



**First Presbyterian Church  
of  
South Charleston**

**2020 Winter Congregational Meeting  
January 26, 2020**

**Opening Prayer**

**Session Reports**

**Highlights from 2019**

*You are invited to share your own personal highlights,  
either about your family or about your church.*

**Closing Prayer**

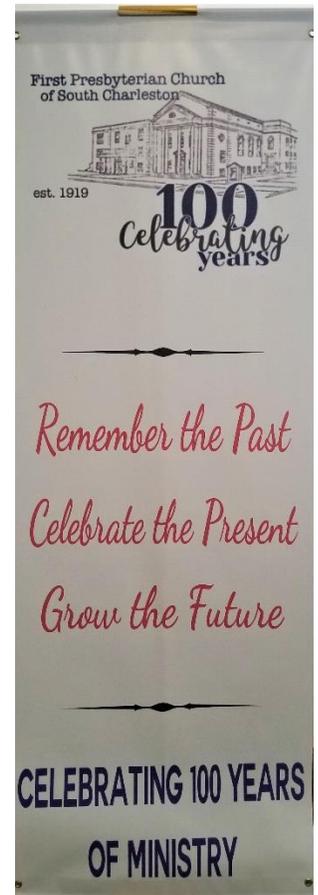
# 100th Year of Ministry!

Peace and Love from Your Pastor,  
We are called to be Christ's light in the world. We have been busy this year shining Christ's light in our community and the world. These are some of the exciting ways we've ministered.

1. CELEBRATED 100<sup>th</sup> YEARS OF MINISTRY with social and worship events.
2. Increased social media presence: Reached over a million on Facebook
3. Connected with South Charleston High School football team
4. Provided an easily accessed electronic giving tool.
5. Implemented a child protection policy.
6. Supported 15 missions
7. Decreased our energy usage by installing LED lights, and adjusting thermostats according to our schedule.
8. Painted a lot to keep our property looking fresh.
9. Offered special worship services with: 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Presbyterians, 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Holy Day worship, exceptional music.
10. I networked with community leaders.
11. Continue to provide special music concerts, bringing in people from outside our congregation.
12. Provided Trunk or Treat to area children and families.
13. Officially became an "Open and Welcoming," congregation.

*"I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,... I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness... Sing to the Lord a new song." Is 42:6-7, 9a*

Congratulations on our successes. May God grow us into the future!



# Administration Committee 2019 Annual Report



**Committee Members:** Leslie Anderson, Bob Lilly, John Melton and Tom Titus.

**Purpose:** The Administration Committee functions as an arm of the Session with oversight of basic administrative matters in the church including oversight and care of the Church Staff.

## **Current Staff**

### Full-time:

- Reverend Sharon Gearing, Installed Pastor
- Becky Smith, Officer Manager/Bookkeeper

### Part-time:

- Mark Hornbaker, Master of Music
- David Smith, Custodian
- Lisa Calderwood, Youth Coordinator

## **Highlights from 2019**

- The Committee drafted an Anti-Harassment Policy that was reviewed and adopted by Session on February 17, 2019.
- The Committee obtained Session input on Staff performance and conducted performance reviews with all of staff. The performance reviews were shared with Session.
- The Committee met with current staff members as needed to receive feedback and information.
- The Committee oversaw the implementation of the Staff Christmas gift.
- Leslie Anderson ensured that the 2018 Session records were approved.
- The Committee oversaw the preparation of the 2019 annual Administration budget.
- The Committee nominated a Church Treasurer for 2019.

We invite any member of our church to join our Committee and share their time and talents.

## Congregational Care Committee 2019 Annual Report

**Purpose:** To provide the love of Christ to

(A) those who are physically unable to attend worship for an ongoing basis.

(B) those who are in physical or emotional need.

Members who are served on a regular basis:

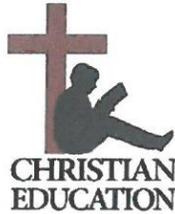
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3. Margaret Field: 656 Forest Circle, So. Charleston, 25303, 744-3755.
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16. Linda Sweeney: 2115 Weberwood Dr., So. Charleston, 344-5604, ldsweeney@suddenlink.net

### Congregational Care Committee Members as of 12-31-2019:

Nancy Bennett, Cathy Burdette, Nadine Davis, John Melton, Becky Nelson and Lee Snyder.

### Home-bound Communion Services:

Pastor Sharon Gearing, assisted by Bill Kimmons, Kathy McClure and John Melton.



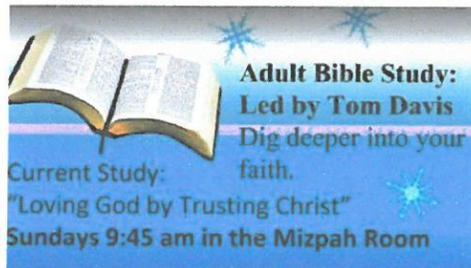
*First Presbyterian Church of South Charleston (FPCSC)*  
**Christian Education Committee**  
**2019 Annual Report**

**Committee Members:** Tina Amburgey (Chair; Session member), Lisa Calderwood (Youth Director), Lisa Martin (Session member), Amanda Fuller, Zack Long

