despite the challenges the pandemic would send our way.



In the spring Pastor Alex, along with Wendy McCleskey and Dan Jones, kicked off the confirmation class. In another reflection of finding our new normal, the class was adapted into twelve weeks and we received six confirmands into membership in early June.



The Adult Sunday School class commenced the year in a hybrid model, offering both in-person and remote participation. The class returned after the winter Covid surge and partial shutdown in remote format only. It is with special appreciation that we thank the contributors throughout the year including our own pastoral staff along with Drew Hunger, Bill Hughes, Elizabeth Dugan, Carol Carpenter, Travis Keys, Ruth Workman, Caroline Thompson and Karla Jones. The study series included “Our Money Story,” “What Presbyterians Believe,” “Incarnation,” “Take My Life,” “Wired Word,” as well as Bible Studies on worship texts and visits from mission partners.



Shellie Stoddard coordinated the Small Group Book Discussions that met throughout the year via Zoom. Some of the titles included *Prodigal Summer*, *Book of Longings*, *A Children's Bible: A Novel*, *Boys in the Boat*, and *Nature's Best Hope*. The group has a dedicated following and share the responsibilities of leading discussions. The momentum they generated is admirable. Before the completion of the final title in May, they were already compiling a list of possible books to kick off the 2022-23 sessions.

Book distribution has evolved into a small but powerful ministry in itself, through the love and dedication of Susan Light and her husband, Todd. The distribution takes place in the parking lot on the third Wednesday each month during the Food Center distribution, weather permitting. They continue to adapt to meet the interests of the clients. With the help of Spanish speaking volunteers, they are able to communicate more effectively. Bibles, coloring books, picture books and Spanish language books continue to be desirable items. Their service is reflecting God's love out into the community beyond our walls.



In addition to the volunteers mentioned throughout this report, MPC's Educational Ministry program relied on the faithful and dedicated service of the committee members: Beth Keys, Jill Monroe-Dillon, Luisa Herrera, Ruth Workman, and Susan Light. We are also thankful for the leadership and inspiration provided by Pastor Alex.

We say farewell to Ruth who completed her service on the committee and we joyfully greet new members Beth Curtiss, Chris Bannister, and Wendy McClesky. We look forward to exploring the opportunities that the 2022-23 program year will present to us, including an anticipated return to Women's and Men's Retreats.

Respectfully Submitted,
Wesley Gardner, EMC Chair

Music Ministry

In March of 2021 the Chancel Choir was meeting remotely and singing virtually, but the Chancel Chimes bell choir of seven ringers was rehearsing in the sanctuary and playing for services. God's Thunder and Teen Choir were still on hiatus and the children were meeting either outside under a canopy or masked inside in one of the large Sunday school rooms. It was a difficult time for Music Ministry; we had difficulty thriving, but most groups survived the pandemic.

The Chancel Chimes forged ahead, albeit in smaller numbers. This group of dedicated ringers and willing substitutes has continued to make music to enhance worship. Additionally, the handbells were professionally polished and refurbished with new working parts and handles during the spring of 2021.





Chancel Choir had a sing-fest in the Memorial Garden during the summer of 2021, began rehearsing in the sanctuary in the fall, and were able to sing for Christmas Eve until Omicron sent us back to virtual rehearsals in January 2022. Thankfully, we were able to sing for Easter and it was a glorious celebration of Christ rising, replete with organ, brass, timpani, and a full choir. Our plans for the coming year are ambitious and exciting, and include the return of Word-in-Music Sundays. We are blessed to have Tiun Duong and Summer Kuhns leading the soprano section.

Our Teen Choir lost the graduates of 2020 and 2021, and now, 2022, but we are still a vital musical source to be reckoned with. Although only nine strong, the group is accomplished enough to sing in two and three parts and does so with an understanding of the messages contained in the texts of the songs.

God's Thunder is a formerly vital group that has been handicapped by the pandemic and graduating ringers. It will take discernment and looking at the program in, perhaps, new ways to decide how to incorporate bells or chimes into youth music ministry.

Children's Music took on a new form early in the pandemic: in the summer of 2021 we acquired a canopy and took children from toddlers to grade five outside for music, musical games, dancing and playing rhythm instruments. Most of songs were short melodies with bible verses for texts. When we came inside during colder weather we continued the format and were able to pull from our learned repertoire to lead worship on Children's Sunday in May. Carol Carpenter and Eric Moyer-Harrington have been stalwart and faithful teachers.



Perhaps the most significant event of the past eighteen months was the hiring of Yun Kang as our organist. Yun started in September 2021 and has been a joy to have as part of the Music Ministry. Yun is a wonderful accompanist and pianist and, in addition to accompanying the choirs, her piano offertories are a blessing during worship.



Given the vicissitudes of the past two and a half years, we are doing well, doing worship and ministry within the congregation, and seeking to be an inviting presence in the wider Morrisville community. To GOD be the glory!

Timothy Carpenter, Director of Music

Flower Ministry

After a two-year hiatus, our Flower Ministry is once again blooming. The silk arrangements were put away, and beautiful live flowers once again brightened our sanctuary each Sunday as members generously stepped forward to support this ministry. These chancel flowers not only add beauty to our worship service, but they also serve as an outreach to our MPC family. After each Sunday service, the flowers are given to members who are unable to attend worship, have recently lost a loved one, are going through a difficult time, or have done something for which we wish to express our gratitude.