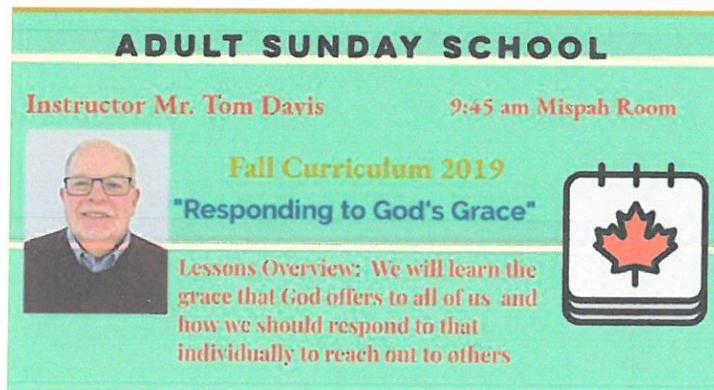
The Christian Education Committee has coordinated many special events and provided opportunities for Christian Education and fellowship for our congregation in the past year. Here are some highlights of the wonderful events, activities, and programming hosted by the FPCSC Christian Education Committee . . .

**2019 Adult Bible Study**

In Winter and Spring 2019, Adult Bible Study leader Tom Davis helped attendees grow in God's Word through his curriculum, "Loving God by Trusting God".



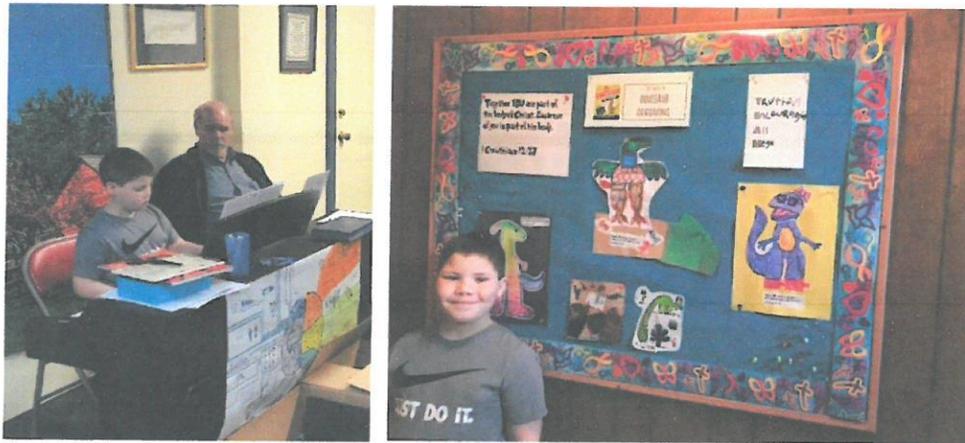
In Fall and Winter 2019, through his curriculum "Responding to God's Grace", leader Tom Davis helped Adult Bible Study attendees to learn about the grace that God offers to all of us and how best to respond to that grace individually and when reaching out to others.



## Spring and Fall 2019 – Welcome on Wednesday (WOW)

Wednesday evening activities for children of all ages featured a lesson with Miss Lisa (Calderwood), crafts with Miss Amanda (Fuller), and Music with Mr. Joe (Fuller) and Dr. Mark Hornbaker.

The children's Spring curriculum came from the book *Dinosaur Devotions*. These devotions and activities blended fun dinosaur facts with a deeper understanding of God's Word, which made for faith-filled, fun adventures! Elijah (who is a not-so-secret dinosaur aficionado) was our only regular attendee, but he was happy to be the only one and loved discussing all things dinosaurs. He also enjoyed ending the evening with piano practice with Mark H.



Also in the Spring, Pastor Sharon and Cheryl Eary continued their WOW “Live Your Best Life” series with community-wide guest speaker events, focusing on topics like “Productive Conversations”, “Resources for Addiction”, “Living a Mindful Life”, “Intro to the Enneagram”, “South Charleston . . . What's happening around our city!”, “Knowing First Aid Could Make You a Lifesaver”, and “Elk City!!! What's new and What's coming!” They also offered the “Financial Peace University” program to both church and community members.



The children's Fall curriculum came from the book *Indescribable: 100 Devotions for Kids About God and Science*, a unique and creative devotional for kids. This book really tapped into the natural wonder and discovery that kids experience when talking about God and science. Through the book's scriptures, "did you know" facts, and fun science-based activities and crafts, the kids were able to learn about the story of God in a physical way, where they could immediately look around and experience God's words and creation, rather than just hearing the same old Bible stories they are used to hearing. The Fall WOW children's program was more well-attended than the Spring program, with an average of 4-6 kids each Wednesday.



For the Fall 2019 WOW Adult Bible Study, Pastor Sharon led a discussion-style class in the Sanctuary.

### **April 2019 – Easter/Spring Festival**

Adults and older youth volunteered to lead stations, where children of all ages were able to participate in crafts, egg dyeing, cookie decorating and (of course) egg hunts!



### **June 2019 – Youth Yard Sale**

The annual Youth Yard Sale was a huge hit, as always. The Youth met their \$1000 goal and were able to pay for a year of sponsorship for their Friends of Ft. Liberté sponsor child. Thank you to all who volunteered, donated items, and shopped!

**June 2019 – Vacation Bible School – VBS: Power Up!**

This year's VBS theme was "Power Up! Raise Your Game" and included activities for preschool through elementary age kids, including music, crafts, games, and Bible stories. Pastor Sharon hosted an Adult Bible Study class in the Sanctuary after kids finished their opening program. The goal of her class was to get participants to talk about how their faith has affected their lives by "telling their stories". It was a fun way to get congregation members to learn about each other and share their life lessons and stories with each other.