Although it seems a simple gesture, behind each bouquet is a story of multiple personal contacts among our members. Our flower ministry coordinator, DeeAnn Martin, first contacts those who have asked to give flowers on a particular Sunday. Several of these contacts lead to conversations with members who are no longer living in our area, or may not attend regularly, but wish to continue to give flowers in memory of a loved one. Our pastors, members of the Wednesday Prayer group, Presbyterian Women, and caring friends offer names of those to whom flowers will be delivered. Your reaching out to our pastors to share a member's need for prayer and a caring visit is a vital part of this ministry. These persons are contacted, which often leads to a wonderful conversation of sharing and caring. DeeAnn then arranges for a member to deliver the flowers after our worship service. These volunteers provide the "in person" contact letting those unable to be with us in church know they are remembered.

This is a small quiet ministry; and yet, through the 100 flower arrangements that adorn our sanctuary for fifty Sundays (Easter tulips and Christmas poinsettias complete the year), approximately 200 phone contacts and 100 personal visits take place.

There is always a need for flowers, which can be given in memory of a loved one, in celebration of someone or a special event, or in gratitude for a ministry or an act of kindness. Each bouquet is \$30. If you wish to give on any Sunday, please contact DeeAnn Martin by email at deemar918@aol.com or by calling 215-493-3865. The Flower Ministry is an opportunity for everyone to reach out to another in a small way that often makes a big difference.

Submitted by DeeAnn Martin on behalf of the Flower Ministry

Youth Ministry Committee

As a committee that focuses specifically on the youth of our congregation, it was necessary to pay attention to this group during the ups and downs of this pandemic. We were able to keep many of our traditional programs going, some with a different spin, but always with the goal for the youth to find comfort and to grow in fellowship, in service and in faithfulness. Some highlights from the past year, or so:

The Youth Club, like never before...

Determined to continue this group-time going, one way or another, and as normal as possible in very unusual times, the Wednesday evening gatherings (sometimes Saturdays) took on many different formats. The year started in late September 2021 with a cookout, and continued outside for as long as possible before daylight was lost and cold temperatures took over. With a consistent youth following, the group joined together as often as possible, with safety protocols

in place. Throughout the year, the youth were able to have great conversations, spiritual learnings and some old favorites like Broomball, Easter Egg hunt, and Adopt-a-Family. With Alex's steadfast faithfulness, along with a strong group of volunteers, the Youth Club continues to be successful with both MPC youth as well as members from our community. For the year ahead we look forward to once again including an evening meal during our time together.

Celebrating the class of 2021 and 2022 HS Seniors

After spending so much time in virtual educational settings, we wanted to make sure the HS seniors were recognized for all that they overcame during their very unusual last years in High School. We were able to continue our tradition of recognizing these HS seniors during our June/July services in '21 and '22, as well as distributing scholarships. Some of these seniors had been with MPC since baptism, some joined along the way, but as a congregation we have enjoyed watching them grow in faith through the years and now look forward to their future with them.



Miracles, and the annual Youth-In-Mission Trips - 2021 and 2022

Having missed our annual trip in 2020, the committee was determined to make sure that we somehow, in some way were able to resume this meaningful and memorable trip for our youth in 2021. Foremost, we wanted to make sure the HS seniors that had already lost so much and missed the 2020 trip had a chance to make their final trip, so they were included in 2021 plans. Still, we knew that all youth would benefit greatly returning to some normalcy and spiritual connection that West Virginia uniquely offers. However, even after a long year of COVID it wasn't looking possible to overcome the challenges this pandemic was continuing to present.

Then vaccines for this age group (children 16 and older) became available at the perfect (some might say, miraculous) timing for us to make this trip happen. Within about eight weeks the committee pulled together all the plans and the Mission Trip happened with fifteen youth (both senior participants and new attendees) and six chaperones. In the end, it seemed to be a turning point in the battle against COVID and a small step to returning to the normalcy of friendships, laughter, pranks, music, and staring at the stars in quiet. It was without a doubt a memorable trip for all, and some might even say life-changing for our youth and for the people we served in West Virginia.





Fast forward to another successful Mission Trip a year later in July 2022, and a returned trip to the Appalachian Folklife Center in Pipestem, West Virginia that included fourteen youth and seven chaperones. New this year, we made a stopover at the Green Bank

Observatory and all were fascinated by their exhibits, the extraordinary telescopes and learning about receiving radio frequencies from outer space. The rest of the week we were reminded and gave thought to our many blessings and how we ourselves are a blessing to others. And again, as every year, the Lord's presence was made known to us throughout the week in ways that we celebrated together and in more personal ways. We look forward to sharing some of these moments with the many members within our congregation who generously support this mission every year.



Now looking forward with a continued embrace of our youth.