## **August 2019 – Youth Group Alumni Open House (100th Anniversary Event)**

Lisa C. hosted an open house in the youth room for current and former FPCSC youth, prior to the all-church cookout celebrating the church's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Attendees looked through countless scrapbooks, photo albums, loose photos, and memorabilia and enjoyed reminiscing with other former youth group members about their adventures as youth at First Presby throughout the years.

## **September 2019 – Rally Day**

In September, we celebrated Rally Day Sunday with a carry-in breakfast for all ages to kick off the Christian Education program for the Fall and coming year. This event happens each year to help bring to order again our Sunday morning adult class and Welcome on Wednesday (WOW) events. Rally Day inspires us and calls everyone together for the common action of reviving our spirits in study of God, the Bible, and all things relevant to being an active part of our FPCSC family.

This event gave members a chance to talk with Sunday School teacher Tom Davis and his class members and Christian Education Committee members to learn about upcoming programs. We also took the time to enjoy icebreaker activities, games, and a delicious meal together. Good food, good fellowship, and lots of fun were had by all who participated.

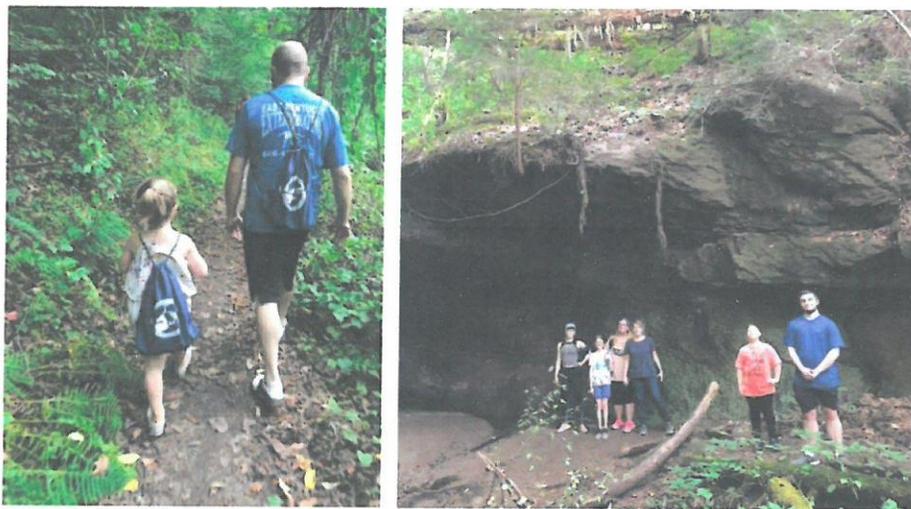
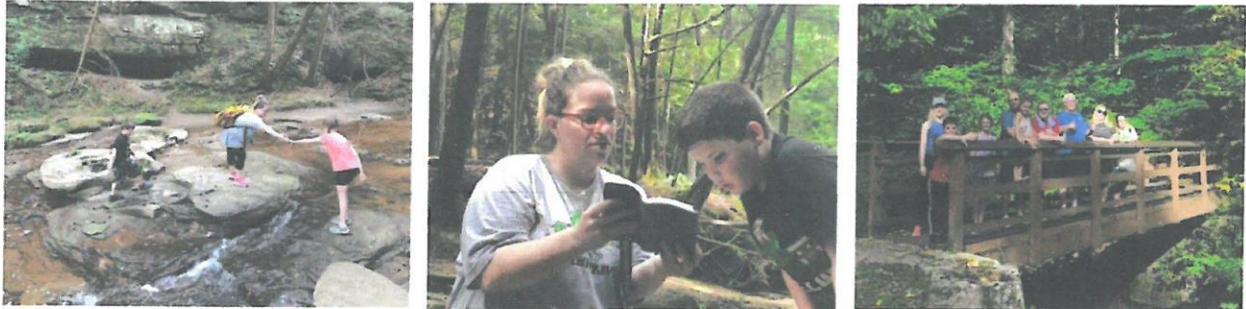
## **September 2019 – Camp Craft Party**

In September, we hosted an all-ages camp-themed craft event, complete with tie-dye, painted rocks, and friendship bracelets. And of course, s'mores for snacks! This event was a huge hit with kids and adults alike and was a great chance for the Youth to bring their friends and spend with each other.



## Spring, Summer, and Fall 2019 – Sunday Hiking Devotionals

The youth (& friends) worked their way through the trails in the area and saw God's work in nature as Lisa led them through her *Off the Map* devotion series.



## October 2019 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Trunk or Treat

Once again, this year, we decided to forgo the Wednesday evening Fall Festival and opted for a Sunday afternoon Trunk or Treat event instead. This year's event was another huge success and garnered even more community support and participation. This is a joint event – planned, executed and co-hosted by the Christian Education and Fellowship committees.





### December 2019 – Gingerbread House Decorating Party

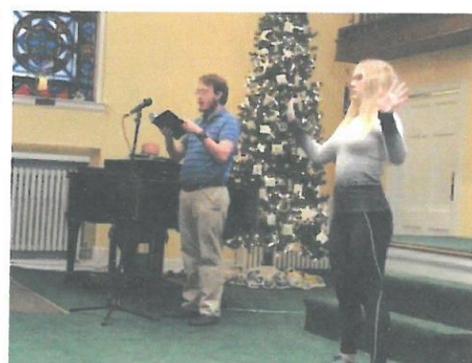
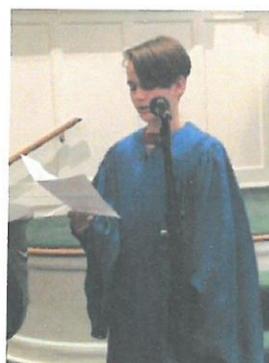
This family-friendly Christmas event was a huge hit with all ages! We provided the supplies, and attendees built their own unique gingerbread houses. We even had a special guest – SANTA – who took the time to read to the kids and take photos with them.





**December 2019 – Youth Christmas Program**

The children and youth did a mix of solos and group performances, which had the congregation “aww-ing”, chuckling (especially during Beau’s impromptu “Rum-pum-pum-NO”), and joyfully clapping after each performance.



## **2020 Plans:**

Our committee intends to build on our strengths, continue church and youth-specific traditions, and try new things. We look forward to continuing to provide fun, fulfilling and faith-building experiences for our members and guests of all ages. We plan to explore creative ways to provide intergenerational, educational experiences for our congregation and to work on growing our church through our youth and children's programming.

Please do not hesitate to give us feedback of any kind. We are always open to new ideas about how we can grow and improve as a committee and encourage our members and guests to participate in our church's Christian Education programming.

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Report Submitted by Tina Amburgey, Chair

*\*Photos provided by Tina Amburgey, Sarah Halstead-Boland, Lisa Calderwood, Cheryl Eary, Pastor Sharon Gearing, Myra Lilly, and Becky Nelson and/or saved from FPCSC Facebook Page\**

## Fellowship Committee 2019 Annual Report

**Committee Members:** Kathy McClure (Session member), Sandy Melton, (Session member), Roberta Cooper, Marsha Miller, Becky Nelson and Lori Smith

Fellowship, “the food and fun” committee, has coordinated many special events and provided opportunities for fellowship for our congregation in the past year.

**Church Chat** provided an opportunity for the congregation to get together and welcome any guests each Sunday after the worship service. We prepare an annual schedule so that all groups within the church family may participate in the activity by providing food on their designated Sunday. This system works very well and enables us to provide this fellowship opportunity independent of any pledge monies. We are grateful to all the groups who freely give of their time to prepare the food for Church Chat. This event is well-attended by the congregation with usually 40 to 50 participants.

**Welcome on Wednesday (WOW)**, our Wednesday evening activity, featured catered meals prepared by Robin Joseph of R-3C’s Catering, Becky Smith and the Fellowship Committee from mid-March to May 1. After dinner, participants attended community-oriented programs with guest speakers, participated in church member led cooking classes and/or joined the weekly Chancel Choir practice. The food part of WOW was discontinued May 1 due to low attendance. The Spring Festival, conducted along with the Education and Mission Committees, was held in the Fellowship Hall.

This year we prepared a spaghetti dinner for the South Charleston High School football team prior to one of their games. It was so nice to meet such polite and gracious young men. In exchange, they helped us with Trunk or Treat.

One of the main highlights of the year was working with the **Church 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** Committee. We coordinated the Sunday after church catered reception with Chastity Thomas of Tastefully Dun Catering.



Other highlights of the year included the **Pentecost chili luncheon** in May, **Vacation Bible School dinners** the first week of July, the **September**

**church picnic** at Little Creek Park, and the **November annual retreat at the Bluestone Conference Center**. The Committee coordinated the Bluestone registration and reservations and provided the Church Chat food on this weekend.



We look forward to continuing these events in 2020 and appreciate the support from all who have attended them in 2019.



## Missions Committee 2019 Annual Report

If you ask any member of the First Presbyterian Church of South Charleston to describe our church, invariably they begin with the statement, “*We are a mission driven church.*” In fact, that is what it says on our website!

Despite advancing ages and sometimes declining numbers, 2019 saw this church continue to show the love of Christ by reaching out to the community through our various missions. In some cases, the distinctions between missions, education, and fellowship were blurred as joint projects were carried out. The overall result was a full year of service to our church and our community.



*2019 saw 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian continue to work and serve the Haiti Mission. It was supported by fundraising, missionaries, and planning work done by volunteers.*



*We supported the Bluestone Conference Center with two fund raisers and camping scholarships for all of the youth of 1<sup>st</sup> Presby*



*Through the WOW program, we were able to hold a Fall Festival for the students at Oakhurst Child Development Center and the youth of 1<sup>st</sup> Presby*



*We continued our support for the Oakhurst Child Development Center.*



*We provided over \$5000 dollars to fund projects at Davis Stuart – a home for children in transition in Lewisburg, WV. We also provided \$500 worth of Christmas to the female residents*

## Other 2019 Mission Projects

1. **The Furniture Mission** – in conjunction with Heart and Hand, this mission was continued in the Summer of 2019. *Thanks to Tom Titus and others for coordinating.*
2. **Christmas Baskets** for 50 area families were prepared and delivered. The cost per basket was 70 dollars and was mostly covered by donations from the congregation. *We are especially grateful to Kathy Johnson for coordinating this project every year.*
3. Our church held a fund raiser for **Habitat for Humanity** and we supplied a work crew for a Habitat build in North Charleston. *Dave Long coordinated this effort.*



4. We had members working at Manna Meals, helping at Sojourners, supporting the Men's Shelter, volunteering at Heart and Hand, ...
5. And we did even more

Other Mission Works  
Two Cents per Meal Hunger Relief Offering  
Blanket Sunday  
Souper Bowl  
Hike for Hunger  
One Great Hour of Sharing  
Joy Gifts  
Witness Offering  
Peace Offering

2019 was a very successful year for our "Mission Driven Church". We thank God for allowing us the resources to serve our community and our church.