While this has been the most unusual year(s) in all of our lifetimes, and that of our youth, it has prompted the Youth Ministry Committee to look at the programming differently and creatively. It steered us to focus on the youth, their needs, and how to best reach them. In meeting this challenge, the committee now looks forward to continuing in these efforts, as well as some of the traditions, all with new perspectives and appreciation. Starting in September will be another year for our Youth Club, and many are already looking forward to the next Mission Trip in 2023!

A verse we shared with our HS Seniors this year, seems equally appropriate for the past year in review, and as we prepare for our time ahead:

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

--Isaiah 41:10

We are so grateful for our faithful and supportive committee and especially to Pastor Alex for his continued creativity and commitment to making a cohesive program during this very unusual period in the life of the church and the lives of our youth.

Respectfully submitted by the 2021/2022 Youth Ministry Committee:

Heidi Dous, Sydney Flook, Tracy Massey, Nancy Stoner, Wes Gardner, Dan Jones, Travis Keys, Dawn Flook and Pastor Alex (with additional support from Beth Becker, Patrick Gilbride, Amy & Gary Nolan, and so many others)

Young Adult Committee

The Young Adult Committee (members ages 20ish to 40ish) enjoyed a few years of dormancy in 2020 and 2021 as we focused on navigating parenting and marriage in a pandemic, working from home, etc. In 2022 we shared a common desire to gather in fellowship and just *be*. It remains difficult to schedule events that work for everyone's schedules. But we are confident that whenever two or more are gathered in his name, there too is God.

Splash into Summer:

The Bausher family hosted nine Young Adult members and eight kids for a beginning of summer pool party in June. It was wonderful to eat pizza, swim, and become a closer family of faith.



Theology on Tap:

In July, three Young Adult members gathered at a new local brewery in Morrisville to discuss the origins of prayer and prayer practices in our lives. While we were enjoying local brews and theology, our children were lovingly cared for at the church by the MPC nursery coordinator and two MPC youth. It remains a goal of the Young Adult Committee to advocate for childcare at more church events.



Farm Tour & Service project:

We look forward to our final summer fellowship time at Snipes Farm & Education Center in Morrisville in late August. Members of the Snipes family will take us on a behind-the-scenes farm tour and invite us to participate in a service project to benefit the farm.



We are grateful for the connections that MPC has made possible among this small but mighty group of members and the resources that are allocated for our spiritual formation and togetherness. Thank you.

Submitted by Caroline Thompson on behalf of the Young Adult Committee.



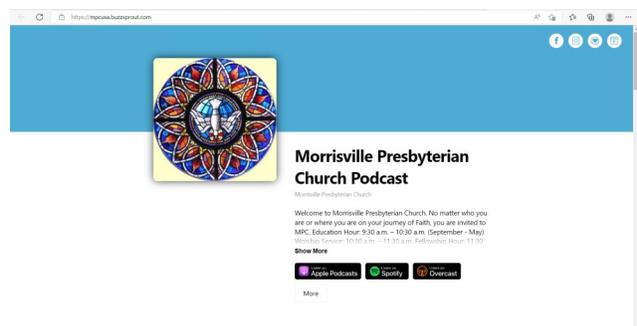
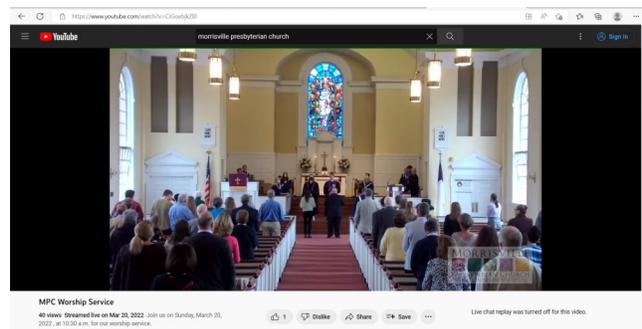
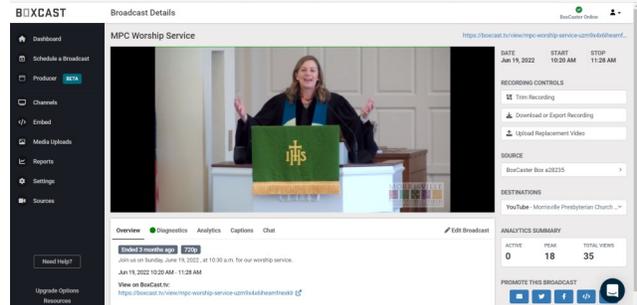
Communication and Evangelism Committee

The Communication and Evangelism Committee was pleased to receive Session approval for a brand new Communications Plan developed over the past year. The Communications Plan is intended to help members of the church in communicating how we serve each other and the surrounding community. The plan outlines communication needs and preferred process for both audiences within the church and relevant parties outside of the church. The plan provides a foundation for a consistent approach to communications and provides guidelines for continuous improvement of our communication activities. This plan will be reviewed annually by the Communications Committee and updated as needed. If you would like to review the Communications Plan, please contact a member of the committee.