In 2020 we ask that you

1. Continue your generous giving to mission projects.
2. Consider serving on the Missions Committee. *It is easy! Just show up in the Fellowship Hall on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm.*
3. Consider working on missions such as Habitat, Furniture Mission, etc.
4. Come up with a new mission that may serve our church or community.

On behalf of the Missions Committee, we wish you a happy, safe, healthy, and prosperous New Year. May we all use the new year to show the love of Jesus Christ.

## **Property Committee 2019 Annual Report**

MEMBERS: Joe Cooper, Bob Kent, Bob Cruickshank and Bill Kimmons

### **ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

#### **PAINT PROJECTS:**

The paint projects completed in 2019 included the three-level paneling and walls of the B-street entrance, three outside porches and the doors and walls leading into the Sanctuary. The work required the assistance of volunteers (Bob Lilly, Joe Fuller) as it involved almost two weeks for completion.

#### **EXTERIOR LIGHT INSTALLATION**

The exterior light project was completed April 23 by custodian David Smith with assistance from property committee members.

#### **YOUTH ROOM IMPROVEMENTS**

The improvements included:

- Removal of unwanted furniture and appliances
- Mounting of a T.V. set to the wall
- Installation of shelving

#### **LED LIGHTING INSTALLATION**

At no cost to the Church, LED lighting fixtures were installed in the Fellowship Hall and in the CDC director's office. John and Sandy Melton provided the initiative and necessary contacts with the installer for this project.

#### **SIGNAGE**

New signage throughout the Church was installed. Pastor Sharon and Bob Lilly provided the direction and installation of this project

#### **INSULATION OF FEEDER PIPES TO THE HEATERS IN CDC CLASSROOMS**

Insulated tape was installed on several hot feeder pipes in CDC classrooms to prevent possible injury to the children.

#### **CLEAN-UP PREPARATIONS FOR THE ANNIVERSARY FESTIVITIES**

The preparations required the removal of junk and trash that accumulated in the Fellowship Hall. In addition, it was necessary to contract a floor cleaner to mop and buff the floor of the Fellowship Hall for the evening dinner.

#### **ANNUAL FLOOR STRIP AND WAX**

In October, the services of Big "E" floor service was contracted to strip, wax and polish the Fellowship Hall, Kitchen and corridor was completed.



## Worship & Music Committee 2019 Annual Report

**Committee Members:** Tom Davis, Cheryl Eary, Rev. Sharon Gearing, Mark Hornbaker, Nancy Knurek, Myra Lilly and Dave Long

**Purpose:** To provide meaningful worship services for the members of the First Presbyterian Church of South Charleston. Our goal is to creatively encourage diverse participation in our worship services and inspire our attendees to worship God and serve God through a variety of means such as motivational and inspiring preaching from Rev. Sharon Gearing, inspiring music from Dr. Mark Hornbaker, the choir, Presby Pealers, special musical guests, and faith stories from our members.

### **2019 Highlights:**

- We are so lucky to have had the continued dedicated leadership of our wonderful pastor, Reverend Sharon Gearing, who created and shared inspired and meaningful worship services throughout the year and encouraged committee members and the congregation to think bigger and outside the box. We were also very blessed to have new committee members Nancy Knurek and Myra Lilly. Dave Long also returned to the Worship Committee after a short stint on the Missions Committee.
- We are also thankful to have our brilliant Master of Music, Mark Hornbaker, who led our choir, Presby Pealers, and Wednesday night Music and Drama (MAD) group in creating beautiful music that inspired and uplifted our congregation each week. We are grateful that he has created and shared so many of his outstanding musical creations with our church and our community and brought in wonderful guest musicians throughout the year.
- We are incredibly grateful to our congregation for their participation in our worship services. We are especially grateful for the ushers, greeters, Sunday Samaritans, nursery caregivers, liturgists, assisting elders, communion preparers, choir members, choir interns, Presby Pealer members, special musicians, faith story tellers, and youth leadership who have made our worship services welcoming, inspiring, varied, and educational.
- In February, we commissioned the folks going on the Haiti Medical Mission.
- In early March we worshipped on Ash Wednesday to begin the season of Lent and in mid-March, we helped coordinate and participated in the wonderful celebration of "200 Years of Presbyterianism in the Kanawha Valley" at the Charleston Coliseum Little Theater with other area Presbyterian churches. March also included our annual Bluestone Sunday, with special music by Bluestone's Mark Miller and the Beans and Cornbread fundraiser for Bluestone.



- Palm Sunday began with a processional hymn and palm waving. Guest soloist/musician Amanda Bridgett blessed us with her wonderful voice and piano playing, and we watched a special “Hosanna!” video.
- On Maundy Thursday, we participated in a special Seder Supper, which included worship and communion, and the opportunity to sample the traditional Jewish dishes of a Seder meal.



- Easter Sunday began with the Flowering of the Cross as we assembled for Worship. The Easter Prelude, an original composition by Dr. Mark Hornbaker, included organ, trumpets and bells. The Cross then led the processional (Jesus Christ is Risen Today) to begin Worship, followed by the Bible, Pastor Gearing and the Acolyte. The worship service was a particularly special one, thanks to the leadership of Pastor Sharon, our Master of Music Mark and performance by the adult choir and special musical guests.



- Our Mother's Day service in May included a special video created by Youth Director Lisa Calderwood featuring the youth and others. All Mothers (and all females) also received a potted flower.
- June services included Pentecost and Father's Day. Each father received tickets to a WV Power game of their choice.
- In August, after months of planning and organization, we celebrated the 100th Anniversary of First Presbyterian Church, South Charleston with a theme of "Remembering the Past, Celebrating the Present, Growing the Future". The weekend of events culminated in our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Worship Service, which featured music by guest soloist Ashley Dannewitz, a very special "100 Years of Ministry" video featuring members young and old, and another original composition by Master of Music Mark Hornbaker (based on Psalms 121 and 122). Pastor Sharon also led a special sermon series on the Parables in August.
- On Music Memorial Sunday in November, we were inspired by the faith stories of members of our congregation on how music has shaped their faith in God, and we were moved by the beautiful music provided that day. We also celebrated communion that Sunday, and the Worship & Music Committee hosted church chat.
- December worship services included our annual Youth Christmas Program, led by Youth Director Lisa Calderwood and Dr. Hornbaker on the third Sunday of Advent. Jessica Martin shared her sign language talent while Collin Nelson sang "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming". Then during an extended Children's Time, an unusually large children's choir sang "The Little Drummer Boy" and "Silent Night", and Chace sang "Away in a Manger".

- That same evening in mid-December, under the direction of Mark Hornbaker, our adult choir, along with some very special guest musicians and singers, presented the Celtic Christmas Cantata “Tapestry of Light”. Mark Hornbaker (piano), Paula Legge (organ), the choir, six additional instrumentalists, and Academy Singers, made this community outreach event a moving and inspiring celebration of the season.
- For our Christmas Eve service, the Celtic Christmas Cantata “Tapestry of Light” was presented by our adult choir, along with some very special guest musicians and singers, led by Mark Hornbaker. The congregation also sang traditional hymns, including “Silent Night” (by candlelight), and ended the service with “Joy to the World” with the Presby Pealers (and some special helpers) pealing joyfully and processing outside with the choir. All these components made for a beautiful and moving worship experience. Please check out the FPCSCWV webpage for pictures and videos of the Advent/Christmas Season.
- We worked with Pastor Sharon to strive to make our ordinary worship services meaningful as they make up the bulk of our worship services during the year. We did this by having special music and performances, active congregational participation, and inspiring sermons throughout the year.
- We revised the Church Wedding Policy which was utilized for the Tina Amburgey/Tim Dorsey wedding in early December.
- We coordinated Christmas Caroling to some of our shut-ins.
- We have been blessed by infants, toddlers, and young children participating in our childcare and nursery program with dedicated adults and young people assisting with this ministry.
- The organ and sanctuary piano received their yearly tuning and maintenance care.

### **Behind the Scenes:**

In addition to Sunday morning services the Worship Committee was responsible for coordinating pulpit substitutes, assisting elders and liturgists, communion preparation, the alter guild, greeters, ushers, child caregivers and minutes for mission. We cannot thank the volunteers who participate in these important responsibilities enough. Worship and Music also participates in the Worship on Wednesday (WOW) program providing music for kids and youth.

### **2020 Plans:**

Our committee intends to build on our strengths, continue traditions of the congregation, and try new things. We look forward to continuing working with Pastor Sharon to provide fun, fulfilling and faith-building services and experiences for our members and guests. We plan to explore creative ways to use the large monitors in our sanctuary, as well as our live-streaming capabilities to create a contemporary, artistic worship and teaching space.

Please do not hesitate to tell us what is meaningful to you in our services, what we can do better, and what you would like to see and hear in the future. We want to know how we can encourage all our members and guests to participate in our worship services.

*\*Photos provided by Cheryl Eary*

## Stewardship Committee 2019 Annual Report

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Lisa Martin, Carol Bryan, Hersha Brown, Tom Titus, Bob Lilly, Sharon Gearing.

### **OBJECTIVES FOR 2019**

The year 2019 was one of ideas, change and cross-pollination with all committees. The objective was to have an effective year managing expenses, creating new ideas to drive membership, and a successful annual campaign

### **2019 AGENDA**

We had a full agenda for the year with growth as our goal We did get financial reviews completed for 2018, monitored church finances, managed the disbursement of the Scholarship Fund, assisted in preparation of the 2020 budget, prepared newsletter articles to educate and advertise the church programs, participated in Church Chat, and worked on an effective annual Stewardship Campaign. We also brought ideas to the table for our committee to implement, as well as ideas for other committees to assist with and/or consider implementing for growing membership as well as reaching out to our community.

### **CREATIVE AND COMMUNITY**

This year was critical in developing new ideas for membership and financial growth. Ideas from the committee to assist in growth, both financially and membership (some were implemented with our committee and some with other church committees with common goals we are all in this together)

1. -Electronic Tithing and Donations—to create ease of tithing and donations for members & supporters of the church.
2. -Earlier Stewardship Campaign timeline with aligned message focus
3. -Kroger Community Rewards Renewals and Amazon Smiles Implementation for incremental funds to the church.
4. -Trunk or Treat- outreach to the community and potential gain to membership, CDC and programming growth This was well attended.