We continue to be thankful for the skills and creativity of Communication Coordinator, Damon Miller. Among his many responsibilities, Damon oversees our livestream worship and manages our recorded video and podcast content which is available via the MPC website at mpcusa.org and via our YouTube channel. Podcast content is also available via many standard podcast outlets. Online content is regularly accessed by worship participants near and far and we have been seen in thirty-five states and four countries. For the period of this report, our average listening/viewing is as follows:

- Podcast: 11 downloads per week
- Livestream (Boxcast): 19 viewers per week
- Livestream (Youtube): 32 viewers per week
- Pre-recorded videos: 28 viewers per week

Damon continues to engage the staff and other groups at MPC to collect church news and leads production of the weekly worship bulletin; quarterly newsletter, *Currents*; and the MPC *Annual Report*.



In order to make information available to all, the Communications Committee maintains our website, where you can find our church calendar, online giving, access to the livestream and much more. Year to date, we have welcomed over 13,000 visitors to our website, with most visits occurring Sunday afternoon and Monday after worship content has been posted. The committee enables FYI emails, and works with Nicole Brice in the MPC office to publish information to our 529 Facebook followers and 221 Instagram followers. We are grateful for Nicole's help to enable an on-going presence on these platforms. We are always pleased when people interact with our social media, so we ask that you "Like" and comment when you see something that interests you or gets you thinking.



The Communications and Evangelism committee is grateful to be able to serve the MPC community and we hope we make you feel that much more connected.

Respectfully submitted,

Communications and Evangelism Committee –
 Greg Neiman (Chair), Damon Miller (Communications Coordinator and Staff Liaison), Pastor Rachel Rhodes, Luisa Herrera, AK Rosenbaum, and Caroline Thompson



Outreach Committee

The Morrisville Presbyterian Church reaches out to those in need not only within the greater Morrisville/Trenton area, but also nationally and worldwide! Thank you to everyone who made contributions that enabled this committee to make such generous donations! MPC has always been, is, and promises to be, a most generous church!

The following contributions were made possible by the funds from the MPC Clothing Center:

Gift Card for COVID Relief Organ Recital	\$100
Yardley/Makefield Fire Company	\$500
Morrisville Fire Company	\$500
Falls Township Fire Company	\$200
Ivins Outreach Medical Assistance	\$1000
Welcoming the Stranger	\$500
Tracfone - to help a person in need	\$8.50
Tracfone - to help a person in need	\$28.53
Village Lodge Motel - to prevent homelessness	\$160
Advocates for the Homeless & those in Need (AHTN)	\$29.62

In everything I showed you that by working hard in this manner you must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive"

Acts 20:35

The following contributions were made possible by MPC member pledges and Sunday plate giving and designated in the Outreach operating budget:

Presbyterian Outreach Foundation	\$1,500
General Mission Agency	\$1,155
Synod of Trinity	\$ 175
Presbytery	\$2,170
Presby's Inspired Life	\$1,000
Presby Children's Village	\$1,000

"Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

2 Corinthians 9:7

The following Special Offerings were made possible by the generous offerings collected from the MPC congregation:

Peace & Global Witness	\$ 695
Christmas Joy	\$ 1,250
Hunger Relief (monthly Deacons)	\$ 464
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$ 465
COVID-19 Relief Fund	\$ 8,288

The following amount was disbursed as the Pastor's Discretionary Support: \$51

"One who is gracious to a poor man lends to the Lord, And He will repay him for his good deed."

Proverbs 19:17

The following contributions were made possible by additional Outreach Funds as approved by the Session.

Ivins Outreach Center	\$500
Advocates for the Homeless & Those in Need (AHTN)	\$1,400
Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County	\$1,400
Trenton Area Soup Kitchen	\$1,400
Philabundance	\$1,400
Family Promise of Lower Bucks	\$5,000
Center for Child and Family Achievement (CCFA)	\$5,000
Anchor House	\$5,000
Presbytery of Philadelphia - Disaster Relief	\$500
Filmmakers Collaborative - Liberty to Captivity	\$250
The Peace Center	\$500
Presbyterian Towers of Morrisville	\$1,000
Snipes Farm and Education Center	\$1,500

The past year has been a most challenging year with both the war in Ukraine and the COVID-19 pandemic and they both continue. To date, \$14,572 has been given to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) – Ukraine Relief Fund and that amount continues to grow. MPC

continues to assist a family that escaped Ukraine and is now located here in Bucks County. And, just as in the previous year, the Outreach Committee and many others have reached out to those in need during this pandemic as follows:

- Making 100s of Peanut Butter & Jelly sandwiches
- Making many pots of soups
- Baking cookies & pound cakes
- Creating raffle baskets for Family Promise
- Packing and delivering food baskets for Thanksgiving and Christmas
- Donating books and Bibles to CCFA
- Packing and delivering hot meals to older adults and families
- Donating and delivering school back packs to Morrisville School District
- Assisting at the Ivins Golf Outing
- Assisting Kathy Foster at IOC
- Working at the MPC Clothing Center
- Working at the Morrisville Presbyterian Tower
- Assisting the Urban Promise Summer Camps
- Donating days of work at Habitat for Humanity work sites
- Volunteering at Snipes Farm and Education Center
- Working at the MPC Food Center
- Delivering Christmas poinsettias
- Volunteering at the Trenton Breakfast Kitchen

There are so many ways that MPC is “outreaching” beyond its walls. Come and be a part of one of the many ways!



**Habitat
for Humanity®
of Bucks County**



Morrisville Presbyterian Towers



Members: Gail Flesch, Ray Hendrickson, chair;
Carol Hernandez, Ruth Levan, Nancy Powers, Joy
Rees, and Christy Stevenson

Respectfully submitted,
Ray Hendrickson



The Ivins Outreach Center (IOC)

The Ivins Outreach Center is a community organization that provides quality of life programs for youth to older adults in Lower Bucks County in the following ways:

- Enabling seniors to age gracefully in their homes or apartments and remain engaged in their community through its Staying Put program;
- Assisting people in finding and applying for existing services and programs offered by area social agencies through its Resource & Referral program;
- Partnering with the Pennsylvania Department of Education's 21st Century Community Learning Center, the Ivins Outreach Center manages after-school and summer academic and enrichment programs for youth in grades K through 12, obtaining grants for the school districts of Borough of Morrisville, Bensalem Township School District, Bucks County Technical High School, and the Bristol Borough School District, sponsoring parent education programs and Social Emotional Learning as well as Drug/Opioid Prevention programs for our students and their families.



Staying Put Program: As reported last year, in March 2020, the Staying Put Program was suspended due to COVID-19. Our members were no longer paying for the services as we were unable to offer trips to restaurants, grocery shopping, salon visits, and in-home services such as home repairs, companion visits, technology assistance, and minor home repairs. We did however, continue to drive members to essential medical appointments, fill grocery orders, pick up prescriptions, make weekly wellness calls, and deliver food boxes and hot meals.

We are happy to report that our Staying Put activities have resumed including grocery shopping, outings, and transportation to medical appointments and salons. Our only concern is that with the price of gas, our volunteers have been more hesitant to sign up for driving and several have either decided to stop driving or drive less until gas prices lower. We are actively advertising for new volunteers through news articles and area churches. We had so many volunteers between 2020 through 2021, but now that people are returning to work and life is returning to some degree of normalcy, those numbers have drastically decreased.

Assessments of seniors who have indicated they would like to join the program and have been on our waiting list are taking place. One issue is that some of these seniors have chosen to remain unvaccinated and it is our policy that Staying Put members must be vaccinated.

COVID 19 Response: Our COVID-19 services are continuing to respond to the needs in our community. We have continued with our hot meal deliveries and family food boxes. However, beginning in June 2022, we only distributed family food boxes twice a month until we ended the program on July 1. We did give all the families who have been receiving food from us information on several other food banks/pantries/resources. Hot meals are still being delivered to Staying Put members that include soup and home-made goodies from our church members.

- The Trenton Soup Kitchen had offered meals to our after-school children at Morrisville High School, Bristol Borough High School, and Bucks County Technical High School on Tuesdays and Thursdays through June 2, 2022.
- The United Methodist Church of Morrisville volunteers are preparing a meal each month for Ivins to deliver to our Staying Put members and the Presbyterian Towers.
- We are picking up from food area pantries for those individuals that cannot afford to pay for food.
- We are filling grocery shopping requests each week as well as taking Staying Put members grocery shopping.

The Ivins and Community Stewardship: In addition to the hot meal deliveries mentioned above, we are currently:

- Providing 250 hot meals weekly for our 21st CCLC after-school students.
- Delivering 125 hot meals weekly to homeless individuals.

United Way Partnership: During 2021, 253 families have been connected to the United Way to be able to shop at the Donation Center Store. The families can shop for free household items, school supplies, cleaning supplies (PPE), and craft items.

Referral Help: The Ivins Outreach Center provides assistance with financial matters such as rent, utilities or credit card debt; free legal advice; parenting issues such as bullying, ADHD, supporting children in school for success; teen issues such as drug and alcohol abuse, suicide, after-school programs and gangs; general information about the community and available services; medical issues and health insurance for children and adults; and issues unique to seniors and the aging population.

Holiday Giving Tree: We have so many to thank for the success of our 2021 Giving Tree. The Ivins Outreach Center joined with Innovations for Good to provide holiday assistance to struggling families in Lower Bucks County. A special thank you to Mike DiNardo and Shades of Green Inc. who generously provided a large space for our program to operate. This additional space allowed the program to grow and we were able to serve 307 families with 679 children with holiday toys, gifts and gift cards. Special thanks to our volunteers, individual/business supporters, Toys for Tots, and the United Way of Bucks County who donated gift cards for our teens.

A huge thank you to all those that volunteered to bring the spirit of Christmas to our Staying Put Seniors:

- A friend of the IOC who once again made handmade blankets.
- Bucks County Technical High School students who prepared a hot meal, created hand crafted wooden holiday decorations, succulent plants, and holiday cards.
- Conwell-Egan Catholic High School provided coffee mugs filled with goodies, canned goods, and homemade cookies.
- Our 21st Century Community Learning Center students at Bristol Borough School District, School District of Borough of Morrisville, Bucks County Technical High School, and Bensalem Township School District who created beautiful holiday cards.

Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC): The 21st Century Grants are funded through the Pennsylvania Department of Education. 21st CCLC is a very impactful program in partnership with the Ivins Outreach Center and Bristol Borough School District, Bensalem Township School District, School District of Borough of Morrisville, and Bucks County Technical High School, and the parochial schools within the school districts; Holy Trinity, St. Mark's, St. Ephraim's, St. Charles and Conwell-Egan. The grants provide after-school enrichment programs and summer camps for youth and teens

In school year 2020 - 2021 (July 2020 to June 2021), 2,230 students participated in after-school and summer programs. Students participated both in-person and virtual due to COVID-19.

In the school year 2021 -2022, 1,785 students have participated in the programs and 420 families were served. Three of the grants ended December 31, 2021; new grant applications have been submitted.

Programs included academic tutoring, performing arts, academic success, credit recovery, career readiness, sports, truancy, drug and alcohol awareness, theater arts, and fine arts. The grants provide after-school enrichment programs and summer camps for youth and teens.



Home Share Program: Our Home Share housing program would bring together a homeowner (provider) who has a room to spare and a person (seeker) who is looking for a place to live. The provider and seeker each have a private bedroom, and both have full use of the rest of the provider's home. There are many benefits derived from such a housing strategy and there are many types of participants – for example, senior citizens, working professionals, students, individuals who cannot find affordable housing, single parents, or those who have reduced income because of a loss of full-

time work – or those who simply want to share their lives and home with others. Bucks County Housing Authority, BC Area Agency on Aging, and the County Commissioners showed enthusiasm for this new program and are supporting us with this endeavor. This is a program which we were putting together in 2019 and 2020, then of course had to “put it on the back burner” for the past two years. We are now resurrecting the program since being the recipient of a recently awarded grant in support of our proposed Home Sharing Program. The grant is for \$199,950 to be used as seed money to get the program up and running. All funds must be expended by December 31, 2026. We will also be the recipient of another grant from the Pennsylvania Department on Aging for \$50,00.00 designated specifically for this program.

Grants: Through 2021 the Ivins Outreach Center has been the recipient of several grants/donations for COVID-19 response and general support from the County Commissioners, area banks, churches, United Way, some businesses and individual donations.

In 2022, a grant through the Lower Bucks Consortium has been approved. The grant is for \$578,185 to be fully expended by December 31, 2026. The School District of Borough of Morrisville will be the fiscal agent for the funds which will focus on academic disparity among all students.

As stated above, two grants designated for the Home Share program have been received or are in the process of receipt from the state and county Area Agency for Aging.

We submitted a grant application to William Penn Foundation to support Staying Put in Bucks County to fund a Coordinator and Mileage Reimbursement for drivers. Another grant application was submitted to Independence Foundation to support Home Share, Food Delivery and Summer Enrichment Programs.

Fundraising: Since September 2019, the only fundraiser we held was our Golf Classic in September 2021, no fundraisers were held in 2020. On September 19, 2022, we will be returning to the Yardley Country Club for our Annual Golf Classic. This is our major annual fundraiser.

We are continually grateful to all of our wonderful volunteers, our very dedicated and energetic staff at the Ivins Outreach Center, and for the leadership of our Executive Director - Darletta Berry-Johnson. We are sorely dependent upon them.

The partnerships we have with area churches, schools, other agencies and organizations, foundations, businesses, and of course our community are priceless. Then, of course, to all of those who have supported the Ivins Outreach Center throughout the years in a variety of ways; we are so very grateful.

We look forward to continuing to serve our community with God's grace, with new programs and initiatives, and by improving what we already have in place.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Foster, VP Ivins Outreach Center Board of Directors and Volunteer

Food Center (FC)



Food Center's Mission

To provide supplemental food assistance to families in Lower Bucks County and the Trenton area. The Food Center has been doing this since 1997.

Operations

On Wednesday mornings from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m., clients drive their vehicles on the circular driveway leading to the portico, are greeted and asked to verify their name and the number of people in their living unit. The requisite number, based on family size, of prepacked food bags staged near the double doors under the portico, are placed in the vehicle.

In the past 12 months, 6,600 clients were fed, and 743 were new families. The number of new families increased greatly due to the pandemic and inflation of food prices. The FC serves an average of 90 families each week.



Volunteers come from several PA & NJ churches and synagogues and the general public. About six to eight volunteers come on Wednesday, another five volunteers come every Monday evening to pack bags of food, and another five volunteers come during the day on Tuesday to receive produce deliveries from Philabundance. Also, about six volunteers rotate picking up donated food, primarily breads and desserts, at various businesses.

Food Supply

Philabundance weekly provides fresh produce, free of charge. Pepperidge Farms breads are donated to the Food Center each week. Most of the canned goods and non-perishables are purchased from Philabundance and C&S Grocery Supply. Volunteers pick up a variety of bread, desserts and boxes of donated merchandise each week from Giant in Morrisville and McCaffrey's, frozen items most weeks from the Bucks County Opportunity Council in Doylestown (in conjunction with Applegate Farms), and during summer and fall months, fresh produce from Rolling Harvest Food Rescue. The Food Center also benefits from food drives run by other local congregations, scouting groups, schools, and other community organizations.