## 2019 Church Statistical Report

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<b>Web Site</b>	<b><a href="http://fpcscwv.org">fpcscwv.org</a></b>	



### Membership

Prior Active Members	<b>142</b>	Adjusted membership	<b>141</b>
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### Gains

Certificate	<b>0</b>
Youth Professions	<b>0</b>
Professions & Reaffirmations	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Gains</b>	<b>0</b>

### Losses

Certificate	<b>0</b>
Deaths	<b>1</b>
Deleted for any Other Reason	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Losses</b>	<b>1</b>

<b>Total Ending Active Members</b>	<b>140</b>
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### Baptisms

Presented by Others	<b>0</b>
At Confirmation	<b>0</b>
All Other	<b>0</b>

Average Weekly Worship Attendance	<b>61</b>
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Female Members	<b>88</b>
Friends of the Congregation	<b>16</b>
Ruling Elders on Session	<b>11</b>
Do you have Deacons?	<b>No</b>

### Age Distribution of Active Members

25 & Under	<b>8</b>
26 - 40	<b>18</b>
41 - 55	<b>18</b>
56 - 70	<b>41</b>
Over 70	<b>55</b>
<b>Total Age Distribution</b>	<b>140</b>

### People with Disabilities

Hearing impairment	<b>17</b>
Sight impairment	<b>0</b>
Mobility impairment	<b>22</b>
Other impairment	<b>0</b>

### Christian Education

Birth - 3	<b>1</b>
Age 4	<b>3</b>
Kindergarten	<b>1</b>
Grade 1	<b>1</b>
Grade 2	<b>1</b>
Grade 3	<b>1</b>
Grade 4	<b>2</b>
Grade 5	<b>1</b>
Grade 6	<b>1</b>

Grade 7	<b>1</b>
Grade 8	<b>0</b>
Grade 9	<b>0</b>
Grade 10	<b>2</b>
Grade 11	<b>0</b>
Grade 12	<b>0</b>
Young Adults	<b>1</b>
Over 25	<b>33</b>
Teachers/Officers	<b>1</b>
<b>Total Christian Education</b>	<b>48</b>

### Racial Ethnic

Asian/Pacific Islander/South Asian	<b>1</b>
Black/African American/African	<b>2</b>
Middle Eastern/North African	<b>0</b>
Hispanic/Latino-a	<b>0</b>

Native American/Alaska Native/Indigenous	<b>0</b>
White	<b>137</b>
Multiracial	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Racial Ethnic</b>	<b>140</b>

### Financial Data

Annual Income	<b>265,142</b>
Annual Expenses	<b>325,075</b>

Mission Expenses	<b>23,603</b>
Personnel Expenses	<b>177,873</b>
Facilities Expenses	<b>68,347</b>



<input type="checkbox"/>		[10/12/2019] Promoting Local Business First Presb...	3	\$8.37	—	—	—	\$19.79	Oct 22, 2019
<input type="checkbox"/>		Post: "Adult WOW Study: Wednesday 6:30p -7:30p"	5	\$0.87	—	—	—	\$20.00	Oct 2, 2019
<input type="checkbox"/>		Post: "Watch Tina Amburgey's full interview about ..."	3	\$0.15	—	—	—	\$20.00	Sep 21, 2019
<input type="checkbox"/>		Post: "Watch Sandy Catterton Melton interview with ..."	3	\$0.06	—	—	—	\$38.00	Sep 10, 2019
<input type="checkbox"/>		Post: "Watch Zack Long's full interview about how ..."	4	\$0.12	—	—	—	\$45.00	Sep 7, 2019
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ad Name	Impressions	Cost per Result	Quality Ranking Ad Relevance Di...	Engagement Rate Ranking Ad Relevance Di...	Conversion Rate Ranking Ad Relevance Di...	Amount Spent		
<input type="checkbox"/>	 Post: ". Go to https://www.fpcscwv.org/christmas-20...	1,034	\$0.16	—	—	—	\$14.00	Dec 2,	
<input type="checkbox"/>	 Post: "We are 6 days away from "Tapestry of Light"..."	879	\$0.06	—	—	—	\$15.00	Dec 14,	
<input type="checkbox"/>	 Post: "Come and join us!! Beautiful voices to be he..."	1,056	\$5.00	—	—	—	\$15.00	Dec 8,	
<input type="checkbox"/>	 Post: "The Light of Christ is our theme this year . W..."	4,679	\$0.04	—	—	—	\$31.00	Dec 17,	
<input type="checkbox"/>	 [10/12/2019] Promoting Local Business First Presb...	8,060	\$8.37	—	—	—	\$19.79	Oct 22,	

**We spent 718.45 on Facebook Ad this year**  
**We have 571 followers on Facebook. Increase of 300 this year**  
**We reached 21,281,833 people with our ads.**  
**Our ads were scrolled on Facebook 175,032,277.**

#### **Our website statistics:**

**We have had 3,074 visits to our website in 2019**  
**Highest numbers of visits in August and December**  
**1,246 first time visits**  
**1,828 repeat visits**

- Kept website up to date with events through out the year
- Advertised all events on Facebook and some advertising with Metro West
- Post daily to weekly on our Facebook page with the help of Lisa Calderwood
- Live streaming of our services per Myra Lilly and substitute Sarah Halstead
- Created ad videos
- Created posters
- Contributed to Presby Press articles
- Coordinated with the 100 Anniversary Committee and stewardship committee to promote brick memorial campaign.
- Coordinate with committees for promotion of events
- Set up Tithely.com for easier way to pay tithes, give to special gifts and offerings, and used as a way to management payment to special events
- Added Church Directory to website.
- Added pages to website such pictures of all our Session members and the committees each chair. This is so the congregation can get to know Session members better and what they do.
- Corrected phone numbers in directory and will update on website soon.