Donations & Expenses

Total income from donations, grants, donated food from Philabundance, and investment income in 2021 was \$98,815. Most of this money comes from a large number of individual donors, churches, social and service organizations, and businesses. Total expense during 2021 for purchased food and nonfood items was \$111,156. The worth of the food given out, if it had to be purchased by the clients at grocery stores, would be about four times the money spent by the Food Center in obtaining the food.

The Executive Committee, that steers the FC, decided to use some savings to give additional food to clients, such as chicken, toiletries, donations to other area, non-profit, food operations, such as Trenton's First Presbyterian Church's lunch program, Rolling Harvest Food Rescue, and Philabundance, and \$10 gift cards for Giant or Dollar Tree. Also, twenty-five bags were provided weekly during the first half of 2021 to the Ivins Outreach Center for its distribution to the food insecure in the Morrisville community.

Used Book Mission

On the first Wednesday of each month, weather permitting, Susan Light, with assistance of her husband Todd, sets up tables displaying used books donated by the congregation and community and also picked up by the Lights from used book depositories in Baltimore. These books are given free to all Food Center clients who desire them. Bibles, children's' books, and books written in Spanish are highly sought.



DH/CR/RW July 2022

The Lord's Tailor Shop

Our Annual report will reflect operations from March 4, 2021 to June 16, 2022. As of these dates we have profited \$11,081.27 to help support our Outreach Committee who in turn disburses these funds to needy organizations.

"The Lord's Tailor Shop", AKA Clothing Center, was established in 1983. The shop is located in Room 4 in the church basement. It is open for business on Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Donations are accepted any day the church is open except Wednesday.



Continuing with our operation in March of 2021, we were still under mask mandate and social distancing. With that in mind, our faithful customers were still anxious to get back to finding the great deals that our shop has to offer. From high end clothing to small appliances and kitchen wares, the MPC Clothing Center has everything and anything you need and want at reasonable prices.

Our faithful volunteers, Kathy Foster, Cheryl Palmer, Jane Detraz, Gail Flesh and Betsy Jurey continue the great work of pricing, organizing and decorating our shop. This year we welcomed a new volunteer, Laura Martz, and welcomed back Ev Fletcher. We thank all of them for their commitment to the Lord's Tailor Shop and to our community.

With the ingenuity and imagination of several of our volunteers, we really made the shopping experience fun. During the month of March, in honor of basketball, we played March Madness. Customers tossed a ball into a basket for a chance to get 20%, 30% or 40% off their total purchase. During Easter season we conducted egg hunts and in May we had "Pick your May flower," all for percentages off their purchases. Everyone had fun.

As usual we ended our season on June 16, 2022 with a "Bag Day." Customers purchased a bag for \$5 or \$10 and filled them with their choice of merchandise.

We thank everyone who donated clothing and items to our inventory over the year, making our efforts to help others a possibility. Our shop would not be able to operate without your help.

We look forward to our coming season starting September 10, 2022. We hope you will take the opportunity to come and shop at the Lord's Tailor Shop in the future. Save the date: December 10, 2022 will be our Christmas Open House. Many treasures will be on display.

•see Outreach Committee report for income and disbursements.



"Grounded in the grace of God, we are a vibrant Christian Community, disciples of all ages, gathered for worship and nurture, scattered to serve and to love."

Submitted In Christ,
Betsy Jurey

Weekday Nursery School (WNS)

Once again, another school year has come to a close. Several challenges due to the ever changing and fluent pandemic had us starting out the year looking different than years past. One thing we have learned is that children are resilient and just love being together even if it is with masks or distanced. We were still able to foster and follow the philosophy of WNS which is to teach children how to socialize and communicate effectively with one and other in order to build confidence in a safe and loving environment. We thank Morrisville Presbyterian Church for your continued support, which allows us to provide our students with lifelong lessons that are so important today. As in Proverbs 22:6, “Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.”

The Fall of 2022, Weekday Nursery School will be celebrating 64 years of service to the community. Our school is licensed by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. Each member of our teaching staff has earned their bachelor’s degree, and is certified by the Pennsylvania State Board of Education.

Our teachers and Staff for the 2021-2022 school year were as follows:

- Christina Alexy, Director/Teacher, has taught at the school for thirteen years and just completed her first year as the new Director. She taught four-year-olds including our first full day class as well as four day four-year-olds.
- Amy Kieley, new to our staff this year, taught the half-pint and two day three-year-old class. Amy previously served on the WNS Board.
- Emily Bausher, new to our staff this year, taught a three day three-year-old class. Emily previously served on the WNS Board.
- Joanie Layden, new to our staff this year, taught a three/four day four-year-old class. Joanie previously served on the WNS Board.
- Jill Hay, our classroom aide, has been with us for seven years in the classroom, and she has served on our board for many years.
- Cathy Cusick, new to our staff this year, was a second classroom aide. This was the first year WNS has had a second classroom aide, allowing us to have one on each floor for the school.

Our efforts would not be successful without the support of MPC and the church staff as well as the hard work and dedication of our Board of Directors. All Board members are unpaid volunteers, with the exception of our Treasurer and Enrollment Secretary, who both receive a modest stipend for their efforts.

2021-2022 Board of Directors

Chairperson	Jennifer Mizak	Member at Large	Christa Layne
Enrollment Secretary	Michelle Jennings	Member at Large	Jill Hay
Treasurer	Caitrin McLean	Parent Representative	Rhonda D’Atamo
EMC Representative	Susan Light	Parent Representative	Melissa Benson
Recording Secretary	Lauren Almond	Parent Representative	Bronwyn Hinds

The Lion and Tiger dens met together, shared resources, and focused on setting up the new Cubs for success. They went on day hikes along the canal, had an ambulance visit their den meeting, learned skits, earned their Bobcat rank, and each Cub Scout achieved his rank for the year.



Bear Cubs met on Tuesdays nights. The year started with two boys who had been involved in the Pack since kindergarten, and two new cubs joined during the year. Bears earned their Cyber Chip, Whittling Chip, went on a field trip to the Morrisville Fire Hall, and each earned rank for the year.



The Arrow of Light den completed their various adventure and advancement pins through the year. Unfortunately, in late March the den dissolved and the boys and their families decided to not continue with scouting. That meant the boys did not earn rank, and none of them bridged to Troop 3.

All Cubs participated in the Pinewood Derby this year, and several Cubs went to our district Pinewood Derby held at the Oxford Valley Mall. This was a great experience for the boys, and one that they are looking forward to again in the future.

The biggest Pack 3 events have taken place this summer. Now that there are fewer restrictions on what we can do and when we can meet, Pack 3 has focused on having our Cubs earn the Summertime Pack Award. We held Pack activities each month and they have been a huge success! From an ice cream social at Dairy Queen, to participating in the OA sponsored Cub Scouts nights at Ockanickon Scout Reservation, a trip to the Trenton Thunder, and even Cub Scout Day Camp - summer has really been a time of rebirth for Cub Scout Pack 3.



As we look to the future, Pack 3 will be hosting monthly Pack Meetings on the second Monday of each month. Den meetings will be held weekly on either Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday nights depending on the den. Scouts from Troop 3 have volunteered to be Den Chiefs for the Wolf and Webelos dens. We are also working with council, and volunteers from the district, on a recruitment plan with the goal of creating at least two new dens (Lions and Bears) and welcoming a minimum of nine new Cub Scouts into the Pack during the fall of 2022.

Boy Scout Troop 3 - Morrisville, PA



Leadership Members

William C. Burgess/Charter Organization Representative

Scoutmaster: John Waslenko

Committee Chair: Stephanie Huston

Treasurer: Ken Brothers

Assistant Scoutmasters: Chris Newill, Denver Vancil, Don Bellamy, Pat McKeown, Shawn Meisels

Troop Committee: Amy Baxter-Bellamy, Michael Sheridan Patricia McKeown, Riley Gilleo, Steve Curran, Steve Huston (Advancement Chair), Tom De Shields (Life-to-Eagle Coordinator)

We started off the fall with the Isaacs Brothers achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. Isaacs' project benefitted the Solid Rock Youth Center in Morrisville. Next, Daniel McCleary achieved the rank of Eagle. His project benefitted Restoration Church in Levittown. Both Scouts turned eighteen around the time of earning Eagle rank, but both continued to serve the Troop and scouts within Washington Crossing Council. Over the winter, Daniel Curran and Matthew McKeown both achieved the rank of Eagle Scout with projects that benefit Silver Lake Nature Center.



Favorite troop traditions returned this year as well. In November, the scouts in Troop 3 along with their families celebrated Thanksgiving at Ockanickon Scout Reservation. Our Christmas tree sale that took place from late November through mid-December was another huge success! In spring, we were able to come together at our Troop Banquet and celebrate the accomplishments of our Scouts formally for the first time in almost two years.



Camping also made a comeback this year. The troop had eleven nights of camping which included trips to Ockanickon Scout Reservation, Blue Rocks Campground, Horseshoe Scout Reservation, and the New Jersey State Police Camporee.

During the months where we couldn't camp, the troop did several one-day outings in our community. These trips included the Orienteering Course at Core Creek Park (and getting stuck in a snow squall for about 20 minutes); a trip to Cabela's to shop for personal camp gear and backpacking meals; a five-mile hike along the canal path; and a ten-mile hike along the Perkiomen Trail.



Scouts wrapped up the year with summer camp at Rodney Scout Reservation in Maryland. There, scouts worked on rank advancements, merit badges, the BSA Snorkeling Award, the BSA Paul Bunyon Woodsman Award, and got to participate in water sports on the Chesapeake Bay. ASM Chris Newill completed his Climbing Level I certification while at summer camp, and Steve Huston completed IOLS.

Over the summer, our troop has begun preparations for the coming year and is looking forward to a normal year. The members of the Patrol Leaders Council have set goals to continue on Hiking merit badge as a troop, help younger scouts rank up, strengthen the basic scout skills, and develop a stronger bond with the Cubs in Pack 3.



Troop 3 Achievements:

- Four Scouts earned the rank of Eagle
- Seven additional rank advancements
- Sixty-four merit badges earned
- Eighteen other BSA awards earned
- Over 125 hours of community service
- Two Scouts completed Introduction to Leadership Skills Training
- Two Scouts attend National Youth Leadership Training
- 2021 JTE GOLD