**Cheryl Eary, Chairman**

## Trustees 2019 Annual Report

West Virginia state law does not allow church congregations to hold direct title to property. Instead, each congregation owns property through trustees it appoints or elects.

The trustees of First Presbyterian Church - South Charleston are governed by article one, chapter thirty-five of the West Virginia Code and subsections G-401 and G-402 of the Book of Order of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to buy and/or sell property and to sue and to be sued in the name of the church. Under First Presbyterian Church - South Charleston's Charter for Trustees, approved by the Congregation in 1987, the trustees acquire insurance to protect the church and its functions. They also hold and invest funds assigned to them by the Session.

Trustees manage six distinct funds on behalf of the Session and at the Session's direction. The Trustees currently use the professional fund management services of Anthony Mazelon at Hilliard-Lyons, Inc. in Charleston. In 2020, Hilliard Lyons, Inc. becomes Robert W. Baird & Co., simply known as "Baird."

Mission Fund (6706-5567)	\$248,547
Manse Fund(1102-6708)	\$152,051
Scholarship Fund (5456-1315)	\$ 58,469
Cruickshank Fund (2311-5839)	\$ 32,349
Mullen Building Fund(3854-3925)	\$ 31,744
<u>Unrestricted Fund(1497-0631)</u>	<u>\$ 20,425</u>
Total as of 12-31-2019	\$543,585

With the help of church Office Manager Becky Smith and the Property Committee, the Trustees maintain the inventory of the Church's real property.

Trustees as of 12/31/2019

John R. Melton	31 December 2019
(vacant position)	31 December 2020
Hersha Arnold Brown	31 December 2021

## Trustee Funds Used January 1, 2019 - December 31, 2019

### 1 January 2019- 28 February 2019

- 1/4/2019 \$3,400.00 Scholarship Fund for 2018 Scholarships awarded.  
Reference November 20, 2018 Session minutes.
- 1/28/2019 \$5,000.00 Mission Service Fund for Haiti Medical Mission trip.  
Reference December 18, 2018 Session minutes.
- 1/28/2019 \$1,200.00 Mission Service Fund for 2018 Stipend paid to Pastor Dasnis Pierre.  
Reference December 18, 2018 Session minutes.
- 1/28/2019 \$3,000.00 from Mission Service Fund for Lumberton, NC Hurricane Relief.  
Reference October 16, 2018 Session minutes.

### March 2019

\$3,663.00 from the Mission Service Fund for Bluestone Summer Camp Scholarships  
Funds used for:

- Bluestone summer Camp Banner \$103.79
- Blanket Sunday \$190.33
- Project Graduations \$200.00
- 2018 Furniture Mission Project Expenses \$755.27
- Pizza for 2018 Children's Spring Festival \$258.59
- 2018 Bake Sale/Yard Sale food \$194.94
- 2018 Vacation Bible School Meals \$221.37

Reference February 17, 2018 Session minutes.

- 3/26/2019 \$200.00 from the Cruickshank Fund requested by Worship and Music Committee for Mark Hornbaker to compose an anthem for our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.  
Reference May 21, 2019 Session minutes.

### May

- 5/22/2019 \$3,000.00 from the Mission Service Fund for Heart and Hand for an elevator or other needed projects to go forward.  
Reference Session minutes May 21, 2019.
- 5/22/2019 \$200.00 from Cruickshank Fund.  
Reference Session minutes May 21, 2019.

### August

- 8/21/2019 \$250.00 from Mission Service Fund for Gold Star Mothers organization.  
Reference August 20, 2019 minutes.
- 8/21/2019 \$3,000.00 from the Mission Service Fund for a donation for Meals on Wheels.  
Reference August 20, 2019 minutes.

**November**

11/7/2019 \$5,345.00 Mission Service Fund for Davis Stuart projects:  
\$3,000.00 Windows for Scott Cottage  
\$1,345.00 Refurbished computer Equipment for Executive Director and clinical operations  
\$1,000.00 Residents Special Event Fund- monies towards graduation, prom and special events for residents.  
Reference October 15, 2019 Session minutes.

## **CLOSING PRAYER**

God who has called us to be the church,  
in this place today we have worshiped.

We have prayed, we have sung,  
we have listened for your challenge.

In this place today we have met.

We have talked, we have shared,  
we have made decisions.

Now our time together draws to a close  
and we go back out into the world.

As we go out, fill our hearts with hope.

As we live as followers of The Way,  
embolden us to share our light with the world.

As we are parts of various communities,  
challenge us to build community wherever and however we can.

Over the year to come, move within and among this community of faith,

help us to live up to the goals that have been set before us,  
strengthen us in ways we hope for and in ways we do not expect,

so that next year we will gather again

to share the good and the bad,

to look back on another year past,

and continue to hope for the years that are to come.

This we pray in the name of the One whose name we bear: Jesus Christ.

Amen.